



Response Date:22/04/2025

2025/413 - Reports of Dogs Left in Hot Vehicles

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding reports of dogs being left in hot vehicles or vehicles on hot days. Please provide the following information:

The number of reports received by your force about dogs being left in hot cars, broken down by year, from 2020 to 2024.

If recorded, how many of these reports specifically mentioned high temperatures or concerns about heat.

The number of incidents where police officers attended the scene.

The number of cases that resulted in enforcement action, such as warnings, fines, or prosecutions.

Occurrences recorded on the Crime Recording System between 2020-2024 with keyword searches for dog, car/vehicle + heat/hot/warm/temperature in occurrence summary:

Calendar Year	HO return	Superseded	HO Code	HO Description	Offence Category Code	Offence Category Description	Outcome	Dog KW	Heat KW	Car/Vehicle KW	Summary
2020	1	0	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	9A	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Y	UNKNOWN FEMALE HAS VERBALLY ABUSED IP IN A PUBLIC CAR PARK. IP HAD BEEN CONCERNED REGARDING DOGS STUCK IN A CAR IN THE HEAT AND HAD TAKEN STEPS TO HELP THEM, CAR AND DOGS BELONGED TO THE SUSPECT.
2021	0	0	108/02	Cruelty to animals act of cause permit	99	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	Y	Y	Y	A dog had been left in a vehicle for at least an hour and a half possibly longer and was extremely unwell due to the hot weather , officers attended and they rushed him to the vets and were advised that it had little chance of survival. However, the dog has survived but is still receiving

											treatment.
2022	1	0	097/01B	Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal Contrary to sections 4(1) and 32(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.	99	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	22. Diversionary/Educational	Y	Y	Y	Dog left in a car for 3 hours during high heat
2023	1	0	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	9A	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Y	Inft reporting an incident where she had her dogs in her car with windows down and popped into a shop for no more than 5 minutes and returned to see a female stood by her car taking photos and then giving her verbal abuse about dogs being in car in hot weather I/P tried to explain they were fine only away for 5 minutes and had verbal abuse swearing at her.

2024	1	0	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	105A	Assault Without Injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Y	IP has approached a male in car park due to concerns that he left his dog in a hot vehicle, the male has taken offence to this and behaved aggressively towards inf and she has felt fearful of her safety and has had to protect her face with her hands fearing he was getting close to her face .
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Please find below Incidents reported mentioning 'Dog'.

These incidents have then been manually reviewed to determine if they involve a dog being left in a vehicle:

Incident Calendar Year	Attendance Recorded	Event Opening Description	Event Disposal Description	Dog KW (ICAD)	Comment
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	HE HAS DISCLOSED THAT HE HAS LEFT TWO JACK RUSSELS IN THE BACK OF A YELLOW TRANSIT VAN
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	COLLIE DOG IN A CAR IN CAR PARK
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALL FROM INF WHO HAS BEEN WALKING HER DOG AND HAS COME ACROSS

					A CAR THAT HAS 2 DOGS INSIDE
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	THERE IS A RESIDENT WHO LIVES IN ONE OF THE TERRACED HOUSES AT THE LOCATION AND HE KEEPS ON LEAVING HIS DOG IN THE CAR ALMOST 24/7.
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT REPORTING A DOG LEFT IN A CAR
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER HAS JUST BEEN OUT WALKING IN PRESTATYN REPORTING A BLACK GOLF IN THE CAR PARK THERE IS A SMALL DOG IN IN THIS GOLF NO WINDOWS OPEN AND THE DOG HAS BEEN BARKING LIKE MAD WASNT THERE WHEN CALLER SET OFF AND SHE HAS BEEN OUT ABOUT AN HOUR
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	caller says that there are 4 dogs in the car
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	RSPCA HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT OF A DOG IN DISTRESS IN A VAN
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	no matches found INFT REPORTING DISTRSSD DOG IN A VEHICLE - WINDOW IS SLIGHTLY OPEN DOG APPEARS DISTRESSED AND IS PANTING VEHICLE IS A WHITE FORD VAN

2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING THERE IS A DOG IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THE VAN PANTING ERRATICLY WINDOW IS A TINY BIT OPEN
2020	Y	SUS_CIRCS	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOG HAS BEEN IN A CAR FOR A HOUR NOW
2020		CONTACT_RECORD	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOG HAS BEEN LEFT IN THE CARAVAN ALL DAY
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER RPEORTING 2 DOGS IN A CAR NO WINDOWS OPEN IN CAR PARK AT LOCN IT IS PARKED UNDER A TREE ONE DOG IS A HUSKY TYPE CALLER CANT SEE THE OTHER
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING TWO DOGS IN A BLUE VEHICLE
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING A MOBILE HOME PARKED OUTSIDE THE TRINITY CHURCH THERE IS A DOG LOCKED INSIDE THE VEHICLE INDEX OF THE VEHICLE
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	BEEN IN THE CAR PARK FOR 45 MINS DOG IN THE BACK
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INF'T HAS COME ACROSS A DOG TRAPPED IN A HOT CAR
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	THERE IS A CAR PARKED OUTSIDE CALLERS ADDRESS AND THERE IS A DOG INSIDE

