

# Pet Tip of the Week

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**Summer Travel:** In the summer's heat, the healthiest place for your dog or is at home, in a cool and protected area. However, this option is not always possible. Many circumstances require us to bring our pets along with us. Heatstroke is a very serious condition easily caused when you leave your pet in a closed in parked car on a hot day. But there are many things you can do to help prevent this terrible event. First and foremost, you must put the dog's protection from the sun as top priority. Park in a shaded spot, leave the windows down 3 to 4 inches, depending on your pet's size. Check to see where the sun is in relation to the shade. Plan to keep your absence from the car to as few a minutes possible. Check on your pet often, then return to your activity if necessary. Scan the parking lot for large vehicles like RV units or big half ton trucks as these will provide some shade for your pet. Also keep in mind that this large vehicle you are using for shade may leave before you return your own vehicle. Stop your car, get out and determine which way the wind is blowing. This will tell you which way to park your car to provide a good cross breeze for air ventilation. Always leave a spill proof water bowl on the floor of your car where the pet can easily drink. Those cardboard windshield blinders are great for deflecting the sun's rays as well. If you are from out of town, consider putting your pet in a Pet Day Care Center or a boarding kennel for the day. All pet stores and veterinarian services can recommend a reputable location for your pet to stay. As well, most animal shelters (SPCA & ASPCA) have facilities for boarding your pet and you are helping a good cause at the same time.



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