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# The Pittie Press

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We just wrapped up one of the most fabulously fun projects we have yet to be a part of since establishing our rescue. The Pretties & their Pitties project is an effort to paint pitties in a fun and positive light, while raising some much needed funds for two local rescues! This project was organized and sponsored by the Pit Bull Awareness Campaign of Arizona (PBACAz) and we were asked, along with AZK9, to be a part of this as recipients of all funds generated from calendar sales. At the beginning of this year we were approached by PBACAz asking if we'd like to jump on board, and of course we said yes! With the help of local photographer Jodi Lynn of LeBoudoir Studio in Tempe ([www.leboudoirstudio.com](http://www.leboudoirstudio.com)) and hair and makeup artist Erica of Beauty by Erica ([www.beautybyerica.com](http://www.beautybyerica.com)), fourteen already gorgeous girls were transformed into the prettiest pinup models around. Each of the girls posed in a themed shot with their personal pittie (previously rescued) or a current dog awaiting their forever home. Three pups from Standing Proud were used and we cannot wait for the photos to be published. Aside from the purpose to show our community how wonderful our pitties are, this project really affirmed my belief in what we are doing here in rescue. Not a day goes by that we don't have to battle some stereotype about the dogs we save, but it means a lot to know there are plenty of others out there that love them just as much as we do. Calendars go on sale for an early bird price this week on our website, so be sure to hop on to [standingproud-pitbulls.org](http://standingproud-pitbulls.org) and reserve your copy! Also stay tuned for our Pretties & Pitties release party details where we will be distributing the calendars and also have a silent auction full of goodies!

### SPOTLIGHT ON DELILAH

3 Year old Staffie Mix  
Spayed, microchipped &  
vaccinated  
Does well with dogs of all  
shapes and sizes!

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# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tips

4<sup>th</sup> of July is a favorite pastime for many of us. Growing up I remember having the family over to watch fireworks in the backyard while swimming and eating barbeque. Now that Standing Proud has been established and we are so heavily involved in local rescue, 4<sup>th</sup> of July has a new meaning. LOST PETS! 4<sup>th</sup> of July is that day every year that the most pets get lost and the shelters fill up. Here in Maricopa County the stray hold period is only 72 hours, and after that the dog's fate can go one of two ways. So step one...if your pet is not tagged and microchipped GET IT DONE! It's only \$25 for a chip at the county shelters! It could save your dog's life!!! Additionally, there are other things about this holiday that may put your pet in harm's way. Check out some of these simple tips from the ASPCA to help keep your furry friend safe this holiday!



- **Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them.** Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets. If ingested, the animal could become very intoxicated and weak, severely depressed or could go into a coma. Death from respiratory failure is also a possibility in severe cases.
- **Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals.** Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.
- **Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pets' reach.** Certain types of matches contain chlorates, which could potentially damage blood cells and result in difficulty breathing—or even kidney disease in severe cases. Lighter fluid can be irritating to skin, and if ingested can produce gastrointestinal irritation and central nervous system depression. If lighter fluid is inhaled, aspiration pneumonia and breathing problems could develop.
- **Keep your pets on their normal diet.** Any change, even for one meal, can give your pets severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals who have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. And keep in mind that foods such as **onions, chocolate, coffee, avocado, grapes & raisins, salt and yeast dough** can all be potentially toxic to companion animals.
- **Do not put glow jewelry on your pets, or allow them to play with it.** While the luminescent substance contained in these products is not highly toxic, excessive drooling and gastrointestinal irritation could still result from ingestions, and intestinal blockage could occur from swallowing large pieces of the plastic containers.
- **Keep citronella candles, insect coils and oil products out of reach.** Ingestions can produce stomach irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils could cause aspiration pneumonia in pets.
- **Never use fireworks around pets!** While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets, even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals.
- **Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets,** so please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities. Instead, keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home.

SOURCE: <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/fourth-july-safety-tips>

# NEVER LEAVE A DOG IN YOUR CAR!

- A car's temperature will rise **approximately 40°F** in an hour even on a relatively cool, 72°F day\*
- Most of that temperature increase is **within the first 30 minutes.**\*
- **Cracking your windows doesn't stop the heat from rising.**\*
- Cars can reach **120°F in a matter of minutes** on a hot day.
- Dogs can succumb to **heatstroke even when the car is in the shade.**
- Leaving the **air conditioning** on and the car running **doesn't guarantee your dog's safety.**
- **Leave your dog at home** on hot days or find alternate ways to run your errands.



