

## **Marin Humane Society Cautions: TOO HOT FOR SPOT!**

*Leave pets at home and safe during warm weather*

**(NOVATO, CALIF., June 27, 2013)** — The Marin Humane Society (MHS) is urging pet guardians to leave their animal companions at safely home during this week’s hot weather. Each warm day MHS receives calls from the public who are concerned about animals left unattended in vehicles. MHS Animal Services officers are patrolling large shopping plazas, including Vintage Oaks in Novato, to look for any signs of animals in distress. Local mall staff is diligent in reporting pets left in cars to MHS too.

As temperatures rise, the best thing to do is to leave your pets at home. Provide plenty of fresh water and limit outdoor activities. Pets, cars and warm days don’t mix. Running into the store for “just a minute” can be dangerous for an animal left in a car:

- When you turn off your car, all ventilation stops. A car’s interior can reach 160 degrees in a few minutes, even on mildly warm days.
- Animals in hot cars are at risk for brain damage, heat stroke—even death
- It is against the law in Marin County to leave a pet unattended in a vehicle on a warm day. Any law enforcement officer can and will use whatever means are necessary to remove a pet from a vehicle and harm’s way if an animal is in distress.

If you see an animal in a car on a warm day, get the vehicle description and license plate and call the Marin Humane Society immediately at [415.883.4621](tel:415.883.4621). Your call could save an animal’s life!

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The Marin Humane Society offers refuge, rehabilitation, and support services to more than 10,000 domestic animals and wildlife each year through a myriad of community services, including adoptions, foster care, behavior and training, humane education, pet assistance for people in need, lost-and-found pet services, and more. MHS is a local, independent organization and does not receive operating funds from national organizations. In addition to our role as non-profit animal shelter, MHS is responsible for upholding [county and municipal animal services](#) ordinances through a Joint Powers Agreement contract with the County of Marin. Visit [MarinHumaneSociety.org](http://MarinHumaneSociety.org).

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