

# 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, as well as guest article by Georgia Nagel, have all been contributed to this month's newsletter. Be sure to read through to find New Year class updates as well as Christmas Puppy advice, an employee highlight, city limits animal ordinance updates, the Patriot Assistance Dogs application process, tips on making grooming more enjoyable for your dog, how purchasing the book "Heaven Sent" by Georgia Nagel can help Veterans and their Service Dogs, and Crate Training Tips for your dog.

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 January's Special!**

# Lucky Dog

## Boarding and Training LLC

### New Year, New Classes, New Puppies!

Written by Sara Dohrer

Welcome to the New Year and to all the lovely changes it may bring. If you are one of the many households who have also embraced a beloved Christmas Puppy then congratulations are in order as well!

Here at Lucky Dog, we are ushering in a fresh round of classes & have made sure to offer Puppy Kindergarten on two different days in this round of classes so that all have the opportunity to start off on the right foot. For those that prefer one-on-one communication as opposed to group classes, scheduling a trainer for individual lessons may be your preference. Regardless of your learning method, we invite you to educate yourself on the various aspects of puppy parenthood including: continuing the breeder's vaccination program, house-breaking, nutrition, socialization, & of course, the training of your pup to be an enjoyable family member.

For those that did not receive a Christmas Puppy from Santa this year, our January class schedule does have options to keep you and your dog from getting cabin fever this winter. When the weather outside is frightful we can use mental stimulation to keep our dogs, and perhaps ourselves, occupied and out of mischief. For those just starting their training journey, Beginner's Obedience class would be the jumping-off point. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is a fun option for anyone looking to get a title on their dog, improve their handling confidence, or make progress toward becoming a Therapy Dog. If you have a dog with a superb zest for life and have ever looked over at them thinking, "You need a JOB," then Agility might be just what you're looking for. It is what many of our clients call, "that obstacle course sport," and benefits dogs that need a combination of physical and mental enrichment. If this sounds like your kind of fun, then you may want to consider the next round of Agility classes.

#### Monday

Puppy Kindergarten Instructor: Alisa Wold	January 6, 2019 @ 6pm-7pm	\$80
Beginner Obedience Instructor: Alisa Wold	January 6, 2019 @ 7:15pm-8:15pm	\$80

#### Tuesday

Therapy Dog <i>(If there are not enough teams we will run Canine Good Citizen instead)</i> Instructor: Alisa Wold	January 7, 2019 @ 6pm-7pm	\$80
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#### Wednesday

#### Thursday

Puppy Kindergarten Instructor: Sara Dohrer	January 9, 2019 @ 6pm-7pm	\$80
Beginner Obedience Instructor: Sara Dohrer	January 9, 2019 @ 7:15pm-8:15pm	\$80

**All classes run 6 weeks and are an hour long. The cost is \$75 for preregistering securing a person's spot in class, or cost is \$80 on the night of class.**

### Employee of the Month

Written by Cassi Ohman

Anthony Flatland has been working at Marshmallow since spring of 2018. Since then he has more than proven himself to be a valuable asset to our team. He is always on time, willing to pick up shifts, & up for any task. He is right there whenever you need him. Anthony even drove in this past big snow storm to get to work to care for the dogs. He is great with the dogs & cats, always giving them extra love and understanding. Watching him work with the fearful dogs is inspirational, he's a natural at giving them the time and comfort they need. We are blessed to have his level of dedication to the animals here at Marshmallow. Thank you Anthony for all you do, we hope you are here for many years to come! And keep up the great work!





# Marshmallow Animal Shelter



## Chickens In The City?

*Written by Cassi Ohman*

The City of Detroit Lakes recently made changes to its animal control ordinance. One of the most publicized changes is that residents living on a single family lot in an R-1, R-2, or R-A zone of at least 7,500 square feet may now apply for a permit to keep four hen chickens. Roosters are still prohibited under the ordinance.

The chickens must be confined at all times in a chicken coop or chicken run, and it is a misdemeanor to allow them to run at large. Chickens cannot be kept on a vacant lot or inside a residential structure such as a basement, porch, garage, shed or storage structure. They must be kept in a permanent structure used exclusively for chickens and placed in the rear yard of the permit holder's residence. The coop cannot be visible from the public right of way, must be twenty feet from any residential structure and ten feet from all lot lines. It must be screened with a solid fence or landscape buffer at least four feet high.

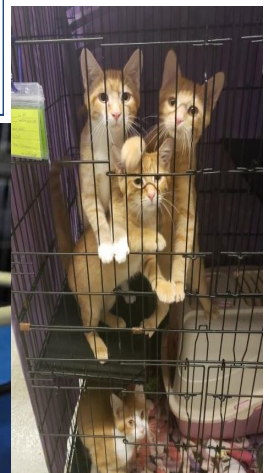
Chicken manure must be disposed of weekly and cannot be placed in yard compost piles. Chickens have to be in the coop during twilight and evening hours. Chicken feed has to be stored in containers so that the rodents, vermin, wild birds and predators can't get at it. A permit holder cannot sell the eggs and must clean the coop and runs regularly. Chickens may not be bred or slaughtered within the city.

