Even ten minutes could be too long for a pet in the car on a hot day. By then, the temperature inside your car could reach 160°. That’s hot enough to cause a dog to suffer heat stroke. Within moments, a dog could sustain permanent brain damage. If emergency care is not given, your pet could die.

The short stop you plan to make at the store could easily stretch to 15 minutes. Before you know it, your mistake could cost your dog its life, and leaving the windows cracked won’t cool the car enough to protect your pet.

Of course, your dog would like to go with you everywhere, but when the weather turns warm, it’s better to leave your pet at home.

Remember to Love, License and Spay/Neuter Your Pet!