

SUN CITY PET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Exclusive to Pet Club Members

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2022 Club Information YTD

Membership: 718
Donations to Shelters YTD: over \$8,000

Dog and Cat Equipment to Loan

Got a new dog, cat? Need a leash, collar, bed, crate, toy, bowl, etc? Call us, we have items you are looking for. Items are free for our members to borrow or keep if we have them in stock. These are donated items from members and SC residents who no longer need them. We are happy to share them with our members. Call Diane Daniel at 512-868-7393 for more information.

Sun City Lost Pet Alert System

The Pet Club and the NRO have teamed up to provide a Sun City-wide Lost Pet Alert System.

This new system is now live and working. To report a lost pet, click on the Lost Pet Icon on the SC Resident Home page, or go to the Pet Club or NRO Website. After clicking on the Lost Pet Icon, follow the instructions to fill out the lost pet form, it will go out to everyone who Opted In.

To make it successful, we would appreciate that everyone **Opt In** to receive the email alerts of lost pets through the Sun City wide system. Until sufficient number of people Opt In, I will continue to also send out the Lost Pet Alerts to Pet Club Members as well. This means, during this transition period, you will be receiving this notice twice if you Opted In. **Please do not Opt Out!** The sooner we get at least 1,000 residents to **Opt In**, the sooner we will use **only** the Sun City wide system.

[Click here >>](#) to **Opt In** or follow these simple steps.

Instructions To Receive Lost Pet Alerts

1. Sign on to your SC Website/Resident Page
2. On the left, Click on My Preferences.
3. Scroll down to EMAIL PREFERENCES
4. Check box for NRO Lost Pet Alerts
5. Click on SAVE DATA

We are working together with the NRO to make this go **BIG** to help find lost pets. As always, thank you for your support!

Dog Adoption Saturdays

Looking for a new dog?

The Georgetown Animal Shelter has a Dog Adoption Saturday at two locations on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

The FURst Saturday of every month is at **Pupology** at 4236 Williams Drive from 11am to 1pm. For more information, call 512-688-5730 or check the Pupology Facebook page for additional information.

- › Meet and Greet with Adoption Pups
- › Sips and Samples

The 3rd Saturday of every month is at **Wag Heaven Pet Supplies** at their downtown location, 205 W. 6th St., Suite 115 (behind Monument Cafe) from 11am to 1pm.

With a pet adoption, Wag Heaven will provide:

- › Free Small Bag of Dog or Cat Food (selected brands)
- › Free Engraved ID Tag
- › Free Self-Serve Dog Wash
- › 10% off First Initial Purchase

For more information, call 512-887-5037.

FAQ's

Standard Leash vs Retractable Leash

by Ruth Olsen (Lead Dog Trainer)

Standard Leash:

The short leash increases the bond between you and your dog.

Your dog can sniff anything it wants - within the 6 ft length.

You can control your dog, keeping it safe around cars, bike, golf carts, other dogs.

When holding the leash properly (2 hands), you have better balance in case your dog pulls.

Standard leashes come with arthritic padded handles to make holding them safer and easier for you.

Retractable Leash:

No bond is developed, the dog is walking on its own without you.

Your dog can walk up to your neighbor's front door and say hello without you knowing.

The dog has control of you.

Your dog cannot be seen clearly by cars, bikes, golf carts and other dogs putting itself and you in a hazardous situation.

You need to be fast to reel in the dog in a dangerous situation and you do not have control with a long lead which can cause human and dog injury.

Arthritic or weak hands can not safely hold the large handle.

Your dog can wrap you up quickly around your legs with the extended leash and cause you to fall.

Upcoming Training Classes and Events

Dog Assessment/Walking Classes: See calendar below.

Snake Aversion Sign-Up: Begins on May 23 at 9:00 a.m. using the C.A. Ticket System or at the Members Service Desk for the June 11 event day.

Puppy Training Seminar: See calendar below. Look for email from Ruth Olsen about sign-up date.

Dog Q&A Seminar: See calendar below. Look for email from Ruth Olsen about sign-up date.

New Resident Club Fair and Town Hall: May 19, 8:00 a.m., in the SC Ball Room.



Pet Partners Therapy Dog Fundraiser

Pet Partners of Sun City Texas recently held their Treats & Sweets Day on April 30 at Legacy Hill Park Pavilion. Thanks to over 65 amazing bakers, a small army of volunteers and a dedicated committee, we raised almost \$2,500 in less than three hours. The money helps support new and current therapy teams continue with visits to hospitals, schools, health care facilities and more. Our volunteer group of about 30 teams from Sun City are well known at St. David's Hospital, Georgetown, Florence and Taylor School Districts, local health care facilities, memory care facilities and support groups. Currently, we raised the most money of any Pet Partners group in the U.S.! Thanks for everyone's support.

We will see you the end of April 2023!

If you want to learn more about how to support Pet Partners or become a Pet Partners teammate with your pet, contact Ruth Olsen, at 6pawstraining@gmail.com





Mobile Pet Groomers Wanted for our Resource List

We would like to add more mobile pet groomers to our Groomer List on the Pet Club Website. If anyone knows of any, please email their company name, and contact information to Alan Kamen at alankamen5253@icloud.com

Pet Tip of the Month

Warning! Asphalt Too Hot!

TOO HOT FOR SPOT!

AIR TEMPERATURE	ASPHALT TEMPERATURE
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°

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BE AWARE OF HOT ASPHALT BEFORE WALKING YOUR DOG
Data Source: Berens J. Thermal contact burns from streets and highways. Journal of the American Medical Association; 214 (11): 2025-2027.

At this time of year, everywhere you go you see people walking their dogs. But on the really hot summer days – 75 degrees and higher – you can't help but wince when you see dogs being walked on streets and sidewalks. Their paw pads are akin to having really callused feet, so remember, if it's too hot for you to walk barefoot, it's too hot for them. Please share so others are aware!

Pads aren't always visibly burned when a dog's been injured. Here are some symptoms that those toes have been toasted:

- Limping or refusing to walk
- Redness or darkening of the pads
- Swelling or blisters
- Excessive licking and chewing of the feet

You don't want to keep your dogs cooped up when the weather is phenomenal, so how can you help keep them safe? Well, in addition to making sure that you keep them hydrated on their walks, you can also protect their tootsies.

- Stick to the five second rule – if you can't hold the back of your hand on the asphalt or pavement for at least five seconds, it's too hot to walk your dog.
- Try to take walks during the coolest times of the day – early morning and late evening.
- Make sure you walk them in the grass as much as possible.

Pulled from online sources.

Too Hot For A Dog Walk?

If You Cannot Hold The **Back of Your Hand** On The Ground For **5 Seconds**, Stay Home!

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Dog Training Classes on the calendar: An email alert will go out from Ruth Olsen when tickets go on sale for all training classes. They usually go on sale 1-2 weeks prior to the actual date of the class.

Pet Club Classifieds

Wanted: Maltese Puppy

Looking for a Maltese puppy. If anyone knows of any reputable breeders or websites, please contact Linda Gavin at olivemars2@gmail.com