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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'll meet Ghost, the newest puppy you helped save in Florida. We'll also help you create a disaster preparedness plan for your pet.

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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I'm Alive because of YOU!!!!

The United States has been experiencing the hottest temperatures on record this summer, putting both people and pets at risk. Ghost was one such "pet". Ghost was abandoned in a crate outside in the Florida heat without food or water when his human moved out and left him behind to die in the heat.

A Good Samaritan neighbor noticed Ghost and called our animal abuse hotline hoping that Wounded Paw Project® could help save Ghost. And save him we did!

Thanks to your generous donations, Ghost was rescued last month and provided much needed medical care, food, and love.



BECOME A FOSTER DOGGIE PARENT!!!

You can help a homeless dog in need by fostering a dog. Whether a puppy is too young to be adopted, an older dog needs a place to recover from an injury, or a doggie is showing signs of stress from being in a shelter, fostering gives a dog much needed love and attention while they wait for their forever home! If you are interested in becoming a foster doggie parent, contact your local animal shelter.

MAKING A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR YOUR PET

Disasters can strike at anytime. If you haven't thought about a disaster preparedness plan for your pet now is the time! The first thing you should do is create a kit tailored to your pet. At a minimum, this kit should contain the following:

- Several days worth of food in an airtight, waterproof container. Don't forget a manual can opener if you need to open cans of dog food.
- Several days worth of water with a water bowl. If water isn't safe for humans to drink, then it's not safe for your pet either!
- Favorite treats
- Any medicine your pet is taking.
- A collar that has ID tags and a leash
- A current photo of your pet as well as a photo of you with your pet. In the event you get separated from your doggie, you'll have photo evidence the pet is yours.
- A crate in case you need to transport your pet.
- A pet bed with familiar bedding (familiar scents will help calm your pet).
- Poopie bags and disinfectant in case there's an accident.
- Name and phone number of your veterinarian.
- Your pet's vaccination records.

You should also designate a safe place in your home for you and your pets to go to as well as a predetermined evacuation point in case you have to leave home.

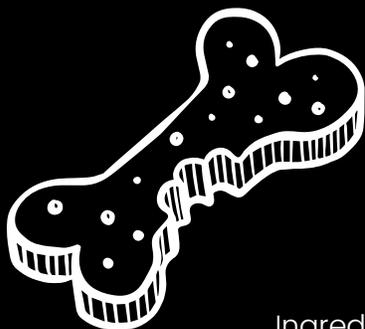
Remember! If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pets. If you have to evacuate, DO NOT leave your pets behind!!

And while we're on the subject of ensuring your pet is safe, do you have a plan in place in the event you become unable to care for your pet (hospitalized, injured, severely sick)?



MEET SADIE THE MO'PITTIE...THE MORKIE WHO THINKS SHE'S A PITBULL. EACH MONTH, SADIE WILL GIVE YOU TIPS TO HELP YOU HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY PET.

THIS MONTH, SADIE WANTS TO REMIND YOU THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOUR PETS SOME EXTRA LOVE. AS KIDS RETURN TO SCHOOL, YOUR PET MAY BE FEELING A LITTLE LONELY.



CHULETA'S CHICKPEA FRITTERS

Here's a recipe that may become your doggie's new favorite! We found this recipe in the cookbook, Home Cooking for Your Dog, by Christine M. Filardi. This recipe makes 4 to 5 dozen fritters.

Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs
- 2 1/2 cups chickpea flour
- 2 (5 ounce) cans solid white tuna in water, drained
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup hot water

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Coat a baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray or line it with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, beat the eggs. Add the flour, tuna, peanut butter, and water and mix well.
3. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto the prepared baking sheet about 1/2 inch apart from each other. (Spray or line a second baking sheet if you run out of room on the first baking sheet.) Bake them for 15-18 minutes, until slightly hardened. Allow the treats to cool for 30 minutes before serving. Refrigerate them in an airtight container for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

Sign our petition!



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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.



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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.

NEW PACT ACT DEADLINE

Until 11:59pm local time on September 30, 2023, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never

enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

VA encourages all of these Veterans to visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and sign up for VA health care before the deadline. Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care are proven to have better health outcomes than non-enrolled Veterans, and VA hospitals have dramatically outperformed non-VA hospitals in overall quality ratings and patient satisfaction ratings. Additionally, VA health care is often more affordable than non-VA health care for Veterans.

More information on eligibility for the special enrollment period can be found at [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT). The period applies to Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 – specifically those who served in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998.

For more information about how the PACT Act is helping Veterans and their survivors, visit VA's [PACT Act Dashboard](#). To apply for care or benefits today, visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411.

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

WOMEN VETERANS HOTLINE
1-855-829-6636

CAREGIVER SUPPORT LINE
1-855-260-3274

eBENEFITS TECHNICAL SUPPORT
1-800-983-0937

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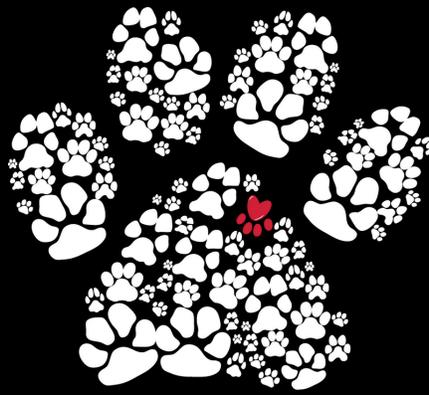


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