

# DANGER ZONE Help Pets in Hot Cars



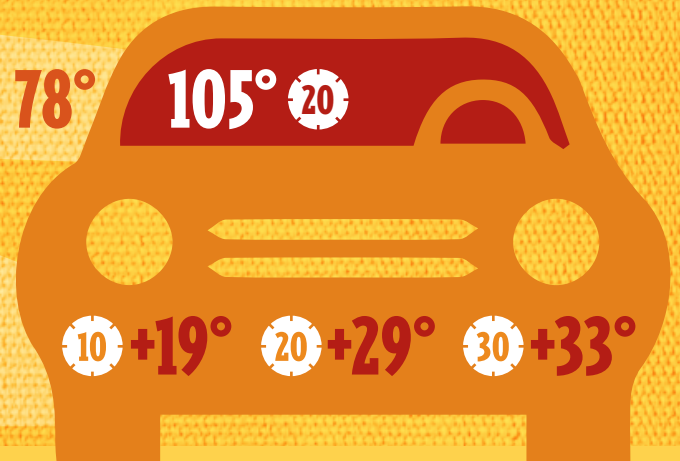
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Does your dog love coming along in the car when you run errands? On a warm day, dogs will love staying somewhere cool even more. The temperature inside a car rises to dangerous levels for dogs in just a matter of minutes, even with windows cracked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

## CAR/OUTSIDE TEMPERATURES

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

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 information about the vehicle (make, model, color, license plate number)
- Alert the management of any 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. Know the signs:

- Seizures
- Heavy panting
- Profuse drooling
- Vomiting, diarrhea
- Red gums, tongue, or skin
- Rapid pulse
- Lying flat/lethargy
- Lack of coordination; stumbling or falling

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET MAY HAVE HEATSTROKE

- Help lower your pet's body temperature slowly by applying cool water all over. A bath, kiddie pool, or running water works.
- Place cool, wet towels on the pet's body
- Call your vet immediately to let them know you're on your way
- At the vet, emergency care might be needed

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

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