

Situation

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Is this a FRS statutory duty or recognised incident type?

YES

NO

Examples of referral organisations
Police; HM Coastguard; RSPCA
Local Authority Animal Health;
Natural England; Veterinarians;
Animal welfare Organisations

Follow 10 step process

Consider appropriate resource for risk or environment

Can you identify a statutory lead organisation or suitable referral agency for animal or environment?

YES

NO

Alert lead organisation

Follow 10 step process

Is there an MOU or is there reason on basis of risk or animal welfare for attendance?

Is there a basis for deployment of resources based on risk or welfare

YES

NO

Follow 10 step process

Consider appropriate resource for risk or environment

Close incident

YES

NO

Consider appropriate resource for risk or environment

Log rationale, inform any relevant agencies and close incident



1. Consider Species
2. Assess Situation
3. Consider Environment
4. Impact of People
5. Determine the Task
6. Identify Additional Animal Risks
7. Planning
8. Determine PPE and Equipment
9. Appropriate Skill Sets
10. Communicate Actions

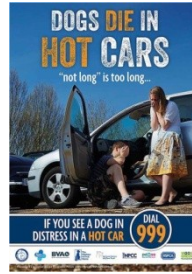
Species;

- Domestic
- Equine
- Livestock
- Exotic
- Wildlife

Number of animals?

Context;

- Security / guarding
- Research establishments
- Zoological / wildlife parks
- Commercial / farmed / breeder
- Shows / sporting events
- Companion / pet / hobby / assistance
- Welfare establishments / sanctuary
- Marine environments
- Retail
- Non indigenous species
- Service animals



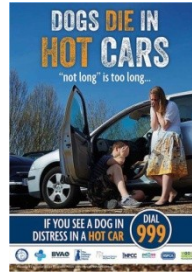
Thoughts

Situation;

- Life at risk
- Trapped
- Loose
- Marooned
- Welfare / assist other agency
- Repatriation / responsibility

Context;

- Direct / Indirect human life / injury risk
- Direct / Indirect animal life / injury risk
- Legal / moral / societal responsibilities
- Duty of care
- Organisational capabilities



Thoughts

Environment;

- Structure
- Enclosed Space
- In Transit (Air / Sea / Road / Rail)
- Water, Ice and Unstable Ground
- Road (Urban / Rural / Motorway)
- Entangled
- Height / Depth

Context;

- Fire
- Flooding
- Severe Weather (Wind / rain / heat / snow / ice)
- Environmental Conditions (hot / cold)
- Day or Night
- Road Traffic Collision
- Hazmat / CBRNE / MTFA
- Inland / Coastal / Offshore / Tidal
- Loose Contained / Uncontained



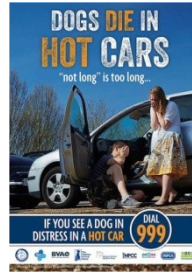
Thoughts

People;

- Who is there?
- Who are they?
- What are they doing?
- What might they do?

Context;

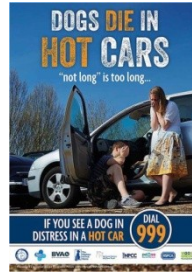
- Human animal bond
- Owner / Keeper
- General Public
- Other Responders
- Welfare Groups
- Veterinary Professionals
- Emotional impact of situation
- Social media



Thoughts

Task;

- Rescue
- Evacuation
- Manage Risk
- Pre Veterinary IEC
- Assist Other Agencies
- Veterinary / Welfare Assist
- Post Incident, recovery / containment / transportation



Thoughts

Additional Animal Risks (From);

- Dangerous Wild Animals
- Status Dogs
- Trained Aggression
- Maternal Instincts
- Entire Male
- Breed Characteristics
- Injured
- Lone Herd Animals
- Poisonous
- Unsocialised / wild
- Distressed
- Escape / Compromised Containment
- Zoonoses
- Infection

Additional Animal Risks (To);

- Further Injury
- Suffering / Welfare
- Death



Thoughts

Planning

Casualty centered plan based on sound welfare principles and safe system of work

Information gathering;

- Site Specific Risk Information
- Specialist advice
- Local knowledge
- On site information and expertise
- Interagency tactical advisors
- Resource Availability
- Other agency capabilities
- Local Response Protocols / Differences
- Over the border MOU's and variances

Consider;

- Scene management and situational awareness
- Joint understanding of risks
- Viability assessment (euthanasia options)
- Physical capture, control, containment options
- Chemical capture and control
- Plan and control the release or final destination



Thoughts

In addition to standard PPE, consider additional PPE and equipment for;

- Task
- Environment
- Post Incident Protocols

Consider;

- Service Specific
- Other Local Resources
- Other agency skills and attributes

Consider whether the PPE worn is sufficient for the task, animal and environmental hazards.



