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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, we'll give you some tips you can use to throw your own Puppy Bowl / Super Bowl Party!

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

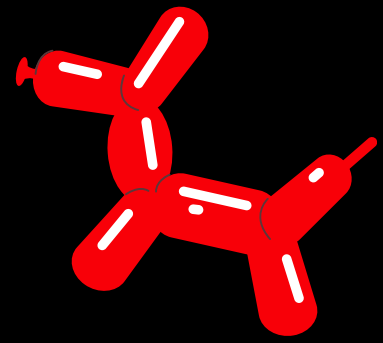
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Are you ready to PAWTY?!?!



It's February and you know what that means? It's PUPPY BOWL time!! Oh yeah, it's also the Super Bowl for humans to watch as well. What a better time to celebrate with your doggie then throwing your own party so four-legged and two-legged friends can enjoy the festivities. We've included some tips to keep your pets safe as well as recipes so your doggie doesn't do this

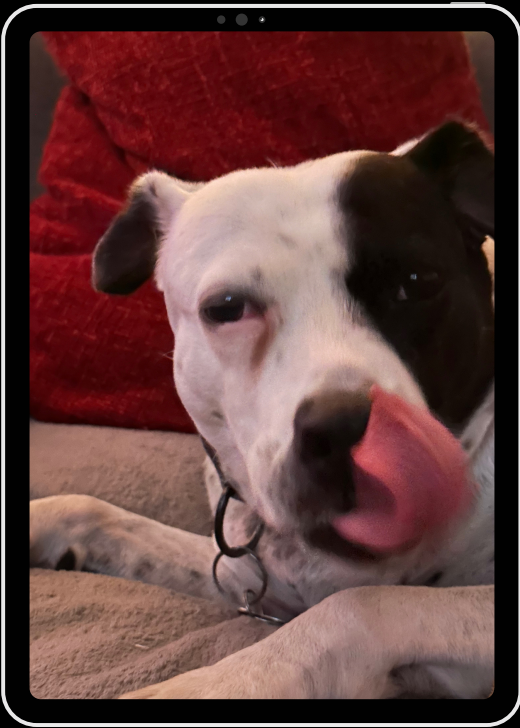


PAWTY TIP



Be sure to put away your pet's food and favorite toys if other doggies are attending your party. This way your pet won't get territorial and start a fight trying to protect his or her stuff!

**WATCH
PUPPY BOWL XX
ON SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11TH**



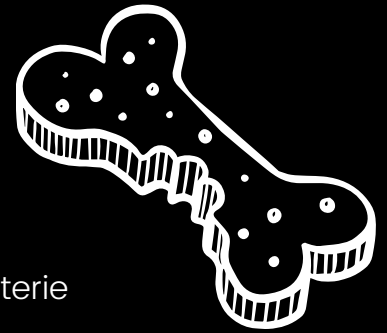
PAWTY TIP



Be on the lookout for any dog aggression. Even pets who are usually friendly may become overwhelmed. Have a safe space set aside so any stressed dog can have space to calm down and get some peace and quiet.

BARKCUTERIE BOARDS

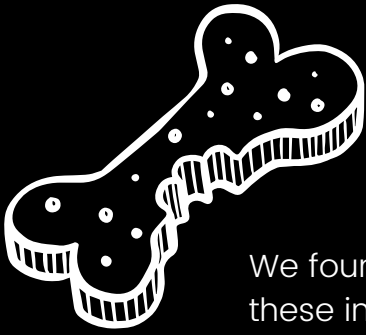
Make your pup feel extra special with a Barkcuterie Board. A barkcuterie board is a pet version of a charcuterie board and is filled with an assortment of dog-friendly foods and treats.



