



## DID YOU KNOW?

On a warm day, the temperature in a parked car can reach 160°C in a matter of minutes, even with partially opened windows!

## LEAVING YOUR PET IN A PARKED CAR CAN BE A DEADLY MISTAKE

With only hot air to breathe, your pet can quickly suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke. Signs of heat stress: heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, dizziness, vomiting, deep red or purple tongue.

If your pet gets overheated, you must lower his body temperature immediately!

- Get him into shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over his body.
- Apply ice pack or cold towels to head, neck and chest.
- Let him drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes
- Get your pet to a veterinarian right away, it could save his life.

**ON A HOT DAY, YOUR PET IS SAFER AT HOME!**

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## FLASH FLOODING & YOUR ANIMALS



Flash flooding has become a frightening problem in recent years. We need to be extra vigilant for our own safety and that of our animals. Your companion animal will be just as defenceless and vulnerable when faced with rapidly rising water and could be swept away or drown if kept on a running chain or is tied up outside of the home. The following advice could be a way of preventing a dangerous situation for your pet:

- Never chain or tie up pets.
- Pets must be able to move to higher ground away from the rising water, so pet owners should note where water accumulates on their property during storms and avoid keeping pets in these areas.
- Ensure that the pet has a shelter or kennel that is raised off the ground (on a pallet, slab of concrete or bricks).
- Avoid placing kennels or enclosing animals in an area where there is a chance of a fence or wall collapsing onto the animal.
- Swimming pools can also be hazardous for pets. Make sure your dog can get out by himself, should he accidentally fall in the water. A safety net over your pool can save your pet's life.
- Any draining pipes or holes in fences should be meshed across to allow water to escape, but will stop an animal from being swept away.
- Pets should have collars and tags as well as microchips.
- If you happen to see a stray animal that is scared and will not approach you, contact AAACL or your local shelter for assistance. As the animal may be far removed from home, it may be very frightened and require special training and equipment to capture. The AAACL Inspectorate are ready and willing to assist and can be contacted on 011 435 0672. Our stray brochure is available on our website [www.aacl.co.za/education](http://www.aacl.co.za/education) for further information and as a reference regarding the law and what to do in the event of finding a stray animal.

