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BE AWARE!
REPORT PETS IN HOT CARS!



Leaving your pet in a parked car can be a deadly mistake.



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**Get Smart
About Pets in
Hot Cars!**

If you are thinking about running errands on a hot day — or even a warm day — and you are thinking of taking your pet along, **THINK AGAIN!**



Pets need three elements in order to help them beat the heat . . . air, water, and shade. **Pets need air circulating in order to breathe and therefore, that means absolutely NO TIME CLOSED UP IN A PARKED CAR, GARAGE, OR ATTIC.**

Animals CANNOT tolerate heat as well as humans. Imagine yourself, in a heavy winter coat, seated stationary in a non-operational vehicle. Not much circulating air helping to cool you even with the windows slightly down, is there?

Police and animal control officers confirm that leaving your window down an inch or two IS NOT ENOUGH to provide a safe environment for your pet. Even if the air outside feels cool, the temperature inside a parked vehicle can heat up to a deadly level in just minutes. On an 85-degree day, temperatures in a parked car (even in the shade) can reach 102 degrees in just ten minutes, and the temperature could escalate to 120 degrees and higher after thirty minutes.

Every year, many pets suffer irreversible brain damage or death after being left in the car.

If you see an animal in a parked car that appears to be in distress, or could soon be in distress, call 911 immediately.

Then, the following actions are recommended:

- 1. If the car is in a retail or business parking lot, get a full description of the car.**
- 2. Go to the store or business's manager and have the car owner paged.**
- 3. If possible, stay at the scene until the police arrive so you can help them identify the vehicle.**
- 4. If the animal acts despondent, weak, or extremely overheated, a veterinarian should be consulted immediately.**

