



## Death traps for dogs

Dear Editor, As temperatures soar all over the country, please remember that dogs should never be left in parked vehicles, which can become death traps in a matter of minutes. Even on a mild, 22 degree day, the temperature inside a car parked in the shade can soar to 47 degrees in minutes. Leaving the windows open will not keep animals comfortable or safe. With only hot air to breathe, dogs can succumb to heatstroke in as little as 15 minutes, resulting in brain damage or death. Symptoms include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, diarrhoea and vomiting, and even seizures. Please, when it's warm outside, leave animals at home. If you see a dog left in a car, have the car's owner paged at nearby shops or call 000 immediately—the dog's life depends on it. Desmond Bellamy Special Projects Coordinator PETA Australia PO Box 2352 Byron Bay NSW 2481 0411 577 416 DesmondB@PETA.org.au

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