



## **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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## CALIFORNIA LAW

### **PENAL CODE - PEN**

#### **PART 1. OF CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS [25 - 680.4] ( Part 1 enacted 1872. )**

#### **TITLE 14, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF [594 - 625c] ( Title 14 enacted 1872. ) 5977.**

(a) A person shall not leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food (or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.

(b)(1) This section does not prevent a person from taking reasonable steps that are necessary to remove an animal from a motor vehicle if the person holds a reasonable belief that the animal's safety is in immediate danger from heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.

(2) A person who removes an animal from a vehicle in accordance with paragraph (1) is not criminally liable for actions taken reasonably and in good faith if the person does all of the following:

(A) Determines the vehicles locked or there is otherwise no reasonable manner for the animal to be removed from the vehicle.

(B) Has a good faith belief that forcible entry into the vehicle is necessary because the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm if it is not immediately removed from the vehicle, and, based upon the circumstances known to the person at the time, the belief is a reasonable one.

(C) Has contacted a local law enforcement agency, the fire department, animal control, or the 911 emergency service prior to forcibly entering the vehicle.

(D) Remains with the animal in a safe location, out of the elements but reasonably close to the vehicle, until a peace officer, humane officer, animal control officer, or another emergency responder arrives.

(E) Used no more force to enter the vehicle and remove the animal from the vehicle than was necessary Under the circumstances.

(F) Immediately turns the animal over to a representative from law enforcement, animal control, or another emergency responder who responds to the scene.

### **CIVIL CODE - CIV**

#### **DIVISION 1. PERSONS [38 - 86] ( Heading of Division 1 amended by Stats.1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 12.)**

#### **PART 2. PERSONAL RIGHTS [43-53.7] (Part 2 enacted 1872.)**

#### **43.100.**

(a) There shall not be any civil liability on the part of, and no cause of action shall accrue against, a person for property damage or trespass to a motor vehicle, if the damage was caused while the person was rescuing an animal in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 597.7 of the Penal Code.

(b) The immunity from civil liability for property damage to a motor vehicle that is established by subdivision (a) does not affect a person's civil liability or immunity from civil liability for rendering aid to an animal.

(Added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 554, Sec. 1. (AB 797) Effective January 1, 2017.)