



July 2018

From Mayfield Graves Co Animal Shelter

# Up-coming Events

Board meeting on July 16@ 6:30 at the animal shelter.



## SHELTER HOURS

The shelter has the following hours:



T, W, Th, F 12:00-5:00

Saturday 12:00-4:00

Sunday and Monday Closed

Newsletter is going to a quarterly publication. You will receive July's and the next one will be in October, then January 2019 and April 2019.

Understanding a pet's special needs in the hot weather is important

By Lorrie Shaw



Lucy

If you see a neighborhood pet in distress please help them.

One phrase that won't be misplaced this week is, "Is it hot enough for you?"

You have to be smart about this weather, and with the hot temperatures that are here this week, it's no wonder: Heat stress can take hold quickly, especially in those who are prone to heat related illness.

**Have you thought about the impact on pets?** 

-Yes, pets feel the effects of the hot weather, just as we do. A good rule of thumb: If you are uncomfortable, so are your pets.

-The hot weather can affect the well-being of pets equally as it does humans — especially young ones, sick ones and, especially, senior pets.

-And let's be honest. Some dogs are not well-suited to hot climates. Some thrive in cool climates and have a much more difficult time tolerating summer temperatures.

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# July's Featured Pets

- **Breed:** Boxer / Mix
- **Age:** 4y 7m **Gender:** Female
- **Color:** Black / Brown
- **Spayed/Neutered:** No
- **Size:** Large

**VITANI**



**GRACIE**

- **Breed:** Domestic Shorthair / Mix
- **Age:** 1y 2m **Gender:** Female
- **Color:** Yellow stripe
- **Spayed/Neutered:** No
- **Size:** Small

# Shelter Facts

## INTAKES AND OUTCOMES FOR May 2018 and June 2018

### Animal Intakes

	Owner Surrender	ACO Seizure	Stray	Returned to Shelter	Other	Total
May	78	45	58	3	1	185
June	161	33	75	0	0	269

### Animal Outcomes

	Adoption	Return to Owner	Animals to Rescues
May	13	18	72
June	34	10	86

# Shelter Facts continued

June's intake break-down by jurisdiction and species:

	City animal intake	118
	County animal intake	151
	Cats and cats with litters	177
	Dogs and dogs with litters	92



**Information is Based on January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018**

**Since January 1 2018** the shelter has received **928** animals.

**346** city animals and **582** county animals have been received.

In 2017(June) the shelter received **217** animals.

So far **in 2018 449** dogs have gone to various rescues.



You can get your dog or cat microchipped at the shelter for a very reasonable cost.

Give us a call.

*Please don't breed or buy  
while shelter dogs die.*

**PLEASE be a responsible  
pet owner and SPAY/  
NEUTER your pet.**

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 **We need help.** We need a couple of volunteers to take pictures of all our dogs and cats so we can get them on Petango and Petfinder. To say we are busy is an understatement. Once we get the initial pictures taken it will be a matter of coming to the shelter maybe 1 time a week to do pictures of animals that have come in since the previous week. Pictures do not have to be professional quality. We need to get our animals on these 2 sites, in the newsletter and on the webpage so the public can see them. I say 2 volunteers so 1 can take the picture and 1 can help "pose" the animal. If anyone is willing to do this to help the shelter please call 270-251-0130. **PLEASE !!!!**



-The geographic mobility that some breeds have attained due to our affinity for them has worked much to their detriment, and being mindful of their special needs should be in the forefront of owners' minds, especially where the weather is concerned.

-Some breeds, like Labrador retrievers and Border Collies, are genetically predisposed to conditions that are exacerbated by the heat, like Exercise Induced Collapse and Border Collie Collapse, respectively.

**All dogs are not created equal, certainly, but they all need special consideration in the hot, humid weather.**

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

-Provide adequate shelter and limit activity

-Just like humans, pets require proper shelter from the sun. I frequently hear: "Oh, dogs are meant to be outdoors, they know what to do." It's true, they do!

-They are smart enough to seek refuge in shady spots or a sheltered area. They typically take siestas when the temperatures are at their highest, to allow their bodies to stay cool.

-If at all possible, keep them indoors in the air conditioning. If you must keep your pets outdoors, be sure that they are sheltered from the sun and in a secure place.

-If you exercise your pets, do so in the morning when the effects of the heat are at their lowest, and take things slowly! The onset of heat stroke can happen quickly, even in healthy pets.

### **Keep activity on the streets safe**

-Don't let your pooch linger on hot concrete or asphalt. Because they are so close to the ground, your pet's body heats up quickly, and paw pads can burn as they are sensitive.

### **Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate**

-Always provide plenty of fresh, clean water for your pet, every day. We keep bowls inside, of course, and also set fresh bowls outside each morning while our dogs play so that they can drink at their leisure.

### **Don't leave your pets in the car**

-Temperatures can rise quickly in a parked car. I typically don't transport my pets in the car if the temperature is over 75 degrees. Before you scoff, think of this: Temperatures inside a parked car rapidly climb to more than 100 degrees and can cause death sometimes in just a few minutes.

-It is hard to look at them and say no, but it's for your furry companion's own good. Even if you have air conditioning in your vehicle, keep in mind that anything could happen — your vehicle could break down, you could get into an accident and be stuck out in the harsh elements.

-One word to the wise: There is no such thing as an errand that takes just a few minutes, and by clicking here you can see just how hot it gets inside of a vehicle — even if it's parked in the shade.

-Don't forget the sunscreen. Pets get sunburn, too.

### **Know the signs of overheating**

-It's difficult especially for pets with flat faces, like pugs and Persian cats — they can't pant as efficiently so extra care needs to be taken. Pets with lung or heart disease need to be treated with special attention, too.

-If you suspect that your pet is experiencing difficulty, get it to a veterinary care professional immediately.

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