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## ***HOT CARS ARE DEADLY!***

### **When it's hot, leave your pet home in a cool place with plenty of fresh water**

Each summer, thousands of cats and dogs die in agony after they are left inside hot cars. Even when car windows are left slightly open, the rapid heat buildup inside the car can reach over **160 degrees in just minutes**. Pets cool themselves by panting; they don't perspire like people do. When the air becomes too hot, animals may suffer brain damage and die.

### **Symptoms of heat stress**

- Heavy panting
- Glazed eyes
- Rapid pulse
- Dizziness
- Vomiting
- Deep red or purple tongue

### **If your pet becomes overheated, take these emergency steps:**

- Apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck and chest;
- Gently spray the animal with a hose to cool it;
- Let your pet lick ice cubes or ice cream. ***Don't*** give unlimited amounts of cold water.
- Call Peppertree Veterinary Clinic immediately! (405-728-1678)

If you see an animal trapped inside a hot car, call 297-2255 (OKC Animal Control) immediately!