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Laws Against Leaving an Animal in a Parked Car: Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York

Hundreds of dogs die each year from car-related heat stroke. It takes just minutes for temperatures to soar to over 100 degrees in a closed car - or even one with the windows cracked - on a 70 degree sunny day.

If you see a dog in a closed car on a warm day, what can you do about it? It depends on the state in which you are in. While 31 states have laws regarding animals left in unattended vehicles, 15 of those states allow any person to respond to an animal in distress without resulting in civil or criminal penalties. Make sure you know the laws in the state before you act.

In last month's newsletter we reviewed VT, NH, ME and MA. Let's take a look at the laws in CT, RI and NY.

Connecticut law [C. G. S. A. § 52-557u](#) states a person who enters the passenger motor vehicle of another, including entry by force, to remove a child or animal from the passenger motor vehicle shall have an affirmative defense against any civil damages or criminal penalties resulting from the acts. The person must have a reasonable belief that entry is necessary to remove the child or animal from imminent danger of serious bodily injury; use no more force than reasonably necessary under the circumstances; report the entry and the circumstances surrounding entry to a law enforcement agency or other public safety agency within a reasonable time; and take reasonable steps to ensure the safety, health and well-being of the child or animal after removing the child or animal from the vehicle.



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Rhode Island [Gen. Laws, 1956, § 4-1-3.2](#) says no person shall confine any animal in a motor vehicle that places the animal in a life threatening or extreme health threatening situation by exposing it to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold, without proper ventilation or other protection from such temperatures.

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Who's at TNP?

Wally and Z

Wally and Zelma arrived at That Newfoundland Place in July 2019 and are now permanent residents at TNP. A bonded pair,



Wally



Z

Wally came in with SAS (a heart condition) that has begun to affect his stamina. They are very comfortable at TNP and uprooting them would not be in their best interest.

They are enjoying life with Cathy and Ed.

Recently Adopted

Big Boy arrived at TNP in late July and as soon as he was vetted went home with Annette and Rich Tarascio. Annette is the Director of TNP.



"Big Boy is doing fantastic," reports Annette. "He's the epitome of a Newf. We are so happy to have him as a permanent foster. When he came in, we fell immediately in love."

Big Boy turned 11 last month and fits in nicely as brother to almost 12-year-old Farrah and the Tarascio's blind cat. "Big Boy and Farrah have started to look for each other and he often lays right beside her," Annette said. "He's so kind, gentle and somehow he knows to give his roomies time to accept him."



Farrah and Big Boy

Big Boy reminds Annette of the story of Ferdinand the bull. "He really is a Big Boy who wanders around the yard smelling the flowers, something we could all learn from him during these crazy times," she said. "He's such a "wonderful addition."

Expert Excerpts

With Dr. Lauren Flanagan of Pepperell (MA) Veterinary Hospital

What is SAS?

As Newfie lovers you know the breed is all heart. Unfortunately, Newfies are also susceptible to some serious heart diseases, including subaortic stenosis, also known as SAS. SAS is a developmental defect in the left side of the heart in which a fibrous band of tissue forms just below the aortic valve, blocking the flow of blood from the left ventricle of the heart into the aorta, the main artery that is responsible for bringing blood to the rest of the body.

SAS is an inherited disease in the Newfoundland. The Newfie is the breed with the highest risk for SAS. Familial disease is also reported to exist in the Golden Retriever, the Dogue de Bordeaux, and suspected in the Boxer. Other breeds may be affected, but a genetic or inherited component has not been identified for other breeds. By definition, as a genetic disease, affected pups are born with the genes causing the condition but the actual fibrous band develops as they age, often progressing up to a year of age.

*Next month:
Clinical signs of SAS and treatment.*

TNP Alumni

It has been almost a year since Amy Meisinger adopted **Rocky** from That Newfoundland Place and although there have been some hiccups, Rocky has made his presence known as part of the family.

Amy has had large dogs for over 13 years, getting half Newfoundland/half Saint Bernard mixes Ember and Onyx as puppies in 2007. Onyx passed away on September 4, 2019 and Rocky came



Ember (back) & Rocky (front) head on Rocky's back."

Amy had been in contact with TNP over the years for advice with Onyx's chronic lameness in winter and reached out about 7 months prior to Onyx's death to become adoption-ready. Rocky's previous owner lived in the city and realized it wasn't a good fit. He arrived at TNP on a Friday and was at Amy's Westerly, RI home two days later.

Rocky was not house trained when he arrived home and Amy tried confining him to the kitchen and gating him, to no avail. She eventually tried crate training, sleeping next to him on a mattress in the kitchen for 3 weeks. That helped but there were still "accidents." Amy consulted with her friend, an animal behaviorist, who said Rocky did not respect Amy. She told Amy to make Rocky work for his treats and for Amy to put her chin on Rocky's nose. There have been no accidents since the consultation.

Amy describes Rocky, who will be 4 on December 1, as very independent. "He is the first dog in my life that has gotten on the furniture," Amy said. "He climbed on the couch and claimed 'this is mine.' I could not get him off it. So we share it. It's his favorite spot." Rocky sleeps with Ember in Amy's bedroom at night but during the day stays

Rocky, continued



pretty much on his own.

