# GAZETTE

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# RED, WHITE AND BLUE JULY 4th BICYCLE PARADE

by Will and Deanna Zugheri

Garden Oaks 2012 Red, White, and Blue Parade is scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Rick Englert SPARK Park on Sue Barnett, with preregistration beginning at 9:30 a.m. With the enormous patriotic spirit that is in this community, it is expected that anyone who is not in the parade will be on the street cheering. Bring a lawn chair and find a seat along the parade route.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Strollers & Wagons
- Tricycles
- Youth bicycles
- Adult bicycles
- Floats

Refreshments will be served at the SPARK Park after the parade. Volunteers are needed to work the registration table, serve as judges, parade marshals and photographers.



If you are interested in helping, contact Deanna Zugheri at Deanna@GardenOaksHomes.com or 281.658.4514.



#### **Commemorate Your July 4th Celebration**

Stop by the Garden Oaks PTO Beautification Committee booth during the July 4th celebration to paint yourself into a bit of our neighborhood jewel! Create a tile that will be placed on the entrance columns at the SPARK Park as part of ongoing beautification efforts. Individual 4 ¼ by 4 ¼ tiles will be offered for \$20.00 and can be painted on site. Proceeds will be used to continue beautification of Garden Oaks Elementary and the park.

# **JULY 2012**

#### **UPCOMING CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS**

July 3 Civic Club Meeting has been cancelled. Have a Happy 4th of July!

**August 7, 7 p.m. Civic Club Meeting**Garden Oaks Elementary School

# UPCOMING EVENTS Red, White and Blue July 4th Bicycle Parade

Wednesday July 4,10 am at the SPARK Park.

#### Freedom Over Texas,

July 4 from 4 – 9 p.m. Eleanor Tinsley Park at Buffalo Bayou, \$8 per person

## SAVE THE DATE National Night Out

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 Organize your own block party and celebrate crime prevention with your neighbors.

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# HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE

by Terry Jeanes

#### **Welcome, New Neighbors!**

Congratulations on joining us. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.

959 Gardenia 1020 West 42nd. 1066 West 41st. 4207 Apollo 320 West 33rd 1075 Lamonte 1574 Sue Barnett 705 West 39th 1434 Sue Barnett 1462 Sue Barnett

July Birthdays
Caroline McLean – 1
Matthew Knauth – 2
Claire Elizabeth Balance – 2
Alexander Zugheri – 2
Jessica Jarvis – 7
Kaplan Martinez – 12

Sterling & Sean Walden – 16 Jason Cunningham – 27 Sally McDaniel – 27 Belated June Birthday to Allison Padon on the 28th.

Happy Anniversary Sarah & Corey Heath – 26

#### **Congratulations**

To **Trent Salch** who is now in the preliminaries for Idol of the Heights and to **Michael Padon** who just graduated from Rice University on May 12.

#### **Out and About**

The O'Leary Appling Family had a family weekend at the Flying L Guest Ranch in Bandera Texas. Robert

Deveau visited Chicago and also ran the Atlantic City SAAGNY foundation 5K. Dian Austin did a quick trip to Germany. The Lister family enjoyed a great weekend retreat at Moody Gardens. The Johnson family were

relaxed and rested after a trip to Paradox. **Tina Beddow** enjoyed the Lavender Festival in Blanco Texas. **The Dubroff-Acosta clan** saw four of 405 California condors left in the world at Grand Canyon National Park. **Terry Jeanes** traveled to San Antonio to view a featured home on the San Antonio Parade of Homes designed by architect daughter **Becky Jeanes**.

To highlight an event, celebration, or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713.812.9154 or terry@terryjeanes. com

## **Emergency Numbers**

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All Other City Services 311

### Garden Oaks Gazette

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## CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM

by Carl Waters, Jr.