Thoughts

Skill Sets; FRS, vets and other agencies

Initial

- Situational Awareness

Intermediate

- Responder Intervention

Advanced

- Technical / Tactical (operational / strategic)

Additional Modules

- Specific skills sets



Thoughts

Behavioral Modules

Canine Encounters

Equine Encounters

Livestock Encounters

Exotics Encounters

Wildlife Encounters

Technical Modules

Recumbent Large Animals

Transportation Incidents

Decontamination

Evacuation

Rescues from Height

Technical Modules

Rescues from Enclosed Space

Lifting and Winching for Animal Rescue

Rescues from Water/Ice/Unstable Ground

Pre-veterinary Immediate Emergency Care

Incident Management

Veterinary Immediate Care

Actions

Offensive

- Risk assessed positive action
- Access and egress maintained

Defensive

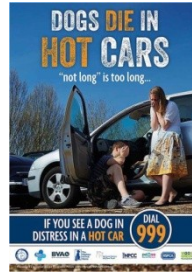
- Risk assessed scene management

Cordon control

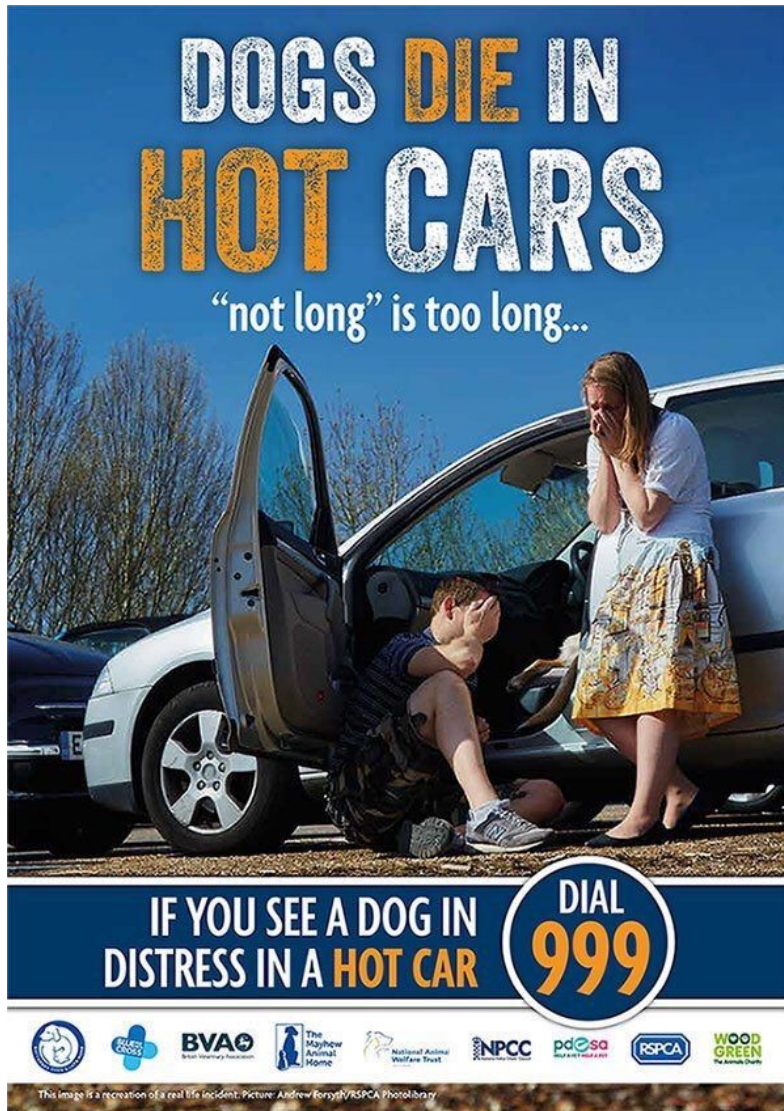
Justification

- Risk assessed action based on objectives and skills focusing on safety within a human and animal casualty centered plan

Consider JESIP – Joint decision making model: <https://www.jesip.org.uk/aide-memoires>



