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and making memories all July long.



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A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER...

There is something special about July. The excitement of summer may begin with celebrations, but what stays with us are the quiet moments we share with the ones we love—including the animals who trust us with their hearts. This month's issue is dedicated to those moments. Whether you're welcoming a newly adopted rescue into your home, making memories during summer adventures, or taking simple steps to protect your pet through Lost Pet Prevention Month, every act of care strengthens the bond between people and animals. At Wounded Paw Project®, we know that healing doesn't happen all at once. It happens one walk, one gentle touch, one safe night, and one new beginning at a time.

Every dog featured in these pages has a story of resilience, reminding us that second chances are built through patience, compassion, and commitment. As you enjoy the remainder of summer, I encourage you to create new memories with your pets while also taking the simple precautions that can keep them safe for years to come. Thank you for standing beside us in our mission to **Be The Voice For The Voiceless®**.

Because of supporters like you, more dogs are finding loving homes, more families are staying together, and more lives are being transformed—one wagging tail at a time.

With gratitude and determination,
Ernesto P. Hernandez III
Founder of Wounded Paw Project®



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IF YOU LEFT.**





Red, White & Woof!

**Celebrate the Best
of Summer with
Your Four-Legged
Family**

July may be best known for patriotic celebrations, but the fun doesn't have to end once the fireworks are over. Long sunny days, family vacations, backyard barbecues, and afternoons spent outdoors make the rest of July the perfect time to create unforgettable memories with your pets.

Whether you're relaxing at home or looking for new adventures, here are some safe and enriching ways to enjoy the remainder of summer together.

Frozen Summer Treats They'll Love

When temperatures climb, a cool treat is a welcome reward.

Berry Bone Frozen Treats

Ingredients

- Plain unsweetened Greek yogurt
- Fresh strawberries
- Fresh blueberries

Directions

1. Dice the strawberries into small pieces.
2. Mix the fruit into the yogurt.
3. Spoon the mixture into bone-shaped silicone molds.
4. Freeze for 4–6 hours.
5. Serve as a refreshing summertime snack.

Remember: Always avoid ingredients that are toxic to dogs, including xylitol, chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, and alcohol.



Make Every Summer Gathering Pet Friendly

Cookouts, pool parties, and family get-togethers continue throughout July. With a little planning, your pets can safely be part of the fun.

Tips for a Great Pet-Friendly Backyard Party

- Keep plenty of fresh water available.
- Set up shaded resting areas.
- Provide cooling mats or kiddie pools.



Diva - Rescued 2020

- Keep grills, hot food, and human snacks out of reach.
- Make sure gates and fences remain securely closed.
- Watch for signs of overheating such as excessive panting or lethargy.

If guests are bringing their own pets, provide separate quiet spaces so everyone can take a break when needed.

Keep Summer Safe

July is one of the hottest months of the year, so remember these simple safety tips:

- Walk early in the morning or after sunset.
- Test pavement with the back of your hand before walking.
- Never leave pets in a parked vehicle.
- Bring water wherever you go.
- Make sure collars, ID tags, and microchip information are current in case summer adventures lead to unexpected escapes.



Rosie - Rescued 2009

Enjoy Every Summer Moment

Summer passes quickly, but the memories you create with your pets will last a lifetime. Whether you're sharing frozen treats, exploring a new hiking trail, splashing in the backyard, or simply relaxing together on the porch, every moment strengthens the bond you share.

Here's to making the rest of July full of wagging tails, happy hearts, and unforgettable adventures.



***Our mission is stronger
because of partners like
you. Together, we are
creating safer futures for
animals in need.***





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PAWS HATE HOT PAVEMENT

Summer pavement can become hot enough to burn your dog's paw pads in seconds. Before heading out, place the back of your hand on the pavement for seven seconds. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your dog's paws. Walk during the early morning or evening, choose shaded routes when possible, and always bring water for both of you.

July is LOST PET PREVENTION MONTH



July is recognized as Lost Pet Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the steps pet owners can take to prevent their beloved companions from becoming lost. While no one expects their dog or cat to slip through an open gate, dart out a front door, or become frightened during a storm, these situations happen every day.

According to animal welfare organizations across the United States, millions of pets go missing each year. While many are reunited with their families, countless others never find their way home.

The good news is that prevention remains the most effective tool in protecting our pets.

One of the simplest and most effective ways to increase the chances of a reunion is proper identification.

Every pet should have:

- A secure collar with an up-to-date identification tag
- Current contact information
- A registered microchip
- Updated microchip records whenever an address or phone number changes

A microchip is not a GPS tracker, but it provides permanent identification that can be scanned by shelters, veterinarians, and animal control officers.

Practice Safe Travel

Whether traveling across town or across the country, safety precautions are essential.

When traveling:

- Use secure carriers for cats and small dogs
- Utilize crash-tested harnesses or travel restraints

- Never allow pets to ride loose in vehicles
- Keep leashes attached when exiting vehicles
- Carry current photos of your pet

Traveling can create unfamiliar situations that increase the risk of pets becoming lost.

