

## Don't be cruel, keep them cool!

In a single summer, Washoe County Regional Animal Services received nearly 750 reports of dogs left in cars. Although a number of those reports involved dogs in distress, luckily, there were no fatalities.

A study by the Animal Protection Institute showed that even in moderate temperatures, the inside of a car can be like the inside of an oven to your dog. The inside of a closed automobile was 20 to 30 degrees warmer than outside temperatures. By nine o'clock in the morning, the heat inside the car was already approaching 110 degrees, which could prove deadly to a dog.

The best bet is to leave your dog at home. Even a short trip can lead to delays that endanger your pet's safety. It takes only a few minutes on a warm day for an animal to succumb to heat stroke or suffocation.

### Animal Control Officers will remove an endangered animal from your vehicle, even if they have to break a window to do it!

Nevada state law aimed at the prevention of cruelty to animals make it illegal for a person to "allow a cat or dog to remain unattended in a parked or standing motor vehicle during a period of extreme heat or cold or in any other manner that endangers the health or safety of the cat or dog."

The law allows for designated responders to "use any force that is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to remove from a motor vehicle a cat or dog that is allowed to remain in the motor vehicle in violation of subsection." NRS 574.195.



### What to do if you see a distressed animal locked in a hot car.

Call Washoe County Regional Animal Services Dispatch immediately: 775-322-3647

The Dispatch phone is answered from:  
8am – 10:00pm, 7 days a week  
(including holidays)

**For after-hour emergencies, call 911**

For more information, visit: [www.WashoeSheriff.com](http://www.WashoeSheriff.com)