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Heat Wave Rolls Los Angeles *spcaLA reminds to watch out for pets*

Los Angeles, CA – A 4-day heat wave arrives in Los Angeles today, bringing with it increased temperatures and hot, gusty winds. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (**spcaLA**) reminds people it is best to leave pets at home, provide plenty of cool drinking water, and never leave pets or children unattended in cars. On a hot day, the temperature inside a parked car can easily soar up to 160 degrees. This temperature is hot enough to cause heat stroke and permanent brain damage in children or pets.

Remember to protect your pet from the sun. If your pet must stay in the yard (instead of the cool indoors which is recommended) be sure there is adequate shade and ventilation, and water in a tip-proof dish. A complete list of hot weather tips is available at www.spcaLA.com.

Include your pets in disaster plans by preparing a “to-go” bag with supplies like food, bowls, treats, medicines, leash, collar, and a soft muzzle.

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Since 1877, spcaLA has been the premiere independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.

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