

A photograph of a brown dog looking out of a car window. The dog's mouth is open, and it appears to be panting or distressed. The car's interior and window frame are visible.

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# **DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS.**

**IF YOU LOVE THEM, DON'T LEAVE THEM.**

On a warm day, a car can heat up to over 50°C in less than 15 minutes. Dogs left in hot cars are at risk of heatstroke, which can lead to brain damage, organ failure, and even death. Parking in the shade or cracking a window offers little relief. Always take your dog with you when you leave the car, or leave them safely at home.

**If you see a dog left in a hot car, call  
0800 SPCA NZ or the Police right away.**