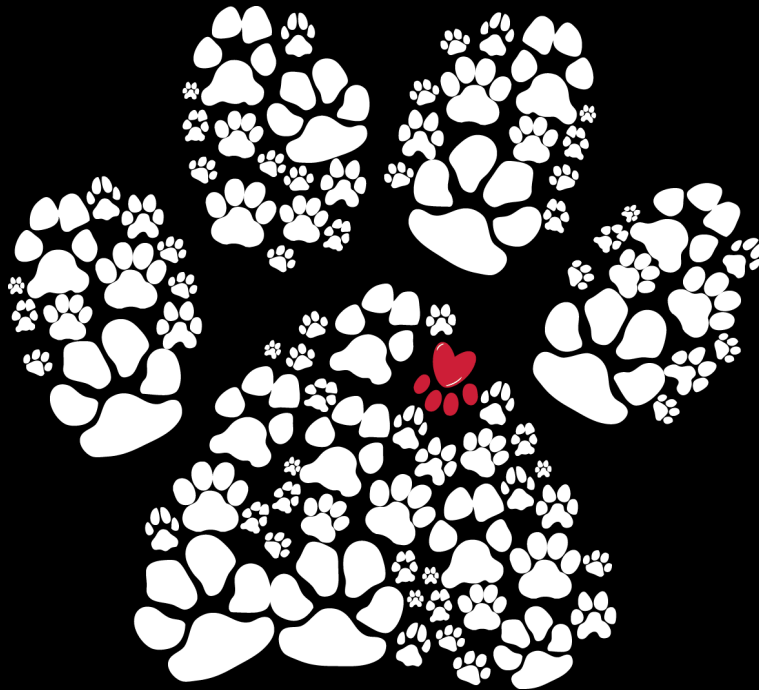


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OUR MISSION

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® wants to wish you a Happy 4th of July! In this issue, we'll give you some summer safety tips as well as signs that may indicate a dogfighting ring.

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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It's summertime!

Now that we're in the full swing of summer, Wounded Paw Project® wanted to remind you of some important safety tips you should follow to make this one of the best summers yet for your doggie! A lot of them are common sense but it's worth reminding even the best doggie parents of these tips.



First, NEVER, EVER, EVER LEAVE YOUR DOG IN A HOT CAR!!! Cloudy days, windows cracked open or even the proverbial “just

for five minutes” can all be fatal to your pet if heatstroke sets in. If you have to leave your pet in an un-air conditioned car it's better to just leave them at home.

DON'T LET DOGS RIDE IN THE BACK OF TRUCK BEDS! This is also very dangerous for your pets and in fact is even against the law in many states.

WHEN OUTSIDE, ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOUR DOG HAS ACCESS TO SHADE AND COOL, FRESH DRINKING WATER. And don't consider your pet's dog house as shade. Heat can get trapped in the dog house.

A PARTY FOR YOU MIGHT NOT BE FUN FOR YOUR PET. If you're having a cookout, be sure your pet is safe by keeping toxic foods like grapes, chocolate and alcohol out of your pet's reach. Make sure garbage is also out of your pet's reach.

**IF YOUR PET SHOWS SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE
SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!**

DOG FIGHTING ISN'T A SPORT... IT'S A FELONY!



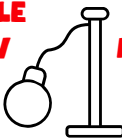
@ ! 10 SIGNS OF DOG FIGHTING



1. DOGS WITH SCARRING AND MULTIPLE WOUNDS...ESPECIALLY PITBULLS



2. SPRING POLE TO HELP BUILD NECK AND JAW MUSCLES. CAN BE A RAWHIDE OR TIRE KNOTTED ROPE SUSPENDED FROM A STRONG TREE BRANCH

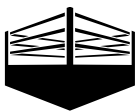


3. HARNESES ATTACHED TO TREADMILLS

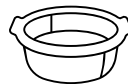
4. BREAKING STICKS. THESE STICKS ARE USUALLY A FOOT LONG, FLAT ON ONE SIDE, MAY HAVE SIGNS OF BLOOD AND ARE USED TO BREAK UP FIGHTS



5. FIGHTING RINGS INCLUDING BASEMENT WALLS THAT HAVE SCRATCH MARKS AND TRACES OF BLOOD



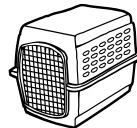
6. WASHTUBS THAT CAN BE USED PRIOR TO A FIGHT FOR HANDLERS TO WASH AND EXAMINE THEIR OPPONENT'S DOG UNDER A REFEREE'S SUPERVISION.



