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## ANIMALS IN VEHICLES DURING WARM WEATHER

As the weather is getting warmer, the Lewiston Police Department (LPD) has started to receive complaints about dogs being left in vehicles. LPD urges animal owners to leave their animals at home during warm weather.

On hot—or even warm—sunny days, the inside of a car heats up very quickly. For example, on an 80 degree day, even with the windows slightly open, the temperature inside a car can climb to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and to 120 degrees in 30 minutes. On warmer days it will go up even higher. This would also include the beds of pickups as the metal can heat up quickly and burn the pads on dog's paws.

A dog's normal body temperature is 101.5 to 102.2 degrees. A dog can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a short amount of time before suffering irreparable brain damage, or even death. The closed vehicle interferes with the dog's normal cooling process—panting.

So please, do your pet a favor and leave your pet at home to avoid harming your pet during warm spring and summer days.

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