The same ordinance now allows city residents to own any combination of three ALTERED cats, dogs, rabbits, or guinea pigs. The limit remains at two for intact animals. The changes were made because chicken enthusiasts made a concerted effort to convince the City Council that chickens belonged in the City. If you believe strongly in something, make sure that you educate the people who make the rules.

## Some of Our Adoptable Pets

Luke is 4yr old Coonhound mix. Good with dogs and cats, very vocal, enjoys eating and tug of war, is very active and likes occasional cuddles.

Phoenix is good with cats, quiet, likes to play with toys, playful, and intelligent. Phoenix came to the shelter with his siblings, who are also available (Iron, Nash, Tristan)





# 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.

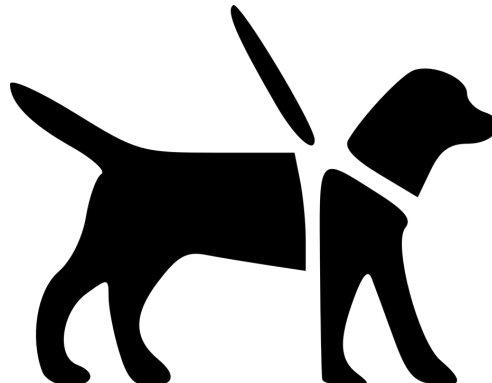
## Patriot Assistance Dog Application Process

*Written By Linda Wiedewitsch (Founder and Head Trainer)*

Patriot Assistance Dogs fields a lot of inquiries regarding our program and exactly how a Veteran qualifies to receive one of our psychiatric service dogs. P.A.D. places service dogs with Veterans who have a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, anxiety, depression, and/or insomnia. Our service area is Minnesota and the border states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Veterans who meet these criteria complete an application packet that includes one page of personal information: name, address, contact numbers, military branch and dates of service, nature of discharge, and skills they are looking for from a service dog. Five additional documents are required including: a letter from their mental health care provider giving the Veteran's basic psychiatric diagnosis and a recommendation for using a service dog as a portion of the treatment program; a copy of their DD214 or other separation papers; two letters of recommendation from family members or friends who support the Veteran receiving a service dog and will verify that the Veteran is physically and financially capable of caring for a service dog; and finally a letter from a veterinarian clinic stating they will accept the Veteran and service dog as clients and work with P.A.D. in making sure the dog has appropriate and timely medical care.

Once these documents are received, the Veteran is scheduled for an interview. The interviews may be conducted in person or by phone by a two person interview committee. Based on the information received via the application packet and interview, the Veteran may be accepted into the PAD program. Occasionally a Veteran may be asked to supply additional information before a decision is reached. If the Veteran needs the skills of mobility assistance, seizure response, blood sugar alert or more, they are referred to service dog programs that provide those skills. Next month, look for how the dogs qualify for training.





# Muddy Puppies Dog Grooming

## How to Make Grooming Easier on Your Dog – Part 1

*Written by Dawn Hutmacher*

Put yourself in your dog's paws and imagine being taken to someone that cuts your toenails, cleans your ears, brushes your teeth, puts you in a tub and then washes you, dries you, and brushes your hair and you have absolutely no idea why! It takes a lot of trust in humans for a dog to stand there and behave. While I try hard to make the grooming experience enjoyable for your dog, they are probably not enjoying it as much as I would like, no matter how much I chat with them or tell them that all is well.

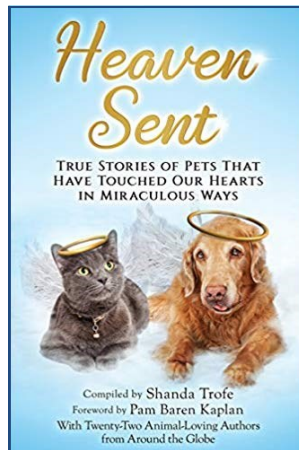
Here are some things you can do from home to make that trip to the groomer a good one:

1. Prepare your dog at an early age. Brush your dog. Play with your dog's feet. Look in those ears. Run your fingers over their teeth.
2. If your dog has long hair that mats up constantly, try to keep it brushed out. Your groomer will do this job for you, but just remember that your pet is in an unfamiliar place and it is never fun to have your hair pulled (no matter how gentle I try to be, it is still not fun for the pup).
3. Make the car trip fun! Encourage your pet on the way to the groomer. Dogs often associate the car with an unpleasant destination. So maybe take your dog for fun car rides sometimes to help ease that fear.
4. Always, ALWAYS, use a groomer that you know you can trust. Your dog will follow your lead.
5. When you arrive, stay calm and walk right in without making a big deal out of it. Your dog will take their cues from you and if you are anxious, then they will be as well.

