

Care for your FILA

Spring / Summer: Try to keep the environment between 45 to 85 degrees. Always provide plenty of fresh water and shade. NEVER take your dog with you and leave it in the car. If the windows are down, someone could try and touch, tease, or pet your dog and could be bitten. If the windows are up, you dog could die from heat exhaustion. The same statement is true if you leave a window cracked...the dog will be too hot even on a warm day. It is much more responsible for you to leave your dog at home where there is access to air-conditioning inside or outside in a cool shady place.

Fall / Winter: Keep your Fila warm...45 degrees or above. Filas have very little hair and may become hypothermic easily. If you and your dog (s) are doing activities in the snow or cold, it is perfectly alright as long as the dog is not overly young or old. The dog at rest is at high risk for being chilled. For example...sleeping outdoors in the cold. DO NOT allow your dog to stay outdoors if it is below 45 degrees without proper bedding/shelter.

Shelter/Bedding To keep your dog outdoors in the cold months you may purchase heat mats and/or heat lamps. This suggestion is not my favorite due to power failures that can put Filas at risk in cold weather.

Ideally keep your dog in the house at night so he/she can watch over you in comfort and safety.