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HOW PETS COOL THEMSELVES:

Dogs cool themselves by panting and by releasing heat through their paws. They do not perspire through their skin like people. On warm days the air and upholstery in your vehicle heats up to high temperatures making it impossible for pets to cool themselves. Your dog will be more comfortable if left at home.

AIR CONDITIONING ISN'T THE ANSWER

You may think leaving the A/C on is enough to keep your safe. But there is a still chance that the A/C may malfunction. If this happens your car will heat up and your dog will be at risk for heatstroke. And you risk your vehicle being stolen!

DON'T BREAK THE WINDOW

Although you may have the pet's best interest in mind, do NOT break the window of a vehicle with a pet inside. Only RCMP or SPCA Special Constables are lawfully allowed to enter a vehicle with an animal in need.



WHERE TO FIND HELP

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