Keep safety in mind when enjoying summer with your pets

By Darla Sheldon Contributing Writer

This spring Oklahoma has experienced some seriously tumultuous weather and very soon the thermostat will reach triple digits. Not only do we enjoy outdoor, summer activities often want our four-legged friends to come along.

"Just as a person takes heat precautions for themselves, they should do the same for their pets," said Dr. Joe Howell, interim director, Office of Veterinary Continuing Education at Oklahoma State University.

"Most people enjoy soaking up some sun, but the heat can take a toll on you and your pet," Howell said. "Heat exhaustion can be even more dangerous for animals than it is for humans. Dogs don't sweat the way humans do. They rely on panting to cool themselves.

"An animal is confined to an enclosed space with poor ventilation, such as inside of a car or garage, it can quickly suffer from heat stress or heat exhaustion." A study from Stanford University shows that even on a comparatively cool day of 72 degrees, a cat's internal temperature will reach 106 degrees Fahrenheit within 60 minutes. That can occur even if it is parked in the shade with the windows down tightly.

Fourteen states have statutes that make it illegal to leave an animal in a confined vehicle. Even without a specific state or local law, this action could constitute animal cruelty under some circumstances.

Cherly Counts, President at Oklahoma Humane Society said, "Last summer, distributors of bottled drinks that would otherwise have been parked in a car's trunk were having pets that they had been promised to a family expecting a new pet. In the end, the animal was not given to the family, and the pet was put in the back of an owner's truck and died from heat exhaustion."

Oklahoma Humane Society said, "We hope that the distributors will always think twice before deciding to leave water bottles in a car and not choose to reuse instead of adding them to our landfill.

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Chad Warmington to Head Statewide Oil and Gas Association

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The Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Association (MCOGA) has announced President Michael Clark's retirement this month. Chad Warmington, currently Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Oklahoma, will become the association's new executive director. Bernard will continue to serve for a transitional period and will remain on the Board of Directors.

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Kathy McCallie, founder of Church of the Open Arms, relocates to Tulsa Seminary

After 16 years of service, Kathy McCallie recently gave her final sermon as Pastor of Church of the Open Arms. Members of the congregation and friends gathered to express their appreciation for McCallie’s dedication and service and to share their good luck on her new venture. McCallie is returning to faculty at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. She is the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program and an Associate Professor of Ministerial Leadership and Ethics.

As the founding pastor of COA, located at 335 N. Penn, Homeless Program has mixed emotions about her departure.

“I have never had a family member or close friend leave town. Kathy made a presentation that talked about the importance of building an organization like VOICE, not just for now but for future generations. “I understand the potential of this type of organization to elevate people to put their faith into action and to give power to act on behalf of their families, their neighborhoods, and their community,”

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Time to apply “The Oklahoma Standard” to Corrections policy

By Janet Barnell
State Board of Correctional Public Instruction

This month, I attended two ceremonial bill signings at the State Capitol to celebrate legislation I feel is of vital importance to Oklahomans.

The law requires the State Board of Education to report on education systems and greater accountability of other state systems for schools, as A-Score Report Cards. Yet, we must ensure the privacy of our students and their parents. Sherry Lan@sde.ok.gov.

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In the current session, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC) has proposed a series of bills that, if passed, will have a significant impact on the lives of offenders and their families. These bills are intended to address the ongoing issue of high incarceration rates in Oklahoma and to focus on rehabilitation and re-entry programs. One of these bills, House Bill 1690, proposes to change the classification of certain offenses, which could potentially reduce the number of people serving their sentences in correctional facilities. This change is part of a broader initiative known as “justice reinvestment,” which aims to reduce the financial burden on the state by focusing on evidence-based practices that have been shown to be effective in reducing recidivism rates. The Oklahoma Standard, which was developed by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, provides a framework for evaluating the effectiveness of these initiatives and ensuring that they align with the state’s goals of public safety and justice.

One of the key principles of this initiative is that the state should focus on the needs of individuals who have committed crimes, rather than simply punishing them. This approach recognizes that many offenders have complex histories and that providing them with the support they need to lead productive lives is essential to reducing crime rates and improving public safety. The Oklahoma Standard emphasizes the importance of evidence-based practices and encourages the use of data to inform policy decisions. This focus on data and evidence is crucial to ensuring that the state’s efforts are effective and that resources are used efficiently.

In evaluating the bills proposed in the current session, it is important to consider their potential impact on public safety and the well-being of those affected by incarceration. While reducing incarceration rates is a worthy goal, it is important to ensure that these efforts do not come at the expense of public safety or the rights of crime victims. The Oklahoma Standard provides a useful framework for evaluating these proposals and ensuring that they align with the state’s goals of public safety and justice.
“Also, we’re concerned with developing community relationships and that kind of program plays a big part in that.”

All TapIt locations will be designated with a TapIt sticker

"OKlahoma can be a dangerous place for cats in the hot summer months. Even mostly indoor cats can become susceptible to heat stroke when left outside for short periods of time."

"Pet owners must be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat stress in their pets and take steps to watch for any excessive panting and abdominal throb. They should be aware of excessive thirst, red skin, pale gums, dizziness, and dry groins."

"I was in seminary at Phillips University and I was very moved by the death of an open and prophetic voice in our city, Kathy McCallie."

"I have known Kathy McCallie for 16 years of service, Church of the Open Arms founder and former Senior Pastor; and Nathaniel Batchelder, OKC Peace House Director, 16 years of service, Church of the Open Arms founder and former Senior Pastor; and Nathaniel Batchelder, OKC Peace House Director, 16 years of service."

