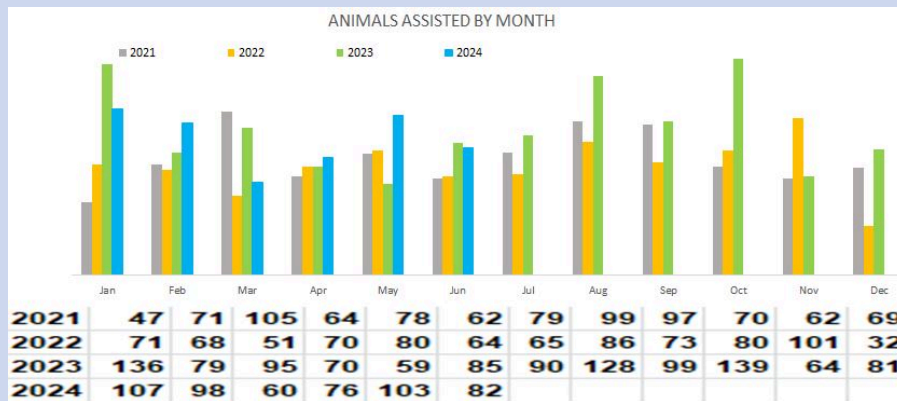
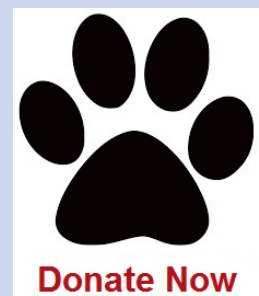




Summer Newsletter 2024

Paws In Need is a California 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit organization dedicated to improving animal welfare in our local community.



Paws In Need Bids “Farewell” to Barbara Finn!

With a heavy heart, the entire Paws In Need team bids farewell to Barbara Finn, a devoted volunteer, loyal advocate and beloved friend. Over the years, Barbara has served many roles in our organization and others nonprofits, including as case manager, foster, event participant and financial supporter.

Taken at a holiday boutique event (one that supported both Paws In Need and Just Like New programs), here is one of our favorite pictures of Barbara, which truly captures her engaging personality and everlasting smile.

Barbara will be forever missed by so many and fondly remembered for the many animals she helped over the past few decades.



Rocky Balboa

Handsome Rocky was found wandering with an injury to his head. A Good Samaritan found him and took him home. [Read more...](#)



Beautiful Wanda

We were contacted by Wanda's owner to financially assist with an urgent care surgery needed for a category III lumpectomy. [Read more...](#)



Midnight

This is one lucky semi feral cat. He happened upon a Tri-Valley ranch [Read more...](#)



Telemedicine: Protecting Pets and Improving Animal Welfare (Excerpt from ASPCA Issue 1, 2024)

Telehealth is already a mainstream mode of human healthcare, yet veterinary telemedicine is legal in only a handful of states unless the veterinarian has examined the animal first in a clinic. Telemedicine hold great potential to keep pets healthy, in homes and out of shelters, allowing veterinarians to deliver healthcare services using remote telecommunications technology to diagnose a condition or recommend a treatment based on a video consultation.

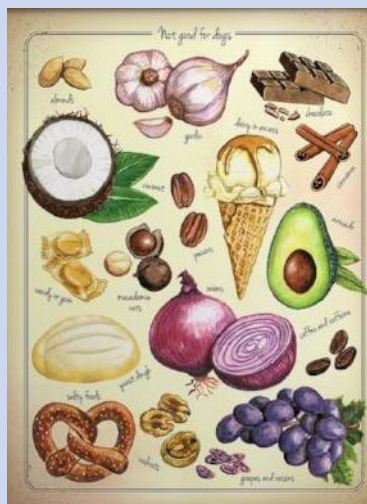
Increasing the availability of safe and convenient veterinary telemedicine holds tremendous potential to improve animal welfare.

- Have you ever had a pet become ill in the middle of the night or during the weekend and most general veterinary clinics are closed?
- Is your pet afraid of the vet's office?

- Is transportation to the vet clinic stressful for your pet?
- Do you have a pet who is tricky to transport, such as a horse or a large dog?
- Do you face other barriers to accessing veterinary care for your pet, like mobility issues, scheduling challenges or transportation difficulties?
- Do you live in an area where veterinary care is difficult to obtain?
- Would it be helpful for you or your pet to have online access to your veterinarian to get prescriptions for your pet's routine medications – like flea and tick prevention – without having to visit the clinic each time?

