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Because we care...

YOUR PET MAY BE SUFFERING FROM THE HEAT

We understand that you meant to be kind by bringing your dog with you today, but you could be risking their health or their life.

[Kamloops.ca/CommunityServices](https://www.kamloops.ca/CommunityServices)

HOW LONG IS TOO LONG IN A HOT OR WARM CAR?

Owners and caretakers may believe they're doing their furry friend a favour when bringing them along on errands, but if they can't bring their pet into a store, they may think a few minutes in the vehicle won't be a big deal.

For a dog, though, harmful and possibly life-threatening effects can occur in a short time in a hot car. Dogs can't release heat by sweating—as humans do—their internal body temperature rises more quickly.

Some dogs, including senior pets and those with flatter faces, experience even more challenges in hot weather. At the end of the day, it's best to simply leave your dog at home where there's more space, water, and shade.

As an owner or caretaker, if your dog is overcome by heat exhaustion, you can give immediate first aid by cooling them down with luke warm water. Then have a local veterinarian check your pet immediately.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE AN ANIMAL IN DISTRESS?

If you see an animal in distress in a parked vehicle, here are a few recommended steps to take:

- Note the vehicle's licence plate, colour, make, and model and ask the managers of nearby businesses to page the owner to return to their vehicle immediately.
- If the animal is not showing signs of distress, but you are concerned, you may wish to stay by the vehicle to monitor the situation until the owner returns.
- If the animal is showing clear signs of heatstroke or other distress symptoms, call Community Services or the BC SPCA Call Centre as soon as possible. The BC SPCA has a limited number of constables. If one is not available, the Call Centre can advise you about other emergency numbers to call so that help will arrive as quickly as possible.

Community Services
P: 250-828-3409

BC SPCA Call Centre
P: 1-855-622-7722

