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The Mayor's Space

Mayor Brian Dalton



Folks fuss about the nature of Dallas, but let's boil it all down to the question, are we a cat kind of a place or a dog kind of a place? Let me resolve this.

Licensing offers a clue. We license dogs, but what about licensing cats as a gauge of popularity? Risky, "licensing cats" - the proposal is of such heresy that it is the third rail of small-town politics, worse maybe than favoring higher taxes or witch trials.

So, how do we count cats? Good question. We can guess at the domestics but how about the alleys? Maybe something like the annual Great Backyard Bird Count? We could get a few dozen dedicated, non-institutionalized volunteers and pick a day, say like National Cat Day (there is one!), October 29th, where we could all stake out bird feeders and warm car hoods all over town for a tabby tabulation. Assuming some ratio like 10 hidden for each one we see sunning themselves on a Volkswagen, we could arrive at some sort of a number, like say, 1,000 x 10 = 10,000 feral cats. *Continued on pg 2*





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On the visibility spectrum, there's a lot more dogs being walked than cats. Like our celebrations, we have the annual Mutt Strut but no equivalent "Mouser Mosey" to bring out the kitties. And dogs have responsible owners whereas cats don't exactly have owners to walk them, they have something more closely aligned with domestic help to pet them while they sleep on a chair.

Or, in general regard, dogs are pretty useful, like fetching the morning paper (cats have trouble with that). But dogs eat a lot and are bad mousers. Cats bring snakes into your house but dogs roll in smelly things.

Well, that's it. Domestic shorthair or your favorite Poodle/Malamute mix? But both love us we think, though food enters the equation. Who's to know, cat or dog kind of a town?

Is it politically correct to say "both?" If so, there you have it.

Get Ready For Krazy Dayz 2022!

We are excited to gear up for Krazy Dayz 2022! What is Krazy Dayz? Krazy Dayz is Dallas' summer bash! It's a weekend street party taking up six city blocks of the downtown with daytime activities for everyone and live nighttime concerts that will rock the courthouse square.

There will be food, outdoor shopping, displays, games, a sippery, music and simply a great atmosphere to relax and have fun!



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