2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	SMALL DOG IN CAR...NO WINDOWS OPEN QUITE HOT SUN IS SHINING ON IT
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING A DOG HAS BEEN LOCKED IN A VEHICLE AND COULDN'T BREATHE OWNER IS BACK WITH THE VEHICLE AND THE DOG NOW
2020		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING A DOG PANTING IN A CAR WINDOWS ALL CLOSED NOT SURE HOW LONG IT'S BEEN THERE. THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA OVER AN HOUR AND THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN THERE FOR AN HOUR OR MORE
2020	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING A DOG LOCKED IN A BLACK SKODA...IT IS BARKING AND LOOKS SAD THE SUN IS SHINING ON THE CAR
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING A VAN HAS BEEN PARKED AT LOCATION FOR ABOUT 30 MINS - THERE IS A DOG INSIDE AND IT IS IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT - IT LOOKS LETHARGIC AND IS PANTING - CALLER IS CONCERNED - NO SIGN OF OWNERS CALLER DSTATES THAT ONE OF THE WINDOWS IS

					SLIGHTY OPEN BUT HE IS CONCERNED FOR THE DOG
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFORMANT REPORTING TWO DOGS LOCKED INSIDE A VEH
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING CONCERNS FOR DOG LEFT IN VEHICLE THE WINDOW IS SLIGHTLY OPEN BUT NOT ENOUGH
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER CONCERNED FOR A DOG LEFT IN A VEHICLE ON THE MAIN CAR PARK IN BARMOUTH.
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER SAYING THAT THERE ARE 2 DOGS IN A TRANSIT VAN CALLER SAID THAT THEY SOUND DISTRESS AND THEY ARE WHINING AND CRYING THE VAN IS A WHITE
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	2 DOGS IN A CAR
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CAR PARK NEAR TO THE RUGBY FEILDS DOG IN CAR WINDOWS OPEN LITTLE BUT NOT A LOT
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER IS WORRIED RE A DOG SHE HAS LOCATED IN A CAR AT THE CAR PARK - HAS BEEN THERE FOR OVER 1HR 20MIN
2021		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	THE INFORMANT IS REPORTING THAT A DOG WAS INSIDE A HOT CAR - - IT HAD BEEN INSIDE FOR ABOUT 2 AND A

					HALF HOURS.
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING CONCERNS FOR A DOG IN THE VEHICLE
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	MOTOR HOME THE IS A DOG LOCKED INSIDE
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	van on top of town in been parked there for 2 hours on a yellow line just gone past now and there is a dog in the front left alone 12:35:07
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	LARGE SHEEPDOG ON THE BACK OF THE CARSEAT OF A VEHICLE BEEN THERE QUITE A LONG TIME THE DOG IS PANTING
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOGS LOCKED IN VAN
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT HAS NOTICED A RANGE ROVER WITH A DOG INSIDE.. LOOKS TO BE CRYING AND PANTING AL 4 WINDOWS ARE OPEN 5TH OF THE WAY DOWN.. BUT INFT SAYS IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS OVER HEATING
2021		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOG IN CAR IN MAIN OVERFLOW CAR PARK IN DISTRESS
2021		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	Distressed dog in a locked car

2021		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	THE INFORMANT REPORTS THAT A DOG HAS BEEN SHUT IN A VAN LOOKS TO BE AN ALSATIAN DOG. THE FRONT WINDOW IS DOWN A BIT THE INFORMANT IS CONCERNED THAT THE DOG IS IN A BACK OF THE VAN. THE DOG IS NOT CURRENTLY IN DISTRESS.
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	REPORTING TWO DOGS LOCKED IN A VEH IN THE CAR PARK NOT RESPONDING TO THE INFT ONE WAS BARKING NOT LONG AGO BUT BOTH DONT SEEM WELL
2021	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING A DOG LEFT IN THE CAR ITS BEEN IN THE CAR FOR MORE THAN 20 MINS
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING 2 DOGS IN A CAR APPEAR TO BE DISTRESSED. THEY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 2 HOURS NO WINDOWS OPEN
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CONCERNED FOR A DOG WHICH APPEARS IN DISTRESS IN THE BACK OF A CAR.
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	Parked next to a campervan with a dog locked inside with no window open