Despite having a big backyard, Rocky prefers to be inside. For exercise, he chases rabbits and digs under the shed. And, Amy's Dad comes over a twice a day when she is at work to make sure both dogs get outside.

Like most Newfs, Rocky also has a soft side. "He's extra, extra gentle," Amy said. "He is the daintiest, sweetest boy. He loves to be brushed, unlike the other two dogs." And, Rocky loves to cuddle – on the couch, of course.

Townie

(formerly Hooper) is living out the Newfoundland dream at his home in Quincy, MA with Colin Jackson and John Kennedy.



Living just steps from the beach, Townie's daily walks entail strolls in the sand and playing in the ocean year-round. Although not much of a swimmer, Townie loves to stand in the water gazing at the shiny shells on the ocean floor and "paw" at the treasures. He's in the water about 10 times a day.

Townie was adopted from TNP on June 2, 2019 at the age of 14 months due to owner surrender. He fit Colin and John's requirements of "healthy, happy, and a bit of energy." He is their second Newfoundland. They got Nero as a puppy. He passed away in 2014 at age 8. They also had a Border Collie, Hudson, along with Nero. Colin grew up in the province of Newfoundland and

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In order to protect the health and safety of an animal, an animal control officer, law enforcement officer or fire fighter with probable cause to believe that the animal's health, safety or well-being are in immediate danger from heat, cold, or lack of adequate ventilation shall have the authority to enter the motor vehicle by any reasonable means necessary under the circumstances, after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other responsible person, and remove the animal from the vehicle.

Said personnel may not search the vehicle unless otherwise permitted by law and are immune from criminal or civil liability that might otherwise result from the removal.

New York law [NY Agri. & Mkts. § 353-d](#) protects companion animals confined in motor vehicles in extreme heat or cold without proper ventilation or other protection that could result in imminent danger of death or serious injury due to exposure.

Police, peace officers, or peace officers acting as agent of humane society may take necessary steps to remove animal from vehicle and will not be held civilly or criminally liable if actions taken in reasonably good faith.

For a complete list of laws by state go to:

<https://www.animallaw.info/topic/table-state-laws-protect-animals-left-parked-vehicles>

other source: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dogs-in-hot-cars/>

Education is Always the Best Defense

Laws around leaving animals in vehicles are needed for protection of the animals, but it is even better to not have to use the laws to prosecute.



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[Democratandchronicle.com](https://www.democratandchronicle.com)

Jana McMillan has been the Animal Control Supervisor and Deputy Health Officer at the Hudson (NH) Police Department for nearly 22 years. During that time, she has only requested prosecution of one owner. "Education is always the way to go," Jana said. In most instances, the owners are forgetful or do not realize the consequences of their actions on their pet. "People often respond with 'I didn't realize this, now I understand'," Jana said.

Jana said she doesn't recall a time when leaving animals in enclosed vehicles has not been an issue, but she believes more people are reporting it now. Her department receives an average of 8-10 calls per month for rescuing animals from locked cars during the months of May through September. On one day this past August, when the temperature was in the 70s, she received 3 calls. She has never experienced an animal passing away due to being in an enclosed vehicle.

While she feels it is admirable that bystanders want to help the animals, Jana feels that people with training are best equipped to break in and treat the animals. Response times from emergency personnel are typically fast and they are experienced in the situation.

As laws regarding leaving animal in vehicles continue to evolve and the public gains more information on the impact of leaving animals in closed cars, more animals will benefit. "Any way we can get the word out is good," Jana said.

Upcoming Events

Annual Reunion and Fundraiser Canceled

Due to continued safety concerns around COVID-19, the Annual Reunion and Fundraiser at That Newfoundland Place has been canceled.

TNP relies on the generosity of donations to cover the many costs associated with running a rescue and the annual event normally held in the fall is their largest fundraiser. If you would like to give a gift, visit the [TNP website](#). Thank you.

Enter TNP into the Holiday Wishes Grant Campaign from Petco

You can help TNP win a grant from Petco of \$5,000 or more simply by telling your story of how your Newf (or other dog adopted through TNP) has changed your life. Submit before September 23 to give TNP a chance to win as only the first 10,000 entries are considered. Visit <https://www.petcofoundation.org/holiday-wishes> for complete details and stories that have won in prior years.



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also spent a lot of time with his grandfather's Newfoundland dog as a boy.

Although they had never rescued a dog before, Colin and John heard of TNP through John's colleague at Quincy Hospital, who also owns a Newf. "We didn't know what to expect with a rescue because we always had a puppy," Colin said. Townie had anxiety for the first few months but was eventually reassured that he had a permanent home with Colin and John. "We are very happy with him," Colin said.



Besides the water, Townie loves to roll in the sand, play tug of war and pick up litter." He can make a toy out of anything," John said. Townie is also fond of his 4- and 10-year-old neighbors, and is, of course, friendly to everyone. "He is the sweetest, gentlest dog. Even when other dog's don't like him, he never growls," John said.

What he loves most though, is affection. "He loves to be touched," John said. "He demands your undivided attention." He has no trouble getting it from Colin and John.

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