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## Sample Letter to the Editor: MyDogsCool.com

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Today's date

Dear Editor:

[insert reference to specific case in your area]. Every year, dogs die after being locked inside cars while their owners shop or run other errands. These tragic deaths are entirely preventable.

Dog owners need to know the facts: Hot cars are death traps for dogs. When it is 72 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car can reach 116 degrees within an hour, even with windows cracked. When it is 85 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car can climb to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in 30 minutes.

A dog's normal body temperature ranges from 101 to 102.5 degrees. Dogs can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a short time before they experience brain and nerve damage, heart problems -- and even death.

The My Dog is Cool Campaign operated by United Animal Nations lets people know that leaving a dog in a car for even "just a few minutes" may be too long.

If you see a dog in a potentially dangerous situation in a hot car, please call your local police department, animal control agency or humane society immediately.

It's not cool to leave a dog in a hot car. For more information, visit [www.MyDogsCool.com](http://www.MyDogsCool.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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*Bringing animals out of crisis and into care.*