

Atlanta Dog Trainer Advises Pet Owners to Watch for Heat-Related Changes in Canine Behavior

Local training and behavior experts share guidance for keeping dogs safe, comfortable, and engaged during Metro Atlanta's hottest months

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advising Metro Atlanta pet owners to adjust their dogs' routines as high summer temperatures increase the risk of heat stress and contribute to noticeable changes in canine behavior.

During periods of excessive heat, dogs may display lower energy levels, shorter attention spans, reluctance to exercise, or increased irritability. According to Atlanta Dog Trainer, these behaviors are not necessarily signs of disobedience and may indicate that a dog is struggling to remain comfortable.

“Many of the behavioral changes we see during the summer aren't signs of stubbornness. They're often a dog's way of coping with the heat,” said Shelby Waxer, Owner of Atlanta Dog Trainer. “Recognizing these changes allows owners to adjust their expectations and routines while continuing to provide the structure, enrichment, and positive reinforcement their dogs need.”

Because dogs primarily regulate their body temperature through panting, they can be especially vulnerable to high temperatures. Atlanta Dog Trainer recommends that owners:

- Schedule walks and outdoor training during cooler morning or evening hours.
- Provide continuous access to fresh water and shaded or air-conditioned spaces.
- Limit strenuous exercise during the hottest parts of the day.
- Replace extended outdoor activity with indoor training, puzzle toys and other enrichment.
- Watch for sudden changes in energy, focus or temperament.
- Select boarding facilities that provide climate-controlled accommodations, professional supervision and structured enrichment.

Puppies, senior dogs and dogs with existing health concerns may require additional precautions during extreme heat. Owners should consult their veterinarians if they observe symptoms of overheating or significant changes in their dogs' health or behavior.

Atlanta Dog Trainer offers puppy training, adult dog training, behavior modification, boarding and daycare services for families throughout Alpharetta, Milton and Greater Atlanta. More information is available at atlantadogtrainer.com.

About Atlanta Dog Trainer

Atlanta Dog Trainer is a dog training and behavior modification company serving Alpharetta, Milton and Greater Atlanta. Its team of canine behavioral specialists offers personalized programs for puppies and adult dogs using positive reinforcement methods. Through training, boarding, and daycare services, Atlanta Dog Trainer helps dogs and their owners develop lasting skills and stronger relationships.

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