



Stratford-Perth Humane Society
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The Stratford Perth Humane Society reminds pet owners about the dangers of leaving pets unattended in vehicles

Stratford-Perth, Ontario, Canada, June 21, 2018 – With summer upon us, the Stratford Perth Humane Society is joining efforts to educate the public about the dangers of leaving pets unattended in vehicles.

The issue of owners leaving their pets unattended in vehicles during the hot summer months is a serious, ongoing problem across Ontario and puts animals' lives at risk. There is no excuse for leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle! To educate the public, the Ontario SPCA launched its 2018 No Hot Pets campaign today in partnership with the SPHS as well as SPCA's and humane societies across Canada.

The Stratford Perth Humane Society is asking the public to share the dangers of leaving pets in vehicles using the hashtag #nohotpets on social media. You can also help make a difference by going online to www.nohotpets.ca to take the pledge never to leave an animal in a vehicle and to report it if you see it happen. Those who pledge will receive a free No Hot Pets window decal for their vehicles, while supplies last.

"People still aren't getting the message about how dangerous it is to leave your pet unattended in a vehicle," says Kathrin Delutis, Executive Director, Stratford Perth Humane Society. "It's completely unacceptable. Leave your pet at home, and if you must take your pet, make sure that someone is with it at all times."

Businesses across the province are also getting on board with the No Hot Pets campaign and are welcoming animals into their places of business while pet owners shop. For a complete list of participating businesses, as well as information on how to register, visit www.nohotpets.ca

Parked cars can quickly reach deadly temperatures, even on relatively mild days with the car parked in the shade and the windows slightly open. Dogs have a limited ability to sweat, so even a short time in a hot environment can be life threatening.

If you observe an animal suffering in the heat, call the Stratford Perth Humane Society at 519-273-6600, the OSPCA at 310-SPCA (7722) or your local police

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The Stratford-Perth Humane Society is part of the Animal Welfare Agency South Central Ontario and is a leader in Animal Welfare in our communities, focusing on what is in the best interest of the pets. We do this through community education, advocacy, care, and compliance. We are a registered charity and receive no government funding for our programs. Charitable BIN 11898 3550 RR0001

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