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## 123 Degrees Inside Car

# SEAACA Officers Smash Car Window to Save Chihuahua Pup

Bellflower, Calif .... SEAACA officers rescued a 3 month-old Chihuahua named Bella in the Kaiser Hospital parking lot at Clark and Rosecrans Avenues in Bellflower as the midday sun blazed Thursday.

“A hospital visitor noticed a Chihuahua puppy whimpering in a white Ford Focus at about 11am. She parked her car next to the Focus. Just before noon she saw the tiny dog still there, now panting heavily and pacing inside,” said Capt, Aaron Reyes, director of operations for SEAACA.



“She called SEAACA and our Bellflower-dedicated officer Nadine Trujillo arrived on scene within five minutes,” Reyes said. Trujillo registered the inside temperature of the vehicle at a scorching 123 degrees. The puppy was now jumping from the back to the front, panicked and gasping.



“The puppy then climbed under the seat and all I could see was one of her hind legs,” said Trujillo. “Her leg began to twitch and shake and I thought she was going into convulsions,” Another SEAACA officer arrived and they decided to get the puppy out immediately. With all the doors locked, officers broke the driver’s side rear window. The puppy was pulled out and immediately transported to SEAACA’s Veterinary Clinic in Downey. There Bella was treated and remains under SEAACA’s care.

A citation was issued to the driver of the vehicle with three misdemeanor animal cruelty charges. If convicted, he faces up to a year in jail and to \$1000.00 for each charge.

