

DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS

Show Schedule Notice

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at Kennel Club licensed events.

- When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
- If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the show is a good idea at all.
- The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
- Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
- When at the show, never leave your dog in the vehicle.
- Keep the dog in the shade – take your own shade, for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
- Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion, or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.

Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

Warning: if your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry into your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

Anyone whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.

Breach of Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Regulations.

Right to refuse entries.

Exhibitors/competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Kennel Club Regulations to refuse any entry.

Dogs in cars on hot days entry form notice

This notice must be printed on the entry form and can be printed on the back of the entry form:

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.

If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

Docking statements

The following statements (as appropriate) should appear on the front page of your schedule and also above the declaration box on the entry form.

For shows held in Wales where the public are admitted on payment of a fee, the following statements to be included on the front outside cover or title page. **"A dog docked on or after the 28th March 2007 may not be entered for exhibition at this show."**