

# PETS - VEHICLES - SUMMER HEAT



**Town of St. Paul**  
A PEOPLE KIND OF PLACE

A complaint that is often received at St. Paul Municipal Enforcement is a hot pet locked inside a vehicle. Usually this results because the motorist has parked their vehicle, went inside a store, and would be back in a few minutes. In those few minutes your pet will begin to get warm. Pets can only perspire through their mouth by panting and sweat through the pads of their feet. Even with water left inside the vehicle for your pet, they can come into distress.

The animal protection act states that no person shall cause an animal to be in distress. A Peace Officer may take any action necessary to relieve the animals distress. Should the owner of the vehicle not be located, this may result in damage to your vehicle, to remove your pet from inside.

If your pet has overheated air to breath they can begin to have internal organ damage in just 15 minutes. Ask yourself if your pet really needs to come with you to the store, or downtown.