

Tips For

Pets & Hot Weather

- 🐾 Keep your pets indoors when temperatures are extreme.
- 🐾 Walk your pets early in the morning or later in the evening to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- 🐾 Be careful with dogs on asphalt in the heat - their paws are sensitive!
- 🐾 Give pets plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Carry water with you when taking your pet outside.
- 🐾 Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle - temperatures in cars can increase rapidly and quickly become lethal.
- 🐾 Dogs and cats with flat faces cannot cool down as quickly as others and need extra attention.

Pets can't sweat like we do – they cool down by panting!

- 🐾 Keep an eye out for signs of overheating - drooling, excessive panting, difficulty walking or breathing, lethargy, diarrhea/vomiting.
- 🐾 Call your veterinarian ASAP if you think your pet may be suffering from heatstroke.

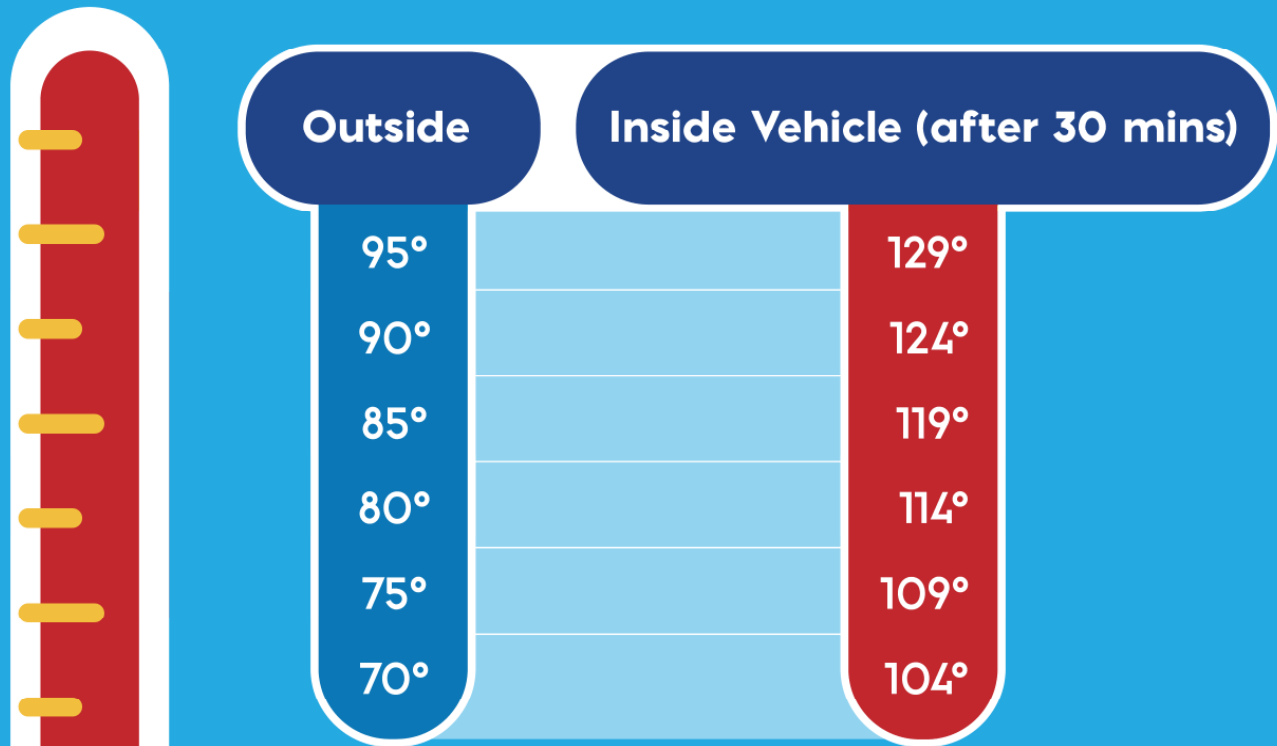
Under Pennsylvania's Libre's Law, it is **ILLEGAL** to tether an unattended dog outdoors for more than 30 minutes when temperatures exceed 90°F.



Pets, Cars, and Heat

A parked car can quickly become **dangerously** hot.

How quickly?



Even on mild days, the inside of a car can become life-threatening for pets in a matter of minutes. Cracking the windows does very little to help.

Never leave a pet unattended in a vehicle for any amount of time.

Heatstroke in Dogs

Common Causes

- 🐾 Exercising in hot weather
- 🐾 High humidity
- 🐾 Lack of shade or airflow outdoors
- 🐾 Limited access to fresh water
- 🐾 Leaving a dog in a parked car, even briefly

No A/C?
Bring pets to the coolest part of the home (with a fan) or stay with a friend!

Early Warning Signs:

- Rapid/loud breathing
- Excessive panting
- Heavy drooling
- Thick saliva
- Bright/dark red tongue & gums
- Gums may be dry/sticky

Advanced Symptoms:

- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Weakness/fatigue
- Disorientation
- Rapid heartbeat
- Dehydration
 - Skin not snapping back when pinched
- Difficulty breathing
- Collapse

What To Do:

- 🐾 Move your dog to a cool/shaded space ASAP
- 🐾 Gently pour cool (NOT cold) water over their body
 - Focus on their neck, belly, and paws!*
- 🐾 Use a fan to help lower their temperature.
- 🐾 Offer small sips of water, but don't force it.
- 🐾 Get your dog to an emergency vet ASAP