Thoughts



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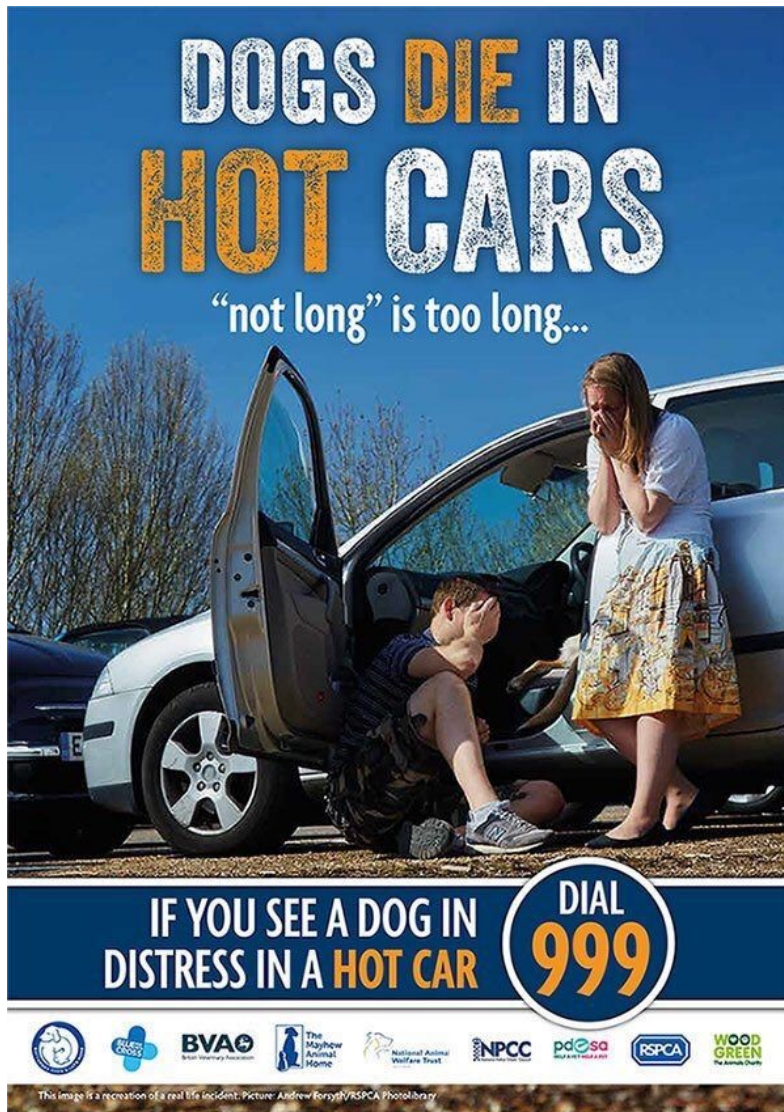
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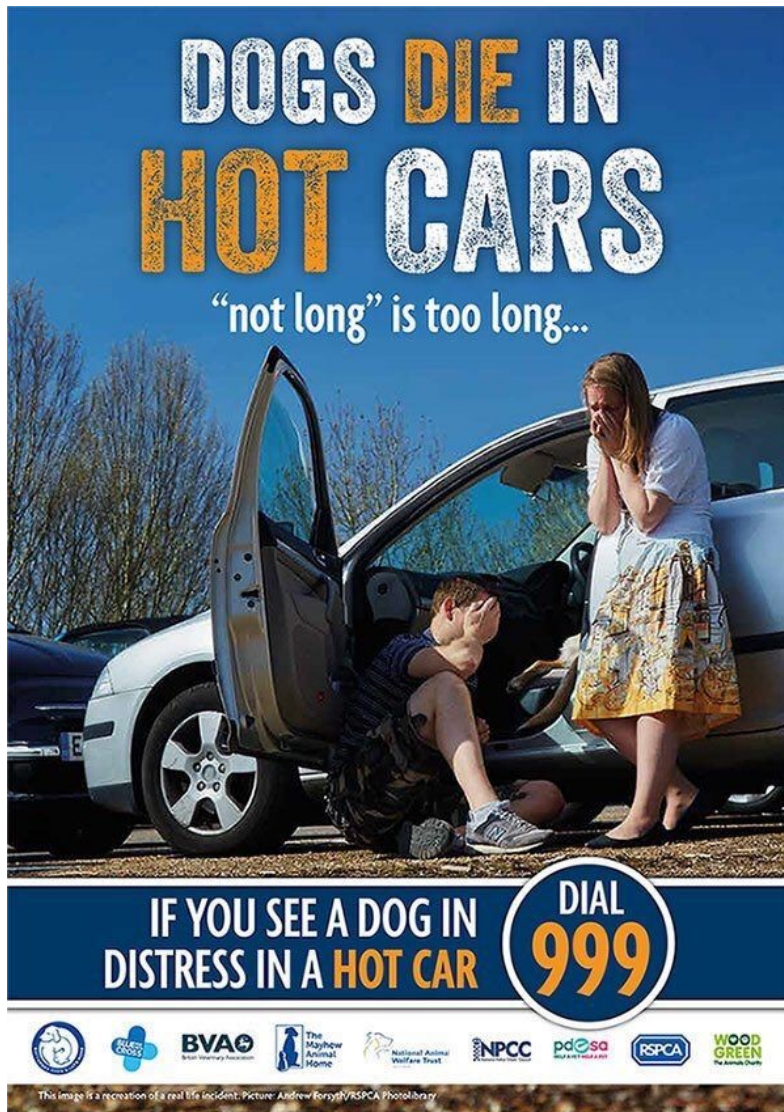
Mobilising rationale;

