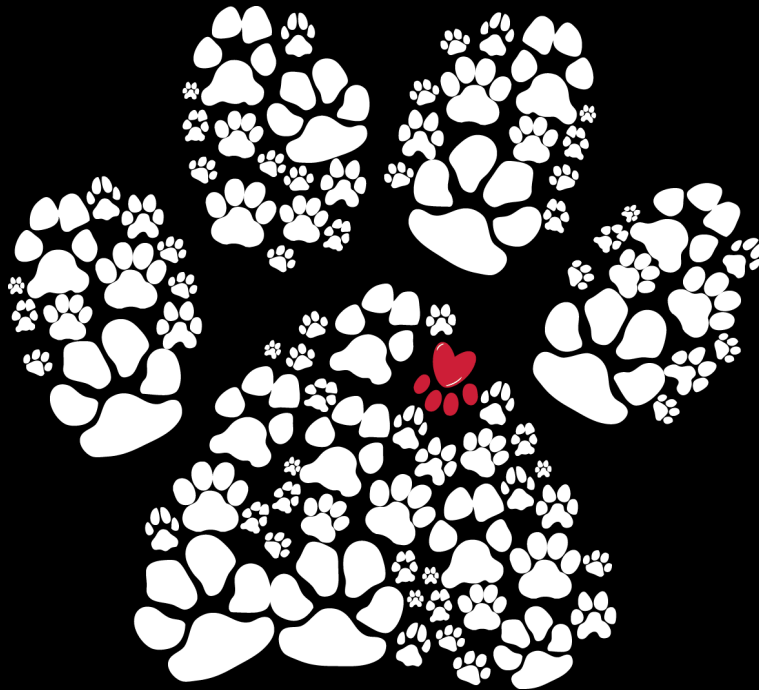


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THE PAW



OUR MISSION

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.

Wounded Paw Project® suffered a great loss last month. In this issue, we remember one of the greatest dogs who ever lived—Bella!

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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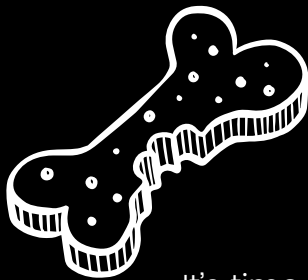
Our precious Bella left for the rainbow bridge on May 5, 2024 just before sunrise. We knew Bella was getting older. We knew one day she'd make her way to the rainbow bridge. What we didn't know was that the medical care we sought for her that we thought would give us more time would actually result in just the opposite.

During an annual veterinarian visit, we were told that Bella had tumors and it was suggested to us that we have them removed. After the consultation, we gave the animal hospital that would perform the procedure our permission to remove two tumors. We dropped her off and waited for the call to come pick her up to take her home. The call we received was not what we expected. The first words out of the veterinarian who performed the procedure was "Don't be alarmed. She looks like Frankenstein". Even though we were never consulted, the veterinarian took it upon himself to remove six tumors from her body and even decided to remove her beauty mark mole from her face—two things we would have never given consent to do. Bella would not be able to recover from the trauma caused to her body. A few days after we brought Bella home, she took a turn for the worse. Bella was admitted to ICU. Bella received two blood transfusions and a plasma transfusion but it still wasn't enough. After four days in ICU with no improvement, we made the tough decision to bring Bella home and make her final hours as comfortable as we could. Bella passed away knowing she was one loved little puppy.

Bella was one of the first dogs Wounded Paw Project® saved. Bella was deemed dog and human aggressive and was scheduled to be euthanized. In fact, her paw was already shaved for intravenous euthanasia when she was rescued. Bella was given lots of love. She got along with all of the Wounded Paw Project® doggies. She was best known as the founder's "Super Glue Puppy" because wherever he was, Bella was never far behind.



We Miss You Bella!



PAW BALM

It's time to pamper your pet! If your doggie suffers from dry paws, try this recipe we found on thecaninestory.com.

Ingredients

- 2 Tablespoons of Coconut Oil
- 1 Tablespoons of Shea Butter
- 4 Tablespoons of Beeswax
- 2 Tablespoons of Sweet Almond Oil

Silicone paw print mold

Either using a microwave safe dish or double burner on the stove, melt the beeswax, coconut oil, and shea butter. The beeswax takes a bit longer to melt than the other ingredients and cools quite quickly so be sure to work fast.

Combine all ingredients and pour into mold

Put the mold into the refrigerator until the contents harden. Remove from mold and store in a cool place in an airtight jar.

When applying to paws use sparingly.



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 AS THE TEMPERATURES START TO GET WARMER MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE TEMPERATURE OF THE SIDEWALK BEFORE TAKING YOUR DOGGIE FOR A WALK. IF THE SIDEWALK ISN'T COOL TO THE TOUCH THEN YOU MIGHT BURN YOUR DOG'S PAWS!

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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.

PTSD AWARENESS

June is PTSD Awareness month. Did you know the VA created an app you can download to your phone to

help with your PTSD? The PTSD Coach app was designed for Veterans experiencing symptoms of PTSD. You do not have to be in treatment for PTSD to use this app, but it is not a replacement for therapy. The PTSD Coach App includes guided relaxation exercises, soothing sounds and images, relationship tips, and more. You can customize these tools and integrate your contacts, music, and photos. Features of the app include:

- Reliable information on PTSD and treatments that work
- Tools for screening and tracking your symptoms
- Convenient, easy-to-use tools to help you handle stress symptoms
- Direct links to support and help

If you do not have a smartphone but have a computer with internet access, try PTSD Coach Online at <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/ptsdcoachonline/default.htm>.

The online version includes additional tools and videos for problem-solving and setting and understanding your goals.

PTSD Coach and PTSD Coach Online were created by VA's National Center for PTSD and the U.S. Department of Defense's National Center for Telehealth & Technology. PTSD Coach is available in English and Spanish.

COMMONLY USED VA PHONE NUMBERS

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1-800-698-2411

VA BENEFITS HOTLINE
1-800-827-1000

VA HEALTH BENEFITS HOTLINE
1-877-222-8387

WOMEN VETERANS HOTLINE
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