Things seem to be quieting down on the crime front. There were six crimes reported for the month of May with four of those occurring on North Shepherd Dr. Last May ten crimes were reported; so all in all the residents of Garden Oaks faired pretty well. This year to date 41 crimes have been listed on the HPD website. We had 71 reported all of last year so we still need to remain vigilant about suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

Here is an early reminder. National Night Out will be celebrated in Houston and Harris County on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. Start planning your block parties now and let me know so we can have HPD and/or the Constable stop by for a visit.

#### **May Crime Statistics: 6**

Burglary: 3

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. (restaurant).

3400 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Sunday, May 13 at 2:30 a.m. (bar).

1000 block of W. 43rd St. on Sunday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. (residence).

Theft: 3

500 block of W. 32nd St. on Tuesday, May 22 at 8:45 a.m. (residence).

3200 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, May 23 at 9:15 a.m. (church).

3200 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Tuesday, May 29 at 5:00 (commercial parking lot).

Inquiries about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org or to the COP email account at GOCOP77018@AOL.com or by phone at 713-864-1992.





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Terms expire October of year in parentheses.

# GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MINUTES

By Heather Leverett, Secretary

Location: Garden Oaks Elementary School, June 5, 2012

**Welcome:** President Mark Klein called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

A big thank you to Brother's Pizzeria (Garden Oaks shopping center at Shepherd and 38th) for providing delicious New York style pizza for everyone attending the meeting!

A motion was made and carried to accept the April and May minutes as published in the *Gazette*.

**President's Announcements: Gazette Editor:** Chavonne Slovak has graciously volunteered to be the editor. A volunteer assistant editor (or two) is (are) still needed. The Civic Club could pay for a workshop/training for anyone interested in the role.

**Water Line Update:** No update on a final schedule. The City still has to disinfect some lines, according to contractor Collins Construction, before final hook ups to the new lines can begin. President Klein will request an update on the timeline.

Parking Ordinance: Some neighbors are parking in their yards in Section One, resulting in complaints. The neighborhood could request enforcement of a parking ordinance via petition and 60% support of

#### **GOMO Review Meetings**

take place prior to Civic Club meetings at 6:30p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month and at 7pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Additional information about the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization is online at GardenOaks.org. Property owners in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 are all members of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization.

the residents. The ordinance would target one section or all of Garden Oaks, depending upon support of the residents.

**Speakers**: President Klein is working on lining up speakers for future meetings, but wants to make sure that attendance levels are high enough to support the speakers. Please send topics of interest to president@gardenoaks.org.

**July Meeting**: Given the holiday week, the July meeting will be cancelled.

**Quiet Zone:** No funds have been allocated and the waiting list remains the same.

**Standing Committee Reports:** GO Citizens Patrol: Carl Waters reported six crimes in May. The number is down from the 10 in May in 2011. There have been 41 crimes to date in 2012 compared with 70 in total for all of last year. Four of the crimes were on N. Shepherd. Two were residential crimes. The downward trend is encouraging. Constable Program: No update. Membership: The drawing gave away multiple tickets to the Houston Choral Showcase, courtesy of Lindsey Pollock, and a Starbuck's gift card. Beautification: No update. Gazette: Jessica Jarvis reported that she is working with Chavonne Slovak to prepare the upcoming July Gazette. GardenOaks.org Website: Joe Muscara reported that the website has not yet been moved by the GODAT initiative to a new hosting solution.

**GODAT Update:** Secretary Leverett reported that GODAT will be refocused over the summer to drive the initiative to completion. There are still open items with regard to reporting and consistency of communication.

**Treasurer's Update**: The May financial statements were available for public review.

**Garden Oaks Elementary:** Principal Lindsey Pollock reported that the end-of-school talent show and spaghetti dinner were a big success. Summer school will be through July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Enrichment Program has over

200 children. Adolf Hoepfl Garage is partnering with the school to support a leadership program with a focus on American History. Installation of the tiles on the Spark Park columns is targeted to be completed in August. The tiles are currently being sold as a fundraiser. You can commission a child to decorate the tiles

**Home Tour Committee:** There will be a vote in August to donate a percentage of the proceeds to create a shade structure in the Spark Park. The current proposal is to allocate 85% of the proceeds to the Constable Program, 10% to Beautification, and 5% to the Spark Park shade structures. The Home Tour yielded slightly over \$26,000.

