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WOUNDED PAW PROJECT® IS A 501(C)(3) THAT FOCUSES ON THE PREVENTION OF ANIMAL ABUSE AND THE REHABILITATION OF ABUSED AND RESCUED DOGS.

Welcome to The Paw, Wounded Paw Project's® monthly newsletter that keeps you up to date on how you and Wounded Paw Project® are making a difference for abused and rescued dogs. Each month, you'll get tips that you can use for your own pet and since Wounded Paw Project® was founded by a Purple Heart recipient, we'll also provide veterans with information they may not know.

In this issue, you get to meet Rosie, a rescued bait dog. We'll also tell you what you need to look for to make sure your dog doesn't suffer from heatstroke.

We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and don't forget to follow us throughout the month on our social media platforms.

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Don't take the bait!



Meet Rosie! She loves to cuddle, has a sweet temperament, and enjoys sunbathing in the backyard. She's a registered service dog, has protested on Capitol Hill for stricter animal abuse penalties, and has even been a special guest at the White House! By looking and watching Rosie you would never be able to tell how horrible her life was before Wounded Paw Project.

Rosie used to live in a junkyard where she was used as a bait dog and was even forced to give birth to puppies when she was just a puppy herself. After being rescued, Rosie suffered from a severe case of heartworms that required her to receive several painful shots and intense medical care.

Thanks to generous donors like you Rosie now lives a healthy, happy life!



WHAT IS A BAIT DOG?

A bait dog is used to test a dog's fighting instinct and to train another dog in dog fighting. Often times, bait dogs are stolen pets, dogs obtained from shelters, or dogs acquired from "free to good home" ads. A bait dog can even be a dog that was expected to fight but appeared to be too passive or less dominant towards other fighting dogs. Bait dogs are typically tortured during training sessions, have their snouts closed with duct tape so they can't fight back, even killed during dog fighting training sessions.

\$\$\$ REWARD FOR REPORTING DOG FIGHTING \$\$\$

The Humane Society offers a reward of up to \$5000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in dog fighting. If you have information about illegal dog fighting in your area, you can call the Humane Society's animal fighting tip line at 877-TIP-HSUS and your information will be kept confidential. To learn more, visit Hsi.org.



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THE DOGGIE HAS WATER!
DOGS CAN SUFFER FATAL
HEAT STROKE IN AS LITTLE AS
15 MINUTES.

Sign our petition!



SCAN CLICK SIGN

Help us end Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) on military installations by signing our petition! BSL bans the ownership of dozens of safe breeds and is based on junk science that says a dog is bad based only on its breed and not the aggressive behavior taught by the owner. BSL is not consistent between military installations so if you adopt a dog at one base, receive orders to another, you may be required to give your dog away. This creates trauma for the family and may even result in the dog being euthanized all because the dog was welcomed at one installation and not another. Let's keep military families in tact by signing our petition.

August 26th is International Dog Day !

International Dog Day is celebrated every year on August 26th. It honors all dogs (regardless of breed, size, or age) and encourages shelter adoptions so every dog can find a loving home and a forever family!

WE ESTABLISHED AN ANIMAL ABUSE HOTLINE!!

Did you know that animal abuse is a precursor for a life of crime involving human trafficking, school shootings, and domestic violence? We serve as a critical link between the community and law enforcement at all levels by helping those who might not feel comfortable reporting animal abuse directly to law enforcement. If you don't feel comfortable calling law enforcement, you can call us at 1-844-SAVAPAW. Report animal abuse. Be the Voice for the Voiceless®.

THERE'S A REASON THEY CALL IT THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER!

Don't let your doggie fall victim to heatstroke! Dogs can get overheated very quickly and aren't equipped to cool themselves quickly to regulate their body temperature. According to Amy D. Shojai's book The First Aid Companion for Dogs & Cats, when the outside air temperature is equal to or higher than a pet's body temperature - that's about 99 degrees to 102.5 degrees - evaporation from a lolling tongue won't help and heatstroke can occur.

A pet with moderate heatstroke will have

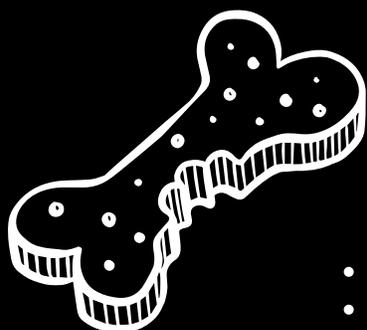
- a bright red tongue and gums
- thick, sticky saliva
- pant rapidly

If your doggie is experiencing moderate heatstroke, get your doggie in air conditioning as soon as possible. Wet their paws and ears with cool (NOT cold) water and wrap them in a cool wet towel. Allow your pet to drink water or lick ice but don't force them to drink.

A pet with a body temperature above 106 degrees can be deadly. They may exhibit the following symptoms:

- Pale gums
- Act weak and dizzy
- Develop a bloody nose, bloody vomiting and diarrhea

SEEK VETERINARY ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY! Follow the tips for moderate heatstroke while transporting your pet to the veterinarian.



HEALTHY HUMAN FOODS YOUR DOG CAN EAT

Tempted to share your food with your dog? According to iheartdogs.com, here are some human foods that are safe for your pet!

- Peanut Butter
- Chicken...NO spices or cooked bones!
- Cheese...especially cottage cheese
- Carrots
- Yogurt...NO sweetener or flavors
- Pumpkin
- Eggs
- Green Beans
- Salmon...do NOT give your dog uncooked salmon for any reason!
- Sweet Potatoes
- Apples...NO seeds since seeds contain traces of cyanide
- Oatmeal

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Each month The Paw provides valuable information to our Nation's veterans on services and opportunities that may not be common knowledge to Vets.

MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

The Military Women's Memorial is a one-of-a-kind tribute to America's Servicewomen, past and present.

Located right next to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C., the Memorial features an education center, interactive exhibits, and a world-class collection of military women's stories.

Three million women have served in or with the Armed Forces since the American Revolution and the Memorial wants to collect as many women's stories as they can! The Military Women's Memorial Register was started by the Memorial to collect these women's stories before they are lost to history. To become a Registered member, a woman must meet one of the following criteria: living or deceased woman veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, Coast Guard Auxillary or Civil Air Patrol.

To become a "We also Served" Registered member, a woman must meet one of the following criteria: Served overseas during conflicts in direct support of the Armed Forces in organizations such as the Red Cross, The USO, and Special Services or served in the U.S. Public Health Service Cadet Nurse Corps (members will be included in a special Honor Roll of Cadet Nurses).

For more information and to register (or find someone who has registered her story!) go to Military Women's Memorial website at womensmemorial.org.

COMMONLY USED VA PHONE NUMBERS

VA MAIN INFORMATION LINE
1-800-698-2411

VA BENEFITS HOTLINE
1-800-827-1000

VA HEALTH BENEFITS HOTLINE
1-877-222-8387

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