

Pets in Hot Cars



102°! It only takes ten minutes on an 85° day for the inside of your car to reach 102° – even when the windows have been left open an inch or two.

Within thirty minutes, a car's interior can reach 120°. When the temperature is a pleasant 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as twenty degrees hotter than the air outside.

Shade offers little protection on a hot day and moves with the sun. Those pets most at risk for hyperthermia (overheating): young animals, elderly animals, overweight animals, or those with short muzzles and those with thick or dark-colored coats.

Please leave your pet at home in hot weather!

If your dog is overcome by the heat:

Bring down body temperature by soaking the animal in cool (*not ice*) water, but make sure water does not get into the mouth or nose of an unconscious animal. Seek immediate veterinary care.

Overheating Kills!

DON'T PUT YOUR PETS
IN DANGER



HOT WEATHER TRAVELING TIPS

If you are traveling on vacation with your pet, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- Get a veterinary checkup before traveling and make sure you have the necessary vaccination certificates and flea and tick treatments for the area you will be visiting
- Carry a gallon thermos of cold water or bring along a two-liter plastic bottle of water you froze the night before
- Exercise your pet during the coolest parts of the day (dawn and dusk) and never immediately following a meal
- Hot asphalt and tar can burn sensitive paw pads. Walk your pet on grass or dirt when possible
- Provide shade when your pet is outside on a hot day