#### City Council Ambassador: A

representative from City Councilwoman Ellen Cohen attended the meeting. Her office is looking for volunteers to be ambassadors and serve as liaisons between the neighborhood and her office. President Klein adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

#### WEST NILE VIRUS IS NEAR

and West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in the 77092 zip code to the West and 77088 to the North of Garden Oaks. For weekly updates of areas with confirmed West WNV see the link below. Please remember to empty all containers with standing water and apply mosquito repellant before you go out in early morning or evening. www.hcphes.org/ hcmosquitoctrl/dbInfoActivityMaps/ currenttable.htm

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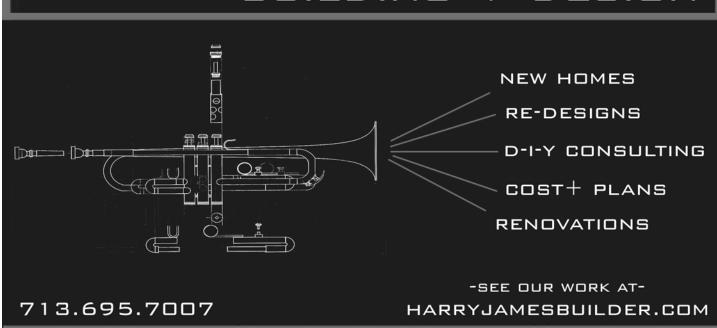
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#### A GO-GOs -

Alzheimer's Group of Garden Oaks (A Go-Go)

The next meeting for the "Alzheimer's Group of Garden Oaks" (aka "A Go Go") will be on Monday, July 2nd. The newly formed support group for family and friends with loved ones who have Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia meets the first Monday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 at 859 Azalea Street, the home of Tina Sabuco, who is also the foundress of the group.

In addition to being a support group, experts on aging will occasionally be invited to speak to the group. Our first speaker will be **Mike Roma**, a financial consultant from **Merrill Lynch**. Mike saw his mother through Alzheimer's Disease and now specializes in helping families with loved ones with AD regarding their financial planning.

If you are interested in joining us, feel free to just show up. Or, if you'd like to rsvp or have any questions, contact Tina at goddess@abundanceretreat. com or 713-692-6778.

## CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

By Terry Jeanes & Susan Love Saranie

After a quieter number of weeks, two incidents occurred recently in Section 3 in the 800 block of W 41st and the 800 block of Lamonte between the hours of 8am and noon.

Please note the following vehicle and suspect description:

"GOLDISH" (non factory gold paint) boxy vehicle perhaps an SUV – with two black males. License plates may be handicap. Stickers on rear window/bumper.

Please remember that if activity in the neighborhood does not look right, call the Constable Dispatch at 713.755.7628. Allow the deputies to check it out. You never know what it might reveal.

To become a supporter visit http://gardenoaks.org/ Resources/2012Constable.pdf

With summer and vacation season

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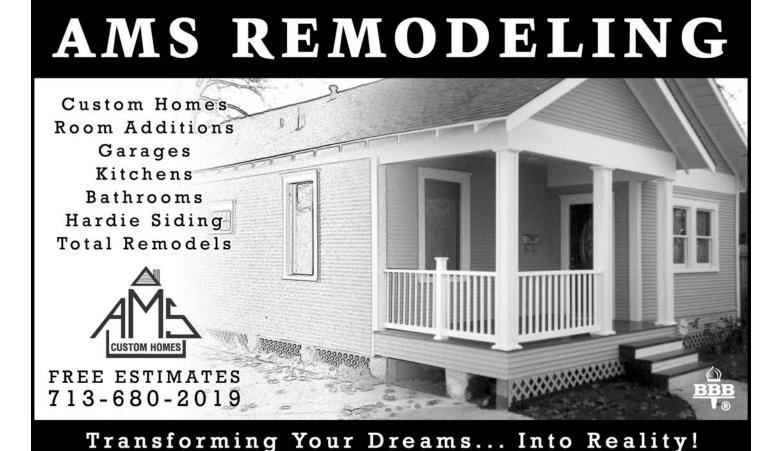
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# SECURITY ALERTS VIA EMAIL

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With the new advancements in our community's technology (GODAT project), we will be able to provide you with emails about CRIME and NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES so that you are easily and quickly informed.



