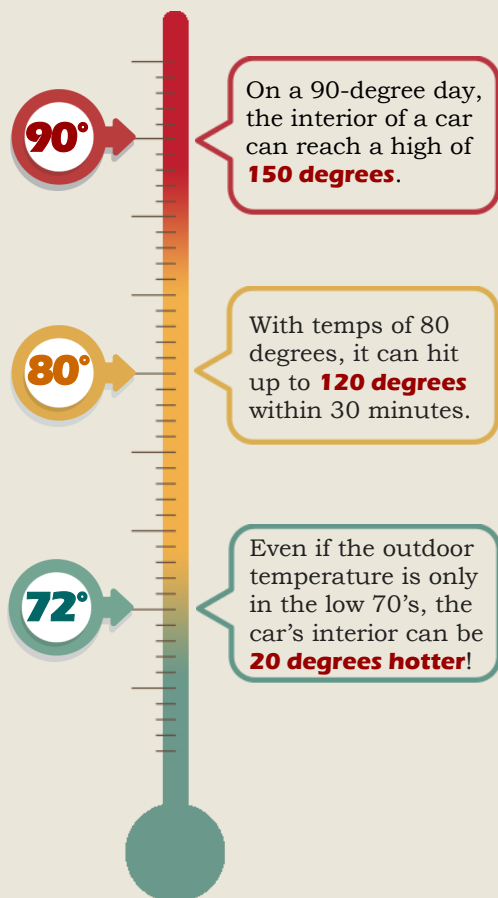


## "It is unbearable to sit in a hot car, especially for our pets."

-- Miguel Santiago, Majority Whip of the California State Assembly and co-author of AB 797



### When Walking Your Dog...

Keep in mind that if it feels hot enough to fry an egg outside, it probably is. When the air temperature is **86 degrees**, the asphalt can reach a **sizzling 135 degrees** — more than hot enough to cook an egg in five minutes. And it can do the same to our canine companions' sensitive foot pads. -- PETA



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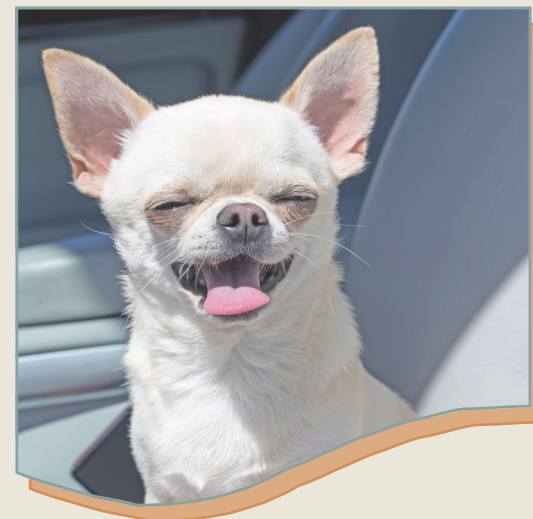
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### Caring for a dog when it's hot out...

Keep an eye out for signs of overheating or distress. Make sure that your pets are properly hydrated at all times — give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors. Ensure that your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them and use your best judgment to keep them indoors when it's extremely hot. Never let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during peak daytime hours to a minimum. -- ASPCA

## HELP DOGS BEAT the HEAT!



- Dogs can **suffer heat stress** in under 15 minutes.
- Dogs can only **cool themselves** by panting, so they are especially at risk from over heating.
- Even if the outside air temperature is only 70 degrees, it can reach as high as **90 degrees** inside a car!
- Rolling down the windows has little effect.
- California's new Bill (AB 797), the **"Right to Rescue Act"**, allows a good Samaritan to smash a window to save an animal from a hot car under certain conditions...

FIND OUT MORE...

## About CA Assembly Bill 797

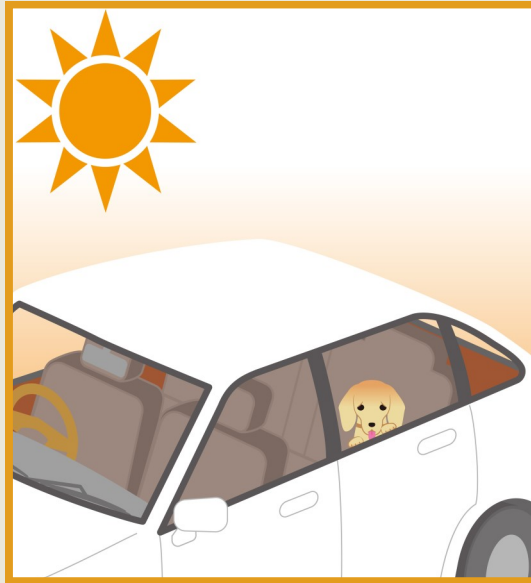
Gov. Jerry Brown signed the “Right to Rescue Act” which took effect in California on January 1, 2017.

AB 797 protects citizens from liability from vehicle damage for necessary actions taken in good faith to rescue an animal from a hot car. The Bill was introduced after a series of incidents in which dogs died after being left in closed cars on hot days and was supported by the Humane Society of the United States and the Los Angeles District Attorney's office.

**Any emergency responder** is authorized to take all steps that are reasonably necessary for the removal of an animal from a motor vehicle.

**Any person** can take reasonable steps necessary to remove an animal from a motor vehicle if the person holds a reasonable belief that the animal's safety is in immediate danger from the heat; however, **these criteria must first be met:**

1. Believe in good faith that the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm.
2. Determine if the vehicle is locked or there is otherwise no reasonable manner for the animal to be removed from the vehicle.
3. Take down the make, model number and license plate number of the automobile; attempt to have the owner paged in nearby stores.
4. Contact a local law enforcement agency, the fire department, animal control, or 911 **prior to forcible entry**.
5. Use no more force than necessary to enter the vehicle and remove the animal.
6. Remain with the animal in a safe location, but close by until emergency responders arrive.



### What is Prohibited

Leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.

### Penalty

First conviction: fine not exceeding \$100 per animal.

If the animal suffers great bodily injury, a fine not exceeding \$500, imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding 6 months, or both.

## Symptoms of **OVERHEATING** in Pets

- Excessive panting , difficulty breathing
- Glazed eyes
- Deep red or purple tongue
- Drooling
- Weakness, unsteadiness or staggering
- Stupor
- Collapse
- Seizures
- Vomiting and or bloody diarrhea
- Elevated body temperature over 104°

## How to **COOL DOWN** a Dog

- Move the dog to a cooler area.
- Sprinkle cool (not cold) water on him. Do not soak the dog as his temperature could drop too low.
- Place cool, wet towels over the back of the neck, armpits and in the groin area.
- Wet the ear flaps and paws with cool water.
- Direct a fan on the wet areas to speed evaporative cooling.
- Offer fresh, cool water if the pet is alert. **Do not** force the dog to drink.
- Take the pet immediately to the veterinarian, calling ahead if possible to make sure he or she is available.