

LOCAL BUSINESS

INDOOR DOG PARK OFFERS DROP OFF SERVICE



Submitted by Happy Pets Palace

During this hot weather, so many people take advantage of our indoor playgrounds for doggy daycare at Happy Pets Palace.

Our air-conditioning, ceiling fans and high-speed air curtains keep the temperatures inside a cool 73 degrees. We also jump in and out of the above ground swimming pools outside, under our shade structures. Owners drop off their pups, letting them burn off some energy by playing with their canine friends all day. They pick up their pups by 6:30 p.m. or board them overnight. In addition to running, playing and swimming, we also help pups work on their dog-dog group play skills and manners.

Puppies have a lot of energy. Our puppy-training program at Happy Pets Palace offers unique benefits. We are the only facility focusing on consistent repetition during a six-hour window. That's right. We do the repetition for you, your puppy gets entertainment during the day, and you can have a well-behaved puppy at night. Again, this is a convenient drop-off service.

We do the teaching, practice and repetition for you. People most commonly request their puppies have training on various behaviors and commands, including not jumping up, walking nicely on a leash, drop it, leave it, coming when called, focus and, of course, sit, down and stay.

If the heat has you cooped up indoors, bring your dogs to Happy Pets Palace, so we can entertain them inside our nice, cool and air-conditioned facility. All dogs must be friendly and non-aggressive. An assessment is done on the first day of daycare. We have live webcams for your viewing entertainment, so you can watch your pup with their friends. Come in for a tour. We are open 365 days a year. Mention this article and receive \$5 off your dog's first day. ■

Happy Pets Palace and Playground is located at 1918 E. McKellips Road, on the northwest corner of McKellips and Gilbert roads. For more information about this award-winning dog boarding and daycare facility, visit the website at HappyPetsPalace.com, or call (480) 207-1852.

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COMMUNITY

District 5 Summer Safety Tips

Submitted by David Luna



As summer approaches, keeping safe and secure is one of my top priorities.

Given that, it is important we consider some safety tips to ensure we remain safe and enjoy our summer vacations.

SAFETY TIPS NEAR OR AROUND WATER

Mesa Fire and Medical Department recommendations:

Adults

- Maintain constant eye-to-eye supervision with children around any body of water, including pools, baths, buckets, fountains and lakes.
- Assign an adult to supervise children around any body of water, especially at parties.
- Use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vest for all non-proficient swimmers around water. Never substitute toys, such as floaties or inflatable rings, as life safety items.

Barriers

- A 5-foot fence should be installed around pools to separate it from the house and play yard, meeting (or that meet) all City of Mesa fence codes.
- Make sure there is a self-closing, self-latching gate around the pool fence. Lock the gate if the pool is not being used.
- All doors and windows leading to a pool area should be closed and locked.

Classes

- Learn CPR and how to swim. The Mesa Fire and Medical Department offers CPR classes. Swimming classes are available to all city residents. For a comprehensive list, visit Mesaparks.com.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

The Mesa Police Department recommends the following tips:

Vehicle Safety

- Take your keys out of vehicles, and remove valuables (including garage door openers, guns, wallets, purses, electronics). Lock the doors, and roll up the windows.
- Park inside a garage or under well-lighted areas at night.
- Never leave the vehicle running unattended.

Residential Safety

- Make sure exterior doors and windows are locked at night and when you leave.
- Lock the door between the garage and residence.
- Turn on exterior lighting at night or consider installing motion sensor lighting.
- Trim bushes to 2 to 3 feet, especially by a window, and manicure trees so foliage growth is thinned out 6 feet or lower.

Personal Safety

- Know your surroundings, and be observant of anything out of place.
- Don't be distracted when pulling into a parking lot. Rather, be aware of where you parked, so you can easily locate your vehicle.
- If possible, walk during day light hours and take a friend. Program the non-emergency police number, (480) 644-2211 into your cell, so you can report suspicious activity.
- Text-to-911 provides equal access to emergency services for the deaf and hard of hearing community. It also provides an alternate method of reporting emergencies when traditional avenues are unavailable. ■

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