This is unlikely to fulfil the category of statutory duty or recognised incident type

Lead agencies are likely to be Police and RSPCA and are duly informed

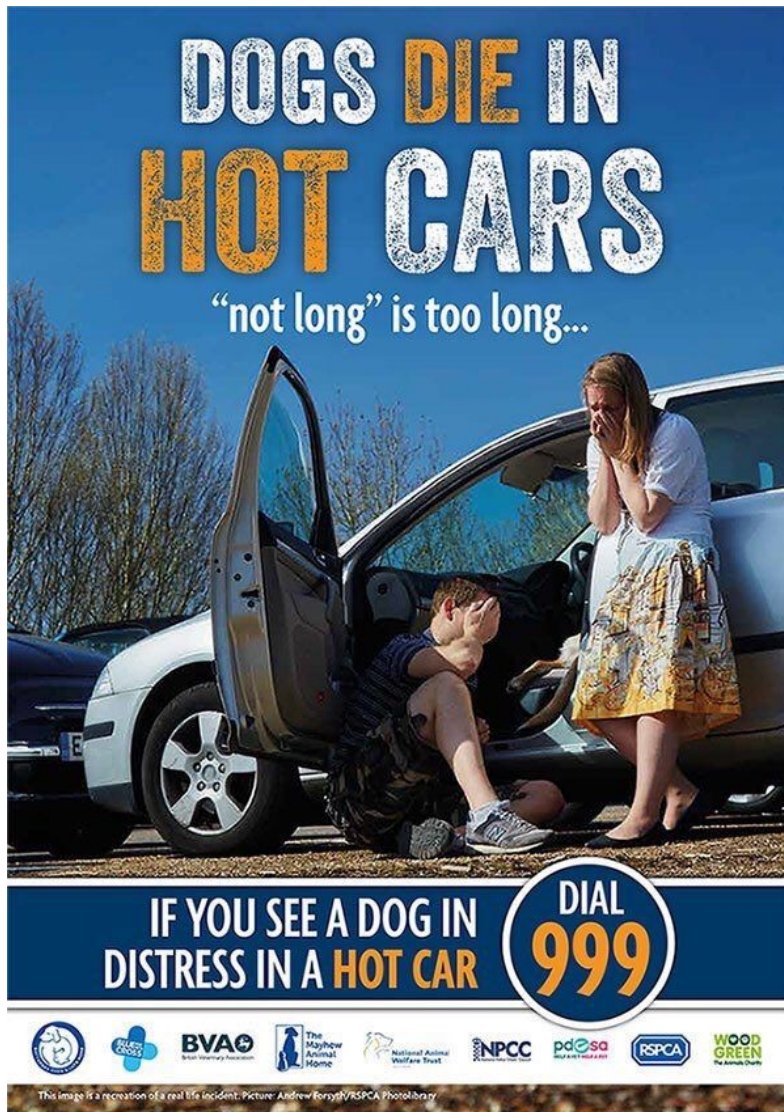
RSPCA cannot confirm attendance for at least an hour and Police request FRS attendance for possible forced entry

Mobilise accordingly based on information acquired through the 10 Steps to Situational Awareness....



Outcomes

1. **Species:** Domestic / companion / pet
2. **Situation:** Direct animal life risk / indirect human injury risk
3. **Environment:** In transit / loose contained / hot environmental conditions
4. **People:** No owner / agitated public / emotional impact / social media
5. **Task:** Rescue / Pre-vet IEC / welfare / post incident recovery / transportation
6. **Additional Animal Risks:** Heat induced stress leading to potential aggression / Animal risk of dying



7. Plan:

No action: dog dies / risk to people / animal welfare act / social media / conflict

Plan: entry / remove dog safely / render pre-vet IEC

Consider: animal risk / temporary responsibility / post incident veterinary care / transportation

8. PPE and Equipment:

Default (full) PPE / restraint / control equipment (improvised) / oxygen / safe containment

9. Skill Sets:

Initial (situational awareness)

10. Action:

Mode Offensive

Consider police for cordon / crowd management / AWA

Justification

Welfare centered plan within capabilities of an Initial qualified crew