\*Source: Pediatrics Vol. 116 No. 1 July 1, 2005 "Heat Stress from Enclosed Vehicles"

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# 6 COMMON SUMMER DANGERS FOR DOGS



Summer is a great time to play outside but watch out for these common dangers!

## COOLANT

Dogs are attracted to the sweet taste of coolant. Be alert for drips from cars and consider switching to an animal-friendly coolant.

## INSECTICIDES

Your neighbor might not like the bugs around his patio, but those same insecticides could be dangerous to your dog. Stay away from areas that have been recently sprayed.

## HERBICIDES

They make lawns look great, but can hurt your dog. Consider skipping these products on your own lawn, and avoid letting your dog play on lawns where the treatment hasn't dried.



## FERTILIZERS

Some fertilizers can cause vomiting and diarrhea, while others are downright lethal. Keep your dog away from freshly fertilized soil and make sure you know exactly what you're using in your own garden!

## WORMS

Deworming your puppy could save his life. Dogs can ingest the worms from contaminated soil, or even absorb the worms through their skin. Remove feces promptly and never let your dog play with another animal's droppings.

## HEARTWORMS

Just one mosquito bite could infect your dog with deadly heartworm. Talk to your veterinarian about the right heartworm prevention medicine for your dog. Some even protect against other parasites!

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## Happily Ever After



**Both Blaize (now Luna) and Katie found their forever homes since our last newsletter! And get this...their pet parents are all friends which means that Katie and Luna can hang out on regular play dates while their parents socialize too! Win-win, right?!? Congratulations to our little girls for finding simply perfect people to love them for the rest**



**of their days!**

**WE NEED FOSTERS! We cannot open up intake until we bolster our army of fosters! Please visit [www.standingproudpitbulls.org](http://www.standingproudpitbulls.org) today to fill out an application to become a certified Standing Proud foster home!**

### Standing Proud's Duties:

- Provide items (dog crate, food bowl, food, toys, collar and leash)
- Pay for all necessary vet care
- Screen potential adopters
- Facilitates foster care follow-ups throughout the animal's stay at your home

*"I have volunteered in various capacities in animal rescue for many years, but only recently did I decide to give fostering a try. This has been by far the most rewarding experience ever. I thought saying goodbye would be difficult, but then I realized it's not "goodbye" it's more like "see ya later" and that seeing these dogs in their forever homes is more rewarding than any sadness I might feel seeing them leave." -Standing Proud Foster Parent*

### Foster Family's Duties:

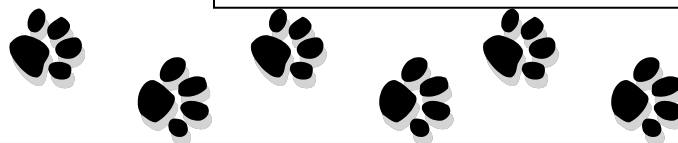
- Provide ongoing care and love for the animal
- Provide positive reinforcement through positive training
- Work on basic obedience commands and socialization skills
- Transport the animal to and from veterinary appointments for necessary medical care/follow-ups
- Attend adoption events when available
- Provide Standing Proud with information of animal's behavioral and health progress

## WISH LIST

- 📦 Dog treats
- 📦 Dog Food (*Nature's Domain sweet potato and salmon*)
- 📦 100% Pure canned Pumpkin Puree
- 📦 Shampoo/Conditioner
- 📦 Crates/Kennels
- 📦 Dog Beds
- 📦 Frontline (flea/tick)
- 📦 Laundry Soap
- 📦 Office Supplies
- 📦 Towels
- 📦 Gift Cards



**NOTE:** You can add all sorts of items to this recipe (dog biscuits, bananas, meat, etc.)



## PUPSICLES

### What you need:

- 16 oz. low-sodium chicken broth
- 8 2.4-oz. kitchen containers with lids (pet bowls or ice cube trays also work)
- 3 oz. hard cheese, cubed (or any other goodies you choose)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Dog Days of Summer Comedy Event:*

*Saturday, July 19 at 6:00pm at the Shrine Auditorium 552 N 40th St, Phoenix, Arizona 85008 GET YOUR TICKETS AT [www.standingproudpitbulls.org](http://www.standingproudpitbulls.org)*

*Check our Facebook for more upcoming events. As of now we do not have any major events planned due to the extreme heat and the concern for the comfort of our pups!*

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