

# PAW PRINTS

*The Newsletter from The Lucky Dog Complex*



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Hello and Welcome to the Lucky Dog Complex newsletter, "Paw Prints". Our goal is to keep the clients, supporters, volunteers, and employees of our four entities up to date on the current happenings.

Lucky Dog Boarding and Training Center, Marshmallow Animal Shelter, Patriot Assistance Dogs, and Muddy Puppies have all contributed to this month's newsletter. Be sure to read through to find out all about the most recent events at the Lucky Dog Complex. We also have a new employee of the month, information on keeping your pets safe during warm weather, P.A.D.'s 200th Certified Team, tools to keep at home for grooming your pet, information on Lucky Dog's Membership option, training your dog in just 10 minutes a day, and the July Special!

We welcome your comments and ideas as we grow this newsletter.

**Be sure to scroll to the end of the letter, which is where you will find July's Special!**

# Lucky Dog

## Boarding and Training LLC

### Dogs and Heat: How to Tell When Your Pet is Too Hot

Written by Sara Dohrer

#### Signs of a Hot Dog:

- Rapid Panting
- Large, cupped tongue
- Red skin
- Laying out “belly in the dirt” or “frog dog” style

#### What to do with a Hot Dog:

- This is ideally when to intervene, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
- Initiate a time-out from play or activity
- Bring the dog to a cooler area with adequate air flow
- Offer small amounts of water

#### Signs of an Overheated Dog:

- Rapid Panting
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Weakness/Dizziness
- Diarrhea
- Bright red tongue
- Bright red or pale gums
- Thick, foamy saliva
- Temperature over 103 degrees F.

#### What to do with an Overheated Dog:

- Stop all play and activity
- Bring dog inside where it is cool and there is moving air.
- Wet them with room temperature water. (Do NOT use cold water, this causes shock)
- Offer small amounts of water
- **Call your veterinarian** (or the closest emergency vet) for further instructions.

Please, never try to self-diagnose your dog. Our veterinarian teams are wonderful resources who know their stuff. Don't gamble on your dog's life; when in doubt, always seek vet help.

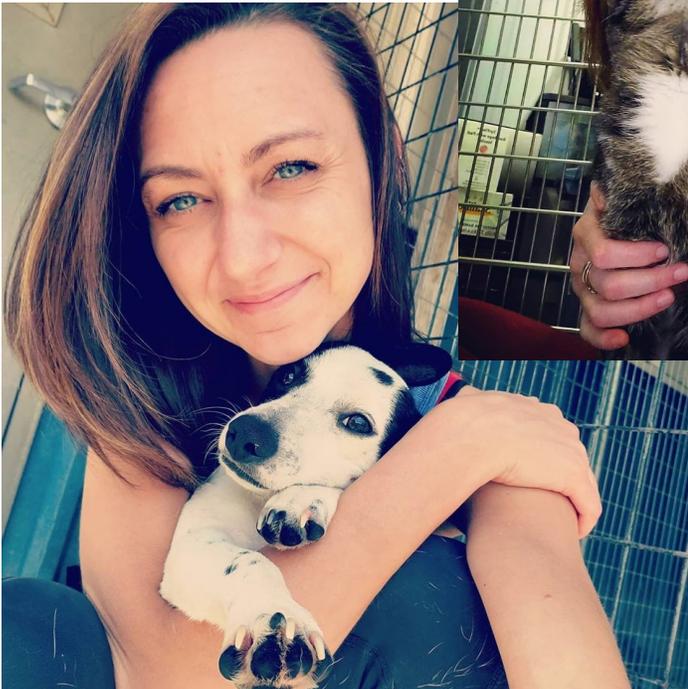
#### Caution!

Hot weather also causes algae blooms in our waterways. Keep an eye out for Blue-green Algae, which can be fatally toxic to dogs with even brief exposure or ingestion. This is actually a cyanobacteria, so it doesn't look quite like our standard algae blooms. It can make water look a bit like a pea-green paint or as though there is a slime on top. If you suspect your area to have Blue-green Algae do not allow pets (or family) in contact with it.

