



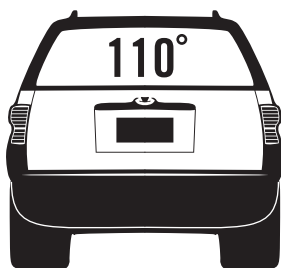
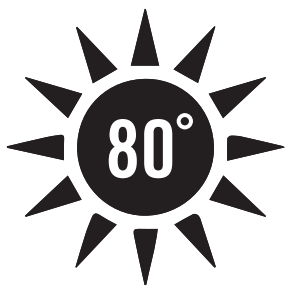
WARNING: *Hot Cars Kill Pets!*

SYMPTOMS, TREATMENT & INTERVENTION ON BACK

The inside of a car can heat up to 110° F in 10 minutes on an 80° F day – even with the windows slightly open. Your pet will suffer needlessly and could die when left in your car even on a day that isn't hot, but warm.

And consider this: causing an animal to be subjected to unnecessary cruelty or suffering is illegal in Massachusetts and is **punishable by imprisonment for up to 7 years and a fine of up to \$5,000 for a first conviction; and for up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000 for a subsequent conviction.**

Your pet would be safer at home.



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HEAT STRESS IN PETS

SYMPTOMS

Danger signals to watch for in a dog or cat:

- **heavy panting**
- **rapid breathing**
- **staggering**
- **weakness**

A heat-stricken animal can die in minutes, but proper care may save its life.

TREATMENT

- **Immediately** bring the animal to a shady spot.
- **Cool the animal** by dousing them completely with water or placing them in cool water.
- **Take the distressed pet to a veterinarian** as soon as possible. Treatment for dehydration and other serious problems will be necessary.

INTERVENTION

If you see an animal locked in a car on a hot day:

- **Locate the owner** as quickly as possible. If the car is parked at a store, ask an employee to page the owner.
- If the owner cannot be found quickly, **call the police** to free the animal from the car. Take first-aid measures noted above.



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