

DANGER ZONE

Help Pets in Hot Cars



Does your dog love coming along in the car when you run errands? On a warm day, dogs will love staying somewhere cool even more. The temperature inside a car rises to dangerous levels for dogs in just a matter of minutes, even with windows cracked open:

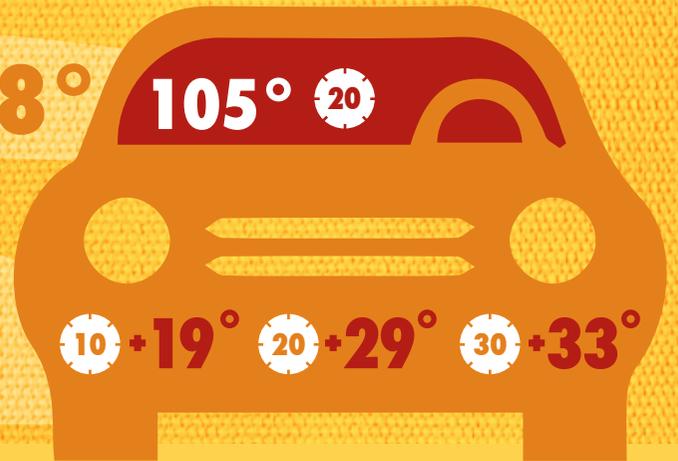
CAR/OUTSIDE TEMPERATURES

When the temperature outside is 78° the temperature inside a car can reach 105° in just 20 minutes.

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Temperatures inside a car increase by an average of 19° in the first 10 minutes; 29° in 20 minutes; and 33° in 30 minutes, regardless of the outside temperature.

That's too hot for pets!

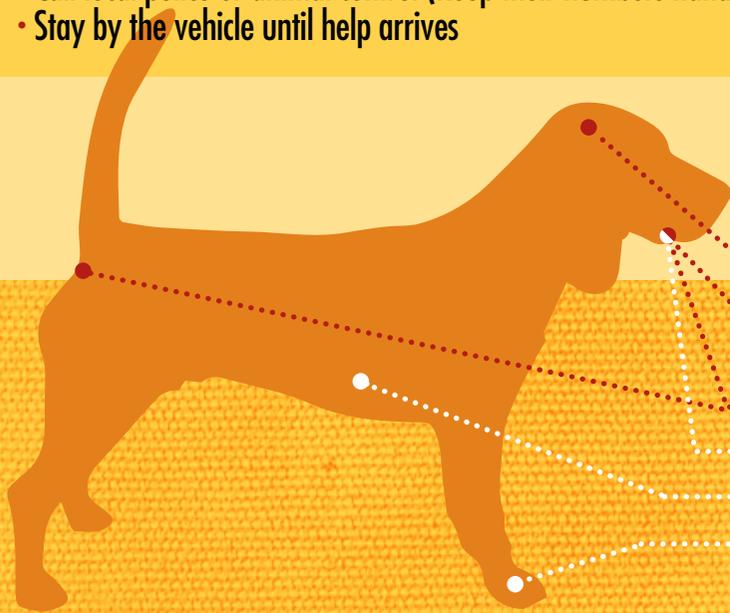


WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A PET IN A HOT CAR

- Write down the vehicle make, model and license plate number
- Alert the management of nearby business, who could make an emergency announcement
- Call local police or animal control (keep their numbers handy for emergencies!)
- Stay by the vehicle until help arrives

Even if you think, "I'll only be gone 5 minutes!" don't risk it. 5 minutes can quickly become 10, 20, 30 minutes. It only takes 5-10 minutes for heatstroke to affect your pet.

Signs of heatstroke include:



- Seizures
- Profuse drooling, heavy panting
- Vomiting, diarrhea
- Red gums, tongue, or skin
- Rapid pulse
- Lying flat/lethargy

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET MAY HAVE HEATSTROKE

- Get your pet out of direct heat & offer water to drink
- Call your veterinarian - you may need to bring the pet in right away
- Place cool (not cold), wet towels or running water on the pet's head, neck, feet, abdomen

THE BEST THING TO DO FOR YOUR PETS WHEN IT'S HOT: KEEP YOUR PETS INDOORS!

See more tips online at oregonhumane.org/heatsafety