

Summer Safety for Animals

You can help save a life.

The law protects pets. City, County and AZ State ordinances have a variety of provisions designed to protect animals from summer hazards like high temperatures, inadequate ventilation and cruel confinement.

It is your responsibility to report occurrences of animal cruelty and neglect.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergencies: 911

Pima Animal Care Center: (520) 724-5900

Livestock Concerns: 1-800-294-0305

Animal Cruelty Taskforce's Non-Emergency Line:
(520) 547-0260

Tucson Police Non-Emergency Number:
(520) 351-4900

88-Crime Anonymous Tip Line:
88-CRIME or (520) 882-7463



ANIMAL CRUELTY TASKFORCE
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Learn more about summer pet safety on the back.

The Law Protect Pets

Learn the laws that protect
pets at www.ACT-AZ.org.

Animals in Hot Vehicles:

Statutory law prohibits the confinement of animals in vehicles when conditions exist that may threaten the animal's life or well-being. Conditions may include extremely **hot** or **cold** temperatures; lack of food or water; exposure to harmful fumes or substances; or similar circumstances. Arizona laws empowers police, Animal Care officers, and good Samaritans who first notify law enforcement to use reasonable means to rescue any animal trapped in a vehicle and provide immediate medical care without the consent or knowledge of the animal's owner. If the animal suffers any bodily harm or death, or is at risk of being so harmed, the owner can be arrested. Good Samaritans must stay on scene and wait for law enforcement.

Tie-Outs and Chains:

Many communities in southern Arizona have limitations or prohibitions on animal tie-outs. Chaining or tying a dog encourages aggressive behavior and is also a dangerous practice that could lead to injury or death of the animals. Each year in our community, tie-outs account for a significant number of reported deaths due to dogs being unable to reach water or being hanged on their leads. The owner is legally responsible for any injury caused to the animal while it is on an illegal tie-out.

**Learn more about hot pavement,
sunburns, desert-specific issues,
signs of heatstroke, livestock
concerns and other summer
pet safety laws at
www.ACT-AZ.org.**



Report animal cruelty and neglect and save a life.