



Warning!

**Your Dog Can Die Of
Heat Stroke Within
15 Minutes.**

Each summer countless dogs and cats suffer needlessly, and even die, in cars that become unbearable ovens when it is hot outside.

On an average summer day, the temperature can reach a broiling 160 degrees inside your car in mere minutes.

Remember, shaded parking areas, open windows and air-conditioned cars **with the motors off, DO NOT WORK.**

The buildup of heat inside a car can kill an animal very quickly. Even if you leave the windows cracked open, a pet can die of Heat Prostration within 15 minutes. The Humane Society warns: When it's hot—leave your pet at home!

Animals do not perspire like humans. They do not perspire through their skin. They cool themselves only by panting to evaporate water from their throats and tongues. This is not sufficient to keep them alive in a hot car. Signs of heat stress are: heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse rate, dizziness, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

If your dog does become overheated, get him into the shade and take these emergency steps:

- Apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck and chest.
- Don't give an unlimited amount of cold water. Let him lick ice cubes or even ice cream.
- Get the dog to a veterinarian immediately. It could save your pet's life.

**For the above reasons and the welfare of you pet,
DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN A PARKED CAR WHEN IT IS HOT OUTSIDE.
NOT EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME.**

Under New Jersey state law any person who inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon a living creature or who fails to provide his pet with proper shelter or protection from the weather is in violation of 4:22-17c and is subject to arrest and prosecution.

Maximum fine is \$1000.00 and/or six months in the county jail.