

# HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOT WEATHER PET SAFETY!

## HEED THE HEAT WARNING!

**LEAVING A PET IN A PARKED VEHICLE CAN BE DEADLY TO YOUR PET AND IT IS AGAINST THE LAW!**

(California Penal Code Section 597).

## A PARKED CAR WORKS LIKE AN OVEN!



**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, LEAVE A PET IN A PARKED VEHICLE UNLESS THE MOTOR AND AIR CONDITIONER IS ON AND AN ADULT PERSON IS WITH THE PET. ON HOT DAYS, THE TEMPERATURE IN A CAR PARKED IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT CAN RISE AS MUCH AS 30 DEGREES OR HIGHER PER MINUTE AND QUICKLY BECOME LETHAL.**

EVEN LEAVING WINDOWS PARTIALLY OPEN OR PARKING THE VEHICLE IN THE SHADE DOES NOT COOL THE INSIDE CAR TEMPERATURE DOWN ENOUGH TO BE SAFE FOR ANY PET TO BE LEFT INSIDE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. IF THE TEMPERATURE IS 85 DEGREES OUTSIDE, THE TEMPERATURE INSIDE A CAR WITH THE WINDOWS OPENED SLIGHTLY AND EVEN IN THE SHADE, CAN EASILY REACH 102 DEGREES WITHIN A FEW MINUTES. WITHIN 20 - 30 MINUTES THE TEMPERATURE CAN REACH 120 DEGREES.

BETWEEN 104 - 106 DEGREES BODY TEMPERATURE, A PET CAN SUSTAIN BRAIN DAMAGE OR DIE OF HEAT STROKE. BREEDS SUCH AS BULL DOGS, PUGS, BOXERS & PEKINGESE ARE AT MUCH HIGHER RISK OF OVERHEATING MORE RAPIDLY. DO THE MATH! YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MATH WIZARD TO FIGURE OUT THAT YOU CAN CAUSE DEATH TO YOUR PET BY BEING CARELESS.

## OUCH - THE GROUND IS HOT!

**TAKE YOUR SHOES AND SOCKS OFF** . . . NOW WALK ACROSS THE ASPHALT, CEMENT, OTHER PAVEMENT OR SAND AT THE BEACH. **IF THE GROUND FEELS TOO HOT FOR YOUR FEET, THEN IT'S ALSO TOO HOT FOR YOUR PET'S FEET!!!** THE PADS ON YOUR PET'S PAWS CAN BECOME BURNED, BLISTERED & INFECTED FROM WALKING ACROSS HOT CEMENT OR ASPHALT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS! **ANIMALS' PAWS ARE NOT "MADE" TO WITHSTAND EXTREME HEAT.** ALSO REMEMBER THAT PETS CAN SUSTAIN OTHER INJURIES TO THEIR PAWS SUCH AS BRUISES, CUTS, SPLINTERS, ABSCESSES, INFECTIONS AS A RESULT OF STEPPING ON INSECTS, THORNS, GLASS, WOOD, OR OTHER OBJECTS.



## SWIMMING POOLS & OTHER WATER SOURCES CAN BE DANGEROUS!



DROWNING CAN HAPPEN AT ANY TIME AT ANY WATER SOURCE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO HUMANS OR ANIMALS. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND CAUTION WHEN YOU ALLOW YOUR PETS TO BE AROUND POOLS, LAKES, STREAMS, OCEANS, AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER. JUST BECAUSE YOUR PET MAY HAVE FOUR LEGS DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN IT CAN SWIM OR THAT IT WON'T TIRE WHEN SWIMMING. PREVENT SUCH A DEVASTATING OCCURRENCE BY ALWAYS OBSERVING YOUR PET WHEN IN OR NEAR WATER AND BY USING SAFETY DEVICES WHEN APPLICABLE, SUCH AS WATER LIFE VESTS MADE FOR PETS.

**ALWAYS PROVIDE FRESH COOL WATER FOR YOUR PETS!** PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR PET DEPENDS ON YOU AND IT DESERVES THE BEST OF CARE!

