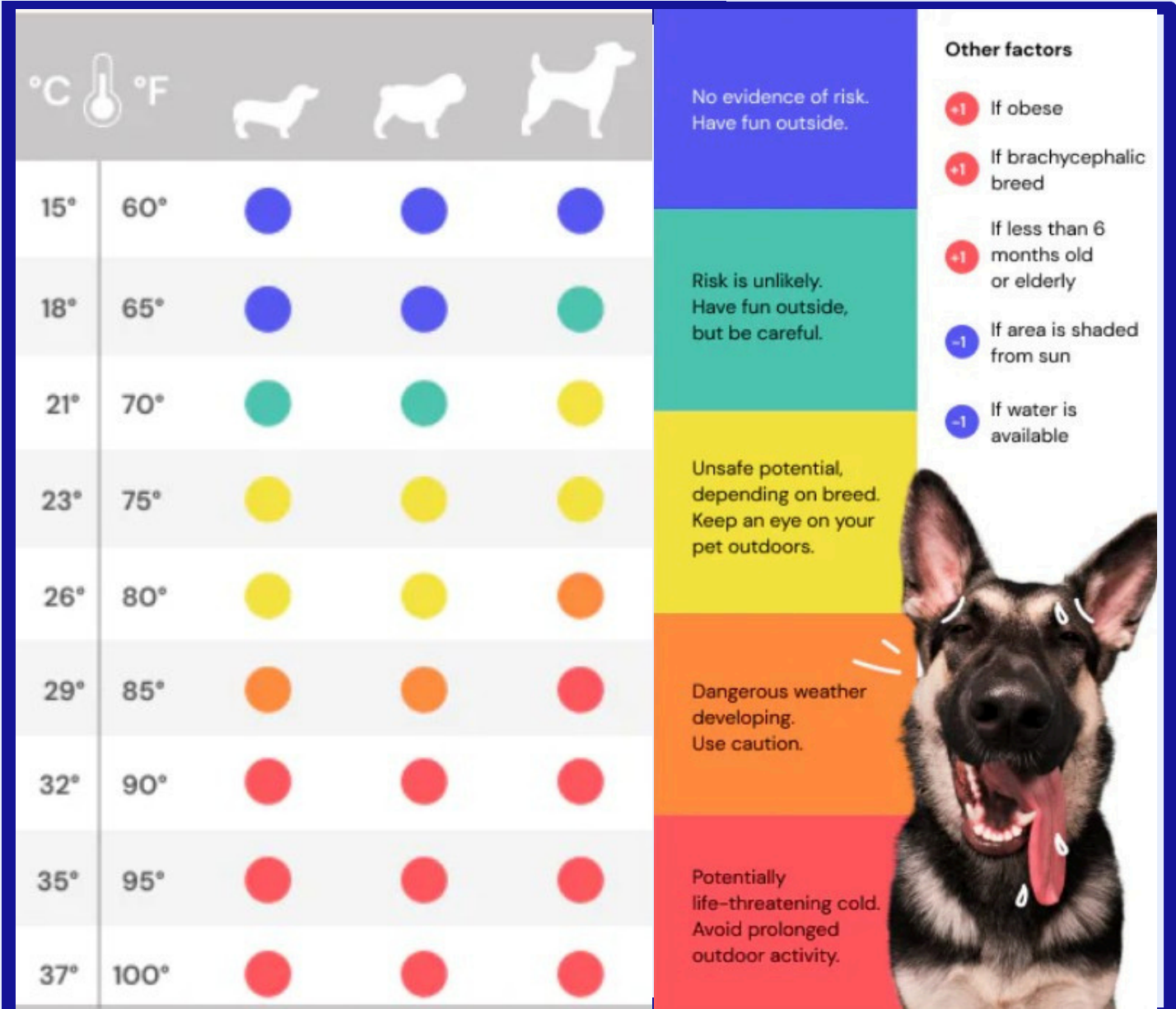


Hot Weather, Cool Pets

Summer is here, and so are the risks that come with warmer weather! From heatstroke and hot pavement to fireworks and fleas, pets need extra care during the summer months. Follow these simple tips to keep your furry companions safe, healthy, and happy all season long. Questions or concerns? The team at Alpena Veterinary Clinic is here to help!



Keep Them Hydrated

Always make sure your pet has access to fresh, cool water both indoors and outside. In hot weather, dehydration can set in quickly and become dangerous. Signs of dehydration include dry gums, excessive panting, lethargy, and sunken eyes.



Watch for Signs of Heatstroke

Symptoms include:

- Heavy panting or drooling
- Lethargy or weakness
- Vomiting or collapse



Call us immediately if you suspect heatstroke.

Fireworks & Storms = Anxiety

Summer storms and fireworks can be frightening for pets, often causing shaking, hiding, or pacing. Create a quiet, cozy space indoors with familiar items and soothing background noise to help them feel safe. If your pet struggles with noise anxiety, ask us about calming products or medications that can help.



Protect Their Paws

Hot pavement can burn paw pads. Walk early in the morning or late evening—and test surfaces with your hand first! You can also use pet-safe booties for extra protection on hot days.

Planning Summer Travel?

Before your trip, check that your pet is up to date on vaccines and medications. We can help with travel certificates and wellness checks.

For more protection make sure your pet is microchipped and wearign a collar with up to date contact information.

