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GARY BOGUE

ARF half-way to goal of \$25,000 for shelter

Plump, pale summer moon

Slowly climbs the sky, tethered

By a string of stars.

-- haiku by Lura Osgood,

Pleasant Hill

A CHALLENGE

I'm sure you've seen the ads every week in the Times announcing that Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation has established the Contra Costa Challenge to raise \$25,000 to help build the first privately funded no-kill shelter in the county.

I'll be publishing the results of the Challenge at the end of each month during the campaign. (I'm late with these August results because, as we all know, I was off having way too much fun in Yellowstone.)

The Challenge is a six-month public capital campaign (July 1-Dec. 31) inviting all cities, and their residents (that's you!) within Contra Costa County to a city-to-city fund-raising challenge.

Cities that raise \$5,000 or more from resident donations will have a naming opportunity and receive permanent recognition at ARF's new Adoption and Education Center in Walnut Creek.

Here are the results of the Challenge for the first two months through August:

Alamo \$370; Antioch \$445; Bay Point/Pittsburg \$170; Brentwood \$290; Byron \$10; Clayton \$180; Concord \$2,020; Crockett \$40; Danville \$1,122; Discovery Bay \$125; El Cerrito \$200; El Sobrante \$120; Hercules \$40; Lafayette \$695; Martinez \$595; Moraga \$315; Orinda \$570; Pacheco \$25; Pinole \$245;

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Pleasant Hill \$1,690; Richmond \$75; Rodeo \$15; San Pablo \$300; San Ramon \$410; Walnut Creek \$2,335.

Total: \$12,417

ARF needs your generosity to help it provide safe shelter for distressed pets.

Do you accept the Challenge? (Pleasant Hill Mayor Suzanne Angeli does! She sent in a check for \$1,000 from the city of Pleasant Hill. Any other cities going to accept that challenge?)

(Please make your check payable to ARF and include the words "CCC Challenge" on the check. Send your tax-deductible donation to: ARF/CCC, P.O. Box 30215, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.)

Dear Gary:

I've read your column for many years, and am a big fan of you, Tut and Newman.

I'm retired and recently took a job at a major baseball team parking lot. I can't believe how many people take dogs to the baseball games!

I have always had at least one dog and one cat. I would never take a dog with me to sit in a car for four-plus hours. My dogs would be much happier to sit in their own home, with food and water, their own bed and, most of all, be cool and comfortable.

I am one parking attendant, out of 15 or more, and I see at least one dog per game, sometimes more. I usually say, "I hope you are going to leave the window open for the dog." This hasn't been taken well, and people are offended that I'd say that.

One attendant saw a couple bring in two elderly dogs, watched them park, let the dogs out for a minute, then leave. She checked the car, found all the windows closed, called security, then broke in the car and opened the windows for the animals.

Gary, what is wrong with people? These cars get hot, even if the day is cool. My car is always really hot when I get in it, and that's after only three or four hours, even at night games.

Please tell people to leave animals at home. Remind them that pets are happy in their own homes, and safe.

Carol, El Cerrito

Dear Carol:

Please leave your dogs (and cats?) at home during ball games!

I wonder if that is really going to make any difference? There are some people who just don't get it.

I hope all you attendants and the ballpark security staff will continue to monitor the situation and make sure those animals are not left cooped up in hot cars. Even if it requires breaking and entering.

How about some signs at the lot entrance stating that pets can't be left in cars during the games?

Gary's here Tuesday-Friday & Sunday. Questions, comments to garybug@infionline.net, or Gary, c/o Times, P.O. Box 5088, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0087; 925-977-8582; old columns at www.contracostatimes.com, click on Columnists, click on Gary.



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