

Summer Safety Tips for Your Pets

Dear Lap Dog Rescue of NM Friends,

Summer activities are enjoyable for all of us, including our pets. Here are some tips to help keep your pets safe this summer.

- (1) Keep your dog leashed when outdoors and in unsecured areas. Attach a tag to your dog's collar or harness that includes up-to-date contact information and make sure your dog's microchip contact information is current.
- (2) Check your fence and gates for places where your dog could squeeze through or dig out and make sure your gate is secured especially after windy days and nights. Get rid of all foxtails! Check to make sure you don't have dangerous plants, insecticides or pesticides where your dog can get at them. [aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control](https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control)
- (3) NEVER leave a dog alone in the car, even with the windows cracked. Temperatures can rise to dangerous levels in just minutes. (Don't forget your children either!)
- (4) Don't over-exercise your pet and never let your dog walk on hot asphalt. Your dog's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Walk when it's cool. Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh, clean, and cool water as well as plenty of shade while they're outside.
- (5) Know the signs of heatstroke and how to prevent it. If you suspect your dog may have heatstroke, call your veterinarian ASAP. Symptoms of overheating in pets can include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea, and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.

For more information about keeping your dogs safe during summer, check out <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips>.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and keep an eye on our website, www.LapDogRescue.org and Facebook page for more information about adoptable dogs and upcoming activities.

Brian Spence, President

It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most** at risk for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

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If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**

