



Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month



"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."
- Albert Einstein

As pet parents and animal lovers, it's difficult to think of pets being abused or harmed in any way, but animal cruelty is

an unfortunate reality for many animals. Animal cruelty can come in many forms, such as neglect, deplorable living conditions, dog fighting, puppy mills and physical abuse of an animal.

Thankfully, there are many ways an animal loving, pet parent can help animals who are suffering from abuse. The first step is to be a voice for the voiceless, meaning if you see something, say something. If you notice an animal being physically abused, left in deplorable conditions, left in a hot car, tied outside with no food or water or in high temperatures without shade, contact the proper authorities and report it! Libre's Law in PA states requires:

- A leash must be three times the length of the pet or 10 feet, whichever is longer.
- No tow or logged chain or pinch, choke, or prong collars used with a tether.
- A well-fitted collar and no open sores or wounds on the dog's body.
- The lead must be on a swivel and ideally a lead that has a coated cover to avoid getting tangled.
- The area where the pet is kept must be kept clear of excessive feces with access to drinkable water and shade.
- No more than nine consecutive hours on a leash in a day's time.

Health Tip for the Season

If you have a nervous pet, or a pet who has dealt with cruelty or abuse issues in the past, make sure to hire a fear free trainer. A fear free trainer can help to safely navigate your pet's fear and not escalate your pet's issues with the use of aversive equipment or training. All of our Pet Care Specialists are trained to treat pets with compassion and work towards effective training and communication without the use of fear, anxiety or pain.

Training Tip for the Season

Emergencies can happen at any time and first responders may need to enter your home to provide emergency care. Work with a trainer to get your pet used to sirens and lights and train them to go to a crate or predesignated area

- No more than 30 minutes tied up when temperatures are lower than 32 degrees or higher than 90 degrees.

To report animal abuse or neglect in Allegheny County, contact Humane Officer Justin Galvin with Animal Friends at 412-847-7000. In Westmoreland County, contact Humane Officer Andrea Palmer with All but Furgotten Inc at 724-382-7178.

If possible, follow up with the humane officer to make sure all proper steps have been taken to get the reported animal to safety. Unfortunately, Comfort at Home Pet Services recently tried to report a case of animal neglect but was ignored by Humane Officer Angela Fry, which left both the owner and pet in dire circumstances. Always follow up.

Next, spread the word about animal abuse and cruelty! April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals month and is the perfect time to educate your family, friends and colleagues on animal cruelty.

If financially possible, make a tax deductible gift to a local nonprofit working for the betterment of all animals and to end animal abuse in all forms.

When considering a new furry family member, be aware of puppy mills and backyard breeders and the conditions animals are left in for profit. If purchasing a new family member from a breeder, make sure it's a reputable breeder and they allow you to view the premises.

Animals don't have a voice of their own and as animal lovers and pet parents it's our duty to help those who can't help themselves. Celebrate Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month by getting involved in any way you can. We owe it to our furry friends.

so first responders can enter the home safely.

[Pet Sitter Tip for the Season](#)

If your pet is fearful of strangers or unfamiliar situations, your Professional Pet Care Specialist can work with your pet on socialization skills. Walks are a great way to expose pets to many new people, new objects, new smells and different sounds and sights.

Featured Organization of the Month



Furkid is a foster network rescue – meaning all of our rescues are temporary members of our families. Our fosters can give you insight into the personality and needs of our FurKids because they are in our homes, versus you meeting them in a stressful environment where they haven't had a chance to let their fur down and their true personalities shine through.

We officially started in 2008 rescuing Pit Bulls because they needed to be rescued the most. However over the years with the increase in puppy mills and backyard breeders, we have become an all-breed rescue because we want to save all dogs. We don't discriminate. We take dogs that other rescues won't. We have rescued and rehabilitated pups starved from the brink of death, pups with parvo who were given almost no chance, dogs who have been shot, dogs with disabilities or mange that are deemed undesirable, or not worth saving. We rescue elderly dogs left on chains for the majority of their years, puppies with minutes to spare before being euthanized for no reason other than no one is paying attention. We love and rescue them all.

We do not have a physical location. We try to give our animals the best foster experience possible, not only for their comfort, but to implement positive reinforcement training methods and to make sure they are getting the best care imaginable. Please read about our adoption process.

We work on a volunteer basis and this rescue work takes time away from our families, friends, and pets. Our strength to continue rescuing animals comes from finding one of our adoptable dogs a forever home where they will be loved, cherished and treated as a member of the family. It is those moments that make our hearts full and give us the drive to continue.

To learn more about FurKid Rescue, below are links to their website and social media:

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Adoptable Pets](#)

[FurKid Rescue's Amazon wish list](#)

Below are ways to make monetary donations to FurKid Rescue:

PayPal: furkidrescue@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 5, South Park, PA 15129



April Pet Birthdays

Ozzy Kamikazi Crow
Yoshi Tarbett
Zelda Tarbett
Nala Pittsonberger
Pumpkin Petrie
Rose Stefanos
Bunny Stefanos
Roscoe Landry
Molly Landry
3 Spot Petrie
Buttons Sciarrino
Jackson Probst
Pugsley Probst
Bella Mainali
Kali Berard
Logan Bradley
Charlie Adams
Murphy Madalinsky
Jax Luffy
Bruno Borrasso
Clyde Davis
Honeybun Mainali
Quill Botts
Jax Michelle
Mac Silvio
Buffett Karelitz
Lud Corbalan
Harvey Falk
Topanga Miller
Grace Flynn
Petty Coleman
Molly Soxman
Sadie Cunningham
Bella Noll
Layla Mancuso
Rumi Mainali

Happy Birthday, all! Paw-ty hard!

Healthy Homemade Treats for the
Season

Peanut Butter Carrot Cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 egg



Directions

Preheat oven to 350

In large bowl mix all ingredients together.

Spread into a greased 8x8 baking pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Cool in fridge, cut and serve.

Carrot and Sweet Potato Kitty Treats

Ingredients

- 1/2 large carrot, peeled and diced
- 1/2 sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon



Directions

Preheat oven to 500F

Mix carrots and sweet potatoes in small bowl with vegetable oil

Add brown sugar, whole wheat flour and mix until veggies are lightly coated

Spread out in one single layer on a lightly greased foil wrapped baking pan and sprinkle with cinnamon

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until crispy

Remove from oven and let cool





Barking Truth
By Comfort at Home Pet Services

Clients, followers and friends have voiced their appreciation of our educational blogs and monthly newsletters and have urged us to release a pet care podcast. We are excited to announce that we have answered the call with The Barking Truth, a podcast exposing the truth in the pet industry to keep all pets safe, healthy and well.

We will be releasing a new podcast every Wednesday and hope you can tune in and support pets everywhere by uncovering the truth of pet care.

Be sure to follow us on Anchor, Spotify or your favorite podcast service.

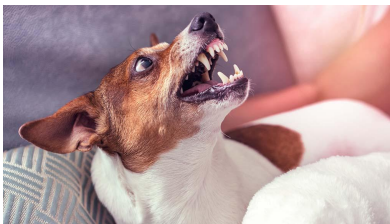


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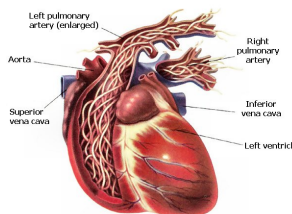
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