

THE BARK

Creating Happy Futures



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DOG and CAT DAYS OF SUMMER

Long ago many thought madness was an effect of extreme heat. Well, with temps hovering around 100, causing us all to hibernate inside can be maddening, it is actually a smart move when it comes to pets.

As our newest T-Shirt design shows, it's important for our pets to drink plenty of water and keep cool during hot weather.

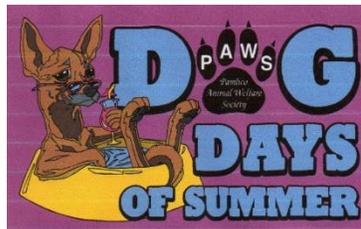
North Carolina is one of 22 states with laws protecting animals left in parked vehicles.

Under N.C. Statute **NC ST § 14-363.3**, *"An animal that is confined in a motor vehicle under conditions that are likely to cause suffering.....is prohibited."* *"Any animal control officer, animal cruelty investigator appointed under G.S. 19A-45, law enforcement officer, firefighter, or rescue squad worker, who has probable cause to believe that an animal is confined in a motor vehicle under conditions that are likely to cause suffering.....may enter the motor vehicle by any reasonable means under the circumstances after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person responsible for the animal."*

"Want numbers? An independent study¹ showed that the interior temperature of vehicles parked in outside temperatures ranging from 72 to 96° F rose steadily as time increased. And cracking the windows doesn't help.".....American Veterinary Medical Association

<https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/Hot-Cars-and-Loose-Pets.aspx>

So if you see an animal in a car that you believe may be suffering and you are unable to locate the owner, dial 911.



Calendar of Events

November 12

Fine Arts & Craft Show

Dec 9 & 10

Spirit of Christmas

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CROAKER FESTIVAL

Yes, it was a little hot. Yes, our tent broke Friday night due to the high winds. But we persevered! We want to thank Ben and Tonya Reese of B&T Choctatque and Sammi and Sofie's Wholesome Dog Treats fame for bailing us out with a replacement tent! We are glad we ended up next to them.



Team PAWS was selling T-Shirts, jewelry and greeting cards, plus a raffle. PAWS spends thousands of dollars each year to support the New Leash on Life Program, the Spay and Neuter Program and other programs. Donations and the sales from these events helps to fund these programs.

We enjoy talking with people who have not heard of PAWS. Many are not from our area,

and we hope they go back to spread the word about the hard work we do to support our animals here in Pamlico County.



What makes it worthwhile is when someone comes up to tell us how much they are enjoying their rescue cat or dog. They even show us pictures. We get excited when we hear someone is ready to adopt a new animal into their home. Passion? We have a lot of it here at PAWS.



On November 12, we will be selling hot dogs at the Fine Arts and Crafts Show at the Oriental Woman's Club. If you can spend a couple of hours helping out, please contact Christine Garman at 252-249-3513. The hot dogs are the best.

SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

The Spay and Neuter Program provides assistance to low-income Pamlico County residents who are financially unable to alter their pets. Applications for vouchers are available at local vets or by calling 252-745-PAWS (7297) or at www.pamlicopaws.net.

The total number of cats being spayed/neutered year to date is 153.

Fund raising, in order to support this program, keeps PAWS busy throughout the year. It is part of PAWS mission to decrease the number of cats being euthanized in shelters.

DOG PARK

Would you like a dog park? Oriental, NC is looking into a dog park. Mayor, Sally Belangia, Diane Miller, Town Manager and Charlie Overcash, Town Commissioner, will be traveling to Little Washington and New Bern on August 18th to look at dog parks. If you would like to join them, you are welcome. The town of Oriental wants to know what you think about a possible dog park. You can let Oriental know your thoughts by emailing them at water@townoforiental.com.

PET HEALTH

Extreme temperature, be it hot or cold, is a major concern for all animals. Did you know certain breeds are more affected by heat than others? One breed are Pugs. Read up on your dog or cat's specific breed and talk to your veterinarian if you have any questions.

