



# PRAIRIE PAWS POST



## Lend A Helping Hand

## SO YOU WANT TO RESCUE ITS NOT JUST FOSTERING

Have you wanted to help with pet rescue but are not able to foster? Don't worry, there are many ways to help rescue. Fostering allows a pet to be socialized and learn how to be a great pet in someone's life however some people feel they cannot give up a pet once it has been in their home and often become a foster failure. Then some have many fosters and find wonderful adoptive families for their foster's so that they can help another pet in need.

So, if you can't foster what can you do, you can volunteer at events that are sponsored by a rescue and get to know what all the rescue does. There are bake sales that you can donate items to. Rescues always need supplies so as you shop pick up an item or two such as paper towels, or laundry soap that can be used by the fosters. Treats and toys are always needed and welcomed by fosters for their fosters, some of them have never been lucky enough to know what they are.

Many of you may not know that there are transporters that are from all across the United States. These are normal people who help relay a pet longer distances to return them to their families for various reasons This simply involves you signing up for a leg to drive and passing the pet off to the next person driving until the pet arrives at its destination. Some rescues even provide gas cards to pay the expenses of driving, I always find it relaxing turning up the tunes and hitting the road for a couple of hours of quiet time and knowing that the pet I'm transporting has been saved.

Help with public services such as this newsletter by designing, taking pictures, or writing articles. I you are more of a hands-on volunteer you could go on-site and rescue the pets in hoarding cases, puppy mills, or injured animals.

Rescues try hard to keep pets in homes that have come by hard times for a variety of reasons so remember to help out food pantries with pet items as well. They are always in need of food, litter, and treats to help out through the tough times, so pick up an extra bag of supplies and drop it by your food pantries

It takes us all doing whatever we can to keep the rescue going, and even if you only help one pet, that one pets will forever be grateful that they were one of the saved.

## SNIP PROGRAM

Prairie Paws Rescue offers the spay and neuter assistance program called SNIP. Each month, we offer a limited number of \$50 discount coupons for spaying or neutering your dog or cat. These coupons can be used at Country Acres, Dr. Dawn's Pet Stop and Southwood Vet. Fill out the form on the website and a voucher will be mailed to you. Be sure to request a form 2 weeks before your spay or neuter appointment and take it with you to the appointment.

Here is the link:

<https://form.jotform.com/230178192343050>

The reason we offer this program to help control the pet population. Spaying and neutering your pet is important for many reason.

1.

Health Benefits: Spaying or neutering can help protect your pet from certain illnesses and diseases, such as uterine infections and breast tumors in females, and testicular cancer in males<sup>12</sup>.

2.

Behavioral Improvements: These procedures can help reduce unwanted behaviors like roaming, aggression, and marking territory.

3.

Population Control: By preventing unplanned or unwanted litters, spaying and neutering help reduce pet overpopulation. This, in turn, decreases the number of homeless animals that may end up in shelters or be euthanized. Overall, spaying and neutering your pet can lead to a healthier, happier life for them and help create a more humane community for all animals.



## THE BERRY BUNCH

The Berry Bunch had a rough start to life; even though it did not start well, they are happy and thriving now. It started a year ago when Prairie Paws Rescue was asked to help with 6 Yorkies needing a new home due to issues with their owner's mental health. Prairie Paws Rescue agreed to take on the dogs and place them in great homes. Five of the dogs were placed within a short time of arrival after receiving their medical work. Peaches was the only one left as she had some medical issues that needed to be addressed before she could be placed so into a foster home she went to while under treatment. Luckily an adopter was found and willing to wait until she was ready to go. While in the foster home being treated for various medical issues it was found that she was pregnant. The adoptive family was contacted and yes, they were still willing to wait until Peaches had her pups and they were ready to be adopted. The foster home is committed to keeping Peaches and the future litter of puppies. Fast forward to the first part of July 2023, Peaches went into labor, after one of her pups passed away at birth it was determined that Peaches needed a C-section. She was taken to the veterinary clinic and a C-section delivered 4 happy pups. A couple of days after delivery Peaches again was taken into the veterinary clinic as she had complications with surgery. It was determined at this visit that it would be in the best interest of Peaches to euthanize her as she would not be able to recover. The foster mom was left devastated, but she was willing to give it her all to save the orphaned puppies. This meant feeding the puppies every 2-3 hours around the clock for several weeks. A plan was put into place and with several others, bottle feeding began. All the pups were named after Berries to stay with a fruit theme in honor of peaches. As the puppies grew there were many ups and downs and it was not known how many would survive. After about 6 weeks of constant care, the pups were ready to be adopted and the many foster moms could let down their guard a bit. After screening many applications for the pups, they all went to their new home. After a year all the pups are doing well in their forever homes and the foster moms can rest easy for a job well done. Good luck Berry Bunch on the rest of your lives

**Huckleberry/ Earl**



**Black Berry/ Stella**



**BlueBerry/ Angel**



**Raspberry / Dixie Do**





# PET TIPS FOR WINTER WEATHER



If you're cold, your pet's cold.



