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## NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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The Nampa Police Department Animal Control in partnership with the Canyon County Animal Shelter would like to educate the public in an effort to prevent dogs from being left in vehicles this summer. Temperatures during the late spring to early fall months can become dangerously high for both animals and humans. Such conditions can easily become life-threatening by leaving an animal in a parked vehicle where temperatures can soar to lethal heights. Leaving a dog in a vehicle on a warm or sunny day can increase the internal temperature of that vehicle by more than 40 degrees in a matter of 10-15 minutes.

The Nampa Police Department Animal Control and Canyon County Animal Shelter are distributing flyers to local businesses to post on their premises for citizens to see and read to be more aware of the dangers of leaving an animal in a parked vehicle. Over 20 flyers have already been distributed in the Karcher Road and Marketplace areas of Nampa.

A dog can become stressed inside an overheated vehicle in only five minutes. It is important to recognize the signs of a dog in distress in order to call for help.

Signs of distress include:

- Panting
- Heavy drooling or foam around mouth
- Staring
- Anxious expression
- Vomiting
- Collapse

If you see an animal in distress in a vehicle, please contact Nampa Police Animal Control at 465-2257.

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