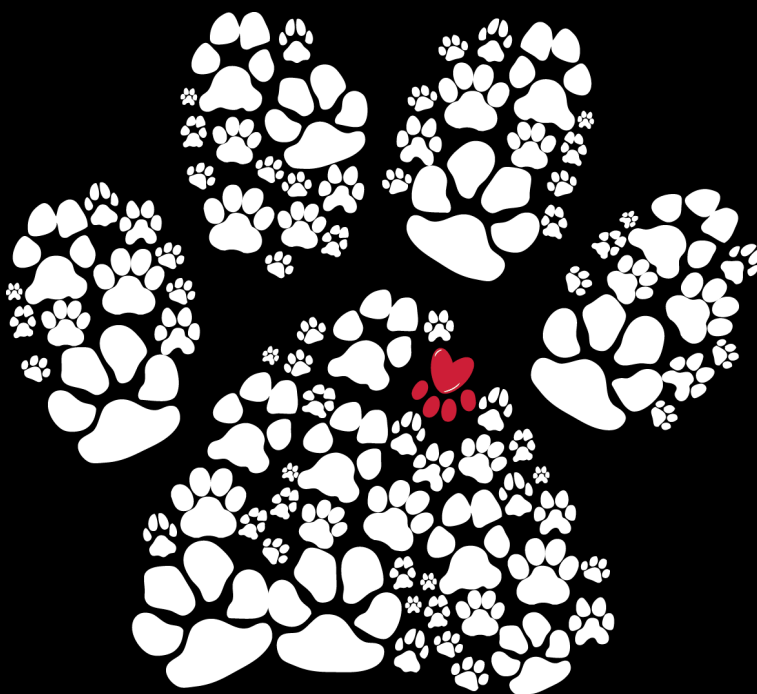


APRIL 2025

# 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.

In this issue, we're focusing on dog fighting in honor of National Dog Fighting Awareness Day, April 8th. We've also started a new monthly column—the WPP Bark-Out to highlight businesses, organizations, and individuals who support Wounded Paw Project®.

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

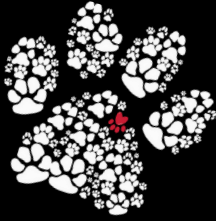
## IN THIS ISSUE

SPOTLIGHT: DOG FIGHTING AWARENESS  
PEANUT BUTTER AND BANANA CHIPS  
SADIE SAYS  
WPP BARK-OUT  
PET RE-ADOPTION AND PATRIOT FEST  
VET 2 VET

WPP.dog

News@wpp.org

**DID  
YOU  
KNOW?**



**APRIL 8, 2025 IS  
NATIONAL DOG FIGHTING  
AWARENESS DAY! DOG  
FIGHTING IS A FELONY**

**OFFENSE IN ALL 50 STATES AND  
TYPICALLY BREEDS OTHER ILLEGAL  
ACTIVITIES LIKE HUMAN TRAFFICKING,  
ILLEGAL GAMBLING, AND THE SELLING OF  
ILLEGAL DRUGS AND FIREARMS,**

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



**BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS®**



*Don't think dog fighting is  
happening in your community...  
think again!*



Dogfighting is a violent and highly secretive enterprise that is extremely difficult for law enforcement and investigative professionals to infiltrate even though it is a felony in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Possession of dogs for the purpose of fighting or even just being a spectator at a dogfight is illegal. It is still a major issue in communities across the country.

### RECENT DOG FIGHTING RINGS DISCOVERED

April 2024: 120 dogs were rescued in Cumberland County, NJ

June 2024: 32 dogs were rescued in Mobile, AL

July 2024: 111 dogs were rescued in St Petersburg, FL

September 2024: 60 dogs were rescued in Tyler, TX

January 2025: 36 dogs rescued in Deerfield Beach, FL

January 2025: 6 dogs rescued in Milwaukee, WI



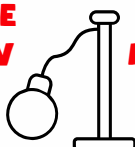
# 10 SIGNS OF DOG FIGHTING



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



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



- 3. HARNESSES 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**



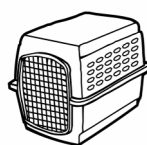
- 5. FIGHTING RINGS INCLUDING BASEMENT WALLS THAT HAVE SCRATCH MARKS AND TRACES OF BLOOD**



- 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**



## PEANUT BUTTER AND BANANA CHIPS

Who doesn't love chips? Now your doggie can have a safe alternative to greasy potato chips with this recipe we found on [mydogrecipe.com](http://mydogrecipe.com).