Remember—cold-weather chemicals can be harmful.



Bring your pets inside, especially at night.



Provide them with warm/dry shelter when outside.



Consider a sweater or coat.



Don't leave your pet in the car.



Check Us Out Online At  
[prairiepawsrescue.com](http://prairiepawsrescue.com)  
 or on  
 Facebook



## EVENTS

- WISH LIST TREES  
 BUFFALO MALL  
 DR. DAWSON PET STOP
- BAKE SALE (BUFFALO MALL) 12-07-24 10am-2pm
- SANTA PAWS PHOTOS RM STOUTS 12-07-24 11AM-2PM
- 12-14 Hot Coco Bar  
 Aarons 11am to 2pm
- 12-14 MEET AND GREET  
 TSC 10AM TO 12PM

### 2025 EVENTS

BUNNY BASH  
 SPLASH N DASH DOG WASH

## RECIPE



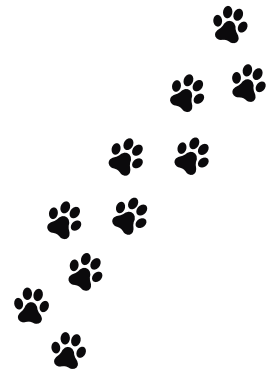
\*Pumpkin peanut butter dog treats\*

1 cup 100% pure pumpkin  
 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter  
 2 eggs  
 1/4 cup vegetable oil  
 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour  
 \*\*\*make sure peanut butter doesn't contain xylitol or artificial sweeteners

Preheat oven to 350  
 Grease a cookie sheet  
 Mix ingredients in order with a mixer.  
 Scoop out a spoonful of dough about the size of a large marble. Roll into a ball. Press ball down with a glass dipped in whole wheat flour to flatten.  
 Bake for 15 minutes  
 Cool and store in an airtight container in fridge up to a week. These also freeze well



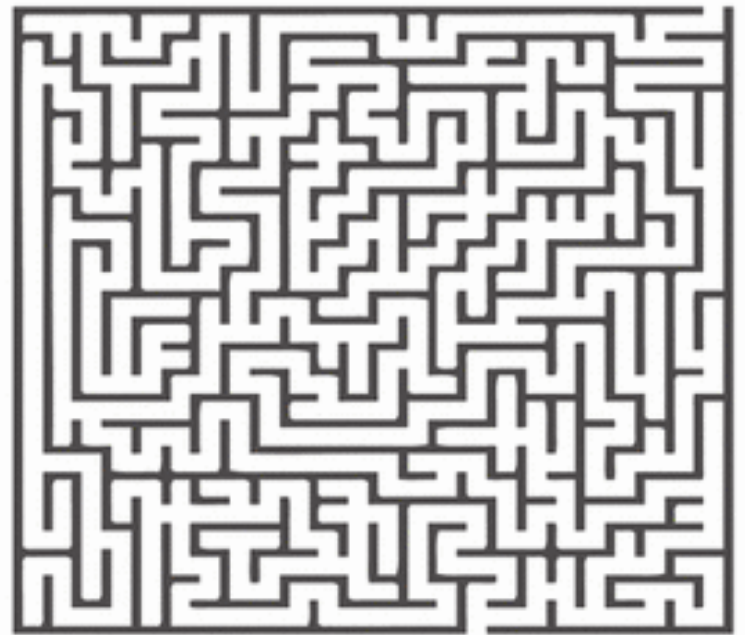
# FUN ZONE



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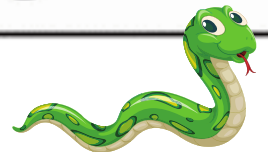


**Help the  
Dog find the  
Ball!**



**How much  
bamboo does  
a giant panda  
eat in a day?**

24-86 POUNDS

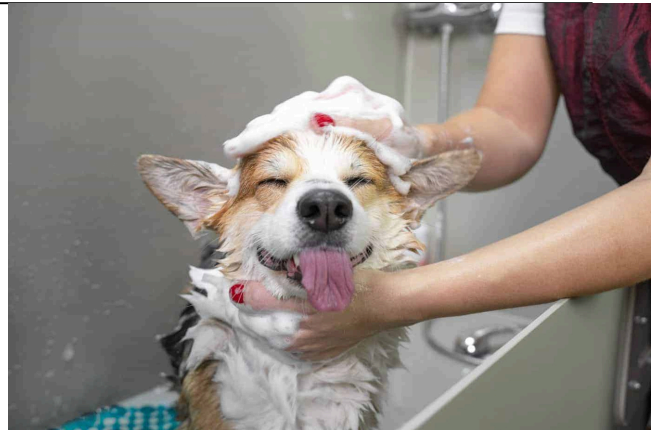


## DAD JOKE

- What's a dog's favorite mode of transportation? A waggin'!







