

Puppy Love

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Just Like Us

Burned paw pads are a problem that veterinarians see every summer, but what many pet parents may not realize is that dogs' paw pads, though seemingly more rough and rugged, are quite sensitive, like human feet and hands. Foot pads are made of tough fatty tissue, proportionally, considered to be the thickest part of the dog's body, acting as cushions for his feet. But, paw pads are designed to withstand significant pressure, not extreme temperatures. PetMD urges pet parents to keep an observant eye on their dog's paw pads as the temperatures rise over the summer, and to be especially vigilant while traveling to unfamiliar areas with higher temperatures than you are unaccustomed to. An option you might want to consider is protective foot wear. Check out these options: pad wax, dog booties, and disposable sticky pads. Initially, your little doxie will be resistant to this addition to his wardrobe, but he will adjust, especially when he knows he is going for a walk.



Jackson is being loved every day by his amazing family in South Carolina.



Olaf's Story

Olaf loved to take walks with his pet parent, but one day this favorite activity turned into a disaster. After walking on a trail for over a mile Olaf's pet parent realized he had burned his feet. His injuries were so severe that his paw pads were completely gone, exposing raw muscle. The hospital that treated Olaf in Washington state reported that Olaf never whined or limped throughout his treatment. Want to know why? It is because a dog cherishes the time spent with their pet parent worth any sacrifice that life can throw at them.

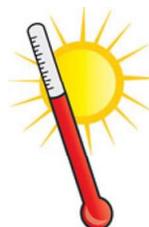
As reported by KEPR-TV, June 19, 2019.

OUCH!



If you notice these symptoms your dog is probably in pain, consult your veterinarian immediately.

- Refusing to walk or limping
- Darker than usual or discolored pads
- Excessive licking or biting of feet
- Visible blisters or extreme redness
- Missing parts of the pads



Dr. Gary Richter, DVM, suggests using the bare hand test by placing your hand palm down on the heated surface. "If it is too hot for the human hand it is probably too hot to walk your dog in that area." Always test: sand, asphalt, concrete, and metal.