



Public Safety Announcement

Summer & Pets in Vehicles

Never leave your pet in a car during the Summer

It is never safe to leave an animal in a parked vehicle in the Summer temperatures. It can lead to fatal heat stroke. Leaving a pet in your vehicle, regardless if the animal survives or succumbs to the heat, can be a violation of C.G.S. 53-247(a)- Cruelty to Animals, which is a Misdemeanor for the first offense, a Class D Felony for subsequent offenses. Connecticut law provides immunity to those who use forcible means—such as smashing a window—to rescue a vulnerable animal in a car. C.G.S.– 52-557u

It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most at risk** for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

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If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**

