



Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

Organizations for Animal Related Emergencies



You've found a lost, injured, or sick animal and want to help them. Now what? Who do you call? What is the best way to get this pet the help they need? Knowing who to call is just as important as making the call. Getting connected to the right person or agency can save valuable time if an animal is at risk!

Foremost, if you see an animal in immediate, mortal danger or the animal is threatening the welfare of the public, call 911.

Please be aware that Pennsylvania is one of the few states that has different allocations for different welfare agencies.

Dog wardens work to ensure that laws about dogs and other animals are enforced and do kennel inspections. They also have the power to pull a kennel license or issue fines to dog owners. They can revoke the license of a kennel for the pets not having proper licensing or not having rabies and other vaccinations for any dogs in their care or not having healthy or adequate boarding accommodations. They can do spot inspections to make

Health Tip for the Season

Microchips are the best way to reunite lost pets with their pet parents! Microchips are often implanted between the shoulder blades but it's important to be aware that they can migrate to other areas of the body. During your pet's annual wellness exam, ask your pet's health care provider to check their microchip to see if it has moved from its original location. Most microchip companies offer tags to add to your pet's collar to let someone know the pet is chipped. Utilizing this tag is a good idea, in case the chip has moved, the finder, animal control or vet will know to check other areas of the pet's body.

Training Tip for the Season

sure dogs have proper tags and rabies vaccinations for all pets registered in the county. Dog wardens don't have kennels of their own and can't hold a pet, and they will be transferred to animal control.

Animal Control handles all loose and stray dogs or dogs running at large in the neighborhood and will pick up and temporarily shelter a lost pet for up to 72 hours if the owner is not found. They will also handle calls of large groups of domesticated animals gathering in a public area or threatening the welfare of the public. Animal control is called for stray dogs and can scan for a chip on any lost dog that they find. They can also check any pet for having proper licensing and rabies vaccinations and can fine those found without either. If Animal Control does pick up a pet, there will be kenneling fees for food, board and shelter that are associated with their basic care. If the pet doesn't pose a safety issue to the public, they will work with local rescues to find homes for a pet. However, if the pet is a danger to society or shows major aggressive tendencies that could cause a potential hazard to the community at large, they can humanely euthanize an animal.

Humane Officers can be called in cases of animal cruelty. Cruelty towards any animal is a crime in Pennsylvania. Penalties for animal cruelty can vary from summary to felony levels. Humane officers can be called in cases of a pet not having sufficient food, water or clean and sanitary shelter, pets left out in inclement weather for long periods of time without shelter and sick, injured or mistreated animals. Humane Officers can also investigate cases of animal abuse or neglect and can hold dogs for court. The pets will then be transferred to a kennel or rescue to be held until their court date.

Local Humane Societies can be contacted for found animals, animals looking for a home, or those needing low cost veterinary care, vaccination or spaying and neutering. The Humane Society also works with law enforcement to investigate cases of animal abuse, hoarding situations, puppy mills and dog fighting rings. They also have the capability to scan for a chip and attempt to reunite lost pets with their owners.

The Game Commission handles wild animals that are wounded, possibly rabid or are in an area where they could cause harm to the public. They manage Pennsylvania's wild birds, wild mammals and hunting licenses and violations of hunting. The Game Commission can also handle found or injured wild animals and take them to a wildlife center or facilities for rehabilitation. Please be advised, it's not recommended to attempt to pick up or touch an injured wild animal as they may feel threatened and attack or you could accidentally injure them!

Pet parents and animal lovers are always the first to jump in at the time of need for an animal, but it will save you time and frustration, along with saving valuable time for the animal, if you know the correct agency or organization to call.

All pets should know the recall command. If a pet tries to run after another dog, a person, or simply tries a sneaky door dash, the recall command can literally save your pet's life! A training tip for learning recall is to play hide and seek with your pet! By playing hide and seek with your pet, they will learn to follow your voice and find their way back to you. This can be an extremely handy tip if your pet ever gets lost. Please, only practice this game with your pet on a long leash, or in a secure, fenced area or in the house.