Just a Few Signs of Overheating

*Excessive panting *Increased heart and respiratory rate *Weakness *Difficulty breathing
*Drooling *Seizures *Elevated body temperature over 104 degrees

GOOD READS!

<http://www.aspca.org/about-us/press-releases/aspca-provides-pet-safety-tips-scorching-summer-season>

<http://www.prevention.com/health/20-ways-to-keep-pets-safe-all-summer/slide/8>

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/pets_safe_heat_wave.html?referrer



When outside, keep walks to a minimum, as hot asphalt can burn paws. If you are inclined for water sports with your dog (let me know if your cat likes the water), remember that not all dogs are good swimmers. If you and your dog go boating, make sure Fido wears a floatation device, like Molly is wearing here with Peggy MacDonald. They both like the full moon paddles.

Animal Cruelty Hotline

You can now report physical harm to animals by contacting the Attorney General's office. Visit ncdoj.gov and complete the online complaint form or call 855-290-6915 or mail the NC DOJ at PO Box 629, Raleigh, NC 27602.

You can also call your local animal control officer to report a case of animal cruelty. In Pamlico County call Berkeley Hill at (252) 745-3203. If it is an emergency dial 911.

Puppy Mills

According to the ASPCA, "there is no legal definition of a puppy mill." They go on to say, "so don't be fooled by pet store owners who show you "papers" or licenses to prove that their dogs are from humane sources. The fact is, responsible breeders would never sell a puppy through a pet store because they want to screen potential buyers to ensure their puppies are going to a good home."

www.aspca.org/animal-cruelty/puppy-mills

The first humane society in North America, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) is celebrating their 150th Birthday!

NEW LEASH ON LIFE PROGRAM

Cadbury, Raleigh and Wilbur graduated on July 20th and have found a home.



Raleigh



Cadbury



Wilbur

If you attended the graduation on July 20th you saw the bond between trainer and dog. You saw Cadbury retrieving mail from a mailbox and putting toys back into his toy box. You saw how agile Raleigh was as she

maneuvered the obstacle course. And last, but not least, there was Wilbur, the largest dog there. He too, understood every command given to him. What a big heart! Seeing the trainers cradling and rocking their dogs (no matter how big the dogs were) melted all of our hearts.

Lola, Nikki and Owen-Our Next Class Graduating in September



Lola

Hi everyone. I'm Lola, a love bug, sweetie pie and happy-go-lucky girl. I do well with other dogs, but not so much with cats. I would love an active family with children, and since I'm young myself at only 2 years old, we'd have many wonderful adventures together. I'm not much of a couch potato, but would love quiet evenings after an active day of play. You could say I'm a medium energy girl.

Nikki's my name and play is my game. At 8 months of age, I still have a lot of puppy play left in me. In fact, it's my job to have fun. I'm good with other dogs large or small and cats with self-confidence. I'm still discovering this world and would love to do that with a human family. Play, play, play, all day would be my motto. Did I mention how much I love to PLAY?



Nikki



Owen

Hello everyone, my name is Owen, and I'm a laid back kinda guy. A nicer southern gentleman you'll never find, and we could share a long life together, since I'm only around 2 years old. I get along well with other dogs and cats. I'd love nothing better than to lie at your feet in the evenings while you work on your computer. And I could even be persuaded to become your large couch potato. Definitely not a high energy guy, but as a hound I am going to want a fenced in yard.

Owen is sponsored by Sherri Hicks, D.V.M.

All NLOL dogs are fully vetted, up to date on vaccines and spayed or neutered. When they graduate from The Pamlico Correctional Institution, they will have 8 weeks of crate and housebreaking training along with some obedience and agility training. If you think you could be best friends with Lola, Nikki or Owen, contact Penny at 252-249-1543 or go to pamlicopaws.net to fill out an adoption application. All adopting families will attend their doggie's graduation.

Bios written by Muffin Schmidt.

SPONSORING

If you would like to sponsor Lola, Nikki or Owen, please call 252-745-PAWS(7297). You can pay all or part of the \$250 sponsorship fee. If you wish, you can designate your donation in the name of a specific dog in the NLOL Program. These funds will be used toward spay/neuter fees, shots, vet costs and food and supplies while the dog is in the NLOL Program.