7. VITAMINS, DRUGS, VET SUPPLIES TO TREAT DOGS IN ORDER TO AVOID A VISIT TO THE VET'S OFFICE



8. LARGE NUMBER OF PORTABLE DOG KENNELS USED TO TRANSPORT DOGS TO FIGHTS.



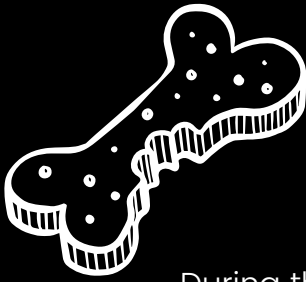
9. SEEING OTHER ANIMALS LIKE CATS AND RABBITS LOCKED UP IN CAGES. THESE ANIMALS ARE TYPICALLY USED FOR BAIT.



10. DOG FIGHTING PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS SPORTING DOG JOURNAL. OTHER TITLES INCLUDE SCRATCH BACK, INTERNATIONAL DOG JOURNAL, AND CERTIFIED CONTENDER REPORT. IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHIP THESE MAGAZINES THROUGH THE U.S. MAIL.



**IF YOU SUSPECT DOG FIGHTING, CALL LOCAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY OR CALL US
AT 1-844-SAVAPAW TO REPORT ANONYMOUSLY**



FROZEN PUP POPS

During the hot, summer months, your dog likes cool and refreshing treats just like you. Give them a treat with this recipe we found on thisnthatwitholivia.com

Ingredients

- 1 banana
- 2 cups plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
- 2 Tablespoons honey

4 Dixie cups

4 Medium size dog biscuits

Place banana in a mixing bowl and mash together with two forks. Add the yogurt, peanut butter and honey. Mix well until combined.

Transfer mixture to the Dixie cups, filling 3/4 of the way. Place a dog biscuit into the middle of each cup and freeze overnight.

To serve, cut a slit at the top of the cup with scissors and peel away the Dixie cup from the pup pop.



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 DUE TO A DOG'S HEIGHTENDED SENSE OF HEARING, SUDDEN AND LOUD EXPLOSIONS FROM FIREWORKS CAN TRIGGER A FEAR RESPONSE CAUSING YOUR PET TO DISPLAY SIGNS OF DISTRESS LIKE TREMBLING, BARKING, AND A FIGHT-OR-FLIGHT RESPONSE.



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.

LEGAL SERVICES

The Department of Veterans Affairs just awarded \$26.8 million in legal services grants to 108 public or non-profit organizations, all with the goal of increasing access to legal services for eligible Veterans experiencing or at the risk of homelessness.

Grant recipients will deliver a variety of legal services to Veterans such as:

- Providing representation in landlord-tenant disputes to prevent eviction
- Assisting with court proceedings for child support, custody or estate planning
- Helping Veterans obtain benefits like disability compensation
- Defending Veterans in criminal cases that can prolong or increase their risk of homelessness, such as outstanding warrants, fines, and driver's license revocation
- Upgrading characterization of discharges or dismissals of former members of the Armed Forces

For more information, including a list of this year's grantees, visit Legal Services for Veterans at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/lsv.asp> or email lsv@va.gov.

IF YOU ARE A VETERAN WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR AT RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS, CALL THE NATIONAL CALL CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AT 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838).

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

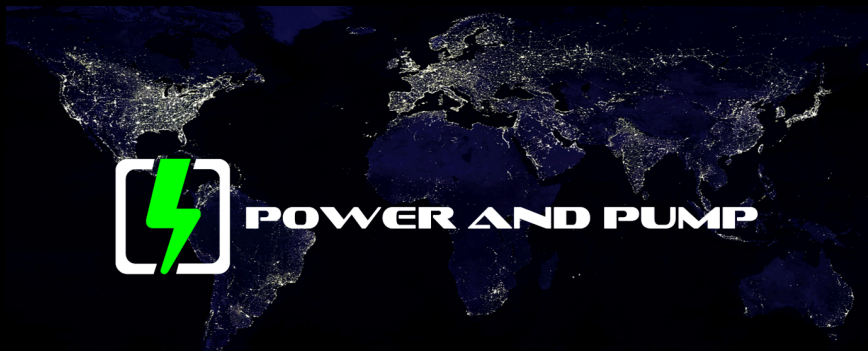
WOMEN VETERANS HOTLINE
1-855-829-6636

CAREGIVER SUPPORT LINE
1-855-260-3274

eBENEFITS TECHNICAL SUPPORT
1-800-983-0937

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IN CRISIS?**

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DIAL 988 THEN
PRESS 1**



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BUSINESS OR
ORGANIZATION
HIGHLIGHTED HERE?
SEND US AN EMAIL AT
NEWS@WPP.ORG

**ANIMAL ABUSE IS A PRECURSOR
FOR A LIFE OF CRIME INVOLVING
HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SERIAL KILLING,
SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, AND
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

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Report animal abuse

Adopt / Foster a shelter dog

Volunteer at Wounded Paw Project® or your local animal shelter

Sign our advocacy petition

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