



HOT DOG!

**PREVENT THE TRAGIC DEATH OR INJURY OF PETS LEFT ALONE IN PARKED CARS...
LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME WHILE RUNNING ERRANDS.**



Before putting your pet in the car, ask yourself "Do I really need to take my pet with me?"
If the answer is no, leave your pet safely at home!

IL STATE LAW

Illinois prohibits confining any animal in a motor vehicle in a manner that places it in a life or health threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold, without proper ventilation or other protection from such heat or cold.



REMEMBER:

- It is never safe to leave an animal alone in a parked vehicle. **NOT** even if:
 - It's just for a moment,
 - The windows are cracked, (or)
 - The car is running & the air conditioner is on.
- Vehicles can quickly reach dangerous temperatures, which puts your pet at risk of serious illness or even death.
- Hundreds of pets die each year from car-related heat stroke/heat exhaustion.
- A car can overheat even when the windows have been left cracked open.



ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY:

ANIMALS THAT ARE MOST AT RISK FOR OVERHEATING



Young, overweight, or elderly animals

Animals with short muzzles

Animals with thick or dark-colored coats/fur

Some breeds of dogs (*for example*): boxers, pugs, shih tzus, etc.

- Animals pant in order to evaporate moisture from their lungs.
 - This takes heat away from their body.
- If the humidity is too high, animals are unable to cool themselves.
 - When this happens, their body temperature will quickly increase to dangerous levels.
- A dog's normal body temperature is between 100-102.5°F
 - They can experience heat exhaustion when their body temperature reaches 103°F

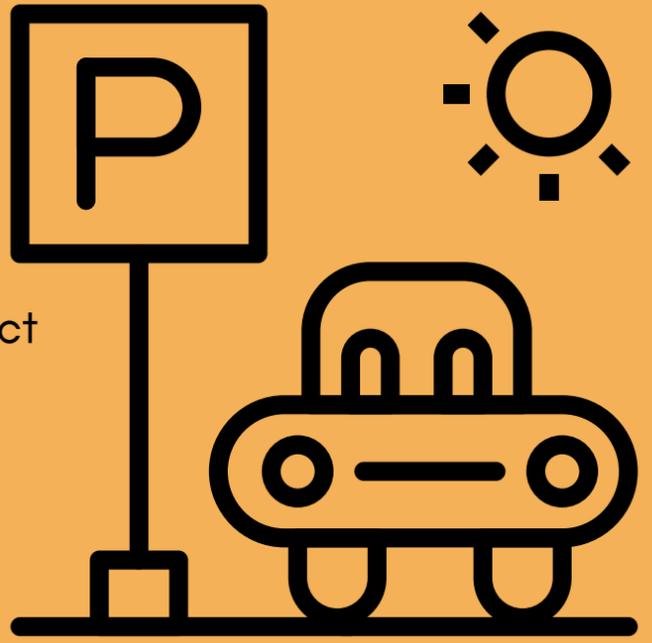


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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LEAVING ANIMALS CONFINED IN MOTOR VEHICLES

DEBUNKING COMMON MYTHS

- Studies have shown that the following strategies have little effect on the temperature inside the car:
 - Rolling down/cracking the windows,
 - Parking in the shade.
- Vehicles are temperature conductors:
 - Cars conduct & amplify the outdoor temperature.
 - Even if they are in the shade, or with the windows down.



Heavy panting/Difficulty breathing

Glazed eyes

Rapid heartbeat

Vomiting

Dizziness/Lack of coordination

Profuse salivation/Drooling

Lethargy/Weakness

Fever

Excessive thirst

Seizure

Unconsciousness

A deep red or purple tongue

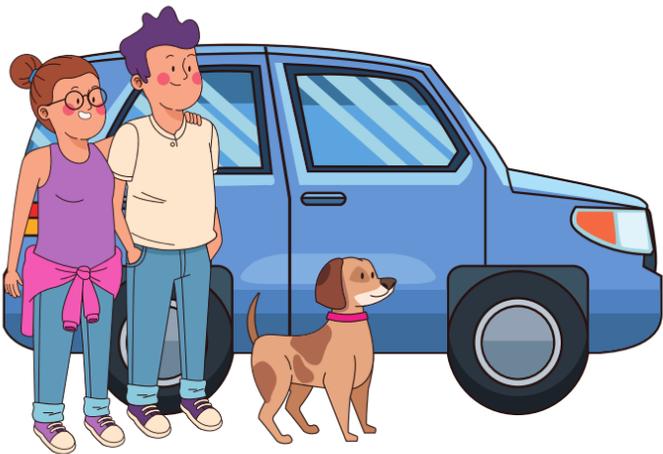
Bloody diarrhea



ALTERNATIVES:

Make plans to travel with another adult, who can watch over the animal:

- Find a shady spot outside where your travel companion and dog can hang out.
 - Ensure pets are properly hydrated at all times. Provide plenty of fresh, clean water.
- Have your travel companion stay in the car with your pet & keep the air conditioner running.



Air Temperature (°F) over 10 min. increments:

ELAPSED TIME (MIN)	70°	75°	80°	85°	90°	95°
0	70	75	80	85	90	95
10	89	94	99	104	109	114
20	99	104	109	114	119	124
30	104	109	114	119	124	129
40	108	113	118	123	128	133
50	111	116	121	126	131	136
60	113	118	123	128	133	138
≥ 1 HR.	115	120	125	130	135	140

Temp. (°F) Inside of Vehicle