### YARD OF THE MONTH: 1419 Sue Barnett

By Janet Cones, Garden Oaks Garden Club



The colors and textures of this garden are so beautiful. Lime green sweet potato vines, purple katy ruellia, hot pink periwinkles, and the spiky foxtail ferns make an eye catching flower bed. The repeating curving semi-circle is continued in the curved shrubbery, which makes the entire yard very cohesive in shape and design. The homeowners have lived here for 10 years, and the landscaping attempts have been fraught with various disasters. I think they have recovered beautifully!







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Thanks to **Tina Sabuco** and Arts Alive for the sound system and Garden Oaks Elementary principal **Ms. Pollock** who both helped make the event a success. Added thanks to **Patrick Kelley, Vena Golt, Linda Sparks, Becky Jeanes and Tray Toungate, Skyler O'Connell, Katy Gross and the Tatum boys.** 









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# POLYSTYRENE FOAM RECYCLING AVAILABLE

Beginning Monday, June 25, 2012, the City of Houston will accept clean block style or packaging polystyrene foam at the Westpark Recycling Center, 5900 Westpark, Houston 77057 and the Environmental Service Center South, 11500 South Post Oak Lane, Houston 77045. Residents can drop off polystyrene foam at both facilities.

The operating hours for the Westpark Recycling Center are Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Environmental Service Center South is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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#### **GO KIDS UPDATE**

by Kristin Jordan

#### **Upcoming Events**

Garden Oaks 2012 Red, White, and Blue Parade, July 4, Garden Oaks Elementary will be selling tiles that will go on the columns at the Spark Park with proceeds going to beautify Garden Oaks Elementary and the park. We are selling the tiles for \$20 and the size is 4 ¼ by 4 ¼ inches.

#### Mom's Night Out - JULY 12TH - Oak Forest Chill 7:30pm

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**Playgroups** – GO Babies is having playdates every two weeks, so watch your calendar for some fun mommy and baby time!

**GO Buddies** - 2-5 year olds will be visiting, and getting a tour of, the fire station on 43rd Street Date and time is TBD, so watch your email for this fun outing!

#### **Group Information**

Running Club: We meet on Tuesday Evenings at 8:30pm at 324 W 33rd St. Want to Join? email Email Devin at jbh2941@gmail.com.

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#### **Dinner Drops**

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GO Kids was started by a group of parents who wanted to build a family friendly neighborhood where children and parents know each other and grow together. All Garden Oaks families are welcome. Not on the GO Kids list serve? Want more information about GO Kids? Contact Kristin Jordan (kriki@me.com) or Ashley Henke (ashleymariehenke@gmail.com) for all the details.

Dear Garden Oaks Civic Club,

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Daniel Morgan
Eagle Scout Candidate

#### **GARDEN OAKS NEWS**

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#### PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Hoops of fun at the Old Fashioned Picnic!

#### **New Editor for the Gazette**

By Jessica Jarvis

Chavonne Slovak has taken on the position of Editor of the Gazette. She and her husband Trent moved to Garden Oaks from Oak Forest two years ago, attracted to the neighborhood's sense of community, unique urban setting, green spaces and landscaping. She sees the role of Editor as an opportunity to become more engaged in Garden Oaks and to be an advocate for the Civic Club. She is a member of the Garden Club and hosted a table at the 2011 wine walk with neighbors from the 1000 block of Althea.

Chavonne works with the Harris County Precinct One Parks Department and in her spare time enjoys gardening (in the absence of mosquitoes), traveling, and cooking with fresh organic ingredients. You may see her walking their two dogs, Holly and Suri.

