



## Cottonwood Police Department Press Release

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### **DUI Checkpoint**

On 5/2/14 the Cottonwood Police Department along with officers from Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety, the Camp Verde Marshall's Office, Clarkdale PD, and Chino Valley PD conducted a DUI checkpoint in Cottonwood. Officers were assisted by 16 volunteers. 1075 vehicles were contacted. 6 arrest for DUI were made. This included 2 suspects arrested for Extreme DUI. The average BAC was 0.128%. Additionally one suspect who was arrested for DUI drugs and was also charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a weapon during a drug offense. The Cottonwood Police Department would like to thank the motoring public for their support during this operation and would like to remind citizens to drink responsibly.

### **Public Service Announcement**

#### **Reminder: Dogs Die in Hot Cars**

Summer is just around the corner and temperatures are rising fast. The City of Cottonwood Ordinance Enforcement Officers want to remind everyone to keep their dogs healthy and safe. One of the most common injuries dogs suffer as the weather warms is heat stroke. Heat stroke causes damage to a dog's cellular system and organs that is often irreversible and all too often leads to death. Heat stroke is also the most preventable injury your dog could suffer.

A dog's normal body temperature ranges between 100° and 102°F depending on the breed, size, and health of the dog. Dogs do not cool down the same way as people do. They pant. They also expel heat through the pads of their feet. But they cannot effectively cool themselves when they are confined to any enclosed space such as a vehicle, or without access to water and shade.

To prevent your dog from suffering from heat stroke make sure your dog always have access to cool clean water. If your dog likes to play with its water bowl or is just constantly knocking the water bowl over, try putting a clean rock or brick in the container to add weight. If your dog can still move the bowl try using a container with a handle that can be secured to something like the fence to avoid it being easily moved around.

And NEVER leave your dog unattended in a motor vehicle. Even if you leave the windows down on a 78°F day, the temperature inside a parked car can soar to between 100° and 120°F in just minutes, and on a 90°F day, the interior temperature can reach as high as 160°F in less than 10 minutes.

Signs of heat stroke in a dog include, but are not limited to vigorous panting, tacky or dry tongue and gums, dark red gums, appear dizzy or disoriented, increased heart rate, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, and death.

If you believe your dog is suffering from heat stroke, seek veterinary care immediately even if your dog's condition does not seem serious. Water can be used to begin to decrease body temperature during the trip to the vet. Soak towels in water and use to cover your dog or place between legs and across his neck if you do not have enough. DO NOT use ice or very cold water! Extreme cold can cause the blood vessels to constrict, preventing the body's internal temperature from cooling and actually causing the internal temperature to rise creating more risk to your dog's health.

Some dogs will recover fully from heat stroke if caught early enough and treated immediately. Other dogs suffer permanent damage and require lifelong care and unfortunately the majorities do not survive. Please keep your dog safe. If you see a dog, or any other pet left unattended inside a parked vehicle please contact the Cottonwood Police Department at 649-1397.

***Excerpt from City of Cottonwood Municipal Code: 6.08.100-Protection of animals and public.***

C. No person shall leave or confine any animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.