Foods recommended by wholelottayum.com that you might want to include on your Barkcuterie Board:

- A variety of store-bought dog treats
- Homemade meatballs (no garlic or onions, though!)
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Cheeses such as cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, and mozzarella cheese
- Fruit such as berries, kiwi, apples, bananas, and watermelon
- Cooked veggies such as sweet potatoes, potatoes, and squash
- Raw veggies such as tomatoes, carrots, broccoli, green beans and cucumbers
- Peanut Butter

To assemble the Barkcuterie Board, first arrange the bigger treats (such as sticks, strips, and jerky, to the outside of the Board. Next, add those things that might need to be placed in a bowl (like the cottage cheese and peanut butter). Finally, fill in the remaining empty space with the rest of your tasty treats! How easy is that?!



PEANUT BUTTER CHEERIO DOG TREATS

We found this recipe on bitzngiggles.com. Chances are you already have these ingredients on hand.

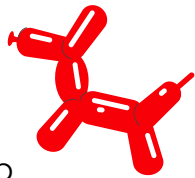
Ingredients

- 1/4 cup of peanut butter
- 2 cups of Honey Nut Cheerios
- 1 cup of flour
- 1/2 cup of vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a large microwave bowl, warm the peanut butter in the microwave until soft enough to pour (about 30 seconds to a minute).
3. Add the rest of the ingredients to the peanut butter and mix well.
4. Form 1-inch sized balls, packing the dough tightly.
5. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes.

Allow to cool and store in an airtight container. These treats will last for several days.

PAWTY TIP



Keep it clean! Stay on top of picking up the poop and be sure all trash is picked up. Do a regular walk of the party area to pick up any party decorations, paper, plastic utensils, and balloons that could be laying on the floor. This way you can keep your pet safe from digesting anything that could cut the party short.

PEANUT BUTTER POPCORN



Dogs love popcorn! Take your pup's popcorn to the next level by mixing a 1/2 cup of popcorn with 1 cup of peanut butter and 1 teaspoon of olive oil. Form into small balls and let set on wax paper until the treats harden a bit. Just a reminder....make sure your peanut butter doesn't contain Xylitol, a sugar substitute that is harmful to your pet.



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 TO KEEP YOUR BOX OF VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE AWAY FROM YOUR PET! CHOCOLATE IS HIGHLY TOXIC TO DOGGIES.



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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.

Happy Valentine's Day



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Pitbull-Turned-Service Dog
For a Purple Heart Recipient



Ernesto P. Hernandez III, Co-Founder
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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.

VALIFE: LIFE INSURANCE

Last year, the Department of Veterans Affairs stopped accepting applications for Service-

Disabled Veterans Life Insurance and began offering Veterans Affairs Life Insurance or VALife, a new form of insurance for veterans with service-connected disabilities. VALife provides up to \$40,000 of guaranteed-acceptance life insurance protection in \$10,000 increments and is available to all veterans with a disability rating of 0 - 100%.

If you are age 80 or younger, you're eligible for VALife if you have a VA service-connected disability rating (even if it's 0%). And there is no time limit to apply after getting your disability rating.

If you are age 81 or older, you may be eligible for VALife if you meet the following requirements: you applied for your VA disability compensation before you turned 81 AND you got your service-connected disability rating after you turned 81 AND you apply for your VALife within 2 years of getting notification of your disability rating.

For more information and to apply, visit va.gov.

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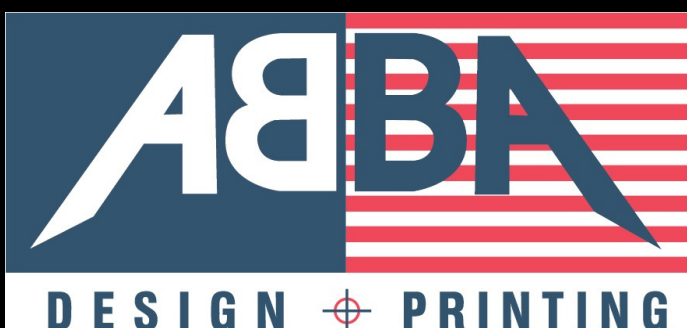


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