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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 thank the entire Wounded Paw Project® family for your support during 2024 by highlighting just a few of the things that happened this year. And we hope you remember Wounded Paw Project® this Giving Tuesday and when making your end-of-year donations.

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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Can you believe that we're almost to the end of 2024?! Time flies when you're saving paws!

2024 was quite the busy year for Wounded Paw Project®. Here are just a few highlights from the past 11 months...

Year in Review!

THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT we saved Daisy who is now safe at the Wounded Paw Project® sanctuary. Daisy was a rescue that lived with what she thought was her fur-ever family for over 10 years. Daisy began exhibiting anxiety and was no longer fitting into the family's busy schedule of work and children's school activities. So instead of working Daisy's anxiety issues (by training or adjusting Daisy's environment to ease her anxiety), the family thought the easiest thing for them to do was to schedule an out of state vet appointment to have her put down. Why out of state? Because Daisy's normal veterinarian would never have agreed to put Daisy down. That's when Wounded Paw Project® got a call from Daisy's owner's elderly father to see if there was anything we could do. From the minute Daisy arrived at the sanctuary, she fit in immediately. We're so glad Daisy was saved! And it was all because of the Wounded Paw family-YOU!



Having a dog will bless you with many of the happiest days of your life, and one of your worst.

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Our precious Bella left for the rainbow bridge on May 5, 2024 just before sunrise. 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!

We marched down Constitution Ave in the Washington DC Memorial Day Parade!



2024

Year in Review!

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.



Roxie was rescued when she was 5 1/2 months old from a backyard breeder who abused Roxie and didn’t provide her with the proper medical care. Roxie exhibited signs of extreme anxiety and was afraid of everything! She refused to eat and wouldn’t socialize with humans or other animals. Roxie’s original rescuer really wanted to help Roxie so she called Wounded Paw Project®. Roxie now enjoys living at the Wounded Paw Project® sanctuary and playing with her new best friends, Daisy Dollop and Lola!

These are just a few things that happened for Wounded Paw Project® in 2024! Imagine what we can do with your help in 2025!!



Dog-Friendly Gingerbread Cookies

Who says humans should get all the treats this holiday season?! Spoil your doggie (and horses) with this Gingerbread recipe we found on bakingmischief.com

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon of ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon of ground cloves
- 1/4 cup of molasses
- 1/4 cup of water
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or silicone baking mat.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together dry ingredients.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together molasses, water, and oil. Using a wooden spoon, slowly mix liquid ingredients into the flour mixture, stirring until well-combined and uniform in color. Dough should feel similar to play-doh, soft and not sticky, but slightly tacky and easy to work with. If the dough is dry and crumbly, add water by the 1/2 teaspoon until it comes together. If dough is too wet or soft, work in flour, about 1 tablespoon at a time until it's easy to work with.
4. On a clean, smooth surface, roll or pat dough to 1/4-inch thick and cut out shapes, gathering dough and re-rolling as necessary.
5. Bake for 20 minutes and allow cookies to cool on the baking sheet. Store treats in airtight container at room temperature or in the freezer for up to 3 months.



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 IF YOU HAVE TO COVER YOUR FACE BECAUSE IT'S COLD OUTSIDE THEN IT'S TOO COLD FOR YOUR PET TO BE OUTSIDE! DEPENDING ON YOUR DOG'S AGE, SIZE, AND OVERALL HEALTH, TEMPERATURES BELOW 45 DEGREES MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE FOR YOUR PET. ANYTHING BELOW 20 DEGREES YOUR DOG COULD DEVELOP HYPOTHERMIA OR FROSTBITE.

HAPPY Holidays



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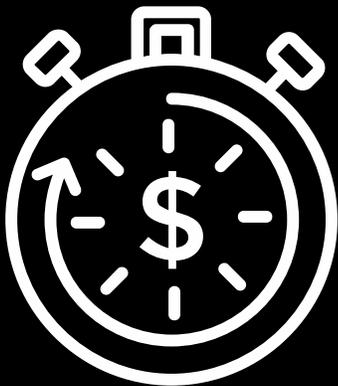
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Each month The Paw provides valuable information to our Nation's veterans on services and opportunities that may not be common knowledge to Vets.

ONLINE LOGIN

Earlier this year, The Department of Veterans Affairs announced plans to start transitioning Veterans, to a more modern, streamlined online login process to access benefit and health care services. This is a step to safeguard and protect Veteran data and that of their beneficiaries.

With VA's support through consistent outreach and training, Veterans will transition to one of two sign-in options to access VA.gov, VA mobile applications, and other VA online services: Login.gov or ID.me accounts. Veterans can begin this transition now by visiting www.va.gov/sign-in-changes to learn how to create a verified Login.gov or ID.me account. The process takes about 10 minutes.

Veterans and other beneficiaries will no longer be able to use usernames and passwords for My HealthVet after Jan. 31, 2025, or DS Logon after Sept. 30, 2025. After these deadlines, Veterans who have not yet transitioned will still be able to access their data and resume managing their benefits and services online once they have created their new account.

Veterans are always able to manage their benefits and services by phone or in-person at a VA location. For more information and updates on this new process, visit www.va.gov/sign-in-changes.

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

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Pitbull-Turned-Service Dog
For a Purple Heart Recipient



Ernesto P. Hernandez III, Co-Founder
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