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AWA is heartbroken to learn of the tragic death of two kittens in the foster care program. These kittens died after accidentally being left in the hot car this week by our employee, who is a foster parent. AWA believes this was a horrible accident and we are all grieving the loss of those kittens. This is a terrible reminder that we must be vigilant when it comes to animal safety and pets should never be left alone in a car.

We all wonder how this could happen. We post reminders and read stories about it frequently. But if a terrible tragedy like this can happen to someone who has dedicated their professional life to the wellbeing and care of animals, it could happen to others. In this sadness, we share our story in the hopes of preventing anymore senseless accidental death of animals being left in a hot car.

We continue to review the matter but believe this was a terrible isolated incident. We will continue to take every measure possible to ensure this doesn't happen again. As you can expect, our staff member is devastated and inconsolable. We will work with them on the best next steps to move forward in everyone's best interest. Anytime you lose an animal, there is great sadness and losing one this way brings additional suffering; we ask for your support as we all grieve at this time, and for your respect of our foster parent's privacy during this difficult moment.

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