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Welcome

FYI: You may notice a link in our website header (E-News), which holds archived text messages and all issues of the “dogpaw prints” newsletter. To make archived files easy to locate, they have names that begin with the year, month, and day.

In this issue:

Learn about how to help local dogs by speaking up in “Dogs Deserve Better”.

Clark County has a program called “Canines for Clean Water” that is running a photo contest.

Read about a “Dangerous Dog Toy” that has been recalled.

Visit Beastie Boutique, Natural Pet NW, or the DOGPAW Store for items that support our off-leash areas.

Please, be sure to read more about our news and events on the following pages or visit us online.

Thanks for supporting DOGPAW!



Dogs Deserve Better

SPEAK UP FOR CHAINED DOGS

City Hall, Council Chambers, 210 E 13th St (Vanc)
Monday, December 15th and 22nd, 2008 (7:00 pm)



Dear Friends,

Dogs in Vancouver, WA need our help. Right now, in the freezing weather, there are hundreds of animals that are living perpetually chained or tethered outside with little food, water or appropriate shelter. Susan Hartland, a DDB Representative will be attending the Vancouver WA city council meeting on Dec. 22, 7pm to propose legislation to place a limitation on how long an animal can be chained or tethered. Please forward this to everyone you know in this area asking them to show up to provide support.

I know the weather has been terrible, but if it's bad for us, please think about all of those animals out there forced to live outside in it, most with little or no shelter from the freezing rain and snow. You can help.

Please join us to speak up for the animals and show support for this legislation.

The city council meetings run every Monday at 7pm. Please encourage people to go to any/all meetings starting Monday, Dec 15th, to ask the council to put a limitation on how long a dog can be chained or tethered. (If you are not in Vancouver, contact me to see what you can do to support chaining limitations in your area.)

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Dogs Deserve Better (cont)

JOIN US TO SPEAK UP FOR CHAINED DOGS



We will be proposing legislation to implement a limitation on how long an animal can be chained or tethered. Let the City Council know that Chaining a Dog is Dangerous & Inhumane.

When: Monday December 22th 7 p.m.

Where: City Hall, 210 E 13th St, Vancouver, Wa.

Fact: Keeping a dog chained can cause them to become highly aggressive.

Fact: dogs forced to live on a chain make easy targets for other animals, humans, and biting insects.

Fact: Dogs are naturally social animals and want to live with a family.

Fact: Farmer's Almanac is Predicting the Coldest Winter in over 100 years.

Dogs Deserve Better is a national nonprofit working to bring dogs into the home and family For More Information:

Susan Hartland 425-293-4492

www.dogsdeservebetter.org

Please visit there website for stickers, yard signs, and other items that support their cause.



Canines for Clean Water



(your photo here)

Clark County has over 103,000 dogs that generate 6,000 TONS of dog poop each year!! When it rains, this washes into our water. So, show your commitment by:

- Taking the Canines for Clean Water pledge! (receive a FREE bandanna)
- Sending a photo of your dog wearing the bandanna. (receive a FREE poop scoop and possibly a bone-shaped bag holder)

This is a **Clark County Clean Water Program** "Canines for Clean Water" that DOGPAW supports.

To learn more about this, please go to <http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/cleanwater.shtml> or click the **Canines for Clean Water** Logo in our "paw menu", while visiting our website.



Dangerous Dog Toy

You may have received an email about Chai, a lab mix, with the **Subject: FW: This is serious. It regards a dangerous dog toy!!!**. This story is true.



While chewing on the toy, a vacuum was created and it effectively sucked Chai's tongue into the hole in the ball. This likely occurred because there is not a second hole in the ball to prevent the vacuum effect. The owner had to have the ball removed by an emergency Veterinarian. By the next day, Chai's tongue had swollen even more and eventually required a tongue amputation.

This and similar balls have been recalled by the manufacturer. A list of recalled items is available at:

<http://www.fourpaws.com/news/press-room/four-paws-rough-rugged-pimple-ball-with-bell.htm>.

The validity of this email was checked at <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/pimplball.asp>

For more information about Chai, visit <http://www.thechaistory.blogspot.com/>





Visit our Supporters

Please visit our supporters, who are kind enough to have our items available in their stores. Both **Beastie Boutique**, in the Salmon Creek neighborhood, and **Natural Pet NW**, on the eastside, have DOGPAW items available.

Currently, our 2009 calendar is only available direct from **DOGPAW** by mail or online. For details, go to

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/dogpawstore/calendar.shtml>.



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