# Puppy Love

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## Do Blonds Have More Fun?

Summer is a time for family fun outdoor activities and your little doxie loves sharing this special time with you. But all this fun can turn into a disaster if you and your doxie get a sun burn from being over exposed and unprotected from the sun's rays. It is generally thought that dogs cannot get sunburned, but in fact it affects all dogs, especially if they have a light coat and light-colored skin. And believe it or not, dogs with short legs are additionally at risk because sunlight reflects off the ground and can burn their abdominal area.

The body areas where dogs are most vulnerable to sunburn include; the bridge of the nose, paw pads, groin, eyelids, tips of their ears, and inside their legs. If your doxie loves to lie in the sun belly up it presents another hazard to her health. It is important to note that dogs, just like people, can develop malignant skin cancer with over exposure to the sun.

Unprotected skin exposed to the sun is more dangerous for English creams dachshunds because of their fair skin and fine hair. The best policy is to practice safe habits for your doxie just like you do for yourself. So, do blonds have more fun? Maybe, maybe not, but they won't if they get a sunburn. Protect your little doxie ~ and always be sure to have fun!

**CAUTION!** All dogs are vulnerable to sunburns: including dachshunds with cream, black, chocolate, red, dapple, pie bald coats.



These little cuties were bred by us and we are very proud of them. But, they are not safe from sunburn because ot their dark coat!



## *And the Wise Queen Said…*

"Nothing will turn a man's home into a castle more quickly and effectively than a dachshund."

## HANDLE WITH CARE

- Always apply **doggie** sunscreen between 10am-4pm. Never use **human** suncream!
- Use a **dog** protection factor of at least 15-30.
- Swimming is ok, but frequently reapply sunscreen
- Do not cut hair close to the skin. A **dog's** coat provides skin protection & keeps him cool.
- Dress him in a t-shirt or other clothing designed for **dogs** to help deflect the sun's rays.

## WARNING!!!

Sunburns can cause cancer. Treating your dog with ice cold water can backfire tightening surface blood vessels and trapping heat in their body. Use room temperature water for drinking and on the coat and **no ice**.

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