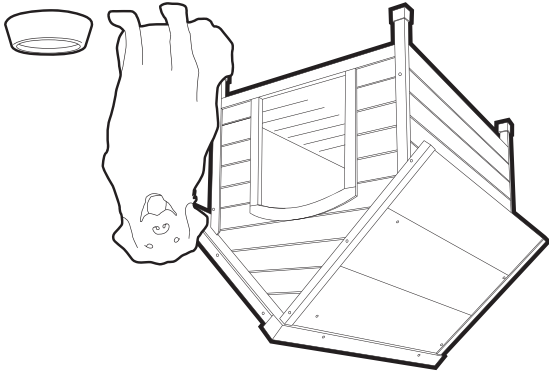


Make sure you check on your dog regularly.

## \$ Otherwise you can be fined \$300

- ✔ Their droppings and urine do not accumulate
- ✔ They have constant access to water
- ✔ It is big enough for them to stand up, turn around and lie down in a natural position
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- ✔ Your dog can access their sheltered area at any time. It is clean, dry, shaded and ventilated – but not draughty – and protects them from the extremes of heat and cold
- ✔ Area meets these needs if your dog's shelter and living area meets these needs

**You'll be OK** if your dog's shelter and living area meets these needs



■ Shelter  
Clean comfortable contented canines

## ■ More information

Many of these regulations have come straight from the codes of welfare. Codes set out minimum standards and recommended best practices when caring for animals. There are also regulations which apply to

- cattle
- sheep
- pigs
- horses
- layer hens
- goats
- deer
- llama and alpaca
- transporting stock

For more information on regulations and the codes of welfare please visit [www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)

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## ■ Animal Welfare Matters

Owning an animal comes with responsibilities. Regulations make it easier for MPI and the SPCA to take action against animal mistreatment. New penalties such as fines will be issued for certain actions. We will continue to prosecute the worst offenders under the Animal Welfare Act. We're making life better for animals, and you can help others get it right too.

**Check!** Are you doing it right? Encourage others to check too at [www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)

**Ask!** Email us your questions at [animalwelfare@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animalwelfare@mpi.govt.nz)

**Tell!** Call us about an animal welfare issue on 0800 00 83 33 or contact SPCA on 0800 SPCA NZ (77 22 69)

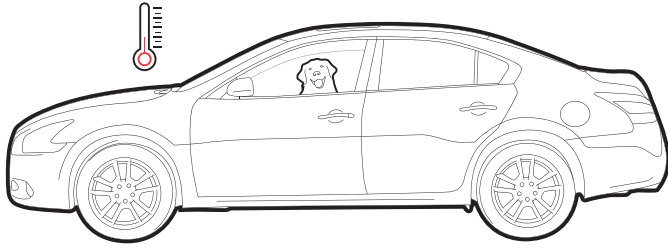
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■ From 1st October 2018



## In vehicles

If it's too hot, leave Rover at home



**!** **Be aware** it's not OK for a dog to get heat stressed in a car.

**\$** **If this happens you and the owner of the vehicle can be fined \$300**

Plan ahead and ask yourself

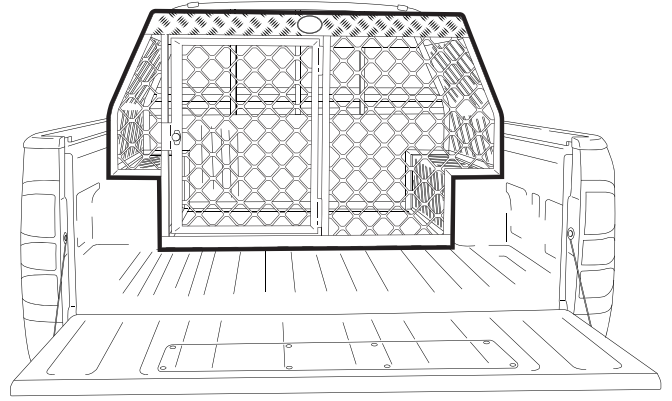
- ✓ What's the weather like?
- ✓ Will you have to leave your dog in the car and for how long?
- ✓ Is it better to leave the dog at home?

Dogs quickly suffer and die in hot cars. Even warm days are a risk. Hot dogs will seek shade and may pant, drool and hyperventilate.

If you see a dog suffering in a hot car, take immediate action. Seek help to find the dog owner, or call Police or the SPCA on 0800 SPCA NZ (77 22 69).

## On vehicles

All paws on deck



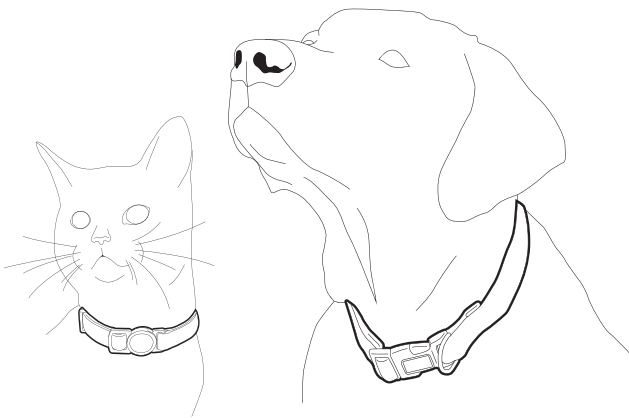
**!** **You'll be OK** if your dog is secured in a cage or crate, or tied up safely when on public roads. Any rope or leash must allow the dog to stand and lie down in a natural position, and prevent them from reaching their legs over the side.

**\$** **Otherwise you can be fined \$300**

If dogs on the back of trucks, utes and trailers fall or hang off the side they can suffer severe injuries. Farm dogs can be loose on a vehicle, including on public roads, when they are actively working.

## Collars

Not too tight, not too loose, just right



**!** **You'll be OK** if the collar

- ✓ is the right size and fit for each animal
- ✓ allows for normal breathing, panting and drinking
- ✓ is not so tight or heavy that it can cause skin abrasions, cuts or swelling
- ✓ is not so loose that it can cause an injury, like getting a leg caught in it

**\$** **Otherwise you can be fined \$300**

Poorly fitted collars on any animal can cause pain and distress. Check your animal's collar regularly.

## Muzzles, tethers & docking

Heads, shoulders, tails and toes

**!** **You'll be OK**

- ✓ if your muzzle is the right size and fit for your dog, it allows for normal breathing, panting, drinking and vomiting, and it does not cause cuts, swellings or abrasions
- ✓ if any tether used allows your dog to breathe normally, pant and drink, and it keeps them from being caught up and injured

**\$** **Otherwise you can be fined \$300**

**!** **Be aware**

- ✗ Routine tail docking (or banding) is prohibited.
- ✗ There are new restrictions on removing dogs' dew claws.

**\$** **You could face a criminal conviction and fine of up to \$3,000 (or \$15,000 for a business)**

If you see it, report it. If they're injured, see your vet. Check for further information on these regulations at [www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)