



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:29/05/2026

2026/534 - Dogs left in vehicles

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request data relating to incidents involving dogs left in vehicles, particularly in circumstances where there may have been a risk to the animal's welfare (for example, during periods of warm or hot weather). Specifically, I request the following information for the most recent full three-year period available (2023, 2024, 2025, and any available data for 2026):

- 1. The number of reported incidents involving dogs left in vehicles - by month and year**
- 2. The location of each incident - for example town / city / borough or postcode district**

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information in a spreadsheet or CSV file.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

There are no specific event types for this – we have extracted all animal welfare event types where there is “dog” recorded in the event comments, additional keyword search flags have then been added for vehicle and temperature:

Year	Month	Latest Subtype	Location Town	Vehicle KW Search	Temperature KW	Comment
2023	March	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Under 20 minutes in a hot car can prove fatal to a dog, should its body exceed
2023	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	RHOS ON SEA	Y	Y	dog trapped in hot car
2023	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Concerns for dogs left in hot vehicle
2023	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG TRAPPED IN A HOT CAR
2023	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog in a hot car
2023	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	reports of a dog being left in a hot vehicle

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2023	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	BODELWYDDAN	Y	Y	Dog in a hot vehicle at the loc for the last 2 hours.
2023	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	GRESFORD	Y	Y	DOG TRAPPED IN A HOT CAR
2023	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	CALLER RPEORTING A DOG HAS BEEN LOCKED IN A HOT CAR FOR AN HOUR
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	LLANFAES	Y	Y	Caller reporting a dog in a hot car
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	2 DOGS IN HOT CAR PANTING
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	CONNAHS QUAY	Y	Y	Reporting that there is a dog in a hot car,
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	PENRHOSGARNEDD	Y	Y	DOG LOCKED IN A HOT VAN IN CAR PARK
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Dog in hot car at dr surgery
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog in a hot car
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Unsuitable hot conditions for the dogs to be in the vehicles
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	INFT REPORTING 2 DOGS IN A HOT VEHICLE OUSIDE THE LOC
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	WILL COME IN NEXT 20 MINUTES, CAR IS NOT TOO HOT AND DOG DOESNT LOOK IN DISTRESS
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog locked in car on hot day
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	RUABON	Y	Y	AFTER THE DOG HAVING DIED AS A RESULT OF BEING IN A HOT CAR FOR A LONG TIME
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dogs are in the car - hot and panting caller worried
2023	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	TAL-Y-CAFN	Y	Y	DOG IN HOT CAR
2023	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog in hot car, distressed
2023	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Dog being kept in a car in hot weather
2023	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Two dogs in a hot car
2023	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog in hot car
2023	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	reporting dog in hot car, owners have now
2023	September	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	caller concerned for the dogs welfare as in a hot car. looks
2023	September	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG IS LOCKED IN A HOT CAR
2023	October	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Bettws y coed dog in cage in hot car for

						at least two and a half
2024	January	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog was only left for about 30 mins and the car was not hot. No
2024	March	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	GREENFIELD	Y	Y	Dog left in car - no real issue here, night is not hot, and so no
2024	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	WINDOWS SUSPECT THAT THE DOG MAY BE IN DISTRESS DUE TO THE HEAT INSIDE THE CAR
2024	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Dog been inside the vehicle. Was barking and jumping
2024	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog locked in vehicle in hot weather
2024	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	the dog in the car distressed left in a hot car
2024	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog left in hot car
2024	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG PANTING IN A HOT CAR.
2024	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog in a hot vehicle
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	report two dogs shut in a hot car
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog locked inside vehicle in hot weather
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	caller said the dog is big and looks really hot
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dogs are left in a car on a hot day with the sun
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	THERE IS A WHITE TERRIER DOG LOCKED IN A HOT CAR
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	INFT REPORTING DOG IN HOT CAR
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	TOWYN	Y	Y	child reporting dogs in car on hot day
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	PENRHOSGARNEDD	Y	Y	CALLER REPORTING A DOG IN A HOT CAR
2024	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ABERSOCH	Y	Y	Dogs left in hot car... with window left slightly open
2024	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	INFT REPORTING TWO DOGS LEFT IN A CAR AND IT'S A HOT DAY
2024	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ABERSOCH	Y	Y	dog left in car on a hot day
2024	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	STAR	Y	Y	dog left in hot car with one window open
2024	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG IN HOT CAR
2025	March	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Dogs left in a hot car with the window

						only slightly
2025	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	high temp inside vehicle - dog could overheat
2025	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog left in a car when the temperatures are hot
2025	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	CORRECTION - DOG IS IN A HOT CAR AT LOACTION
2025	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	ABERDARON	Y	Y	dog in distress locked in hot car
2025	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG APPEARS TO BE VERY HOT, DIRECT SUNLIGHT ON THE VEHICLE
2025	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	PENRHOSGARNEDD	Y	Y	dog left in hot car on a hot day
2025	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	WEATHER IS VERY HOT. DOG IS IN THE BACK OF A VAN
2025	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	REPORTING A DOG IN A VEHICLE AND IT IS CURRENTLY VERY HOT
2025	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	PENSARN	Y	Y	I'm wondering if it's too hot today to leave your dogs in the car, as
2025	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG LEFT IN A HOT CAR
2025	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	inf reporting dog panting in a hot car
2025	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG LOCKED IN A HOT CAR. INFT
2025	June	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	DOG PANTING IN HOT CAR
2025	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog was left in hot car panting and in danger
2025	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Caller reporting a dog trapped in a hot car, no water, in
2025	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	RUABON	Y	Y	DOG IN HOT VAN WITHOUT WINDOWS OPEN
2025	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Hello there is a dog in a hot car near my location
2025	July	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dogs in car no windows open. getting hot
2025	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	RHOS ON SEA	Y	Y	dog in distress in hot car
2025	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	RHOS ON SEA	Y	Y	reports of dogs being left in hot vehicles
2025	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	CALLER IS SENDING IN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE VEHICLE/DOG
2025	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	BENLLECH	Y	Y	2 dogs left in a caravan all day in this heat

2025	August	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog left alone in hot car
2025	September	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	Dogs barking in van - heat exhaustion
2026	March	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	RHUDDLAN	Y	Y	caller is reporting a dog in a hot car
2026	March	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dog left in a car in the heat - has been there over half an
2026	March	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	card and dogs in hot vehicles leaflet on the windscreen and will make periodic
2026	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	risk of harm to dogs left in a hot car.
2026	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	PENRHOSGARNEDD	Y	Y	2 DOGS IN A VAN - OVERHEATING
2026	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	TOWYN	Y	Y	concerns for dog trapped in hot caravan
2026	April	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	PENRHOS	Y	Y	dog locked in car very hot
2026	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	WREXHAM TECHNOLOGY PARK	Y	Y	2 dogs left in hot car for min of 3 hours seem distressed
2026	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE		Y	Y	dogs could die in a hot car
2026	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	BODELWYDDAN	Y	Y	dog shut in hot car
2026	May	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	TOWYN	Y	Y	Inft reporting a dog in distress in a hot car

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 27/05/2026