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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 Kane, a rehabilitated dog fighting dog. You'll also get some Halloween candy warnings that you need to keep in mind during this trick or treat season..

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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Would you know a dog fighting dog if you saw one?



Even though it's considered a federal crime, it's estimated that tens of thousands of people are involved in dog fighting rings. The sad part is you may not even know who could be involved in this unspeakable crime (have you heard about the senior Department of Defense Communications staff member that was arrested and charged with operating a dog fighting ring since 2002?). There are, however, signs that may indicate a dog is being abused in a dog fighting ring. Characteristics of a dog fighting dog are:

- puncture wounds, swollen faces and mangled ears
- cropped ears
- docked tails
- dogs on heavy, short chains
- dogs that have wide leather or web collars with heavy rings.

And remember, just because you see a pit bull that does not mean you've stumbled upon a dog fighting dog.



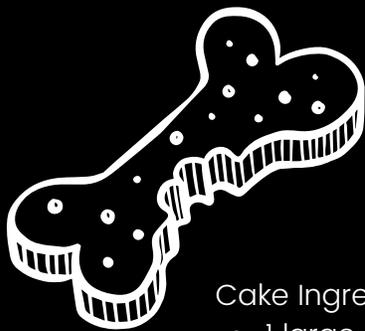
Meet Kane! Kane is a rehabilitated dog fighting dog that was rescued from an alleged dog fighting ring in Washington D.C. He was decompressed with the help of Wounded Paw Project® and now lives a happy, carefree life.

HOW TO SPOT SIGNS OF A DOG FIGHTING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

According to PAWS for Life USA at animalsdeservebetter.org, here's how to spot signs of dog fighting in your neighborhood:

- Ownership of several adult dogs and/or puppies that are confined by thick chains with or without weights on their collars
- Tires or other items suspended from trees to provide jaw strengthening activities
- Hand walking, jogging or putting the dog on a treadmill
- A "cat mill" which confines a cat, rabbit, or other small animal and encourages the dog to chase it ... and as a reward for its hard work the dog is permitted to capture or kill the confined animal
- People of all ages coming and going in groups from a residence or other site, some with dogs

IF YOU SUSPECT DOG FIGHTING CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY!



PUMPKIN DOG CAKE

Celebrate Halloween with your pet with their very own pumpkin dog cake! We found this recipe on busylittlekiddies.com and is a great way to ensure your pet has a treat of their own.

Cake Ingredients:

- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup of pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup of peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons of coconut or olive oil
- 1/2 cup of flour
- 1/4 cup of old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda

Frosting Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup of pumpkin puree
- 3 tablespoons of plain Greek yogurt

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 6-inch round springfoam pan with olive oil.
2. In a large bowl, beat egg, pumpkin purée, peanut butter, and oil until smooth. Fold in flour, oats, and baking soda. Stir to combine and form a thick, smooth cake batter.
3. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 25–30 minutes in the center rack of oven until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack before frosting.
4. To frost, cut the cooled cake in half to form two cake layers.
5. Stir the pumpkin purée and plain Greek yogurt (it will be very liquid but will add moisture to the cake. Spread between the cake layers
6. Decorate with drops of pumpkin purée or grated carrots.

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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Help us get the word out about Wounded Paw Project® by wearing one of our T-shirts! To get your FREE T-shirt, text ILOVEDOGS2 to 53-555 and make a minimum \$20 donation. Your donation will help us further our work to prevent animal abuse and rehabilitate abused and rescued dogs.



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 KEEP YOUR PET'S PAWS CLEAN. IF YOUR PET IS CHEWING ON THEIR PAWS, IT COULD INDICATE YOUR PET IS HAVING AN ALLERGIC REACTION TO THE FALLING LEAVES.



Halloween candy can be extremely dangerous to your doggie! The most common toxic candies eaten by pets are chocolate, sugar-free candy, and candy corn. These treats can lead to upset stomach, diarrhea, pancreatitis, and even kidney failure. If you think your pet has ingested any of these, call your vet immediately!

END BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION (BSL) ON ALL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS



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Daisy "Rainbow", Founder
Pitbull-Turned-Service Dog
For a Purple Heart Recipient



Ernesto P. Hernandez III, Co-Founder
USAF Ret.
Purple Heart Recipient

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VET-2-VET

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

VA LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer among Veterans which is why it is important to get screened! You may qualify for lung cancer screening if you meet these three conditions:

- Are 50 - 80 years old
- Smoke cigarettes now or quit within the past 15 years
- Smoked cigarettes for at least 20 pack years (a pack year estimates how many cigarettes you have smoked in your lifetime. 20 pack years equals smoking one pack of cigarettes a day for 20 years or two packs of cigarettes for 10 years).

Tell your doctor you might qualify for lung cancer screening and ask them any questions you may have. You can also visit

www.prevention.va.gov/preventing_diseases/screening_for_lung_cancer.asp

NEED HELP TO STOP SMOKING?

The VA can help you stop smoking. Visit www.mentalhealth.va.gov/quit-tobacco/how-to-quit.asp or call 1-855-QUIT-VET.

COMMONLY USED VA PHONE NUMBERS

VA MAIN INFORMATION LINE
1-800-698-2411

VA BENEFITS HOTLINE
1-800-827-1000

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1-877-222-8387

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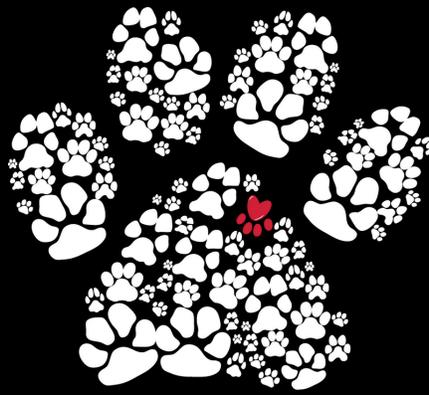


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