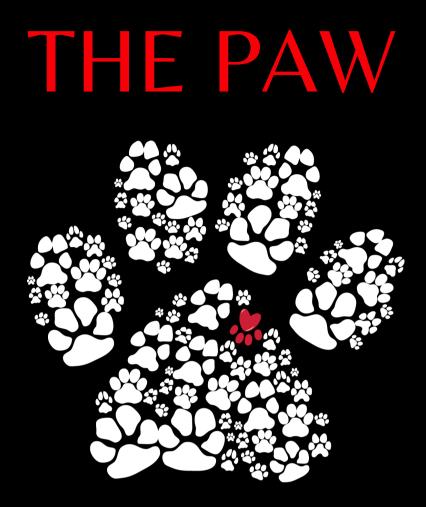
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OUR MISSION

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.

In this issue, we want to highlight homelessness involving pets and how you're helping families and keeping these pets out of shelters!

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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Dogs are more than just pets. They are important members of the family. For those facing homelessness, having a fourlegged family member can present some additional

challenges not faced by other homeless individuals.

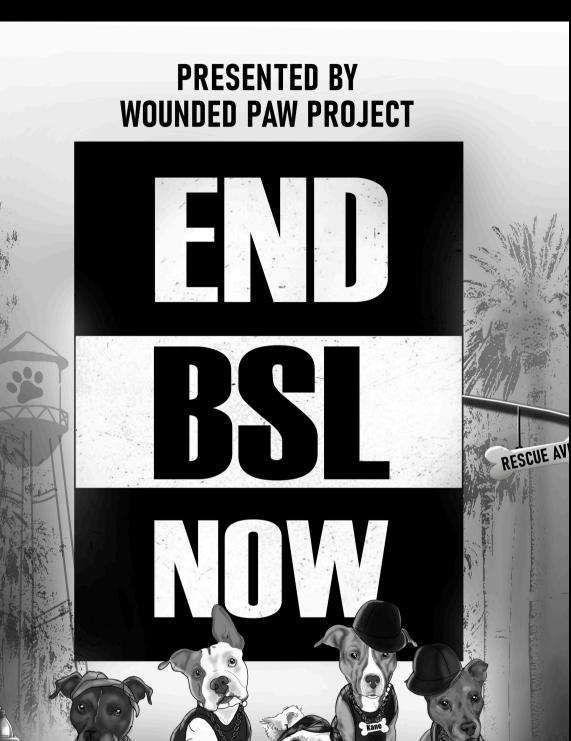
Last month, Wounded Paw Project[®] received a call asking for help rehoming three dogs or the dogs would have to be surrendered to a local shelter (which unfortunately the area's shelters are all kill-shelters). As we asked more questions, we discovered that the individual really wanted to keep the dogs but couldn't because the individual was homeless and living in a car with not only the three dogs but the individual's two children. One option that the individual requested was if Wounded Paw Project[®] could cover the expense of boarding the three dogs while the individual tried to obtain more permanent housing. Which got us to thinking....instead of paying to board three dogs maybe it would be cheaper to find a hotel that would allow the individual and children to stay in a

room with the three dogs? Guess what? A hotel room was cheaper! We were able to save three "paws" and in turn gave three humans a safe place to stay while they figured out what their next steps would be to solve their homelessness permanently. Of course Wounded Paw Project[®] couldn't have done this without the financial support of our donors.

Wounded Paw Project[®] is now looking to develop a pilot program that helps pets stay out of shelters while assisting their humans. Many homeless individuals struggle to keep their pets while seeking shelter and food. Many homeless shelters



do not accommodate pets, forcing individuals to choose between their own wellbeing and their pets' safety. Our pilot program looks to provide hotel and food vouchers to provide temporary, pet-friendly accommodations and meals and help alleviate some of the stress and hardship faced by homeless pet owners, allowing them to focus on finding more permanent solutions.



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PEANUT BUTTER PUMPKIN SOFT DOG TREATS

Fall is in the air! And with Fall comes PUMPKINS. Why not share this seasonal favorite with your doggies using this recipe we found on spoiledhounds.com

Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoons Coconut Oil
- 1/4 cup Unsweetened Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/3 cup Pumpkin Puree
- 1 cup Oat Flour or Uncooked Old Fashinoed Rolled Oats
- 1. Melt the coconut oil and combine it well with the peanut butter and the pumpkin purée in a bowl.
- 2. If using rolled oats, pulse them in a blender or food processor until it has a powder/flour consistency.
- 3. Add the oat flour and combine well using a hand mixer or spoon.
- 4. Roll the mixture into balls, about 1-inch thick for smaller treats and up to 2-inches thick for larger treats.
- 5. Place the balls on a parchment paper lined tray.
- 6. Use a fork to press a crosshatch designed into the treat if desired.
- 7. Store the treats in the refrigerator for up to 5 to 7 days.



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 YOU THAT AS KIDS GO BACK TO SCHOOL, YOUR PET MAY BE FEELING A LITTLE LONELY SO GIVE YOUR PET SOME EXTRA LOVE!



for supporting us at our Texas Roadhouse fundraiser!





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

BURN PIT REGISTRY The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the launch of the redesigned Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (Burn Pit Research Registry). The Burn Pit Registry is a database that combines Veteran and service member data to help VA better understand, research, and ultimately improve treatment for the health challenges facing Veterans exposed to airborne hazards and burn pits during their military service.

While this research database does not impact individual care and benefits, there are many avenues for Veterans to reach VA for the services they deserve. We encourage Veterans seeking screening, health care, or benefits for toxic exposures to visit VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411.

This redesigned version of the registry incorporates extensive Veteran feedback, expands participation criteria, automatically includes participants in the registry, and simplifies participation requirements. No medical information will be stored in the registry. Veteran and service member data will be accessible only to select VA epidemiologists and researchers and institutional review board-approved researchers. It will be used to conduct research on the cohort over a period of time.

To learn more, visit www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp.

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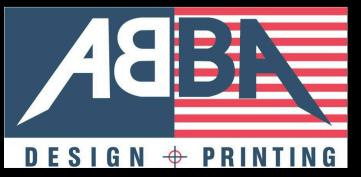








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