

# Signs up in different cities with heat warnings

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SAN DIEGO - Heat warning signs are going up in Escondido, Poway and La Jolla with a clear message for car owners.

The signs are warning owners to not leave pets or children in cars, even with the windows open.

"Take your kid or pet out of the car. You can't be having the windows halfway up; it's not worth it," said Cardiff resident Harry Gebhardt.

In Escondido, the signs are posted in the parking lot outside of City Hall.

10News cameras were rolling two weeks ago when a mother was handcuffed after she left her children in the car in La Mesa while she shopped. The children survived, but others have not been so lucky.

As 10News reported last year, a four-month old baby died after being left in a car in El Cajon. Additionally, 10News has been on the scene twice this month when dog owners left their pets in cars.

According to the ASPCA, the temperature inside a car can get to 120 degrees within 30 minutes, even when it's 70 degrees outside.

Paola Potts, who runs the nonprofit Sol-N-Air, designed the signs. She said people love their kids and pets, but they may not know how dangerous it can be to leave them behind in a car, even for five minutes.

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