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TIP OF THE WEEK

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HOW LONG WILL YOU BE GONE?

While many of us are looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather, we must remind ourselves that some of our loved ones may find themselves in an uncomfortable predicament. It could even result in their death.

We are speaking about our pets who accompany many of us on our trips and errands in a motor vehicle. We should never leave our pet unattended in a parked car. On warm days, the temperature in a car can rise to dangerous levels in minutes, even with the windows cracked open.

Here on the Oregon Coast, even on what seems like a cool but sunny day, inside car temperatures can become uncomfortable and even dangerously high enough to cause a pet to suffer heat stroke. Dogs have a normal body temperature of 101 to 102.5 degrees. They can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short period of time before suffering brain damage or even death. Even immediate emergency care may not save your pet's life.

The brief stop we plan to make at the store could stretch to 15 minutes or more before we know it. Our mistake could cost our pet its life. Leaving the windows cracked won't cool the car enough to protect our beloved pet, even if we have made water available.

Many pets may not care about a trip in the car, but we know that most dogs are excited about car rides. Most dogs want to go with their owners everywhere, but when the weather turns warm, it may be safer to leave your pet at home or with a trusted friend.

If you observe a pet in a car under this circumstance, call dispatch at 541-265-0777.

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