

HOME NEWS

UK

Dogs + hot cars = disaster

The RSPCA is once again urging people not to leave dogs in their cars. The animal charity has revealed it received 167 emergency calls about the problem in just one day at the end of June. With the current hot weather, it's even more important to realise the dangers of leaving a dog in a hot car – your pet could die. When it's 22°C outside, the temperature inside a car can rise to 47°C within an hour. So please don't risk it.



SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

Nice to seal you

Good news! The Thames Estuary is now teeming with seals! Only 60 years ago, this stretch of water, where the Thames River meets the sea, was terribly polluted. The Thames was so dirty it was considered 'biologically dead', which means it had no life in it. A new survey has discovered 3,500 blue and grey harbour seals living in the estuary. This shows that the Thames is now much healthier and has lots of fish living in it for the seals to feed on.

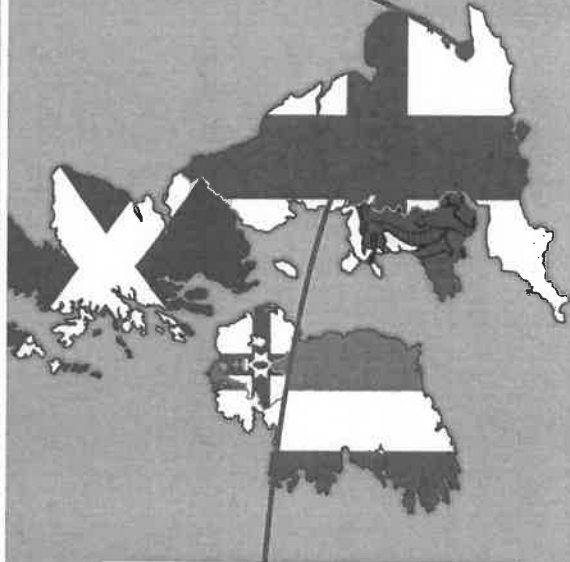


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MANCHESTER

Worrying wildfire

The UK's current heatwave has caused a huge fire on Saddleworth Moor, east of Manchester. The wildfire is six kilometres (6,000 metres) long. More than 50 homes have been evacuated and a team of 50 firefighters and ten fire engines are tackling the blaze.



Questions on: 'Home News'

Look at 'Worrying wildfire'.

1) Find two facts that tell you this wildfire is very big.

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2) Why might you be worried if you live in the east of Manchester?

3) What topic links this story and the story from the UK?

Look at 'Nice to seal you'.

4) What is an **estuary**?

- a type of European seal
- the part of a river where it joins the sea
- the name for a very polluted river

5) Look at the headline of this story. Why have these words been chosen by the writer?

6) Why does the large number of seals show that the river is recovering?

Look at 'Dogs + hot cars = disaster'.

7) Why is it dangerous to leave a dog in a car?

8) What is unusual about the headline of this news report? How has this style helped to summarise the story?