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Pets die in hot cars

When it's just 72 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car can soar to 116 degrees within an hour, even with the windows open and even in the shade. Every year, untold numbers of pets suffer brain damage, heat stroke and even death while their owners run "a quick errand."

If you see a pet in a car:

- Write down the car's make, model and license plate number.
- Try to find the pet's owner. Ask nearby businesses and security guards to make an announcement.
- If the owner can't be found, call your local police or animal care and control agency and wait by the car for them to arrive.
- Check the laws in your area. In some states, good Samaritans may use reasonable force to legally remove animals from hot cars.

116 degrees

How hot the inside of a car can become within an hour when it's just 72 degrees outside

What else can you do?

- Ask local store managers, shopping malls, restaurants and other businesses to post signs asking customers not to leave their pets in cars while shopping or dining.
- Spread the word. Distribute our hot car flyer, which spells out the dangers of leaving pets in parked cars.
- If your town or state doesn't have a law prohibiting leaving pets in parked cars, contact your elected officials to start lobbying for one.
- Be prepared to help. Keep phone numbers for your local animal care and control agency, police department and emergency veterinary clinic in your wallet or phone.

Learn more at humaneworld.org/hotcar.

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