# Employee of The Month

**Cassi Ohman** Written by Brittany Chambers

Cassi has been with Marshmallow Animal Shelter since 2008, working her way to managing the whole operation. Day in and day out she spends her time with the animals, and the community we serve. One to rarely take a day off she is a pillar of Marshmallow and finds a way to juggle the every day pressures of animal duties, office duties, and everything in between. She works tirelessly to make sure the staff feel supported, without ever asking for support in return. She truly loves the animals and sees each of them as their own entity. She develops relationships with them and does her best to help them leave her, hoping she never has to see them again inside the walls of the shelter. She nurtures relationships with adopters, law enforcement, other rescues and rescue programs, and supporters to make sure Marshmallow thrives every single day. Though she will never admit it, or see it herself, she is an integral part of why Marshmallow succeeds. Cassi gives her heart, her life, her free bed space, and her free time to Marshmallow, and in return we offer you this recognition and humble thank you. Cassi, you are amazing!





# Marshmallow Animal Shelter



## Meet Tommy *Written by: Cassi Ohman*

**Status:** Available for Adoption

**Adoption Fee:** \$200.00

**Species:** Dog

**General Color:** Tan/Yellow/ Fawn with White

**Current Age:** 3 years 5 months (best estimate)

**Location:** 1478 Mallard Street, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

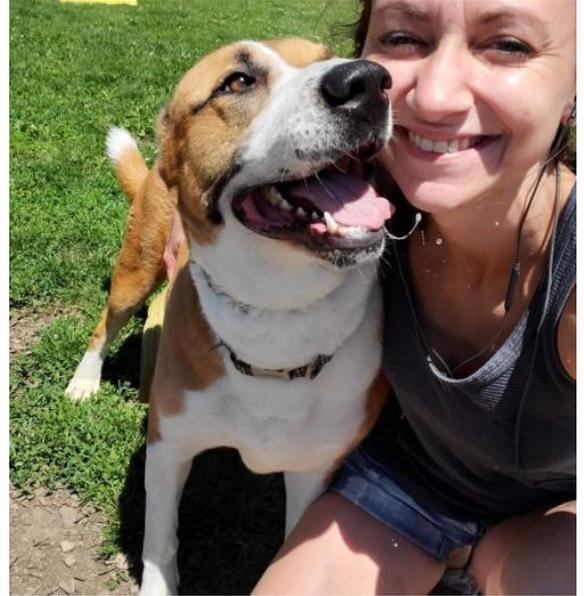
**Fence Required:** Yes (6ft)

**Obedience Training Needed:** Has Basic Training

**Grooming Needs:** Moderate

**Owner Experience Needed:** Species

Hi everyone! My name is Tommy and I'm looking for a family to call my own! I arrived at the shelter after my older person could no longer care for me. Before arriving at the shelter, I spent a lot of time outside so I am learning all kinds of new things about being an indoor pet. The nice people here call me a quick and eager learner that glows with praise and encouragement! I've even shown good potty training habits! I've worked a little with basic commands like sit, stay, heel, come and down and did pretty well for a beginner! My ideal home would be an experienced dog person or persons with a yard for me to play in, preferably fenced, perhaps with another dog to help show me the ropes and grow my confidence. Once I am comfortable, I love my people and routine and will seek out attention whenever possible. Older kids would be ok as long as they were active participants in my training and growth. Once I learn about life as an indoor pet, I am sure I will LOVE them to pieces!



## Meet Stormie

**Status:** Available for Adoption

**Adoption Fee:** \$200.00

**Species:** Dog

**General Color:** White with Tan/ Yellow or Fawn

**Current Age:** 3 years 2 months (best estimate)

**Location:** 1478 Mallard Street, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

**Fence Required:** Yes (6ft)

**Owner Experience Needed:** Species

Hello world! My name is Stormie and I'm a sweet and smart girl looking for a home! I found myself at the shelter after losing my home through no fault of my own. I am a bit shy when we first meet but my goofy personality comes out after we get to know one another! I appear to know some basic commands like sit and the people here think I will excel at learning even more obedience work! My ideal home would have: previous dog experience as an adult (having a dog as a kid does not count). I will need someone that can help grow my confidence. Patience – I will need you to go slow with everything so I feel at ease with all the new excitement! No other pets (I am an attention hog and need ALL of your love!) Older kids only so everyone can participate in things such as training. I'm also quite large and might accidentally knock down the little ones!





