

**The following was posted by the City of Albany Animal Control Officer today.
The same information is true for Corvallis and Benton County.**

As you may or may not know, we are going to experience extreme heat this coming week. We are going to start out at 90 degrees and it will go as high as 110 degrees on Wednesday. Given the temperatures this week, there is NO VALID reason for a person to leave a pet in a vehicle. Think of it this way, would you sit in a vehicle wearing a full length fur coat and hat for 10 or 15 minutes or longer? Why make your pet do that.

If you leave a pet in a vehicle unattended, you can be charged with Animal Neglect II or Animal Neglect I depending on the status of the animal. The person responsible for the animal can either be arrested and /or cited at the scene. Minimum fine starts at \$6,250.00. Please leave your pets at home during the hot weather. Also, refrain from walking your pets during the extreme heat as the hot pavement can burn the dogs pads, causing injury.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Albany Police Department at 541.917.7680.

Corvallis and Benton County Non-Emergency Dispatch 24-hour line is 541-766-6911.