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### **DOGS IN CARS ON DAYS**

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

### **SOFT CRATES**

The Kennel Club has asked that we draw attention to the potential health and safety implications concerning the use of soft crates as in its view, they do not offer sufficient protection to dogs. They have asked that we point out that dogs should NOT be left unattended in soft crates. There have been instances where dogs have escaped from soft crates which have not been securely fastened to benches, or that have been left at ringside.

We therefore ask that if you use soft crates that you do not leave dogs unattended either in the hall or even in an open car in the car park

### **IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS**

It is now a Kennel Club requirement that exhibitors display the exhibit/bench number on their crate, cage or container at all times. This is particularly important when crates etc are not on benches and at unbenched show.

Each exhibitor is responsible for providing their crate or cage identification and should note that the original exhibit/bench number card, as provided by the show society, must not be used for this purpose.

The requirement follows a meeting of the Show Executive Sub Committee's Benching Work Party, where it was agreed that it is important to be able to contact exhibitors and identify dogs where a dog may be in distress or where the crate might be blocking a passageway.

At benched shows soft crates may only be put on benches if they are the appropriate size for both the dog and the bench, and the crate can be securely attached to the bench. Both of these points have been introduced with the safety of all in mind, but most importantly, that of the dog, and to minimise the potential incidents and injuries.