

Senate Agriculture Committee

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To: Senate Agriculture Committee
Subject: PCHTSC

It happens every summer.

A dog (and/or child) is left alone in a hot car to suffer a horrific death.

Just a few minutes can be deadly. Please see Temperature Chart link, courtesy of the American Veterinary Medical Association:

<https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/pets-in-vehicles.aspx>

This is an avoidable tragedy! 25 States have already enacted some form of "Hot Car" legislation, and several more states have bills pending.

South Carolina urgently needs to implement our own "Hot Car" legislation:

- 1) impose specific cruelty/neglect/abuse penalties
- 2) pass laws that grant civil & criminal immunity to "Good Samaritans" to allow reasonable forcible entry to save lives
- 3) empower Animal Control, Law Enforcement, Firemen, and other First Responders to forcibly gain entry to save lives

Both Tennessee and Florida have implemented the "Good Samaritan" option. In this type of dangerous situation, every minute counts and Law Enforcement assistance varies with response times due to availability and priority.

I would like to see South Carolina adopt similar legislation!

For more detailed information, please refer to the following sources:

- 1) "Table of State Laws That Protect Animals Left in Parked Vehicles"
by Rebecca F. Wisch, published 2016 by Michigan State University College of Law
Link: <https://www.animallaw.info/topic/table-state-laws-protect-animals-left-parked-vehicles>
- 2) "Overview of State Laws: Leaving Unattended Animals in Vehicles"
Animal Legal Defense Fund website
Link: <http://aldf.org/cases-campaigns/action-alerts/dogs-in-hot-cars/overview-of-state-laws-leaving-unattended-animals-in-vehicles/>

Thank you for your consideration in this vital matter.

Sincerely,
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From: koala@ori.net
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 9:38 PM
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There has been a lot of talk in Kershaw County about regulation, licensing and limiting the number of dogs one may own. I know that there is a big problem in the state of South Carolina with illegal breeders, hoarders and dogs being bred for the purpose of fighting. And having been involved with rescue, I see first hand at what results that produces. I am also a responsible pet owner and am very concerned what effect this will have on myself as well as the many other responsible pet owners and people who foster these pets when they are rescued from animal shelters. All but one of my pets are rescues that have been spayed and neutered and are well cared for.

To quote my veterinarian, "I don't know what you're doing to keep them this healthy but keep doing it".

We are also very generous in supporting shelters and their operations. My concern is that responsible pet owners will end up footing the bill for any regulations that come from this committee while those who are causing the problem are not touched. Could you perhaps make penalties for those offenders so steep that they finance your objectives? I feel that going after honest people will only add to the burden that is already on these shelters. Thank you in advance for your time. I will be unable to attend your meeting on December 1st.