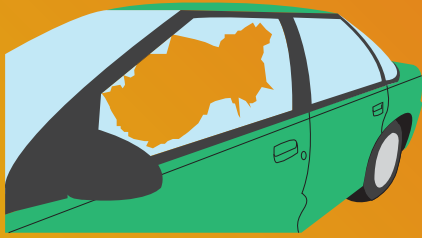


WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO LOSE

FOR A TEN MINUTE MISTAKE?

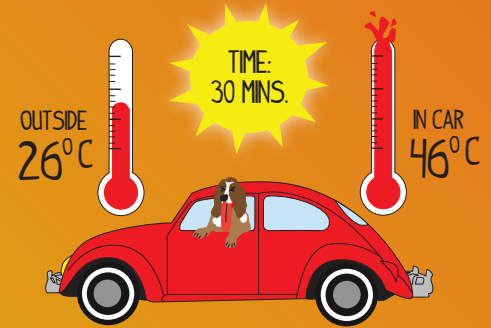
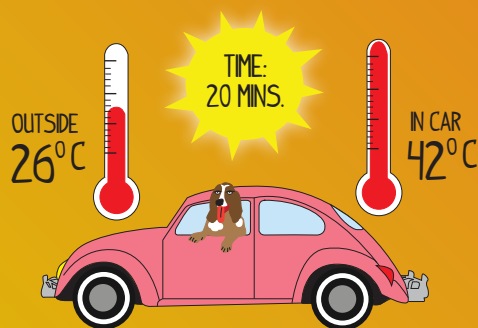
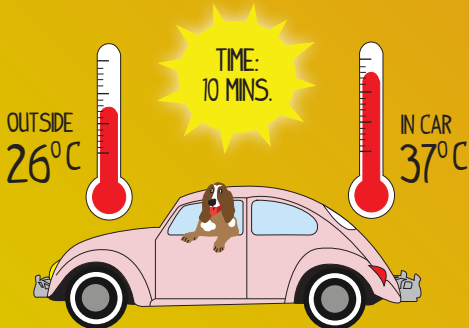
Heat stroke can happen in 10 minutes or less. Unable to effectively cool off by sweating, a dog's body temperature will rise rapidly, leading to increasingly dangerous symptoms. You have a lot to lose for a quick errand.



Vigilant citizens may **break a window** of your car to rescue your dog. There are news reports of **air conditioners failing** and **vehicles being stolen** while a dog is inside with the engine running. A couple hundred bucks can fix a window but your dog's life is priceless.

Leaving a dog in a hot car can put you in serious **legal trouble**. The maximum fine for allowing or causing an animal to be in distress is **\$20,000** under the Animal Protection Act. You may also be found criminally responsible and can serve a maximum of **five years in prison or a \$10,000 fine**.

Ultimately, **your dog can die from heat exposure**. Once your dog is in distress it is already too late to save their life, as the damage cannot be reversed. **How do you explain a preventable death to your family?** Save yourself the heart break of losing your best friend... it's not worth it.



* Statistics courtesy of General Motors

The internal temperature of your vehicle can **rise in temperature by 20°C** in approximately 30 minutes according to heat studies. Don't make the mistake of leaving your pet in a hot car.

If you witness a dog in a hot car (15°C or above), please call:

- Calgary Humane Society - **(403) 205-4455**
- Calgary Police Service - **(403) 266-1234** OR **9-1-1**
Non-Emergency Emergency



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