# 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 the vehicle will reach **dangerously high levels** in just minutes — and your dog or cat could suffer severe illness or die.

### IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

Because excessive heat is life-threatening, it is against the law (Minn. Stat. 346.57) to leave a dog or cat in a standing or parked vehicle that could endanger the animal'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.