# Patriot Assistance Dogs

**Patriot Assistance dogs is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing dogs, then training them as service dogs for Veterans who struggle with psychiatric disabilities.**

## **Congratulations Marsh and Tahoe!**

*Written By Paula Anderson*

Patriot Assistance Dogs is proud to announce the certification of Veteran/Service Dog team #200! Marsh and Tahoe completed public access and skills testing along with nine other teams on June 10, 2020. By the luck of the draw, they were team #200. Going into the testing day, we knew the probability was high that PAD would pass this milestone; but the number of teams that are available and complete the testing on a given day is never guaranteed. Marsh and Tahoe's accomplishment is not without some interesting twists of fate.

Marsh is not new to PAD or to Public Access Testing. She and service dog Athena were tested and certified on July 29, 2013 and quickly became known as "The Veteran with the white German Shepherd". Together they were great ambassadors for PAD, appearing at many events and campaigning the life changing skills a service dog can offer.

Sadly, Athena joined the growing group of PAD's early canine graduates at the Rainbow Bridge. Her passing highlights the need for PAD not only to be training dogs for new Veterans, but also to be training replacement dogs for those Veterans whose dogs pass before the Veterans do.

In addition to Marsh, Tahoe and Athena have something else in common. Both were donated to PAD from the Lincoln, NE area. Second Chance Pups is a dog rescue/training program based at the Nebraska State Prison in Lincoln. Dogs are selected from area rescues by directors Kim and Melissa. Prisoners must earn the right to work with dogs in the program. Each rotation of dogs in training at the prison lasts for about 10 weeks during which time the prisoners train the dogs in basic obedience skills. They then complete the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen evaluation. Select dogs from this program are often donated to PAD. Athena was recommended directly from an area rescue that Kim visits; Tahoe is a graduate of the prison program.

Finally, it appears that Marsh has followed the trail blazed by Veteran Naomi who originally trained, certified, and graduated with service dog Sasha. Naomi was later matched with service dog Faline. Together they trained, then passed certification testing as team #100 on February 10, 2017.

Please understand that PAD's main goal is to rescue dogs, train them, and then let the dogs work their magic to rescue Veterans. Compiling statistics is further down the list of priorities. Still, one can't help but ponder the makeup of team #300.....



# Muddy Puppies Dog Grooming

## Tools of the Trade: Part 1

*Written by Dawn Hutmacher*

Over the next few months I will be discussing some of the tools that groomers use that can also be used at home.

The first tool I want to discuss is the undercoat rake. An undercoat rake is good for those shaggier pups with an undercoat. Oftentimes people with dogs with undercoats have a difficult time getting them thoroughly brushed out. Regular brushes just brush out the top coat and leave the undercoat tangled and full of debris. When you bathe a dog with an undercoat, it is important to get deep into the coat to get rid of all of the dirt (and sometimes the smell) that gets caught in there.

While it looks like it may not do much, the undercoat rake does a pretty good job. It has blunt, rotating teeth that roll as you work through the dog's coat, including the undercoat. It can be used on a wet or dry coat. You can start at the base of the skull and work backwards, towards the tail, always working with the natural lay of the coat. It is important to give your dog a break as you are working through their coat. Do not try to force it through matts (we will discuss matt removal in a future article). Please be mindful not to press too hard. As you work, the rake will start to separate and even remove some of the undercoat, leaving your dog with a truly brushed out coat. It helps with the removal of debris, as well as helps with shedding. Once you get that undercoat worked out, you can bathe your dog and end up with a truly clean, fresh coat.

While I do not endorse any one particular brand (and have used many), I have included an illustration to help you know what an undercoat rake will look like. Some have two rows of teeth, some have one. Either will work.



# Guest Article

## What Can A Lucky Dog Membership Do For You?

As the weather gets warmer, and the sun shines for longer, we are all looking for ways to spend more time outside with our pets in nature. As many people may know Lucky Dog Boarding and Training is fortunate enough to be able to offer a ½ mile walking trail for members.

In order to use our walking trail or dog parks, there are a few required steps to keep in mind:

To use the walking trails or dog parks you must be a current member with Lucky Dog.

All dogs must have a current and up to date copy of vaccines on file with Lucky Dog.

All trail and dog park users must check in with the front desk first.

Correct use of the color-coded bungee's is essential for trail safety for everyone.

