

# How Long Does It Take For A Car to Get Hot?

OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE	TEMPERATURE IN CAR	TIME IT TAKES TO REACH
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7~10 minutes
85	120	30 minutes
100	140	15 minutes

*Every summer, animals left in unattended cars suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke: On mild or cloudy days, with windows open, a parked vehicle quickly becomes a furnace.*

Car windows act to both absorb the sun's rays and insulate your vehicle: The inside of a car can heat up to 110 degrees Fahrenheit in only ten minutes on an 80° day

Install shade blinds on car windows and **never leave animals unattended**. A car can quickly become an oven. Also, **animals left alone are vulnerable to theft**.

Your companions are as vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer as you are and may require sunscreen on their nose and ears. Light-colored animals are particularly sensitive to the sun.

Take special precautions with old or overweight animals, or those with heart or lung diseases, in hot weather. Snub-nosed dogs (bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos, Pugs, Shih Tzus, etc.) have compromised respiratory systems and must be kept in air-conditioning.

## Heat Stroke in Dogs/Cats

Stroke is a dangerous condition that takes the lives of many animals every year. A dog's normal body temp is 99.5~102.5°. At 105~106°, the pet is at risk for developing heat exhaustion. If the body temperature rises to 107°, your pet has entered the critical zone of heat stroke. With heat stroke, irreversible damage and death can occur.

**At Highest Risk:** puppies to 6 months; older (large breeds 7+ years, small breeds 14+); short muzzle/snout; snort/wide head; ill~overweight~over-exerted; black or thick coats; dehydrated; ANY existing medical conditions.

**DANGER SIGNS:** rapid panting • bright red tongue • red or pale gums • thick, sticky saliva depression • weak/dizzy • vomiting/diarrhea • shock • coma

An overheating dog may appear sluggish, unresponsive or disorientated... probably panting hard. Gums, tongue and conjunctiva of the eyes may be bright red. He may even start vomiting.

*Eventually he will collapse, suffer a seizure and may go into a coma.*

A heat-stricken animal can die in minutes but proper care may save its life.

If you think your companion is suffering from heatstroke, immediately remove him or her to a cool, shady area.

- Try to slowly lower the animal's temperature by placing in cool, *not cold*, water.
- Apply ice to the head and neck.
- *Get to a veterinarian as soon as possible as follow-up care will be critical to his survival.*

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