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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.

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BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS® THIS SEASON

*HOW YOUR SUPPORT TRANSFORMED LIVES IN 2025
— AND HOW YOU CAN HELP BEFORE THE YEAR ENDS*

As 2025 comes to a close, we pause to reflect on a year filled with rescue, healing, and hope. Thanks to supporters like you, Wounded Paw Project® and PAWVILLE Farms® continued to be lifelines for dogs who had nowhere else to go. Every gift—every share, every volunteer hour, every dollar—helped restore dignity to animals who deserved so much better. And as we prepare for a new year of impact, your year-end support ensures that our mission doesn't slow for a single day.

Your Impact in 2025

This year was one of remarkable progress and powerful stories. Together, our community accomplished:

- **Rescues From Harm:** Dogs were saved from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- **Healing & Rehabilitation:** Through trauma-informed decompression, veterinary care, and the emerging Wagployment®360 pathway, dogs received the second chance they were denied for too long.

Your Impact in 2025

- **PAWVILLE Farms® Sanctuary Growth:** With new garden beds, improved habitats, and the expansion of our dog-friendly food program using farm-raised eggs and produce, the sanctuary moved closer to its vision of a safe, sustainable healing space.
- **Veteran & Community Support:** The farm continued preparing for its upcoming veteran pilot program and provided eggs, treats, and supplies to local shelters and veteran families in need.
- **Education & Advocacy:** WPP continued to shine a light on dog trafficking, illegal breeding operations, and animal abuse—giving the voiceless a powerful advocate nationwide.



Why Year-End Giving Matters

Animal cruelty doesn't slow down during the holidays—and neither do we. Year-end gifts allow WPP to:

- **Respond to emergency rescue calls within hours**
- **Fund veterinary care, surgeries, and medications**
- **Support PAWVILLE Farms® sanctuary operations and winterization**
- **Prepare dogs for adoption or therapeutic roles**
- **Provide education and outreach to stop cruelty before it begins**

Your gift—no matter the size—helps ensure no dog is turned away when the call for help comes in.

Ways to Give Before December 31

Supporters can make an immediate impact by choosing any of the options below:

- **One-Time Year-End Gift: A direct way to change a dog's life today.**
- **Monthly Giving: Steady support that powers rescue work year-round.**
- **Sponsor a Sanctuary Dog: Help cover care, enrichment, food, and medical needs.**



- **Support PAWVILLE Farms® Projects:** Sponsor garden beds, tools, dog food production, or sanctuary improvements.
- **Honor a Loved One—or a Beloved Pet:** Make a tribute donation in their name for the holidays.

Your donation to Wounded Paw Project® is tax-deductible, and gifts made before December 31 count toward the 2025 tax year.

Thank You for Being Part of the Mission

Your compassion fuels everything we do. Together, we are rewriting stories of suffering into stories of resilience, love, and possibility. As we step into 2026, your support ensures Wounded Paw Project® and PAWVILLE Farms® continue to be safe havens for the dogs who need us most.

**This season, be the voice. Be the hope.
Be the difference.**

WINTER WELLNESS FOR DOGS: KEEPING THEM HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND SAFE ALL SEASON

Winter brings cozy evenings, sparkling walks, and plenty of snuggle time—but it also presents challenges for our four-legged family members. Cold temperatures, dry indoor heat, icy sidewalks, and holiday disruptions can all impact a dog's physical and emotional health.



With a little planning, you can make winter one of your dog's safest and happiest seasons.

Start with paw protection. Ice, rock salt, and frozen ground can crack or irritate paw pads, so wipe paws after walks and consider balm or booties for extra protection. Indoors, use a humidifier and add omega-3s or salmon oil to support healthy skin and coats during the dry months.

Because daylight is shorter, shift to shorter, more frequent walks and mix in indoor enrichment—snuffle mats, puzzle feeders, or simple hide-and-seek games keep your dog mentally sharp and physically active. For thin-coated breeds, seniors, or small dogs, a warm jacket can make cold days more comfortable.

Don't forget emotional wellness. Holiday noise, visitors, and schedule changes can stress dogs, especially rescues or those with past trauma. Provide quiet spaces, calming music, or a consistent routine to help them feel secure.

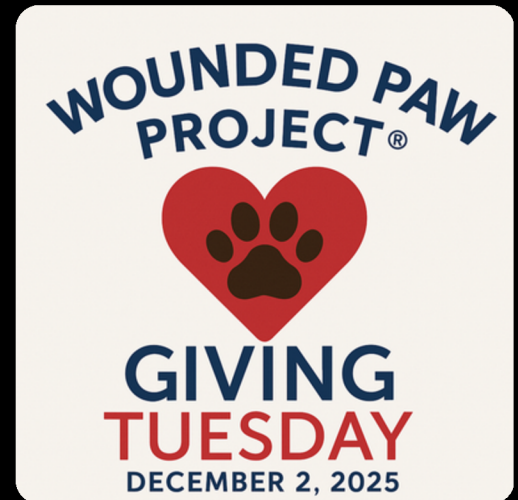
With awareness and a few thoughtful habits, winter becomes a season of comfort, adventure, and joyful moments for your pup.



**Let it
SNOW**

BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS® THIS GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday marks the beginning of the holiday giving season—and a powerful moment to change a dog's life. For Wounded Paw Project®, this global day of generosity fuels emergency rescues, critical veterinary care, safe decompression, and ongoing support for the dogs who have survived abuse, neglect, or trafficking.



Your Giving Tuesday donation—whether \$10 or \$100—provides immediate help: warm meals, medical treatment, transportation to safety, and essential supplies for PAWVILLE Farms® sanctuary dogs. Each gift strengthens Wounded Paw Project®'s ability to say "yes" when the urgent calls come in.