If the front desk is not aware of who is on the trail, when someone calls and asks if anyone is on the trail we will not know. We require the current copy of vaccines to ensure that we can keep the trail sanitary and safe for all to continue to use. This is also why we have our color-coded bungee's for our gate – they help others who may potentially want to use the trail find out if your dogs are friendly or not, and can help protect against any accidents on the trails. If someone doesn't know if anyone is on the trail, or if the dogs on the trail currently are friendly, they will have to either assume no one is on the trail or assume your dogs are friendly – and this can lead to accidents we want to prevent. If you have any questions about any of these required steps please contact us and we are happy to help!

A membership with Lucky Dog Boarding and Training is good for 1 year from the date of purchase – so you can buy anytime during the year! A membership entitles you to a lot more perks than just use of our walking trail and parks; you also get all of the following:

- Free use of our ½ mile walking trail
- Free use of dog parks with Prior Reservations
- 10% off retail products (collars, leashes, toys, chews) excluding treats, food, or cat litter
- 10% off self-serve dog wash use
- \$5.00 off any training class (in addition to \$5.00 saved when preregistering)
- Free Seminar Attendance (this excludes workshops or clinics)
- 4 Free ½ days of daycare (4.5 hours or less) OR 2 Free full days of daycare (anything over 4.5 hours). These must be used in the year of the membership purchased.
- Purchase 10 bags of treats and receive the 11<sup>th</sup> free (of equal value).
- Automatically entered in drawings for Member only prizes and gifts

*Written by Emily Steffen*





# Trainer's Corner

## Just 10 Minutes A Day

*Written by Paula Anderson*

You may hear trainers say that obedience foundation training should be a way of life. And it should, but it is often hard to make the time. Carving out 10 minutes a day (even twice a day is better) helps your dog to have structure and expectations that lead to more confidence.

The basic 5 commands – *Sit, Down, Stay, Heel and Recall/Come* along with *Watch Me, Off* and *No* provide an excellent foundation for your dog.

Snap the leash on and practice inside and outside at home. Why not have your dog sit before the food bowl hits the floor – what a jackpot of a reward! As they are proficient and start sitting automatically for their food, you can increase the time before the reward is offered. In the case of a dog that drools for food, you may want to consider how long – but you get the idea and can work out the best solution for you and your dog.

Using a few kibbles from their bowl of food for shaping *Watch Me* (or whatever word you wish to use as a command for looking at and focusing on you) counts towards that 10 minutes a day. Using treats they don't usually receive is a motivator as well, if you wish to use treats for training. Get creative and look for opportunities to shape the commands you want your dog to know and execute immediately when instructed.

Often students in class express frustration with their dogs performing the basic commands very well at home and seeming to have no concept of the command when in class. The struggle is real in that dogs are comfortable at home where the distractions are familiar. Attending class adds a new and sometimes loud setting, as well as the distractions of other dogs.

When you incorporate adding distractions, start moving outside of home. Stopping on exercise walks and doing the basic commands helps you build focus and train your dog to understand that obedience is not negotiable, regardless of the setting. Expand your areas for walks and obedience work slowly. Give your dog the opportunity to learn the commands in new settings, and then raise your expectations for them as you introduce more distractions. When weather permits, take your dog with you on an errand and look for new opportunities to stop in an unfamiliar setting and work with new distractions.

Above all, dig for your patience when expanding your training experiences. Use motivation, praise, and correction when necessary. Motivate your dog when introducing and shaping commands. Praise when they get it right, and correction when you are confident they understand the command but are choosing and testing you by not behaving. It is easy to become frustrated; take a breath and be firm with calm persistence until the goal is achieved. If you are struggling with a new command, end with one the dog knows and can do already. Ending in a positive way is important and can make obedience work something to look forward to. You and your dog can do this, even with just 10 minutes a day.

# Happy Training!

# July Special

**Get 30% off anything in our Red, White, and Blue Basket!**

Receiving this email? Stop by our location as a member of our online newsletter mailing list and receive 30% off any item in our Red, White, and Blue Basket for the month of July.

Have a friend who doesn't receive our newsletter yet? Have them stop by our location to sign up for our email newsletter and they can also receive 30% off any item in our Red, White, and Blue Basket for the month of July!