Create a Lost Pet Action Plan

Preparation can save valuable time if a pet ever goes missing.

Keep:

- Recent photos of your pet
- A description of distinguishing features
- Microchip information
- Veterinary records
- Contact information for local shelters and animal control agencies

Having these resources readily available allows you to act quickly if an emergency occurs.

Prepare for Storms

Loud noises can trigger panic, causing even calm pets to run away.

Before storms:

- Keep pets indoors
- Create a quiet, secure room
- Close curtains and blinds
- Play calming music or white noise
- Ensure identification tags are attached
- Verify microchip information is current

Community Responsibility

Lost Pet Prevention Month is also an opportunity to support responsible pet ownership within our communities.

Sharing educational resources, encouraging microchipping, and helping neighbors secure their pets can reduce the number of lost animals entering shelters.

At Wounded Paw Project[®], we believe every pet deserves a safe, loving home and every family deserves the peace of knowing their companion is protected. By taking proactive steps today, we can help prevent tomorrow's heartbreak.

This Lost Pet Prevention Month, take a few minutes to check your pet's tags, update your microchip information, inspect your fences, and review your emergency plan. These simple actions could make all the difference in bringing a lost pet safely home.

Because prevention is the first step in keeping families together.

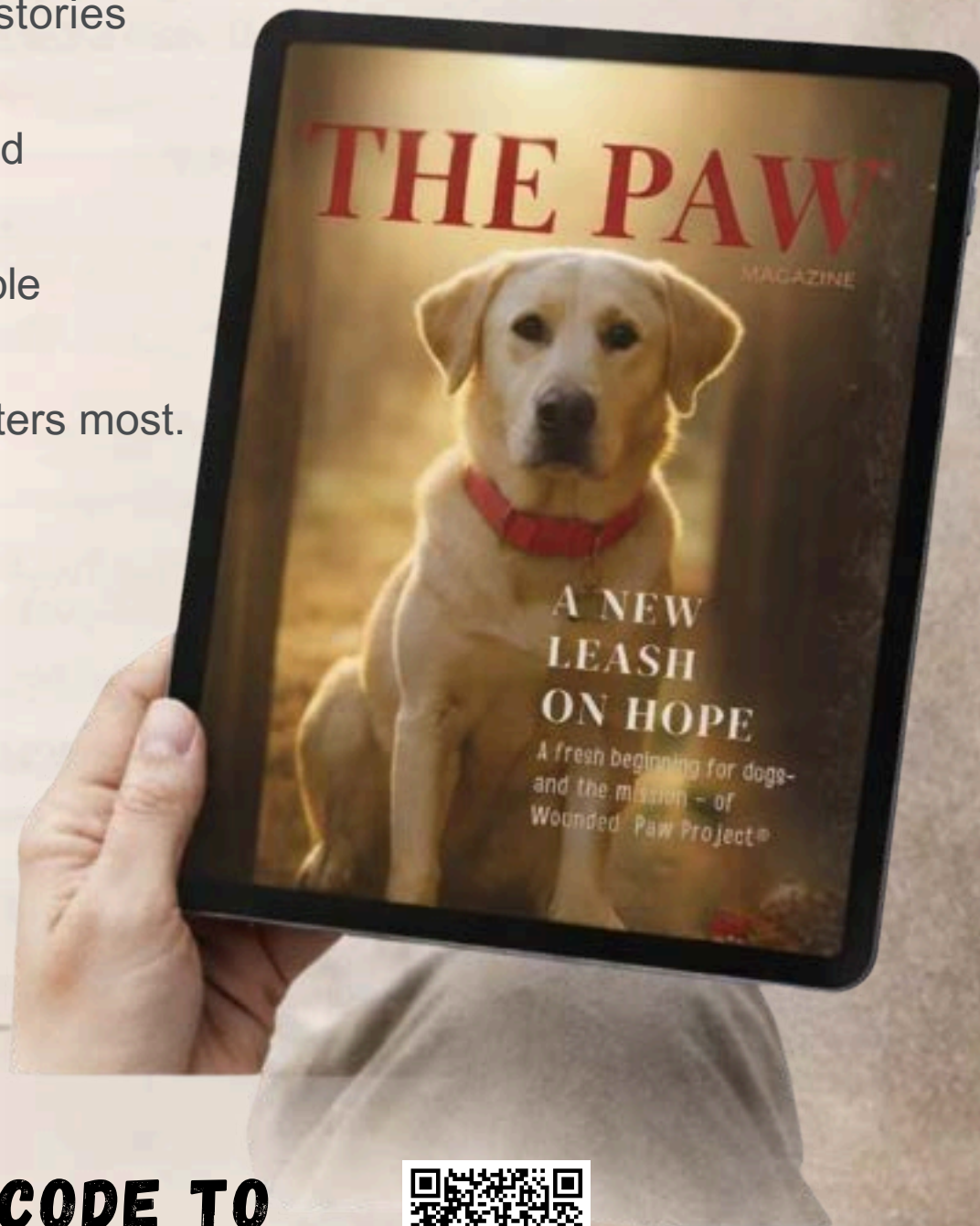


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