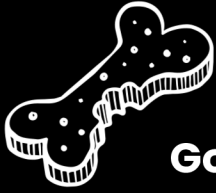


Giving Tuesday is just the start of a season of compassion. Your early gift ensures vulnerable dogs are protected and cared for throughout December—and into a brighter new year.

Be the voice. Give hope today.

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TURKEY, SWEET POTATO & OAT BITES

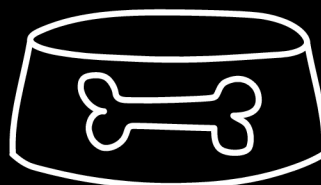
Got leftover Thanksgiving turkey? Turn it into something your dog will be thankful for, too. Instead of letting those lean turkey scraps go to waste, this easy recipe transforms holiday leftovers into nutritious, bite-sized treats your pup can enjoy all week long. Wholesome ingredients, simple prep, and tail-wagging flavor—holiday happiness in every bite.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked lean turkey, finely chopped
- 1 cup mashed sweet potato (plain, no butter/salt)
- 1 egg
- 1 cup oat flour (or blend rolled oats)
- 2 tbsp plain pumpkin purée

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, mix the turkey, sweet potato, and pumpkin purée until well combined. Break up any large chunks so the mixture is smooth and easy to form.
3. Add the egg and stir thoroughly, ensuring the mixture becomes cohesive.
4. Gradually add the oat flour and flaxseed, mixing until a soft dough forms. If it feels too sticky, add a little more oat flour.
5. Roll small portions into bite-size balls or press into small patties and place them on the baking sheet.
6. Bake for 18–22 minutes, or until firm and lightly golden.
7. Let cool completely before serving. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to five days or freeze for longer.





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.

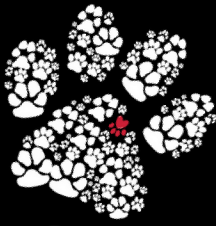
THIS MONTH, SADIE WANTS TO REMIND YOU THAT DECEMBER IS FILLED WITH TASTY TEMPTATIONS—COOKIES, CHOCOLATES, MEAT SCRAPS, AND FESTIVE TREATS THAT CAN BE DANGEROUS FOR DOGS. KEEPING SNACKS OUT OF REACH PREVENTS ACCIDENTAL POISONING, STOMACH ISSUES, AND LATE-NIGHT EMERGENCY VET VISITS. A LITTLE PREVENTION KEEPS YOUR HOLIDAYS MERRY, BRIGHT, AND FAR LESS CHAOTIC.

Cold-Weather Adventures Done Right

Winter walks can be magical for dogs—crunchy snow, fresh scents, and brisk air that brings out their playful side. Choose daylight hours, stick to cleared paths, protect paws from ice and salt, and bundle thin-coated pups to keep every frosty adventure safe, cozy, and tail-waggingly fun all season.



**DID
YOU
KNOW?**



**DECEMBER 9TH IS
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
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**THIS DAY CELEBRATES
THE PROFESSIONALS WHO PROTECT ANIMAL
HEALTH, PREVENT DISEASE, AND PROVIDE
LIFE-SAVING CARE FOR PETS, FARM
ANIMALS, AND WILDLIFE. IT CELEBRATES
VETERINARIANS' DEDICATION, SCIENTIFIC
EXPERTISE, AND COMPASSION, RECOGNIZING
THEIR ESSENTIAL ROLE IN PUBLIC HEALTH,
ANIMAL WELFARE, AND THE WELL-BEING OF
COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE.**



HEROES IN SCRUBS:

Celebrating Veterinary Medicine Day



International Day of Veterinary Medicine recognizes the dedicated professionals who safeguard animal health, protect communities, and provide compassionate care to pets, wildlife, and farm animals. Their work is essential—and for organizations like Wounded Paw Project®, it's life-changing.

Wounded Paw Project®'s preferred veterinary partner, Dominion Valley Animal Hospital in Gainesville, VA, exemplifies this commitment. Their skilled team provides the urgent medical care, diagnostics, and gentle handling that allow abused, neglected, and rescued dogs to begin healing. Many of the dogs who arrive frightened, injured, or traumatized take their first steps toward recovery because of veterinarians who refuse to give up on them.

There are many ways to thank the heroes in scrubs who care for your pets: bring a handwritten note, donate treats for the staff, leave a positive review, or make a gift to WPP in their honor.

Today—and every day—we celebrate the veterinarians who give hope where it's needed most!

**We're
Looking for**



Volunteers

GET INVOLVED

Report animal abuse

Adopt / Foster a shelter dog

Volunteer at Wounded Paw Project® or your local animal shelter

Sign our advocacy petition

Help someone who needs help with a pet

SPREAD THE WORD

Wear our T-shirts

Subscribe to our newsletter

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Follow us on our social media platforms



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DONATE

Make a cash donation at WPP.dog

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Bequeath money or real estate to Wounded Paw Project®



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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.

VETERAN DIRECTED CARE

Veteran Directed Care gives Veterans of all ages the

opportunity to receive the Home and Community Based Services they need in a consumer-directed way.

This program is for Veterans who need personal care services and help with activities of daily living. Examples include help with bathing, dressing, or fixing meals. This program is also for Veterans who are isolated, or their caregiver is experiencing burden.

Veterans in this program are given a budget for services that is managed by the Veteran or the Veteran's representative. With the help of a counselor, Veterans hire their own workers to meet their daily needs to help them live at home or in their community.

If Veteran Directed Care seems right for you, talk with your VA social worker and find out if it is available in your location.

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

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1-855-260-3274

eBENEFITS TECHNICAL SUPPORT
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