

HEAT KILLS

**DON'T LEAVE
YOUR DOG OR CAT
IN THE CAR**



**IT TAKES JUST MINUTES FOR
A CAR TO TURN INTO AN OVEN**

Even if the temperature outside is just 70°F or the car windows are cracked open, the temperature inside a vehicle will reach **dangerously high levels** in just minutes — and your dog or cat could suffer severe illness or die if left unattended in the car.

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

Because excessive heat is life-threatening, it is against the law in Minnesota (Minn. Stat. Sec. 346.57) to leave “a dog or a cat unattended

in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that endangers the dog’s or cat’s health or safety.”

SIGNS OF DISTRESS

Studies prove the first 15-30 minutes are critical (when the majority of the temperature rise in a car’s interior occurs). Warning signs of distress may vary: from heavy panting, tongue hanging out, restlessness, anxiety, clawing at window to trembling, vomiting, disoriented, foaming at mouth, bloody diarrhea to collapsed, seizures, death.

DON'T RISK IT

If it’s hot outside, please leave your dog or cat at home.