[Pet Sitter Tip for the Season](#)

When microchips are scanned, it brings up your corresponding contact information that is stored by the microchip manufacturer, allowing you to be found if your pet gets lost. For this reason, it's of the utmost importance that your pet's microchip is updated whenever you rescue your pet, move to a new location, or change any of your contact information. If the microchip's number is not updated in the manufacturer's database, you will not be able to be found, even if someone scans the microchip.



Martingale Collars

Martingale, or limited slip collars, fit loosely on a dog's neck but tighten when needed but without choking. Martingales look similar to a flat nylon collar but it has two loops in the back that are adjustable and can be adjusted so it slips over your dog's head but is worn snugly. When the dog pulls, the collar will tighten to prevent the dog from pulling their head out but doesn't choke the pet. When the pet stops pulling, the collar loosens again. Please make note, this is a safety and training device and doesn't replace recalls or the actual training of your pet.

Pictured above is the [PETSAFE Nylon Martingale Dog Collar](#).



July Birthdays

Cecil Tarbett
Sissy Masaitis
Cassie Overmyer-Workman
Tiptop McCarty
Minx Paal
Misty Paal
Darla Crunk

Gray Mouser Roe
Fafhrd Roe
Ocho Morse
Salem Ahrens
Alvin Zadrozny
Angel Olszewski
Book Pawelski
Rex Paredes
Nina Paredes
Beau
Sailer Stefanos
Suki Oslick
Phoebe Oslick
Cody Gent
Hunter Walsh
Cooper Ashley
Tara Sze-Linza
Molly Costelnock
Coco Carr-Metz
Marty Ahrens
Lil Pea Soisson
Lucy Sciarrino
Ava LaBella
Luna Regrut
Gordon "Gordy" Ellis
Riot Kemerer
Scout Lipsky
Zahra Soxman
Nebula Botts
Lady Ashley
Diesel Ackerman
Mac Walsh
Roman Grey Marcus
Fern Escalante
Milo Klaput
Cash Kimes
Ember Gent
Calico Heiden
Dakota Miller
Nellie Fine
Lucky Rodriguez-Cochran
Harley Borrasso

Happy Birthday, all! Paw-ty hard!

Healthy Homemade Treats for the Season

Red, White and Blueberry Yogurt Bites

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large container (32 oz.) of low-fat, plain, organic yogurt
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup strawberries

DIRECTIONS:

Cut strawberries and blueberries into small pieces and mix all ingredients together.

Place the mixture in ice cube trays or your favorite molds and freeze for about 3 hours.



Homemade Organic Spinach and Chicken Cat Treats

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pound steamed organic boneless and skinless chicken thighs
- 1 cup fresh organic spinach leaves
- 1 cup organic quick-cooking oats
- 1 organic brown egg
- 1 tablespoon organic catnip
- 1/4 cup flour



DIRECTIONS

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Steam the boneless and skinless chicken thighs until cooked through. You can swap for boneless and skinless organic chicken breasts, salmon, or tuna with cat-loving results too. Let the chicken cool for 20 minutes before the next step.

Place the chicken, oats, spinach leaves, egg, and catnip in a blender or food processor, and pulse on low until the mixture blends together. It should still be a bit chunky but also smooth, similar to the texture of wet sand.

Pop the mixture into a bowl and add the flour. You can also add a dash of salt or sugar to mix up the flavor. Use your hands to knead the dough until it's no longer sticky, then place on a flour-dusted work surface.

Use a rolling pin to create a rectangle of dough around 1/2 inch thick. With the help of a pizza cutter or small cookie cutter, create small shapes for the finished treats.

Place the kitty treats on a parchment-lined sheet tray, and bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven, cool until room temperature, and then toss to your cat.

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urged us to release a pet care podcast. We are excited to announce that we have answered the call with Barking Truth, a podcast exposing the truth in the pet industry to keep all pets safe, healthy and well.

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