

Paws for Danes



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New Law Goes Into Effect

Written by: Edith Bowler-Lind

On July 24, another Washington law to protect pets from neglect – and ignorance – takes effect. It allows police and animal control to rescue pets from cars (or other “enclosed spaces”) if the pet is “suffering or likely to suffer harm.”

Until now, the only law applicable to leaving pets in a dangerously hot car was the “first degree animal cruelty” law (RCW 16.52.205) which made dehydration or “suffocation” of pets (as in a hot car) a felony. But that law basically required evidence of “considerable suffering or death” before it applied.

This new law allows law enforcement to rescue a pet in time to prevent suffering by allowing an officer to break into a vehicle if they “reasonably believe an animal is suffering or is likely to suffer harm from exposure to excessive heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or lack of necessary water.”

Violation of this new law is not a “crime” as it is not a misdemeanor or felony. It is just a “civil infraction” and the only punishment is a fine – like a parking ticket. (And if appropriate, the owner could still be charged with felony cruelty, as this law doesn’t let one evade prosecution for serious neglect.) But this new law gives police more leeway to protect pets. And not only in cars. It may also give animal control officers another tool to protect pets locked in pens without food and water, but not yet in bad enough shape to use the felony cruelty law. At least with this new law, they have another way to protect animals.

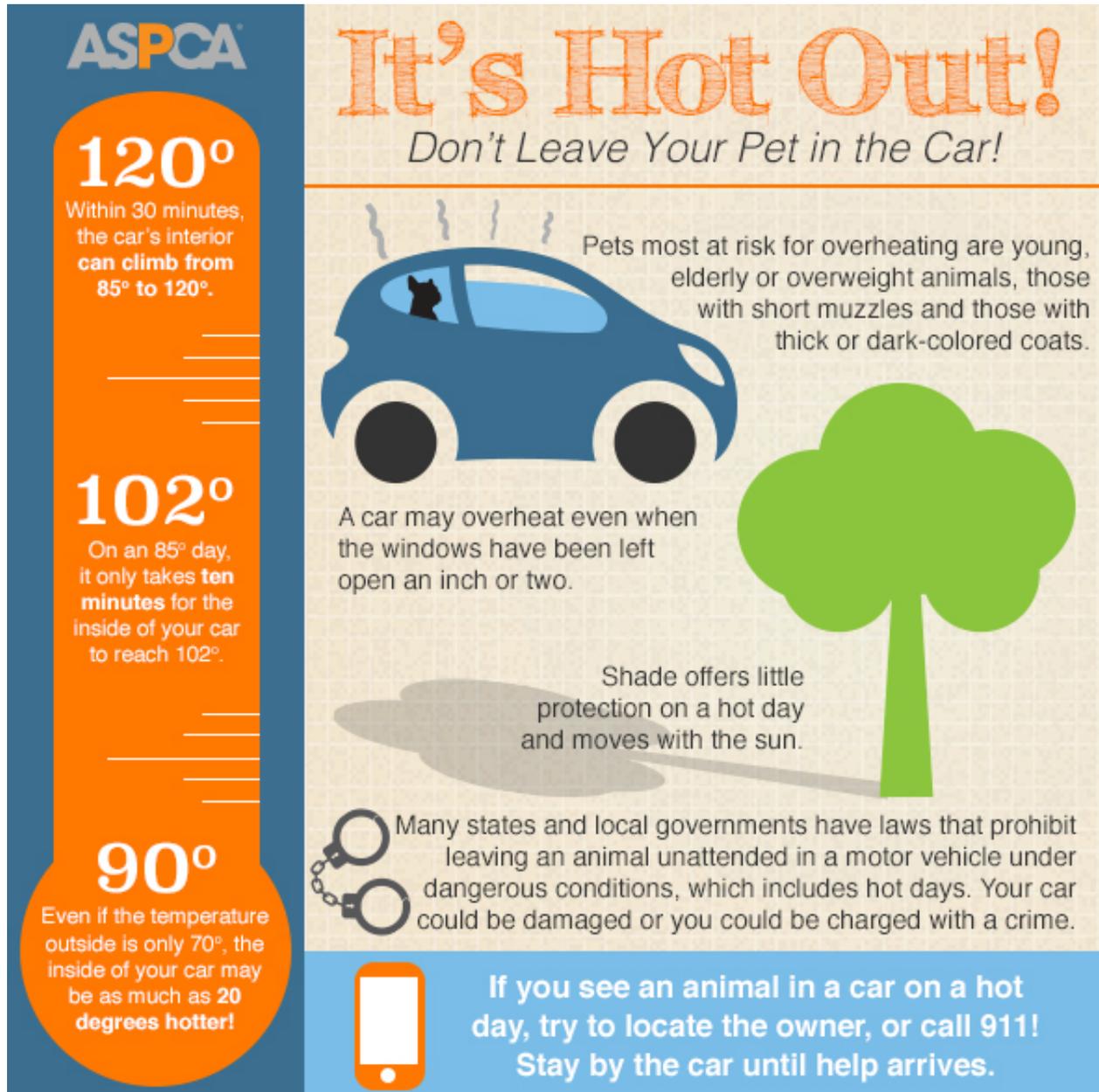
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Homemade Pupsicles

Written by: Georgia Hymmen

While the kids are eating popsicles, your dog should have something cool too. You can use a popsicle tray or ice cube tray to freeze yummy, refreshing treats for your dog. Get creative by tossing in bananas, yogurt, peanut butter (all natural), and carrots into a blender with a little water or chicken or beef broth (all natural or low sodium is best).

ASPCA Hot Weather Infographic



Five Ways to Help Your Dog Cope with Time Away from You

Rest Easy with Home-Style Dog Sitting

Written by: Mara

You and your dog, you're like peas in a pod,
Bffs, buddies, soul mates.

