

NEWS RELEASE

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A reminder not to leave animals unattended in hot vehicles

Summary

As the weather has warmed up, the City would like to remind pet owners not to leave animals unattended in a vehicle. The Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw restricts anyone from leaving a dog confined in a vehicle where there is no adequate ventilation or where the internal vehicle temperature exceeds 23 degrees Celsius.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo has established rules and regulations to control pets and other animals within the City. These regulatory rules have been established by Council through various policies and bylaws to provide for the enjoyment and protection of the community's general population.

Key Points

- Last year, the City updated the Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw to include a new section prohibiting a person from keeping a dog confined in a vehicle where there is no adequate ventilation or where the internal vehicle temperature exceeds 23 degrees Celsius.
- The fine for leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle without proper ventilation is up to \$500.

Quotes

"While it may feel warm outside, the inside of a confined space like a car can get really hot, really fast. Please don't leave your pet unattended in your vehicle on warm days."

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