Experts estimate that a least **one-third of pets in the U.S. do not regularly see a veterinarian**, often because there are financial, geographic or logistical barriers to clinical care. Additionally, a study published by “Banfield Pet Hospital” reported that **75 million pets in the U.S. could be without veterinary care by the year 2030**. This is due in large part to a critical shortage of veterinary professionals in and expected to enter the workforce.

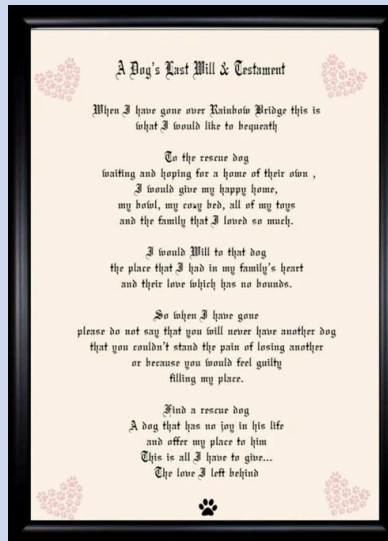
Telemedicine will never replace in-person visits, but it can be a supplement and free up doctors and staff to handle minor cases quickly so they can devote time to more serious issues.



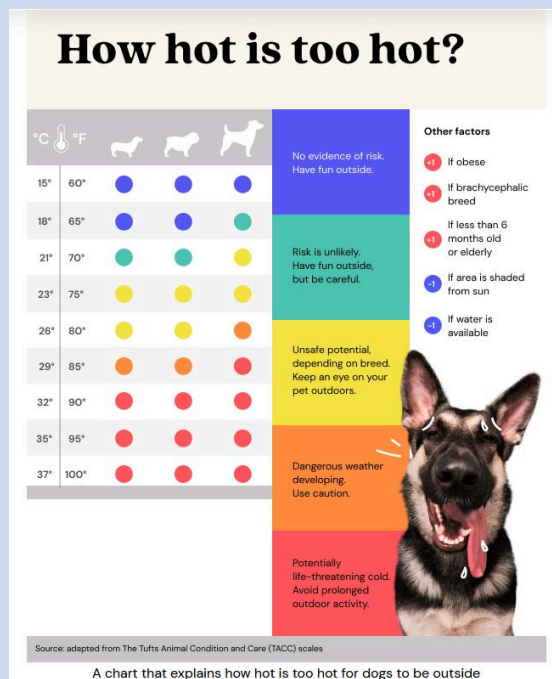
5 Foods Dogs Should Never Eat

1. **Grapes and Raisins:** They are toxic to dogs. Even a small amount can lead to intense vomiting, sluggishness, and depression. In more severe cases, grapes and raisins can lead to kidney failure in dogs.
2. **Garlic and Onion:** Even small amounts can pose a severe threat to your dog's health. These ingredients can kill our furry friends' red blood cells and lead to anemia.
3. **Milk and Dairy Products:** While the idea of sharing ice cream or a piece of cheese with your dog may seem tempting, it's best to resist. Aside from the added sugar found in products like ice cream, milk and dairy products can cause digestive problems such as diarrhea and may also trigger food allergies that can lead to itching.
4. **Salt:** Sharing salty foods like chips and pretzels with your dog might seem harmless, but excessive salt intake can increase water consumption and urination frequency, which can lead to sodium ion poisoning. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, high temperature, and seizures. In severe cases, it may even be fatal.

5. **Chocolate:** Perhaps one of the best-known offenders. The culprit is theobromine, a chemical that can be found in all types of chocolate – even white chocolate. Ingesting chocolate can result in vomiting, diarrhea, heart problems, tremors, seizures, and even death.

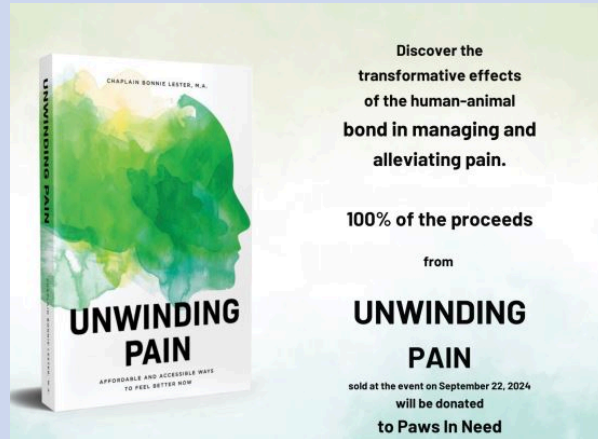


Have you included your pet(s) in your will? More often than not these days, a will not only addresses the disposition of your assets but also includes provisions for your pet(s). The will has become more than a legal document; it's a mean to provide for your pet(s) after you are gone and also a unique opportunity to make a lasting gift. By creating a comprehensive estate plan, you not only safeguard your loved ones but also support causes close to your heart, such as Paws In Need.



