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## **Extreme Heat Advisory Issued**

Shelton, WA – The National Weather Service has issued a special weather statement for hot weather for parts of the Puget Sound area this weekend. Temperatures are expected to be in the upper 80s to mid 90s on Friday through Sunday.

The Mason County Division of Emergency Management (DEM) reminds everyone to stay out of the heat as much as they can, stay hydrated, and to check on elderly neighbors during this time. Also, do not leave children or pets in cars, trucks, or other vehicles unattended at all—temperatures can quickly become deadly.

Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of cooler air in public buildings such as County libraries, local malls, movie theaters, and other large stores.

The following locations allow domesticated pets to come in with their owners to get out of the heat:

(Pets need to be on a leash or in a crate and owners must provide water if they plan on being in the facility for long periods of time.)

- Petco: hours may vary store to store
- Petsmart: hours may vary store to store

Know the signs of heat exhaustion: cool, moist, pale or flushed skin. Heavy sweating, headache and nausea.

Call 9-1-1 immediately if someone exhibits signs of heat stroke: changes in consciousness, hot, red skin which may be dry or moist.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Division of Emergency Management (DEM) at 360-427-7535 or e-mail <a href="MCDEM@co.mason.wa.us">MCDEM@co.mason.wa.us</a>.