

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Clark County, WA

**June 2016** 



# **Warm Weather Tips for Taking Care of Our Pets**

Summertime is a time for fun but it's also fraught with danger for our pets. When the temperature rises, we need to take extra precautions to make sure our pets are okay in the heat. Here are some key tips from Petfinder to help keep your pet cool and safe.

#### Don't leave your pet alone in the car on a warm day

Despite the warnings, every year, pets die after their owners leave them in a parked car that overheats. Within just a few minutes, a car can get extremely hot, stifling, and deadly. Dr. Ernie Ward did an experiment on a warm summer's day in which he sat in a parked car with the windows cracked. He wanted

to see just how hot it would get. Within 30 minutes it was 117 degrees inside the car. "Never, ever leave your dog in a parked car on a warm day," he pleads at the end of the video he made to document his experience. That goes for any pet, by the way!

(Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbOcCO-y3OY)

#### Avoid Walking Your Dog in the Heat

Aim for mornings and evenings when letting your dog outside, cautions Dr. Marty Becker in his article, "Beat the Heat Tips for Your Dog." Sometimes, though, it's just hot all day long and Dr. Becker says, "Even in the coolest part of the day, watch for signs of trouble: Glassy eyes and frantic panting indicate a dog who needs help. Get to a veterinarian immediately if you see these symptoms!"

#### **Keep Your Home Cool for Your Pets**

When the temperature outside gets hot, it can be harder to keep the indoors cool. Some people turn their air conditioning off when they leave for the day. If you have a pet at home, this could put him in danger. FromVetstreet.com's "Summer Hazards and Your Dog," a doctor advises: "Instead of turning off the air conditioner, try leaving it on a conservative but comfortable setting (perhaps 76°F) while you are out." The article recommends you make sure your pet has water and, "consider closing curtains to reduce the heating effects of sunlight through the windows."

### PETA recommends the following if you see a pet trapped in a hot car (or other hazardous location):

Quickly gather information about the car (time is of the essence!), go straight to the manager of the store and have them make an announcement (be persistent!), and then wait with the animal by the car. If no owner can be found, call animal control or 911. If all else fails, do what's necessary to save the animal's life. Clark County Animal Control for abuse and neglect: 360-397-2488 / Portland: 503-988-7387. You may just save a life this summer!

--Petfinder.com

Hello! Can you believe it's almost summer? I can't! This year has just flown by! There's a lot happening in the housing market right now and buyers and sellers alike are benefitting from all the seasonal activity. If you or someone you know is looking to buy or sell, I would love to help! Stay cool and enjoy the beginning of summer!



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## **Quote of the Month:**



"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?"

--Dr. Seuss

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You will find detailed information about the current market, links to homes for sale, and much more!

# **Market Stats: Clark County**

April Avg. Sales Price: \$325,000 Avg. Days on Market: 50

New listings rose in April 4.0% compared to April 2015 and this was the strongest April for new listings in the area since 2008. Closings were up 3.9% from last year and it was the strongest April since 2005.

For detailed information on your home's current market value and how it compares, call me!

As of May 2016; Courtesy of RMLS



June is named for Juno, Roman Queen of the Gods.

June has the Summer Solstice, the day with the longest daylight of the year, typically on June 21st. June is often considered a "summer month", whereas September is not. Interestingly, September has twice as many summer days as June.

Did you know that June is host to many fun national observances? For example:

- Adopt-a-Cat Month
- Candy Month
- Great Outdoors Month
- And many more!

June 14th is Flag Day





June 19th is Father's Day

