

Notes to Editors

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Testing process*

The Pets at Home colour-changing cooling harness was tested by SGS, an independent testing, inspection and certification organisation, dated 26 September 2025.

Testing was carried out in a controlled laboratory environment. A silicone sheet pre-heated to 40°C was used to simulate a dog's surface body temperature and placed in a temperature-controlled chamber set at 28°C, representing warm ambient conditions.

The cooling harness was activated in line with use instructions by immersion in water. Once activated, the harness absorbed approximately 160% of its original weight (equivalent to 2.6 times its dry weight).

The activated (wet) harness was placed onto the heated surface, with a 1kg load applied to ensure consistent contact throughout the test.

Surface temperature measurements were taken at three separate points beneath the harness at 30-minute intervals over a total test duration of six hours.

Two control conditions were also tested using the same methodology:

- A dry harness (not soaked)
- No harness applied

The visibility of the harness's colour-changing print was monitored throughout the testing period.

Interpretation of results

The testing demonstrated a surface temperature reduction of up to approximately 9.5°C when placed on the silicon sheet, with a cooling effect maintained for up to six hours under laboratory conditions.

These results relate specifically to surface temperature reduction and do not measure changes to a dog's core body temperature. Performance in real-world use may vary depending on environmental conditions, humidity, activity level, breed and coat type.

Full testing documentation is available on request.

Use guidance

The colour-changing cooling harness is designed to help support dogs' comfort in warm weather and should be used as part of a wider heat-management approach.

******Pets at Home does not recommend leaving dogs in direct sunlight for extended periods, including for six hours, with the cooling harness as their sole cooling measure.

The harness should always be used in conjunction with access to shade, fresh drinking water and regular rest, and dogs should be always supervised while wearing the product.

Owners should monitor their dog closely for signs of overheating and re-wet the harness as indicated by the colour-change feature.



The harness is not intended for prolonged, continuous wear and is not a substitute for avoiding heat exposure, hydration or appropriate supervision.

Further safety information can be found on the Pets at Home website.

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