

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



A champion for animals

**75° is too hot
to leave a pet
in the car**



Too HOT for Spot! IS NOW THE LAW

As of November, 16, 2016, S.2369, *An Act to Prevent Animal Suffering and Death*, prohibits pet owners from confining any animal in a motor vehicle when extreme heat or cold could reasonably be expected to threaten the health of the animal.



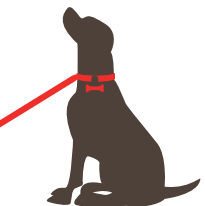
What can first responders do?

First responders –including animal control officers, law enforcement officials, and firefighters- may, after making reasonable efforts to locate the motor vehicle’s owner, enter the vehicle by any reasonable means **to protect the health and safety of animals**; and must leave a written notice with information on where the animal may be retrieved.



What can regular citizens like me do?

If a citizen finds an animal in a vehicle, the citizen must make reasonable efforts to locate the motor vehicle’s owner, such as notifying law enforcement or calling 911. A citizen can not use more force than reasonably necessary to enter the motor vehicle and remove the animal; and should have a reasonable belief that entry into the vehicle is necessary to prevent imminent danger to the animal.



What else does this new law include?

This new law also amends the anti-tethering statute, which means that dogs cannot be: tethered to a stationary object for longer than 5 hours; tethered outside from 10:00PM until 6:00AM, unless not for more than 15 minutes and when the owner, guardian, or keeper is present; confined outside when a weather advisory, warning, or watch is issued or when environmental conditions pose a risk to health or safety of the dog. This law also authorizes law enforcement officers from ARL and MSPCA to issue citations to violators when an animal control officer is unavailable or unresponsive.

For more information about this law, visit
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