We welcome Chavonne and thank her for her service!





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# AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE SUMMER

by Mitch Weigand

#### Tip No. 26: Why Indoor Air Quality is Important - Part Two Understanding air filters, their construction and materials

Air filters come in three categories:

- (1) the type made with paper or fibrous material,
- (2) the electrostatic kind and
- (3) the electronic filters.

#### (1) Paper/fibrous material air filters

These are the filters that homeowners are most familiar with. They are constructed of heavyweight paper with fiberglass interiors and can be purchased at big box hardware stores. On the low end are filters which cost about \$1.00 each. They are only good for collecting large particles such as pet hair.

In the mid range are filters costing around \$3.00 apiece. Some have loose - not tight - pleating and are great at collecting a variety of contaminates including dust, pollen, spores, pet hair and dander, etc. These are the ones I recommend, especially for homeowners who are willing to change their own filters once a month.

When it comes to air filters the most expensive is not always the best. There are some fibrous filters on the market which have thick, very tightly pleated media and cost about \$17.00 each. Stay away from these filters! Proper air flow is absolutely essential for your A/C system. Thick media equals restricted air flow which can cause all sorts of problems including diminished efficiency, higher utility bills and shortened lifespan of the system's compressor.

#### (2) Electrostatic air filters

Electrostatic air filters are commonly found in both free-standing room units or in ones incorporated within a central air conditioning system. They are one-inch thick, washable air filters. Yes, you can wash them but they will never become completely clean of debris. Long-term usage and repeated unsuccessful cleanings result in a clogged filter which prevents needed air

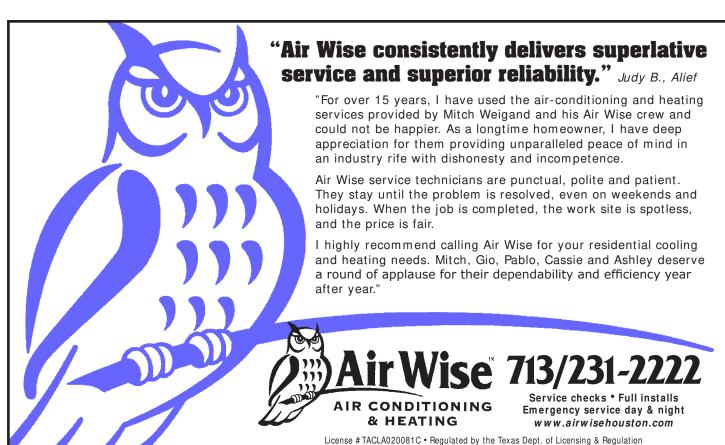
flow. I do not recommend these either.

#### (3) Electronic air filters

In electronic filtering, the particles receive a physical charge and are removed by being attracted to the opposite charge within a contained system. The collected dust and particles must still be removed, and some designs include canisters which are emptied and cleaned. This can be done when your service technician performs Spring and Fall A/C check-ups.

This topic will be concluded in next month's *Garden Oaks Gazette*. I will discuss the absolutely BEST filter on the market. Stay tuned!

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# TEN TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

by Lindsey Pollock, GOES

There are many important parenting skills to help children navigate from childhood to adulthood. According to an article in *Scientific American Mind*, there are 10 indicators that predict successful parenting outcomes. In order of greatest long-term impact, these competencies predict a strong bond between children and parents, and the long-term happiness, health and success of children. The ten qualities and definitions are:

- 1. Love and Affection Support and acceptance of your child's unique qualities and physical affection. Quality time spent in one-to-one interactions.
- 2. Stress Management You model techniques to reduce stress including positive interpretation of events. You

focus on positive relationships and protect your child from worry.

