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We need to ask ourselves this question every time we take our dog for a ride in the car.

Warm weather can literally be a killer for a dog left inside a car. On warm days, the inside of a car heats up very quickly. When it's 85 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car – even with the windows cracked – can soar to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in just half an hour. Even outside temperatures in the 70s can be dangerous to dogs.

Leaving a dog for "just a minute" may be too long! Because they rely on panting and aren't able to sweat, dogs can't cool themselves like people can and their body temperature can rise quickly. Dogs left in the heat can suffer severe illness, organ damage — or even death — in a matter of minutes.

Keep your dog cool. Join other people who love their dogs by taking the "Cool Dog" pledge at MyDoglsCool.com

If you see a dog in a hot car: Try to locate the dog's guardians, then call animal control, the police or 911 if the dog is in distress. If the dog is overcome by heat, wet the dog's feet and coat with water and seek veterinary care immediately.

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