



Oregon Veterinary Medical Association

**Senate Bill 614
Support**

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Kruse and Committee Members:

We support Senate Bill 614 and find it is appropriate for a law enforcement officer to enter a vehicle and impound an animal when the peace officer has reason to believe the animal may be endangered.

Veterinarians are at the frontline of providing animals – in this case, mostly dogs – with emergency medical treatment. And every year hundreds of dogs unnecessarily die from heat exhaustion because they are left in parked vehicles.

A vehicle can quickly reach a temperature that places an animal at risk of serious illness and even death. For example, the temperature inside a vehicle can rise almost 20 degrees in just 10 minutes. In 20 minutes it can rise almost 30 degrees. Even on a day that most of us wouldn't believe seems too hot. And cracking the windows has very little effect, according to one study.

We ask for your support of SB 614. Thank you for your consideration.

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