

HOT CARS: Law protects those who take action to save dogs, kids

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the baby was in a child safety seat crying with the windows of the vehicle partially down. The outside temperature at the time was 89 degrees.

Before an officer could break into the vehicle, the child's father came out of the store.

Police say the infant was determined to be uninjured but sweaty after about 13 minutes in the vehicle. Police say the internal temperature of the vehicle was 99 degrees with the leather seat registering at 104 degrees.

Cool outside doesn't mean cool in the car. It doesn't have to be that warm outside for a car to become dangerously hot inside. When it's 72 degrees outside, the temperature inside your car can heat up to 116 degrees within an hour. When it's 80 degrees outside, the temperature inside your car can heat up to 99 degrees within 10 minutes.

And with a heatwave already here in Central Oregon, that means the inside of your car will be even hotter.

The law now gives individuals explicit permission to save an animal or child trapped in hot car. The Oregon Senate passed House Bill 2732 that exempts people from criminal or civil liability if they break into a car to rescue a pet or a child.

Oregon Governor Kate Brown signed the bill into law on June 22, allowing people to smash car windows to save a child or animal that is suffering inside a hot vehicle. This new law goes into effect

immediately.

The Oregon Humane Society helped push the new law through the legislature.

"It gives people the ability to intervene on behalf of children and animals when they're most at risk," said Oregon Humane Society President and CEO Sharon Harmon.

According to the new law, before a Good Samaritan chooses to break a car window to save an animal or child locked in a hot car, they would have to contact law enforcement or emergency services.

They are also required to "use no more force than is necessary to enter the vehicle and remove the child or animal."

And they have to stay with the child or animal safely nearby the vehicle until first-responders and police arrive or the owner of the car returns.

How do you break a window without harming the child or animal and what can you use to break it?

Captain Paul Garrison of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office shed some light on possibilities.

"You'd want to find some kind of a blunt object such as a tire iron from your car," Garrison told *The Nugget*. "And you'll want to strike the window in the bottom corner near the door handle. It's preferably the best way to go; it's easier to break out. One thing people should be concerned about is breaking the window as far away from the child or animal as possible so they don't end up with broken glass on them."

Garrison also urged people to try the door handles first because the car may not be locked.



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

More and more men have taken up quilting, and the Quilt Show recognizes them.

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am constantly inspired."

Cobb made sketches of her ideas for the raffle quilt for Jean Wells that would tell a story to go with the theme.

"I decided to piece together vintage stars from 12 different states. We picked out the fabric together from boutiques using Dan's base colors in his poster."

Cobb has donated quilts to many charities, such as Habitat for Humanity.

"I like to donate a quilt to a family when they move into their new home," she said.

Jerry Lindstrom from Redmond has been volunteering for SOQS for four years. She sells raffle tickets, walks the town to deliver posters and drives around town to deliver sponsor quilts to different businesses. Then during quilt-show day she hangs quilts and works as a hostess to make sure all the quilts stay safe in high winds, hand out brochures, and answer questions that people might

have.

She is also a quilter and a member of High Desert Quilt Guild (Redmond) and Mountain Meadows Quilt Guild (Sunriver.)

"I do all kinds of sewing. I do garment sewing and craft sewing. If it can be done with a sewing machine and thread, I do it," said Lindstrom.

Lindstrom has been quilting for 20 years.

One of the highlights of

the show was the Lion King traveling quilt exhibit hosted by SOQS board member Jeff Omodt. It took place in the Community Hall at Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire House. The show was presented by Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabric and participants from all over the world were challenged to design a quilt based on the Broadway musical "The Lion King." (See story page 3.)

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