

A VEHICLE IS NOT A DOGSITTER



If you see a pet left alone in a vehicle and it appears to be in distress, call 911.

If the animal is not considered in distress, call 311.



Signs of Distress Can Include:

- Excessive panting or drooling
- Loss of bowel control
- Non-responsiveness
- Tired or lethargic behaviour
- A dark pink or purple tongue, and
- Frantic attempts to escape the vehicle



Before the police, fire or a private citizen can lawfully break a third party's window to retrieve an animal, there must be indicators that the animal within the vehicle is actually in heat-induced distress. If you choose to take this action, the entirety of the situation must be taken into consideration.

If a pet reaches a point of distress in your hot vehicle, you may be subject to:

- The seizure of your pet, a maximum fine of \$20,000 and a lifetime animal ownership ban under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta,
- Up to 6 months in jail under the Criminal Code of Canada



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