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Sample Letter to the Editor: MyDogIsCool.com

Today's date

Dear Editor:

As the summer heats up, people need to know how dangerous it is to leave pets inside hot cars. Every year, dogs die after being locked inside cars while their owners shop or run other errands. These tragic deaths are entirely preventable.

Every time we drive with a dog, we need to ask ourselves, "Is it too hot to take my dog along today?"

Warm weather can be a killer for a dog left inside a car. When it's 85 degrees out, the temperature inside a car — even with the windows left open — can soar to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in half an hour. Outside temperatures in the 70s can be dangerous, as well.

A dog's normal body temperature ranges from 101 to 102.5 degrees. Dogs can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a short time before they experience brain and nerve damage, heart problems -- and even death.

The My Dog is Cool Campaign operated by United Animal Nations lets people know that leaving a dog in a car for even "just a few minutes" may be too long.

If your dog is overcome by heat, immediately soak him or her with water and seek veterinary care. If you see a dog in a potentially dangerous situation in a hot car, call your local police department, animal control agency or humane society immediately.

It's just not cool to leave a dog in a hot car. For more information, visit www.MyDogIsCool.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bringing animals out of crisis and into care.