## GROOMERS CORNER

### **Preparing Your Dog for Grooming**

Frequent grooming is a necessity for many dogs, but it can also be an anxiety riddled experience that both your dog and groomer are not eager to repeat. Helping your dog to see grooming as a normal, even enjoyable experience begins with you. Here are some tips to introduce your newest family member to grooming to ensure a safe and easy transition to the salon.

### **When To Call a Groomer – Now!**

Groomers are in high demand and short supply. Before your new pet enters your home you should have already found a safe groomer that you feel comfortable with. Don't assume the first person you call is taking on new clients or the groomer you used previously still has availability. Dogs should begin grooming between 12 and 16 weeks of age, and as many groomers are booked out weeks or months in advance, the sooner you reach out the better the outcome.

### **Brush and Comb Your Dog, Even if They Don't Need it Yet**

Ask any groomer what you should be doing at home and the answer is simple – brush your dog! Frequent and thorough brushing not only helps clean dirt and debris from their coat, it eliminates mats, helps distribute beneficial oils on their skin, de-sheds and can serve as a time of bonding for you and your pet. Start slow with wiggly puppies and slowly work up to a full body brush out. Use a good quality slicker brush and a metal comb to get the tougher knots. Remember to hold the hair above the mat and never tug or pull at the skin.

### **Introduce Them to Bathing and Loud Noises**

I think we've all given our dog a bath, make sure to use good quality soap and rinse thoroughly. DO NOT use human shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent or a low-quality dog shampoo such as Hertz. After bathing try blow drying your dog on a low setting with no heat. Hold something that vibrates such as an electric toothbrush or razor to your dog's side to mimic the feeling of a clipper. If your dog is afraid of the vacuum (which closely resembles the sound of the high velocity dryer your groomer might use) try feeding or treating the dog as you vacuum so they become less afraid of the noise and never taunt them with loud noises.

### **Handle Your Dog in Ways Similar to a Groomer**

One of the best things you can do for your pet is to handle them in ways they may not feel comfortable with. This will help not only with grooming, but with vet visits and even boarding. Dogs are naturally averse to having their face and feet touched and to being restrained. A simple routine of holding their paw or chin, and not releasing until you say so, will teach your dog that being restrained is not the end of the world but a normal part of life. It may seem cruel, but restraint is an absolute necessity in any pet's life. Use treats and positive reinforcement.

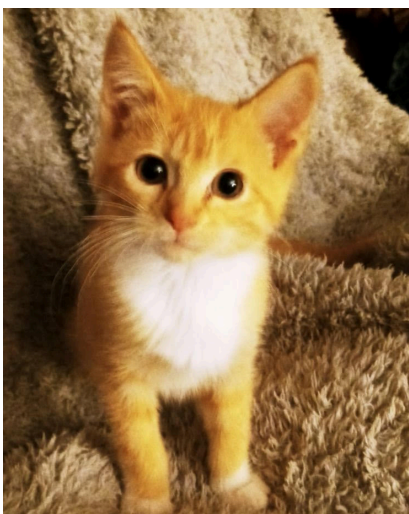
Meranda Vetsch  
Positive Grooming



# PUPPY APPROVED



# FEATURED ADOPTABLES



Blair was found running in traffic on 281. A good Samaritan stopped and picked her up before she could be hit by a car. She is very energetic and thinks all food is hers. She is available for adoption. Go to our website at [prairiepawsrescue@hotmail.com](mailto:prairiepawsrescue@hotmail.com) and complete an application if you can give Blair a Home for the Holidays



Clevus is a male Jack Russell terrier mix & estimated Date of birth 11/1/2018  
He was previously adopted from Prairie Paws as a puppy. We were not aware that Clevus was given away by the original adopter as he was in a pound many miles away when his micro chip was scanned and we were contacted.  
After trying to contact both parties, neither one made an attempt to get him back and he came back to Prairie Paws.  
Clevus is in a foster home with other dogs and looking for another chance with a family that will appreciate him. He is a bit unsure of new things and people when put into new surroundings, but adjusts well once familiar.  
He does have some food aggression and should be fed separately if there are other animals in the home



Marty is a male Chihuahua mix who was born around 12/3/2022.  
He came to us with Medora.  
There were a group of dogs abandoned for about a week. These dogs would have starved to death had rescue not found them and got them to safety.  
Marty was severely dehydrated, emaciated and needed extra medical attention.  
He is now in a foster home with Medora where they are getting great care and ready for adoption.