

DOG

Time first observed: _____ am pm
 Physical description:
 Breed/mix: _____
 Size of dog: small medium large giant
 Age: _____ puppy adult senior
 Fur colour: black white grey tan red _____
 Fur length: short med long undercoat
 Brachycephalic (flat face): Y N
 Containment
 Crate seatbelt harness loose _____
 Photo taken: Y N Video taken: Y N
 Witness name who took it: _____

1st HEATSTROKE RISK ASSESSMENT

Time of 1st assessment: _____
Signs of heat exhaustion (medium risk):
 Panting: none lightly medium
 Saliva: none light drooling med. drooling
 Water bowl: n/k no yes drinking
 Audible: whimpering barking scratching
Signs of heat stroke (emergency)
 Panting: heavy wide-open-throat non-existent
 Saliva: heavy drool saliva drips foamy
 tacky gums (*lips sticking to gums*)
 Gums/lips/tongue: deep/bright red white grey
 Sweaty pawprints on: seat window dash
 Audible: whimpering barking scratching
 wheezing other: _____
 Emergent signs: gasping wobbling weakness
 vomiting diarrhea not responsive to
 window knocks collapse seizure

VEHICLE

Make/model: _____
 Colour: black white grey red blue _____
 Licence plate: _____
 Address/Store entrance: _____
 Landmark in lot: _____
 Windows open: 1 2 3 4 _____
 How many inches/cm: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 _____
 Seats: leather cloth white black grey tan other
 Water: bowl visible full empty no bowl
 Photo taken: Y N Video taken: Y N
 Witness name who took it: _____

TEMPERATURE

Vehicle parked: full sun partial sun full shade
 Outside temperature at vehicle:
 Estimated: street sign internet news
 Actual (thermometer used): _____
 Breeze: Y N describe: _____

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE OWNER

Notify store(s) and request an announcement be made. Example: "Would the owner of the silver Honda Civic, licence plate xxxxx, please return to your car immediately as your dog is overheating."
 If possible, have another volunteer continue to observe the dog while you do this.

1. Store name: _____
 Staff name: _____
 Time of 1st request: _____ 2nd _____
 Action taken: _____
2. Store name: _____
 Staff name: _____
 Time of 1st request: _____ 2nd _____
 Action taken: _____
3. Store name: _____
 Staff name: _____
 Time of 1st request: _____ 2nd _____
 Action taken: _____
4. Store name: _____
 Staff name: _____
 Time of 1st request: _____ 2nd _____
 Action taken: _____
5. Store name: _____
 Staff name: _____
 Time of 1st request: _____ 2nd _____
 Action taken: _____

Door knocks on houses (if on residential street)

1. Address/time: _____
2. Address/time: _____
3. Address/time: _____
4. Address/time: _____
5. Address/time: _____

Other attempts: _____

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED (see back page)

Who: animal control police _____
 City: _____ Ph: _____
 1st time called: _____ 2nd: _____
 Name spoke to: _____
 Estimated time of arrival: _____
 Time arrived: _____
 Responder name: _____

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2nd HEATSTROKE RISK ASSESSMENT

Time of 2nd assessment: _____
Signs of heat exhaustion (medium risk):
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 Saliva: none light drooling med. drooling
 Water bowl: n/k no yes drinking
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IF LIFE-THREATENING and IMMEDIATE CARE GIVEN BY CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER

**your own decision based on your assessment*
 Entered vehicle: unlocked by force (lock/window)
 Time: _____
 Who: _____
 Method: _____
 Damage: _____
 Witness name: _____

Vital signs taken:

Respiration(15-30/min): _____

Heart/Pulse(60-160/min): _____

Temperature(100-102F/37.8-38.9C): _____

External cooling with tepid water: Y N

Where? head neck abdomen armpits groin

Electric/manual fan used (if appropriate): Y N

How long (mins): _____

Performed: AR CPR _____

Other: _____

Dog transported to veterinarian:

Transporter name: _____

2nd person name: _____

Time left scene: _____

Info left at scene: Y N How? _____

Time arrived at clinic: _____

Address: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Outcome: _____

WITNESSES

Primary note-taker: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

EXTRA NOTES

Your Home City:

Animal Control: _____

Police (non-emergency): _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

2nd Nearby City:

Animal Control: _____

Police (non-emergency): _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

3rd Nearby City:

Animal Control: _____

Police (non-emergency): _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

4th Nearby City:

Animal Control: _____

Police (non-emergency): _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

Other:

* Complete above with local info before photocopying

**** MUST READ BEFORE USE:** Use of this document does not replace veterinary care, canine first aid training or police/animal control. It is meant as a guide only, if you respond to a canine heat exhaustion or canine heatstroke situation. Responding to canine heatstroke involves potential risk including dog bites and verbal or physical altercations with humans. Your personal safety is always the priority and you assume all costs and risks for your interactions if/while using this document. v.3

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Heatstroke

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Pause
Action
Document
Start now...

**Dog in a Hot Car
Responder Checklist**