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## July 2014 Newsletter Summer Safety Tips.



### WARNING!!

A dog's body temperature averages 38°C (100.4°F), and they are only able to physically withstand approximately 41°C (105.8°F) for a very short time. That's a difference of only three degrees Celsius! After that, a dog can fall victim to **heat stroke, brain damage or even death**. When you consider that a car - even parked in the shade with the windows cracked open - can be 50°C (122°F) hotter inside than the temperature outside within an hour, it creates a deadly situation for a pet that can't cry for help!

- Your dog must **always** be able to move into a cooler, ventilated environment.
- **Never** leave dogs alone in cars, glass conservatories or trailers even if it's cloudy. *Parked cars can quickly reach deadly temperatures, even on relatively mild days with the car parked in the shade and the windows open.*
- If you do leave dogs outside, you must provide a cool shady spot where they can escape from the sun.
- Always provide good supplies of drinking water, in a weighted bowl that can't be knocked over. Carry water with you on hot days.
- Groom dogs regularly to get rid of excess hair. Give long-coated breeds a haircut at the start of summer.
- Never allow dogs to exercise excessively in hot weather.
- Dogs can get sunburned – particularly those with light-colored noses/ears.



Vehicle Temperature Chart		
Outside	Inside	Time to Reach
75	100	10 min
75	120	30 min
85	90	5 min
85	100	8 min
85	120	30 min
100	140	15 min

