



HOT TEMPERATURES CAN BE FATAL FOR DOGS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- On a warm day, the temperature inside of a vehicle can reach 120°F in a matter of minutes – even with the windows cracked.
- Because dogs don't sweat, they can't cool themselves. Their body temperature can rise quickly and they could suffer brain damage, organ damage, or even die from heatstroke or suffocation.
- **NEVER LEAVE A DOG IN A HOT CAR!**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- If you see a dog in a hot car, check for signs of stress - heavy panting, glazed eyes, unsteadiness, vomiting, or a dark tongue.
- If animal is showing signs of stress, call 3-1-1 and request to immediately be connected to Animal Care regarding a dog in a hot car.
- If animal is not showing signs of stress, call 3-1-1 to report the dog in the hot vehicle.
- When reporting, include: vehicle make, model, color, license plate, and length of time at location. Provide the pet's description including breed, size, and color. Include owner's description and location, if known.

Leaving an animal in a hot vehicle constitutes animal cruelty (per Sec. 8-131 of the Denver County Ordinance) & could result in a fine of up to \$999 and/or 1 year in jail.

If your pet must be removed from your vehicle, your window may be broken, your vehicle could be towed, and you could be responsible for emergency medical costs for your pet – in addition to a mandatory court appearance for animal cruelty.



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