To Be Continued...



# “Heaven Sent”



Hello, all pet lovers, as I am writing this it has been snowing a lot, winds are expected to pick up and we could have a real mess out there. I finished my dog rounds this morning, shoveled many paths for the dogs to go to the bathroom. I remind those pets how lucky they are to have a warm home to be in, with food, water and love, they remind me that we are the lucky ones as the unconditional love they give to us can not be matched.

I indeed am one of the lucky ones, I have met many wonderful pets over the last twenty plus years as a pet sitter, besides my own two dogs who were brothers that have now passed on. I have written two books of my own; Pet Talker (Listening to Those Who Speak Silently), a children’s book, Maurice the Goat Finds his Real Family, and have been a compilation author in five other books, one that I am going to talk about now.

This year I was asked to write a chapter in a book along with twenty-two other authors, it would be called “Heaven Sent (True Stories of Pets That Have Touched Our Lives in Miraculous Ways). I accepted the offer, as we got into writing our chapters, it was decided that each of the authors could nominate two charities and vote on two charities. The charity with the most votes would then receive the proceeds from the book for a year from Amazon. This meant any paperback or kindle versions would apply to the proceeds. I could have nominated the Humane Society of the Lakes or the Marshmallow Animal Shelter, but I decided to nominate the Patriot Assistance Dogs Program right here in Detroit Lakes.

I am so excited to tell you that all the authors voted, and Patriot Assistance Dogs won the vote. Wahoo!!! If you have not ordered your copy yet, please do and if you really want to help leave a review on Amazon. Written reviews keep the book at the top of the list when people search for anything pertaining to pets, as it was #1 in seven or eight categories. I also have books available and each book I sell I donate \$1.00 to Patriot Assistance Dogs also. If there are any pet lovers in your life this makes an awesome gift and benefits an amazing program.

Thank You!

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# Trainer's Corner

## On the Subject of ...Crate Training : Part 1

*Written by Paula Anderson*

Teaching your new pup or new dog to view a crate as a positive place is not as difficult as you may think. Sure, it may take a little time and patience, especially with the young pups who may be a bit vocal at first, but it's well worth your patience, time and consistent efforts.

Using a crate creates a safe and secure space to keep your pup when you're not able to supervise him or her. It's not a prison if you don't make it a place they go for punishment. The reasons for "confinement" in a crate are not punishment. Crating your pup helps with housetraining and provides a place of security and safety when not supervised. What if the first time your dog ever needs to be crated is when you travel, or they are injured and need crate rest, or need to stay overnight at the veterinarian's office? There is less stress involved if they've been conditioned to the crate being a positive place to be.

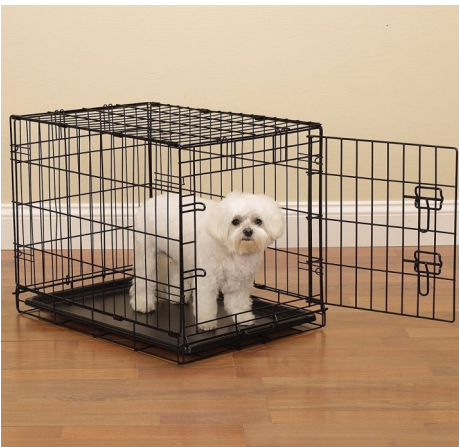
We'll concentrate on puppies and appropriate crates for this installment, more to come in the next issues, including crate placement, how to deal with any noise making issues, and more on positive association with the crate.

A popular crate selection is the wire crate which often includes a removable plastic or metal floor tray. Lots of crates come with a metal divider that can be adjusted during the growth of the dog. Often wire crates fold down suitcase style and are a nice option for transportation and movability. You can also construct one of your own from pegboard or order a wire one.

Plastic vari-kennel crates may also be used. They generally don't provide as much air circulation or view ability, and sometimes dogs may be able to chew the plastic.

You may also gate off an area in your home but choose wisely as dogs have been known to view sheetrock as a chewable distraction. Gates also need to be of appropriate heights, and you'll want to puppy proof the area regarding outlets and cords that might be chewed. Whichever system you choose, please make sure to leave only safe, durable chews and no ingestible toys or bedding with the puppy when unattended.

Gated off areas can be more of a challenge with housebreaking as the same idea of a crate that's too large applies. You'll want to purchase or provide a crate large enough for your puppy to stretch out on its side as well as be able to sit or stand erect when fully grown. An area too large offers the opportunity for the pup to soil at one end of the crate/area and then be able to lie down at the other. Dogs are usually very clean in their "den" areas, which a smaller sectioned crate provides, and are more likely to not soil in a small area.



# January Special



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