

What are the dangers of direct sunlight for pets?

In warm weather, to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and birds kept outside need to be placed in shady areas out of direct sunlight.

Cages or aviaries located on sunny patios or in courtyards can become like furnaces as a result of radiated heat from the floor and wall surfaces.

Keep an eye on aviaries or bird cages which are close to windows.

Fish can have just as many problems in warm weather as other animals. Indoor fish should be kept out of direct sunlight. Change the water and keep it clear of algae which spreads much faster on sunny days.

Fish ponds in the garden should be fitted with a suitable pump and filter to reduce the build up of waste products and to promote good water circulation.