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With summer temperatures rising- pet owners need to take a few extra precautions.

When leaving pets in the car- never leave the windows rolled up, says Alice Sudderth of the Avery County Humane Society.

It gets a lot hotter in there than you think, she says- and quickly. A few minutes is too long.

Take precaution when keeping dogs outside as well.

'They've got on a fur coat,' she said.

Always have a shady place for animals to go to get out of the heat- and make sure there's plenty of fresh, cool water. During summer months, Sudderth says dogs may need twice the

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usual amount of water. Whenever possible, she says, it's much better to just keep pets inside and out of the heat.