# Puppy Love

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## It's Hot! Really, Really Hot!

The Serota family lived in Illinois and shared their life with a six-year-old, 110-pound, Labrador named Miller. He was a very loved member of his family. As a treat, Miller went to a doggie day care a couple days a week for several years. It was like a "field trip" for Miller and gave him an opportunity to play with other dogs when he attended. This was a premier upscale "resort for pampered pets." They provided van transportation to and from the dog's home. The daycare picked Miller up around 9am and then Miller was on his way to enjoying another good day on his routine field trip. Around 4pm the family received a phone call from the daycare, and they were told that Miller had died. It was explained that he was left in the van after his arrival and was never brought into the building. Steve Serota drove to the daycare immediately and found Miller trapped in a locked cage in a hot van! Miller's dad said, "It defies rational, right? Miller was a happy, loving member of our family who was left in a hot vehicle for hours, and he didn't deserve that." Serota said it is difficult to explain the heartbreak of losing Miller in such a tragic, completely avoidable devastating way. "He was the definition of a good boy, right? A classis Lab. Loved everybody. He was one of those dogs that was super friendly, people, everybody," said Serota. It was noted he was exceptionally good with children. The community has embraced the Serota family offering support and love during this difficult tragedy in their family's grief.

## Know Your Car

- When it's 72º Fahrenheit outside, the temperature inside your car is 116º Fahrenheit.
- When it's 80º Fahrenheit outside, the temperature inside your car is 99º Fahrenheit in 10 minutes.
- Rolled down windows has no true beneficial effect.



Quillabella is our amazing baby girl who has grown up into a beautiful doxie. She had her first litter of precious puppies, three boys and three girls. They are a blessing to the families that love!

## Canine Hero

An animal control officer rescued five dogs trapped inside a hot car after the animals began showing signs of distress. The officer called for help but as temperatures continued to climb and the dogs' condition worsened, the officer decided there was no time to wait. Most of the dogs were confined in cages and the vehicle's windows were only slightly cracked. The officer broke a window and quickly removed the dogs from the vehicle. The five dogs were evaluated by a veterinarian, who found their body temperatures had reached potentially deadly levels. The owner was issued a citation for multiple welfare violations and lost custody of his dogs.




## Know the Law…

There are generally three types of hot car laws: restrictions on leaving animals in vehicles; laws that allow law enforcement and officials to rescue animals from vehicles; and 'Good Samaritan' laws that enable residents to make such a rescue without risk of liability for vehicle damage. *'Good Samaritan'* laws often require that the animal is in immediate danger of severe injury or death, that the resident first makes a reasonable effort to locate the owner, contacts the police, and ensures the vehicle isn't unlocked before causing any damages.