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## Residents urged to keep pets safe in summer heat

*Animal Services staff provide tips to help pets cope with high temperatures*

**Dallas, TX** – Summer is here, and Dallas Animal Services reminds residents that animals left in a hot car can quickly suffer brain damage or die. Temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly reach 120 degrees, so officials caution you to never leave a pet unattended in a parked car for any period of time. If a pet is exposed to high temperatures:

- Look for signs of heat stress, including heavy panting, glazed eyes, or rapid pulse. Also watch for unsteadiness, vomiting, and a dark red or purple tongue.
- Lower body temperature immediately by moving the pet into the shade and applying cool (not cold) water all over the body. Put ice packs or cold towels on the pet's head, neck and chest only. Let the pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
- Take the pet to a veterinarian right away.

If you see an animal showing signs of heat stress, get help immediately. Call 3-1-1 non-emergency services or Dallas Animal Services at (214) 670-8226.

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