- 3. Relationship Skills You model effective relationship skills with others and work to problem-solve situations for winwin outcomes.
- 4. Autonomy and Independence Children are encouraged to be self-reliant and self-sufficient through respectful and encouraging interactions.
- 5. Education and Learning You model a love for learning and promote curiosity.
- 6. Life Skills You manage your resources responsibly and teach your child financial skills, including saving.
- 7. Behavior Management You focus on the use of positive outcomes of appropriate behavior. Consequences are fair, logical and consistent.
- 8. Health You exercise, eat

- right and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- Religion You regularly support and participate in religious or spiritual practices.
   Safety You protect your child and are aware of your child's activities and friends.

In the upcoming issues, I will review each of these parenting competencies as they relate to Montessori education and explore the impact we have as the adult guides in our children's lives!

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#### CRITTER CORNER

by Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

Boy, is it hot! When summer comes some folks want to shave their pets to help them stay cooler. According to the experts, this may not be such a good idea. This month Dorothy and I talk about summer shaving and other tips to keep pets cool. Also, if you jog with your dog, do so in early morning or late evening and take water along. If it is over 85 degrees the dogs cannot cool themselves fast enough. Our Pet of the Month is a shedder and her family considered shaving her once but decided against it. See their reasons below.

Pet of the Month: "Miss July" is Ally Butts, a Belgian Malinois. She is 14 years old and lives with her parents, Melanie and Jay, along with Pooh (Calico cat) in section II. Jay was working in the vehicle maintenance department of the Harris County Sheriff's office. He got to know some of the deputies, human and canine. Alley was the puppy of one of the canine deputies and Jay brought her home at six weeks old. Belgian Malinois are watchful, alert, loyal, and quick to learn. They also have unlimited energy and agility. Most shepherds and sheepdogs shed and Jay said he considered shaving her once, but decided it might leave her vulnerable to mosquitoes and heartworms so he decided against it. He said dog hair just became part of his wardrobe. Now that Ally is in her golden years, she goes for short walks every evening and likes to lie in her front yard and watch the passersby. Every night she gets pain medication for her hips, along with a peanut butter cookie. Jay says that Ally is, no fooling, the best dog in the world and all the neighbors who know Ally agree. See pet photos at

www.godogusa.com/petofmonth.

#### **Critters 101: Summer Shaving**

Summer arrives in a blaze of heat and sun, and most of us shed clothes until we are down to shorts or swimsuits. If less is more for us, shouldn't it be good for our pets too?

Generally, experts recommend against shaving most pets. Your pet's hair is not like yours. A pet's coat is designed by nature to keep it cool during the summer and warm in the winter. By shaving your pet you are interfering with this built-in temperature regulation.

Cats are very good at regulating body temperature and get no benefit from being shaved. They are also more mobile than dogs and can simply move to a shadier spot when temperatures rise.

If you have a dog that has been bred for very cold climates, like Great Pyrenees, St. Bernards, Malamutes, or Huskies, consider shaving them, but resist shaving other breeds because not only will dogs like labs and retrievers simply get no benefit from it, they run the risk of sunburn once shaved. Any dog can suffer sunburn, so if you do shave your thick-coated dog, be sure to leave at least an inch of hair to protect your pet from the sun's rays.

You may also want to shave a dog that has a matted coat, one that is likely to be wet often, or one that is prone to hot spots, but discuss this with your vet first.

Panting is the primary way dogs cool themselves but this only works if the air around them is cooler than their body temperature. Make sure your pets have a shady place to

get out of the sun. Also, brushing your pet removes dead undercoat, helping air to circulate near the skin, keeping pets cooler. If you have the time and energy, a daily brushing would be awesome. Another groovy idea is to give outside pets a slice of cold melon to help keep them cool and hydrated.

**De-Tails from Dorothy Dan:**The

main reason we cats groom ourselves is to keep our coats in good order. We each have a routine and we are able to get almost every part of our bodies. Our tongue has comb-like spines to help. Also, we do not sweat so the evaporation of our saliva performs a similar function helping us to keep cool. If you have a long coat you will most definitely need help from your staff, but even shorthairs need to leave some of the grooming, it gives the staff something to do. DD

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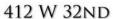
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