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## **HOT CARS CAN KILL!**

**Don't Let Your Pet Become a Victim**

**KITCHENER WATERLOO STRATFORD PERTH, ONTARIO:** As record high temperatures continue, the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth is responding to calls to aid dogs in distress in hot cars.

Even on fairly mild days, with the car parked in the shade and with the windows down, parked cars can quickly reach deadly temperatures. Dogs have a limited ability to sweat, so even a short time in a hot environment can be life-threatening. A dog's normal body temperature is about 39°C and a temperature of 41°C can be withstood only for a very short time before irreparable brain damage or even death can occur.

"Leaving your pet unattended in a vehicle is not only one of the most irresponsible things that a pet owner can do, it's also illegal" says Kathrin Delutis, Executive Director. "Pet owners are subject to fines and charges under The Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act and under local bylaws."

If a dog is showing signs of heat stroke (excessive panting/drooling, is listless or unconscious), getting prompt veterinary medical treatment is vital. You can assist by wetting the fur immediately with lukewarm-cool water (do not use cold water), placing the pet into the shade and offering drinking water.

If you see a dog or other pet left in a vehicle, please contact 911 or your local humane society.

In Kitchener-Waterloo, the Humane Society can be reached at 519-745-5615

In Stratford-Perth, the Humane Society can be reached at 519-273-6600

For more information on the initiatives of the Kitchener Waterloo and Stratford Perth Humane Society, please visit [kwsphumane.ca](http://kwsphumane.ca).

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*The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo and Stratford Perth is a leader in animal welfare in our communities, focusing on what is in the best interest of the pets. We do this through community education, advocacy, care, and compliance. Charitable BIN 11898 3550 RR001*

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