

We understand you meant to be kind in taking your dog for a ride today, but you could be risking its life.

On a hot summer day, the inside of a car heats very quickly. On an 85° day, for example, the temperature inside your car, with the windows slightly opened, will reach 102° in 10 minutes. In 30 minutes that temperature will rise to 120°.

Your dog's normal body temperature is 101.5° to 102.2°F, The closed car interferes with your dog's normal cooling process of evaporation through panting, so his/her body temperature rises. Your dog can withstand a body temperature of 107° to 109°F for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage, heat stroke, or even death.

Of course your dog would like to join you for a ride, but when the weather turns warm, it's best to park your pet at home.



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