CAT CORNER

It's important to brush your cat more often during hot weather. Brushing removes matting and promotes air flow through the fur. If your cat doesn't enjoy a good brushing, give them a treat afterwards, and they will associate a treat with a good brushing. Skittles here jumps on the sofa exactly at 8pm each night (I haven't found his watch) to get brushed. Regular brushing will soften and shine fur, relax your cat for bedtime and will promote that special bond between you.



OUR STORY

By Pauline Sterin

Dolly came into our lives just as our older Golden Retriever, Patrick, was heading out, as is often the case.

I loved the sound of the New Leash on Life program, where prisoners learn to train rescued dogs, and adoptive families get a dog that already knows basic commands.

So I looked for one that would be just right - a mutt, under 50 lbs., with short hair, that gets along with cats – and Dolly appeared almost immediately.

Only 9 months old, Dolly had twice been taken to a shelter before the New Leash on Life program rescued her. Dolly's first few weeks were overshadowed by the passing of dear Patrick, but soon after that, she came into her own. She loves to play, and to run -- wow, can she run! We have a large fenced yard, and she can fly across it, lap after lap, and never tire. And she is so good with her toys - she never eats any of the stuffing she pulls out, but once she's got it cleaned out, she'll play with that toy forever. And she has learned to bring us any plastic bits to redeem for a safe dog treat. Dolly found her forever home



with two retired old folks, but she's learned to give us our walks twice a day, remind us when it's supper time, and chase the squirrels from under the bird feeder. Most importantly, she's brought more joy into our home than I'd thought possible. We love her very, very much and after three years, can't imagine how anyone ever gave her up.



If you have a story about your cat or dog, including New Leash on Life dogs, we want to hear about it.

Send your story, along with pictures to thepawsbark@gmail.com.

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 If you like shopping online, stop by any of these websites and share your support by choosing PAWS as your non-profit of choice. Each time you make a purchase PAWS will receive money.

www.amazon.com

www.wooftrax.com

www.chewy.com

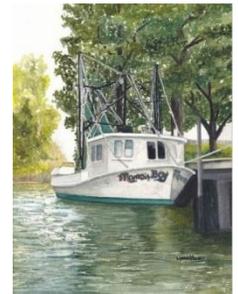
Sammi and Sofie's Wholesome Dog Treats are available at the Oriental Farmers Market and several local retailers. We receive 10% back.

 PAWS T-Shirts are for sale at the Inland Waterway Provision Company in Oriental, NC.



 If you are looking for jewelry as a gift, call Roz Kutchins at 252-349-0466. She donates her beautiful jewelry to PAWS, like the zipper pulls shown here on the left.

 If you would like to give "Painting Pamlico" greeting card boxed sets for gifts, contact Lynn Hines at 252-571-0188/email her at lhines@ec.rr.com. All proceeds go to PAWS.



IRA Qualified Charitable Donations Made Permanent



For those over 70 ½ years of age, charitable donations can be made from their individual retirement accounts as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) as a direct transfer, therefore, not treating these funds as taxable income. There are other ways to give and to minimize taxes. This is helpful if the taxpayer is in a high tax bracket. Seek advice from an investment/tax advisor.

PAWS Officers

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REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS



Don't know what to give your loved one, who has everything, for their birthday, wedding or anniversary? Do you know someone who has lost a pet? Your generous donation to PAWS will honor both pet and pet owner. PAWS will send the recipient a card telling them of your thoughtful donation and the donation will be displayed on our website.

Board of Directors

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PAWS is a North Carolina 501 (3) (c) non-profit organization striving to provide a better life for local animals.

We are always needing volunteers.

Meetings usually are 4:00 p.m., the 3rd Monday of the month, at the Oriental Town Hall.

MEMBERSHIP: \$20 individual & \$25 family Membership applications are available on our website.

Online donations are welcome on our website too.

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If you have any questions about *The Bark*, send us your correspondence to thepawsbark@gmail.com.