

# It's HOT Outside...

## *Guess how hot it is in your car?*

**MINNESOTA STATUTE - LEAVING PETS UNATTENDED IN CARS CAN RESULT IN PETTY MISDEMEANOR AND FINE TO NEGLIGENT OWNERS**

- In Minnesota, a person may not leave a dog or cat unattended in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that endangers the dog's or cat's health or safety. This may result in a petty misdemeanor, fine and proper authorities may use reasonable force to remove the pet from your car. (Minnesota Statute 346.57 - proper authorities include peace officers, dog wardens, humane agents, fire and rescue workers.)
- Even on seemingly mild days, an enclosed car can be deadly. In a Stanford University study, when it was 72 degrees outside, a car's internal temperature climbed to 116 degrees within one hour.
- Enclosed cars heat up quickly. In a study by San Francisco State University, when it was 80 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car rose to 99 degrees in 10 minutes and 109 degrees in 20 minutes.
- A dog's normal body temperature is between 101 - 102.5 degrees; a dog can only withstand a high body temperature for a short time before suffering nerve damage, heart problems, liver damage, brain damage or even death.
- Dogs are especially vulnerable to heat-related illness because they can only cool off by panting and through the pads in their feet.
- Studies show that cracking the windows has little effect on a car's internal temperature.

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