

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 of 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 definitely won't if they get a sunburn. Protect your little doxie ~ and always be sure to have fun!

Handle With Care

1. Apply doggie sun screen between 10am-4pm.
2. Use a protection factor of at least 15.
3. Do not cut hair close to the skin. A dog's coat is an insulator providing skin protection & keeping him cool.
4. Dress him in a t-shirt or other clothing designed for dogs to help deflect the sun's rays.
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And the Wise Queen Said...

"Nothing will turn a man's home into a castle more quickly and effectively than a dachshund."
Queen Victoria (1819-1901)



Our beautiful Beau won the Dachshund Specialty and his championship in Louisville, Kentucky in 2013. He has always been a champion in our hearts and now he is a champion among dachshunds.