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Keeping your dogs cool for the remainder of the summer is part common sense and part fun! Avoid letting your dogs outside or taking them for walks during the high heat of the day. When they are outside, be sure to allow them access to shade and fresh water. There is a newer belief that you should not shave your dogs for the summer months. The long coat provides a buffer from the heat and helps them to regulate their body temperatures. Just like us, many of our dogs enjoy a cool treat. A fun way to give a cool treat is to add some chicken broth to a bowl of water and then add various yummy treats to the bowl before popping it into the freezer. This ice bowl can be cooling and tasty at the same time. If your dog enjoys playing in the water, you can provide a wading pool, hose them down or take them for a swim. There are also many products aimed at keeping your furry friend cool, such as cooling mats. We hope you and your best friend continue to enjoy the summer in a fun, smart way!

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