He walks beside you in perfect heel, gazing up at your face. He hangs on your every word and responds to any command with drill team precision.

He's the perfect canine companion, except when you have to leave him. Then he becomes a crying, whining, drooling bundle of nerves. He tugs so hard at a leash in another person's hand--and your heartstrings--that you avoid going places because it might upset the dog.

If this sounds familiar, it may be time to take a good look at your relationship. Sure, it's great to be loved so deeply, but it's not really all that healthy. Someday you may have to leave him with a sitter, the vet, or a boarding facility. Sometimes you may have to go someplace where dogs are not allowed, like work, for example.

That's why in the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test there is a section called "Supervised Separation." CGC evaluators tell us that when dogs do not pass the test, it's usually because of this. The dogs may have been perfect in every other way, but they found it unbearable to be away from their beloved humans for even three minutes.



Guilt-free and Comfortable Boarding for Your Dog

Written by: Kate Ice



Tigger and Miyagi

My husband and I do a lot of traveling. Unfortunately, not every extended outing we take is dog friendly, especially with multiple giant dogs like our two Great Danes. But when finding a trustworthy friend or family member to care for our pets is not an option, how are we to tend to them?

For myself, the idea of a traditional dog kennel brings about visions of our beloved pets put up in a barn somewhere, whimpering from behind the fence of a concrete run. While not every facility will be so offensive, I simply can not see us leaving our four-legged family members in a kennel that offers anything less than an intimate environment with the most expert of attendants.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to traditional kenneling. In-home boarding offers the care and expertise of dog-knowledgeable caretakers, while placing our dogs directly into the home-style environment they are accustomed to. While each home-style facility may differ, they all offer the same, large advantages over kennel boarding; maximum comfort for the dog and peace of mind for the owner.

Recently, we had the pleasure of boarding our two Danes with Dena Cassell of Big Dog Sitting and Daycare Service in Port Orchard. Thanks to my previous assumptions that all dog-boarding places were the same, this was our first time

We asked our CGC Facebook fans for advice. Here are some of the best tips from trainers, evaluators, and people whose dogs passed the test:

- 1. Begin by leaving your dog with another person briefly**, and have the stranger offer good treats and lots of praise. Then gradually increase the time. For dogs with more anxiety, you should walk in and out of the room several times, counting only to 10 before re-entering.
- 2. Play "hide and seek" in new places.** Leave the dog with a person you know but he doesn't, and walk away. Then, have the stranger release the dog to look for you. That way, being held on a leash by a stranger becomes part of the game.
- 3. Practice down-stays at home.** Only give the dog a treat if the down-stay is maintained, even when you go into another room. It makes staying a fun game, not a cause for anxiety.
- 4. If the dog is acquired as a puppy, teach separation as part of socialization training**, starting in the home before the puppy has all shots. Invite a friend over to help. The visitor occupies the puppy while owner briefly steps out and returns. And then raise the bar and eventually move into the "real world." Keep all sessions very short and upbeat.
- 5. Be matter of fact with all departures and returns.** Show no great displays of sorrow upon parting and no celebrations when you come

ever leaving our dogs in the care of someone else at a location other than our own house. But after visiting Dena's home and seeing where our dogs would eat, sleep, run, and lounge, I began to feel more confident in the decision.

Our first day away I received picture messages and little notes on how our "kids" were doing. Dena had asked that we send our dogs with their own beds, foods, chews and toys so as to provide maximum comfort while away. I'm sure these things helped a great deal, but after receiving images of Chloe, our "baby girl," lolling next to Dena's own female Dane, and Ruger, our male, sprawled across the couch in Dena's husband's lap, I think they hardly needed the extra comfort. Stories of Chloe teaching Dena's dogs the joys of drinking from the toilet, (and good-humored threats from Dena herself should her Danes pick up the habit) transformed any last nerves I had into giggles of joy and eased my mind as I shared these notes with my husband.

Aside from offering a comfortable place for our dogs to stay, I was also assured by the level of knowledge Dena has of large dogs and their health concerns. Should one of our dogs injure themselves, fall ill, or need careful handling for behavioral reasons, I had no concern about the level of care they would receive. As much as I love and appreciate my trust-worthy friends and family, would they be able to recognize the early signs of bloat in a dog? Safely subdue a play session turned too rowdy? Diligently feed any special (sometimes complicated) medications? I can't be sure, but I could absolutely rely on Dena's expertise.

Upon returning home, my husband and I could not have been more ecstatic to find our dogs waiting happily for us. Aside from her other services, Dena offers transportation to and from her home, a fact that this weary traveler was very grateful for after a full day of airports and car rides. Ruger, who tends to go off his food when even slightly stressed, had not lost an ounce of weight. Both dogs' coats were gleaming from a recent oatmeal bath and their nails had been expertly trimmed to smooth little nubs; a surprise we were not expecting. Their

back. That way, the process becomes no big deal.

Test this and your dog's other skills by attending a Canine Good Citizen training event.

Upcoming Dane Outreach Events

What: Pierce County Dog A Thon

Where: Ft. Steilacoom Park in Lakewood

When: July 25th, 9-2 PM

Dane Outreach will have a booth at the Pierce County Dog A Thon. This venue allows the public to bring their own dog, and there are multiple activities throughout the day for dogs. Click [here](#) for more information.

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household manners were as polished as the day we left and though excited to see us they were obviously content after their week and a half away from home and us.

I am now fully on board with this trend of small business, home-style boarding. Dena's services are not alone. I recommend doing your full research on any dog sitter you may be considering, but I hope our experience will show that excellent daily or extended care for your own dog is certainly available when the need arises and that boarding your dog can be guilt-free and comfortable for all.

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