"As an early gay minister in 1970, Open Arms welcomed into the United Church of Christ, the denomination which ordained its first openly gay minister in 1970, Open Arms continues as a social justice Christian church."
The Veterans Administration has announced its first-ever inter-tribal veteran Stand Down. VA Secretary General Shinseki added, “In keeping with President Obama’s and VA Secretary General Shinseki’s plan for veterans’ homelessness, in 2013, the VA Medical Center is determined to meet this goal by reaching out to homeless veterans wherever they may be, and providing resources and services through community partners, so that all veterans have a permanent home.”

The first Stand Down was organized in 1987 by a group of Vietnam veterans in San Diego. Since then, Stand Downs have been used as an effective tool in reaching out to homeless veterans, reaching more than 200,000 veterans and their family members between 1994-2000. For more information on the Stand Down and a list of pickup locations, contact Martha King at 405-425-3411 or Lovely Vile at 405-476-7208.

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78-Year-Old Volunteer Honored as Oklahoma’s Salute to Senior Service Winner

Martha King

Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network and contest sponsor, will also have a spotlight on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame on SaluteToSeniorService.com where her nomination story has been posted.

As a state winner, King will be considered for the national Salute to Senior Service award. The Salute to Senior Service program was launched last year by the Home Instead Senior Care network to honor seniors’ commitments to their communities. Martha represents so well the dedication and commitment that make senior volunteers such a value to their communities and our country. Home Instead President of Home Instead stands behind this project once again that age is meaningful and can make a difference. So many charities, nonprofit organizations and faith communities could not do the work they do without the selfless volunteers such as Martha.”

For more information about the Salute to Senior Service network’s Salute to Senior Service Winner program, visit SaluteToSeniorService.com.

My name:

Learning Buddies: Spell your child’s first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, circle at a point.

My kid Scoop will be out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school.

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Learning Buddies: Trace and say the word. Point to the number in the newspaper. Make a number that begins with the same letter as the number R in robot.

What words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter R makes in the word robot?

My Numbers

Learning Buddies: Trace all the pages in the newspaper. Draw a circle around the number in the newspaper. Circle an uppercase letter in the newspaper. Say the number and have your child write it in the newspaper. Circle the number and have your child write it in the newspaper.

How many how many:

Learning Buddies: Trace the number in the newspaper. Make a shape book using the newspaper. Cut a section of the newspaper. Glue a picture that includes a circle shape on one, a picture that includes a square shape on the second and a picture that includes a triangle shape on the third.

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Property tax basics from Oklahoma County Assessor Leonard Sullivan

Taxpayer’s rights, remedies and responsibilities

Property taxes provide more revenue for local services in Oklahoma than any other source. Property taxes help to pay for public schools, city streets, county roads, police, fire protection and many other services, according to the Oklahoma County Assessor’s office.

Property taxes are local taxes, the state does not levy them. It is the tax assessors, or county assessor’s office, that set your tax rates and collects your taxes. The state law governs the process.

How does the property tax system work?

To get an idea of your property’s value, an online search or a phone call to a Realtor can help you determine this. Markets are driven by local conditions, so different parts of the county may suffer, while other parts thrive. That’s the nature of real estate.

The county assessor must notify property owners prior to any tax increase. A property’s market value is the price for which it would sell both when buyer and seller want to buy and sell. If a property is under pressure to be sold, its value is lower than if it were not under pressure to be sold.

Land used for farming and ranching is assessed on its capacity to produce crops or live stock in accordance with its agricultural use value.

Your county assessor must notify property owners in writing of any increase in your tax rate. What if you do not pay your property taxes? It’s expensive and risky to fail to pay property taxes.

Penalty and interest charges may vary as much as 7 percent of the amount you owe.

Delinquent tax notices and fees are issued, usually repeatedly. A tax lien can be attached, making selling the property impossible.

After several years, the property can be auctioned at a tax sale, unless the delinquent taxes are paid. You may be able to get your house back by paying the new owner of the tax back, plus a hefty interest rate.

Editor’s Note: This information is general; consult your county assessor’s office for more specific guidelines.

Demand for Oklahoma County’s real estate is still high, but builders and real estate tradesmen are advocating for tax relief.

Land used for farming and ranching is assessed on its capacity to produce crops or livestock and is known in agricultural use value. How do you register your car in the state of Oklahoma? To register your car in Oklahoma, you need to visit the local DMV office in your county. You will need to provide proof of ownership, insurance, and registration fees. The process may take a few minutes and will require you to provide the necessary documents. For more information, you can visit the Oklahoma Department of Motor Vehicles website or contact the local DMV office.

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Construction firm job openings now exceed 14,000, an all-time high for Oklahoma. Oklahoma is no longer in the highest level since 2007, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Werner leads several kinds of training courses for Oklahoma State Home Builders and Remodelers.

Werner said, “As a property tax professional, trying to educate the community about how the system works is important.”

“We have a lot of homeowners that are new to the area, they may not be familiar with how the system works,” Werner said.

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In the heart of our city with a heart for the community, that is Oklahoma. We are committed to providing excellent care and support for our patients. First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, a local church, serves the community with its services and events. First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City is located at 1201 NW 10 in Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

Don’t overlook impact of storm losses when filing for 2013 tax year

By Alan Swettz, CPA

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