



Edgewood Veterinary Tips

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Laryngeal Paralysis And Overheating

Owners of dogs that have been diagnosed with laryngeal paralysis must be vigilant about keeping their furry friends cool. More common in larger breed dogs, laryngeal paralysis affects the muscles responsible for controlling a dog's larynx, or voice box. Laryngeal paralysis is also related to hypothyroidism. The condition can be easily diagnosed by a veterinarian, and its symptoms include respiratory problems, a hoarse-sounding voice, and choking when eating or drinking. When dogs become overheated, they regulate their temperature by panting. A dog with laryngeal paralysis should never be left in a parked car, over-exercised, or put into any situation that would cause it to overheat since the dog can't effectively pant. The condition can become life threatening.

Any dog exercising on a hot, humid day, even with plenty of water, can become overheated. Overheating often leads to heat stroke. You should know the dangers of overheating and what to do to prevent it. We recommend that you get your dog checked regularly, by a veterinarian. If you have questions on overheating and what to look for in your pet, please come to **1055 Grass Valley Hwy.**, or call **530-885-1919** today. Consider joining our family.



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