2022		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER SAYING TWO DOGS IN CAR WINDOW IS SLIGHTLY OPEN BEEN THERE SINCE 10.00 AM ITS NOT DIRECT SUNLIGHT
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT HAS SEEN A VEH PARKED IN ABERSOCH HALL CAR PARK AND THERE IS A DOG PANTING
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT REPORTING CONCERNS FOR DOG IN A VEHICLE PARKED AT THE LOC. DOG IS IN A CAGE IN THE BOOT IN DIRECT SUN LIGHT AND HAS NO WATER.
2022		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	Inft reporting concern for a dog at the car park. Dog has been in the car since at least 12.20. Window is only open approx 1 inch
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOG HAS BEEN LEFT INSIDE A VEHICLE
2022		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOG IN THE VEHICLE
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT IS REPORTING THAT THERE IS A DOG PARKED IN THE CAR WITH THE WINDOWS DOWN HOWEVER THE WEATHER IS STILL VERY HOT
2022		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	COMPLAINT FROM CUSTOMER THERE IS A DOG IN CAR

2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING THAT THERE IS A SMALL DOG BEEN LOCKED IN A CAR WINDOWS ARE OPEN SLIGHTLY BUT THE DOG IS NOT HAPPY
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	HAS BEEN SEEN WITH A DOG INSIDE. VEH UNSECURED SO HAS MANAGED TO GET THE DOG FROM THE VEH AND HAS GAVE IT SOME FRESH WATER HAS THEN MANAGED TO SPEAK WITH THE OWNER- WHO DID NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS WARM
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT IS REPORTING A DOG IN A CAR AND THE DOG IS PANTING THE WINDOW IS OPEN SLIGHTLY
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	There is a dog in a car park in coach Park
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	THERE ARE 2 DOGS LOCKED IN THE BACK OF A CAR NO ONE AROUND
2022	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT REPORTING A CAR WHICH HAS BEEN LEFT AT LOCATION WITH 2 DOGS INSIDE. THE DOGS APPEAR IN DISTRESS.

2022		CONTACT_RECORD	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFORMANT IS REPORTING OF A DOG THAT HAS BEEN LEFT INSIDE A VEHICLE. THE DOG HAS BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE FOR THE LAST 40MINUTES AS THE INFORMANT HAS JUST FINISHED A RUN AND THE DOG IS STILL IN THIS VEHICLE. THE INFORMANT STATES THERE ARE NO WINDOWS OPEN AND THE CAR IS SEALED
2023	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING THAT TWO DOGS HAVE BEEN STUCK IN A VAN FOR OVER AN HOUR
2023	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOGS IN A CAGE BACK OF YELLOW VAN NO VRM WINDOW OPEN BUT VERY WARM TODAY . BEEN AT LOCATION OVER 2HRS
2023	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	IN DISTRESS IN A CAR SAYS THE DOG IS RESTRAINED IN THE SEAT
2023	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING THAT THERES A DOG IN A HOT CAR
2023	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	DOG IN A CAR FOR OVER 4 HRS NOT DISTRESSED AND WINDOW OPEN
2023		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER REPORTING A DOG THAT HAS BEEN LEFT IN A VEHICLE FOR

					APPROX 20 MINUTES
2023	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	Inft reporting that 2 dogs have been left in a van in the car park to the rear of loc.
2023		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	REPORTING A DOG WITHIN A CAR WITH ALL WINDOWS CLOSED AND STEAMED UP - CONCERNED AS IS A 12HR CAR PARK AND NOT SURE HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN THERE
2024	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	INFT REPORTING THAT SOMEONE HAS LEFT 5 DOGS IN THE BACK OF A CARAVAN TRUCK
2024		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	WE HAVE HAD REPORT 2 DOGS LEFT IN VEHICLE SINCE THURSDAY 29TH WITH NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE TO LOOK AFTER THEM
2024	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER IS REPORTING A DOG IS STUCK INSIDE A CAR IN THE CAR PARK
2024	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER WANTING TO REPORT THAT SHE CAME FROM LOCATION ABOVE AND IN THE CAR PARK THERE IS A VEH WITH TWO DOGS INSIDE IT THE WINDOW IS OPEN ABOUT 5CM SHE SAYS SAID THE DOG LOOK LETHARGIC
2024	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	REPORTING A DOG HAS BEEN LEFT IN THE CAR

2024		ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	CALLER CONCERNE3D FOR A DOG IN A CAR DOG HAS BEEN IN THE VEHICLE FOR OVER 2 HOURS NO WATER AND WINDOW SLIGHTLY OPEN
2024	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	I need to report two dogs shut in a hot car by the funfair... It is very hot and dogs are distressed
2024	Y	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	IN CAR PARK DOG IN A CAR FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR
2024	Y	POL_GEN_RESACT	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE_RELATED	Y	THERES A DOG IN A HOT CAR IN THE MAIN CAR PARK

Please note, in relation to incidents we are unable to determine if the case resulted in enforcement action, such as warnings, fines, or prosecutions.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 11/04/2024