



PETS IN HOT VEHICLES

PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Leaving your pet in a vehicle can be dangerous:

- When the outside temperature is 93 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature inside of the vehicle can reach a deadly 125 degrees Fahrenheit in just 20 minutes and approximately 140 degrees Fahrenheit in 40 minutes (even with the windows cracked).
- Dogs are vulnerable to heat-related illness because they cool off through the pads in their feet and by panting. Dogs have very few sweat glands and most of those are in their footpads.
- A dog's normal body temperature is between 101 to 102.5 degrees; a dog can only withstand a high body temperature for a short time before suffering nerve damage, heart problems, liver damage, brain damage or even death.
- Signs of heatstroke include heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, deep red or purple tongue, seizure or unconsciousness.
- Studies show that cracking the windows has little effect on a car's internal temperature.



Parking your car in the shade does not guarantee that the temperature inside your vehicle will be safe for your dog.

Be kind to your dog and leave it behind where it can stay cool within the comforts of your home.

A person leaving a pet in a vehicle may be cited for animal cruelty—Broomfield Municipal Code 6-32-010.

Suspected animal cruelty should be reported to the Police Department at 303.438.6400.

Sources: Humane Society of the United States; and United Animal Nations.

