



HOT WEATHER PET SAFETY TIPS



WARNING! A PARKED CAR WORKS LIKE AN OVEN

LEAVING A PET IN A PARKED VEHICLE CAN BE FATAL TO YOUR PET AND IS AGAINST THE LAW (California Penal Code Section 597)



**Hot Oven, Hot Car...
It's the Same Thing.**

Do NOT under any circumstances leave a pet in a parked vehicle unless the motor and air conditioner is ON and an adult person is with the pet. On hot days, the temperature in a car parked in direct sunlight can rise as much as 30 degrees or higher PER MINUTE and quickly become lethal to your pet.

Even leaving windows partially open or parking the vehicle in the shade does **NOT** cool the inside car temperature enough to be safe for any pet to be left inside. If the temperature is 85 degrees outside, the temperature inside a parked car with the windows partially open and the car parked in the shade, can easily reach 102 DEGREES WITHIN A FEW MINUTES. WITHIN 15 - 20 MINUTES THE TEMPERATURE CAN REACH OVER 120 DEGREES.

A pet can sustain brain damage or die of heat stroke if its body temperature reaches between 104 - 106 degrees. Brachycephalic (flat-faced) breeds such as **BULL DOGS, PUGS, BOXERS, BOSTON TERRIERS & PEKINGESE** are at much greater risk of overheating more rapidly. Do **NOT** exercise your pet during the hot part of the day. Observe your pet for excessive panting or non-responsiveness. If this occurs, take it immediately for emergency medical care. Please use common sense and care ... It can prevent permanent injury and also prevent death.

OUCH - THE GROUND IS HOT

WALK BAREFOOT across the asphalt, cement, other pavement, dirt, or sand. **If the ground feels too hot for your feet, then IT IS TOO HOT FOR YOUR PET'S PAWS!** The pads on your pet's paws can become **BURNED, BLISTERED & INFECTED FROM WALKING ACROSS ANY HOT GROUND, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS!** Animals' paws are **NOT** made to withstand extreme heat. Pets can also sustain other injuries to their paws such as **BRUISES, CUTS, SPLINTERS, ABSCESSSES & INFECTIONS** as a result of stepping on **INSECTS, THORNS, GLASS, WOOD, ROCKS, OR OTHER OBJECTS.** Be careful where you allow your pet to walk!



SWIMMING POOLS & OTHER WATER SOURCES CAN BE DANGEROUS



Drowning can happen at any time at any water source which is accessible to an animal. Use common sense and caution when you allow your pet to be around a pool, lake, stream, ocean, or other body of water. **Just because your pet may have four legs doesn't mean it can swim or that it won't become tired when swimming.** Prevent the devastation of drowning by always observing and protecting your pet when it is near water. Fence off pools & spas and keep gates closed securely. Use safety devices such as flotation/life vests specifically made for pets when boating, swimming, or playing in large bodies of water.

Always provide SHADE & FRESH COOL DRINKING WATER for your pets.

YOUR PET DEPENDS ON YOU FOR ITS CARE AND SAFETY!

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