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EXTREME HEAT TIPS FOR PETS

Richland, Wash.: Benton County Emergency Services urges residents to watch out for heat exhaustion and heat stroke during the hot weather. Pets need special attention especially during times of extreme heat.

”If people need to transport pets in the extreme heat, it is best not to leave them in the car, even with the windows cracked. Dogs do not have sweat glands, and they cool by panting.” says Dr. Robert Privette of Vista Veterinary Center in Kennewick. Privette states the importance of making sure pets have adequate water and shade.

A final reminder, **DO NOT** leave pets in a locked car. Temperatures will quickly increase to levels that can lead to illness or death.

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