

Precautions help to keep dogs cool in hot weather

Soaring temperatures are prompting scheduling changes for many activities, and should be considered a signal for pet owners to make adjustments in their pet care.

If the family's dog typically stays outside while his or her owner is at work, it's time to consider making a place for the dog in the home, said Susan Nelson, a veterinarian and clinical associate professor in the Pet Health Center at the Veterinary Health Center at Kansas State University.

Nelson, who describes herself as a "family doctor for pets," urges dog and other pet owners to limit their pet's exposure to heat.

If a dog or other pet must remain outside, Nelson advised placing a dog house in a shaded area; the dog house should be large enough for air to circulate and large enough for the dog to stand up and turn around inside.

If a shaded area isn't available, she suggested securing a tarp to shade an area, or providing access to shaded space underneath an elevated deck.

Nelson also advises:

- Place fresh water in a spill-proof dish or container, and check and replenish the water supply several times a day.
- Provide fresh food daily, and remove uneaten food that can spoil or attract other animals.
- Make sure that a dog has a place to relieve itself, keeping the area as clean as possible; older dogs may, for example, sit or roll in feces, which will

stick in their coat and attract flies.

- If taking a pet on errands, do not leave the pet in the car or the back of the truck.
- Time a walk, run or a trip to the park during early morning hours with cooler temperatures, or at dusk when temperatures cool. Avoid concrete, which can hold the heat of the day; tar, which can melt and stick to paw pads; and asphalt, which also can retain heat and cause burns to the pads of the feet.

Nelson said dogs cool themselves by panting, air flowing across their bodywork and laying on cooler surfaces. If a dog should become overheated, gums will become bright red, and drool will thicken.

"We do lose dogs to heat stroke," said Nelson, who advised if a dog appears to be overheating to immediately offer water, wet the coat down with cool water and take him or her to a veterinary clinic.

A dog's breed, size, age and health will be factors in deciding how much exercise a dog should have. For example, a dog with a short (stubby) nose is unable to pant as effectively and can overheat more easily.

Generally, in favorable weather conditions, a smaller, healthy dog will have the capacity to walk 20 to 30 minutes or more, and a larger, healthy dog, at least 30 to 40 minutes, she said.

Information about caring for a dog or other pet during seasonal weather changes is available at www.avma.org/animal_health/default.asp.



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A boxer begged for a snack from its owner during the 4-H Dog Agility Competition Sunday afternoon at the Colby ballfields. Giving dogs water and exercising them in the morning or evening can help them to stay cool and safe when its hot.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Fairview Cemetery
Thomas County

meet on August 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Jack Steiger Residence, 3526 County Rd M, Menlo KS 67753 for the purpose of hearing answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Jack Steiger Residence, 3526 County Rd M, Menlo KS 67753 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2013 Expenditures and Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2013 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2011		Current Year Estimate for 2012		Proposed Budget Year for 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	13,140	2.366	9,877	2.382	11,835	5,290	1.605
Debt Service							
Totals	13,140	2.366	9,877	2.382	11,835	5,290	1.605
Less: Transfers	2,000		0		0		
Net Expenditures	11,140		9,877		11,835		
Total Tax Levied	7,167		7,289		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:	3,029,459		3,059,672		3,295,560		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,	2011	2012	2013
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
Leoma Steiger
Clerk

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Menlo City

will meet on August 9, 2012 at 8:00 PM at Menlo City Building for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Clerk, Sharon Munk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2013 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2012 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2013 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2011		Current Year Estimate for 2012		Proposed Budget for 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	29,876	11.648	44,760	11.621	37,432	3,373	11.725
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	1,312		1,736		1,506		
Totals	31,188	11.648	46,496	11.621	38,938	3,373	11.725
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	31,188		46,496		38,938		
Total Tax Levied	3,336		3,331		x		
Assessed Valuation	299,828		286,639		287,684		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2010	2011	2012
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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Sharon Munk

City Official Title: City Clerk

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