

## The dangers of heatstroke ? Don't leave dogs in hot cars



### **What dogs are at risk?**

All dogs of all sizes and ages. Overweight or short-nosed dogs such as Bulldogs and Pugs being at higher risk.

### **Why can't my dog cool himself down?**

Unlike humans, dogs are unable to sweat efficiently, and rely on panting to help cool themselves.

### **When is it too hot to leave my dog in the car?**

Even if the weather looks cloudy, leaving your dog alone in the car is **VERY DANGEROUS** and **CAN LEAD TO DEATH**, even if windows are left open.

If the temperature outside is 22°C, the temperature inside the car can reach as high as 47°C within 60 minutes.

### **TOP TIPS - How to keep safe in the heat with your dog:**

? NEVER leave your dog alone in a car, conservatory or caravan ? even if the weather looks cloudy?? When travelling in the car with your dog have the temperature set to cool, and open windows where necessary to allow a fresh flow of air?? Always carry water with you and when out and about on walks, offer a drink of water regularly?? Seek shaded spots to allow your dog chance to cool down?? Don't allow your dog to exercise excessively on hot days?? Give fluffy or longhaired breeds a short haircut to keep them cool?