With the high temperatures that we have already experienced this year, we would like to once again remind every pet owner to remain vigilant when the temperature rises outside. Besides providing shade and water, do not walk your dog when the pavement is

super-hot (check by putting your hand or your bare foot on the pavement – if it is too hot to leave it there, it is too hot for your dog), do not leave your dog in a car (even in the shade and cracking a window open does absolutely nothing to reduce the temperature inside). If you love your pet, do what is right and leave it at home on hot days. Even on warm days the temperature inside a car can become dangerous and sometime fatal to your beloved pet.



In her new book “Unwinding Pain”, Bonnie Lester, chaplain, pain coach and Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) survivor, shares her personal experience with CRPS that was caused by a drunk driver and describes how she overcame chronic pain through neuroplasticity and the transformative effects of the human-animal bond in managing and alleviating pain.

Please join us for the “Meet the Author” event on Sunday September 22 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Alcosta Senior and Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. There will be free pain management resources, video educational materials, light refreshments, and signed copies of Lester’s book will be available for sale.

Bonnie will be donating 100% of the event book sale to Paws In Need.



Paws In Need, San Ramon CA is #13 in the USA and Canadian Grant category

MyGivingCircle is distributing grants and donations to charities and not-for-profits this year based on nominations received by members of the public.

MyGivingCircle add an extra vote for every \$1, even more for regular giving.

Please help Paws In need reach the top 10 by clicking on the link below:

<https://mygivingcircle.org/paws-in-need-san-ramon-ca/free>

Grant Closes

Sep 30, 2024

Amount

\$29,000 to the top 10 charities

Paws In Need currently needs \$509 to be in the top 10. Thank you for your support!



Vehicle Donations are Tax-deductible.

Turn your unwanted vehicle into something more productive! We accept vehicle donations as a form of support. The tow is free, and donating is easy! Fill out our secure online form by visiting <https://www.careasy.org/nonprofit/paws-in-need> or call (855) 550-4483 to speak with the vehicle donation support team.

Vehicles are not limited to cars or trucks; it includes RV's and motorcycles.

We are also offering a real estate donation program.

Similar to vehicle donations, you may have land or property you no longer wish to own due to inconvenience or expenses. Our program, Giving Property, will evaluate, list, and sell the donation so Paws In Need can receive the proceeds. Call (855) 550-4483 for more info.



Don't know what to do with all the unwanted stuff? No worries, you can contact our volunteer, Linda Gray, if you have any items you would like to part with, such as jewelry that you no longer wear, gift cards that you just cannot use, that figurine just collecting dust, or anything that can be sold on eBay to generate proceeds for PIN.

Please contact Linda to arrange for pick up or drop off of items. Your donation will help us cover the costs of our vital programs to keep pets healthy and together with their loving families.

You can reach Linda at 925-243-1225 or e-mail her at lgmattner@sbcglobal.net



In Honor of People

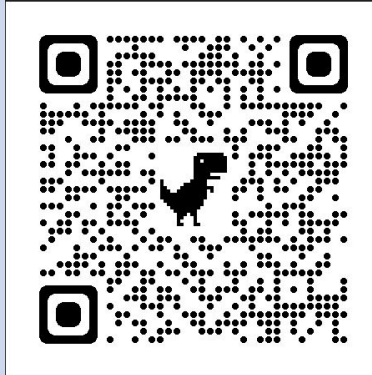
In Honor of Bonnie Hughes from Courtney Cooke
In Honor of Barbara Finn from Lisa Martinez

In Memory of People

In remembrance of my sister, Chere Deuel, who was a longtime supporter from Fran LaGrange



Ways to Donate to Paws In Need Tax ID #45-5391297



Scan the QR code to quickly connect to our website.

Employer Giving Campaigns: If you are an employee of a company that has a giving campaign, please consider giving to Paws In Need. Most companies allow a change to your allocation throughout the year - you don't have to wait for the annual enrollment period.

Network for Good: Use this site to contribute to Paws In Need - <https://www.nfggive.org/home>. Network for Good makes giving to charity easy and convenient, anywhere online through their trusted charitable fund.

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