

# Dog in oven!

Already an environmental temperature of 20 degrees C° can be deadly! Why? Because the car can heat up to more than 50 degrees centigrade within minutes. It's a shame that this summer many dogs will once again die cruelly of a heat stroke cooped up in the car.

Don't let this happen!  
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Animal protection is everyone's concern!

**Dogs don't belong in the car during the summer!**

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# Heat Stroke in Animals

## Preventive Action and First Aid in Case of an Emergency

Cats, as well as dogs, can get a heat stroke. The biggest danger is in leaving an animal unattended in a car in direct sunlight. This is why more dogs die from heat stroke than cats. Leaving a dog cooped up in a closed car on a sunny day for only a few minutes can already be deadly. Even a cracked window is not enough to help it cool off! Dogs and cats control their body temperature by panting to release heat. This leads to water evaporating off the tongue, resulting in a lack of fluids in the body cells, in which the dog has to compensate by drinking. If no water is available, it suffers from hyperthermia, that is an elevation in body temperature. First signs of heat stroke are: agitation, tongue hanging far out of the mouth and a craned neck, staggering and weakness. If the body temperature rises to 40 degrees C°, the dog will have circulatory disturbances.

Vital organs are then no longer adequately supplied with blood, this may lead to shock. At a temperature of 43 degrees C°, the proteins of the dog's body start clotting, often resulting in unconsciousness.

Treatment for heat stroke: **A heat stroke is a medical emergency!** The dog needs the skilled help of a veterinary without delay. First of all take it to a shady place and for the least 30 minutes slowly cool it down using cold and wet towels. If the dog is conscious – and only then – give it sips of water. An unconscious dog must be put into recovery position with its tongue hanging out. If you see an unattended animal, especially a dog, in dire need because it is cooped up in any kind of vehicle, don't hesitate, call up the police!