

PET SAFETY

DELAWARE COUNTY EMA



Pet Safety: Summer

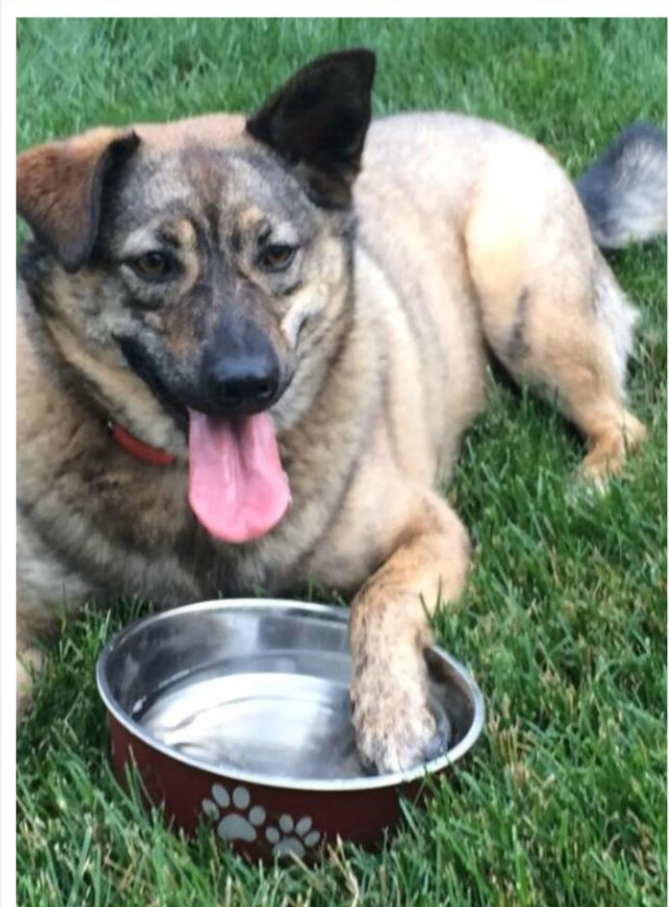
85° Outdoor temperature

On an 85 degree day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°

70° Outdoor temperature

Even if the temperature outdoors is only 70 degrees, the inside of your car may be as hot as 90°

Temperature chart and some information from www.ASPCA.org



- ✓ NEVER leave pets alone in hot vehicles. (see chart on side of slide to see how fast your vehicle can become dangerously hot.)
- ✓ Dehydration: Give your pets (and livestock) plenty of fresh, cool water. Make sure they have shelter from the sun and elements.
- ✓ Overheating: Know the symptoms of overheating in pets which may include increased respiratory and heart rates, excessive panting, drooling, weakness, difficulty breathing or even seizures.
- ✓ Water safety: Never leave pets unsupervised by water. Life jackets or floatation devices should be worn if boating.
- ✓ Loud noises: Loud noises such as thunderstorms and fireworks, can scare pets. They can become lost, scared or disoriented, so it's best to keep your pets safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area of your home.
- ✓ Lost Dogs and Dog License: Be sure to have an updated license on your pet so they can be returned to you. Visit www.delcodogs.com to look up found pets by tag numbers or to purchase a license.
- ✓ Sidewalks and Asphalt: Keep the times your pets are on these hot surfaces to a minimum as their sensitive paw pads can be burned.
- ✓ Did you know: Animals with flat faces, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively?
- ✓ Did you know: You should never shave your dog as the layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn.