

Blue Garden sign to be restored

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Blue Garden's sign is gone, but downtown Dallas history buffs shouldn't fret. It will back — restored — soon.

The building's new owner, Bob Collins, had the iconic sign, put up in 1924, taken down last week to be assessed and refurbished by Martin Bros Signs out of Salem.

"The idea is to do as little to it as we can," Collins said. "We are trying to keep as much of it original as possible."

Collins estimates the sign will be gone three weeks to a month and return, he hopes, as good as new.

"In the interim, we will be working on the front facade,

putting the tiles back on and getting it ready for the sign," he said. "It won't be time wasted."

Collins has applied for facade grants from the Dallas Urban Renewal Agency and a state program called "Diamonds in the Rough," which is for historical building restorations. As to the tiles, Collins is working to find the perfect replicas of the cobalt blue tiles that were on the building previously.

"Whatever we can do to bring it back to its original luster, we will do it," he said.

Collins began the process of buying the building in March, with hopes to have the sale go through by April. That did not happen, however, due to a number of title liens and holds on the prop-

erty. He said it took a "marathon closing," but the sale is final now.

"I was beginning to think we weren't going to get there for a while," Collins said. "But it's onward and upward from here."

The daunting task of repairing and restoring the inside also will begin soon. Collins planned to do an evaluation of the inside of the building last weekend. His initial assessment revealed just how much work will have to be done.

"It is totally atrocious inside. It would be easier to start over," he said. "That's OK. I knew what I was getting into. We just have to go in and figure out how we are going to eat our elephant and start eating."



Workers examine the Blue Garden sign on June 10 morning. The sign will be restored.

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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 9	92	57	.00
June 10	82	47	.00
June 11	82	48	.00
June 12	77	50	.00
June 13	79	46	.00
June 14	88	47	.00
June 15	84	51	.00

Rainfall during June — 0.67 in.
Rain through June 15 — 15.27 in.

Summer heat dangerous for animals

Owners should take extra precautions to keep pets from developing heatstroke

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POLK COUNTY — If the temperatures are uncomfortably hot for you, your pets are probably feeling the same way.

Keeping your pets cool and comfortable goes beyond not leaving them locked up in a hot car and remembering to keep the water dish full.

Bill Fullmer, a veterinarian with Dallas Animal Clinic, said he's seen a number of cases of heatstroke in animals caused by their owners not thinking about how dangerous heat can be.

"It's nothing malicious, just an oversight," he said. "People just forget about the pets."

His general rule of thumb for gauging the danger: "If you are too hot, your pet's too hot."

Overworking in hot temperatures is another heatstroke risk. For example, trail



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Taking extra steps to ensure pet safety in the summer is imperative.

riding on a hot day, your horse is going to be working harder than you are. If you are uncomfortable, keep in mind: it's worse for the horse.

Exercise is just as important for animals as it is for humans, but on hot days, owners need to be careful. Again, if you are exercising with your dog on sunny day, if becomes too hot for you, it's dangerous for your pet.

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) suggests exercising pets in

the cooler morning and evening hours. Also, remember hot pavement and asphalt can burn their paws.

Fullmer said cats are a little more independent than dogs when it comes to regulating their temperature. However, it's still necessary to make sure they have access to shade and plenty of water.

"Make sure that water bowl is full," Fullmer said.

If you have a cat door, check that it's not blocked so your pet isn't stuck in the sun for long periods of time.

Traveling with pets — or even taking them along while you run errands — comes with its own set of risks.

Fullmer suggests keeping an extra supply of water in case there isn't safe water for them to drink where you are going. Also, he suggests always keeping your pets with you when you are on vacation. Don't leave your dog tied to a tree at a campsite because the sun's position will shift, perhaps eliminat-

Heatstroke Symptoms

If you notice these symptoms in your pet, call your vet immediately:

- Panting.
- Dehydration.
- Excessive drooling.
- Increased body temperature — above 103 degrees.
- Reddened gums and moist tissues of the body.
- Production of only small amounts of urine or no urine.
- Rapid heart rate.

Source: Oregon Veterinary Medical Association

ing shade.

If you leave your pets at home — even for a few hours — remember to leave the air conditioner on at a level that will keep them cool.

"That's when tragedy happens, when they leave the pets alone in a potentially hot environment," Fullmer said.

As for keeping pets unattended in cars, that very quickly lead to serious — or even fatal — consequences.

Even in 70-degree weath-

er, temperatures inside a car can climb to 110 degrees or hotter in a matter of minutes, according to the OVMA.

Fullmer said he doesn't ever risk leaving an animal in a car, especially in the summer. He's even conducted his own experiment, shutting himself up in his car in the sun for just five minutes.

"Before anything got critical, I wanted to get out of that car," he said. "There is no safe amount of time in the summer to leave a (pet) in the car."

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