### Ingredients

- 2 ripe bananas
- 1/4 cup of peanut butter
- 1/2 cup of oat flour
- 1 Tablespoon of honey



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 WEATHER STARTS WARMING UP YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE GIVING YOUR PET FLEA AND TICK MEDICATION TO PROTECT YOUR DOGGIE (AND YOURSELF) FROM DISEASES TICKS AND FLEAS CARRY, SUCH AS LYME DISEASE, ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER, AND THE PLAGUE.

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F.

2. In a large bowl, mash the bananas using a fork until they reach a smooth consistency. Stir in peanut butter.

3. Gradually add the oat flour to the banana and peanut butter mixture, stirring as you go. Stir the dough until everything is well combined. If the mixture feels too sticky, you can add a bit more flour, but be careful not to add too much—you want the chips to remain light and crunchy.

4. Place the dough between two sheets of parchment paper and use a rolling pin to roll it out to about 1/8 inch thickness. Cut out the chip shapes using a small cookie cutter or simply cut the dough into squares or circles using a knife.

5. Transfer the cut-out chips to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake the chips in the oven for 15-20 minutes, or until they are golden brown and crispy. Cool completely before serving.

Happy  
Easter



April 20th



Each month The Paw highlights businesses, organizations or individuals that share Wounded Paw Project's focus on helping abused and rescued animals as well as Veterans.

Man In The Arena Films was born out of the relentless passion of a husband-and-wife duo, Jay and Devon Saunders, who share not only a love for each other but a profound obsession with storytelling. Their horror-adventure web series ITHACA earned industry recognition, including from Blair Witch Project director Eduardo Sanchez, now their mentor and Executive Producer.

Man In The Arena Films was founded with a mission: to create ambitious projects regardless of budget or resources. For Jay and Devon, the arena isn't just a battleground; it's where the human spirit is tested, myths are explored, and the human condition is celebrated—leaving audiences both terrified and deeply reflective. Their partnership, both in life and filmmaking, is built on the belief that the most powerful stories are not about winning or losing, but about transformation when people confront who they truly are. This is the soul of Man In The Arena Films—stories made by and for those who daringly step into the arena.

Their next project is PETERSONS - Site 3, an archaeological horror film set in Calvert County, Maryland, with Eduardo Sanchez as Executive Producer.

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.maninthearenafilms.com>



MAN IN THE ARENA  
FILMS



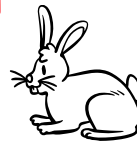
LAST CHRISTMAS I GAVE YOU MY PAW...



THIS SPRING YOU GAVE ME AWAY



# PET RE-ADOPTION & PATRIOT FEST



Join Wounded Paw Project® on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at  
the George Washington Masonic National Memorial grounds  
101 Callahan Drive, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia  
from 10am until 4 pm

HELP US FIND HOMES FOR ALL THOSE PETS THAT WERE GIFTED DURING THE HOLIDAYS  
BUT HAVE NOW BEEN "RE-GIFTED" TO SHELTERS

Community Booths • Food • Demonstrations & More

Sponsored by Wounded Paw Project®

[www.WPP.dog](http://www.WPP.dog)







**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.

## FREE MASTERCLASS SUBSCRIPTION

Blue Star Families is a national nonprofit dedicated to supporting and empowering military and Veteran families and right now they want to empower veterans and their families with a free MasterClass subscription, valid through Dec. 31, 2025.

MasterClass gives you unlimited access to more than 100 expert-led classes across a variety of subjects.

Getting started is easy! Request a MasterClass subscription. If you're not yet a member of the Blue Star Neighborhood, you'll need to register. Once you've submitted your request, MasterClass will grant you access and notify you via email within 2-3 business days.

This is your chance to invest in yourself and unlock new skills that can transform your personal and professional life. MasterClass offers an extensive range of courses that can help you advance in your career, dive into new hobbies, and discover your true potential. Don't wait—claim your free MasterClass subscription today and start building the future you've always imagined.

### 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

**ARE YOU A VET  
IN CRISIS?  
CALL FOR HELP  
DIAL 988 THEN  
PRESS 1**





**POWER AND PUMP**



**ANDOLINA**  
CHIROPRACTIC & REHAB

**BURKE NURSERY  
& GARDEN CENTRE**



**(703) 323-1188**



**AMERICAN  
VETERANS  
CENTER**



**RE/MAX**  
**AGILITY**

**MilitaryTimes**



WANT TO SEE YOUR  
BUSINESS OR  
ORGANIZATION  
HIGHLIGHTED HERE?  
SEND US AN EMAIL AT  
[NEWS@WPP.ORG](mailto:NEWS@WPP.ORG)



**WOUNDED PAW  
PROJECT®**

## WORK WITH US

**Wounded Paw Project®**  
12644 Chapel Road #193  
Clifton VA 20124

Telephone  
1-844-SAVAPAW  
(1-844-728-2729)

## FOLLOW US

**WPP.DOG**

