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CLAWS Magazine GOES QUARTERLY!

We have made the decision after careful consideration to publish **CLAWS MAGAZINE** quarterly. This will give more pet lovers the opportunity to read and share with us their stories and suggestions.

We are also adding volunteer staff to help with our other animal related endeavors.

Our next issue will be April, May & June 2023. Sorry for the inconvenience. Feel free to write a comment and send it to John - clawsmag@roadrunner.com

Southern California Cat Adoption Tails alleges unjustified removal of animals from the property by Los Angeles County Animal Control

LITTLEROCK, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 24, 2023

"Imagine, it's 8 am. 10 animal control officers and 15 sheriff deputies in riot gear, guns drawn, show up at your gate. You aren't shown a warrant or accused of anything. You and your granddaughter are locked in patrol cars for hours while your property gets ransacked. Your animals and records are taken. You're ordered to surrender your property or get charged for storing it. Would you believe you were in the United States?"

That, says Julia Mildenberger, is what happened on the morning of October 26, 2022, when the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Control (LACDAC) launched a raid on animal rescue Southern California Cat Adoption Tails (SCCAT).

All Julia has ever wanted to do is save animals. When her husband died in a tragic accident, the grief-stricken widow sold her house and put everything into starting the nonprofit in Littlerock, California.

Says Julia, "In the ten years we've been here, we've placed over 6,000 animals and done TNR for over 5,000 feral cats". TNR, she explained, "is a humane method of stabilizing community cats by trapping, sterilizing, and returning them to their colony or homing them as barn cats. It's estimated our efforts have prevented the births of over 40,000 unwanted kittens."

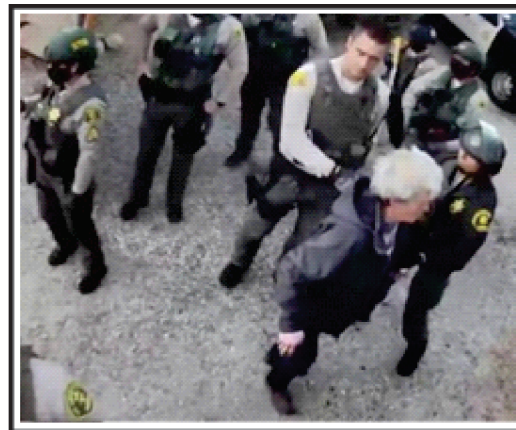
SCCAT's primary mission is finding forever homes for displaced dogs and cats but the unadoptable receive lifetime care.

"The seniors, the special needs, the ones considered ugly, they live in the house with my family. LACDAC would euthanize them but to us they're beautiful. We had Paddington, an

obese chihuahua whose owner died of cancer. Nadia a partially paralyzed cat. Kelly, surviving on the street, but born without eyes. They deserve a chance."

And giving them a chance is exactly what Julia does. As city council member Austin Bishop put it, "Julia's devotion knows no bounds. It doesn't matter if she's been rescuing for 20 hours in 110 degrees or 10. I've never known Julia to turn her back on an animal. Saving them is her life and it's not an easy job. Here in the high desert, county services aren't enough. We need rescues like SCCAT"

It's not uncommon for cities to contract with LACDAC for animal services. Prior to Covid, city managers were expressing concern over the inhumanity and cost of killing feral cats. The county solution was a program called "Managed Intake" whereby cats are no longer accepted at care centers.



SCCAT Founder is Detained by Deputies. "When I was a little girl, dreaming one day I would rescue animals from the streets, I never imagined this."

According to Julia, this made things even harder on overburdened rescues. "Shelters shut down during Covid then stopped taking cats permanently. People were told to leave them in the desert. LACDAC makes us identify as a rescue and post our license grade, so animals are constantly dumped at our gate. They're bewildered and often pregnant or starving or injured. I couldn't leave them in the street, even if helping them put me over my numbers."

Other rescuers reported similar experiences but declined to be named for fear of retribution.

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1: Claws Magazine, and to establish the

following as we grow.

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Said one, "We've learned that if we go against LACDAC we can be shut down."

"It's logical to think LACDAC would work with local groups" explains Julia "but that's not the case". We've gotten an "A" grade every year. I have funding, volunteers, and space for 250 animals, but county approval for 140. Every year, I begged for an increase and got denied at the discretion of a director who's never been here. There should be written guidelines not arbitrary decisions."

Last year Julia wasn't just denied an increase, "While ignoring my legal right to a hearing, LACDAC ordered me to "dispose of" 40 cats. So, I hired a lawyer."

Civil rights attorney Marla Tauscher negotiated to remove the order but, said Julia "I guess that angered them because LACDAC started destroying my world."

No charges have been filed. The statement of probable cause that justifies why a judge should consent to a search, has been sealed. When LACDAC eventually showed Julia the warrant she was shocked to see it listed not only animals but social security cards, mortgage records, laptops, mail, utility bills, and even clothing.

Says Julia, "It's been three months since my animals were taken and I've learned how my rights were ignored. I should have received detailed inventory of everything taken. I got a few handwritten lines. I'm entitled to pre and post seizure hearings. Those were denied. LACDAC claims the warrant nullified my rights".

Grievances that were filed with Supervisor Kathryn Barger, reached LACDAC. The department responded with a press release reporting, among other things, that seven dead animals were found.

"That sounds like LACDAC found dead animals lying around, and I'm sure they meant it to" explained Julia, "They died of natural and unavoidable causes. One was stillborn, one was a hamster, all were being held in a freezer awaiting legally compliant disposal. How many dead animals do you think the shelter is storing?"

The county has since revised the press release to remove several allegations, including the mention of dead animals but, as Julia points out, "It's a bit late. My reputation is already severely damaged. I've even lost sponsors."

Julia has no idea where her animals are being held but she has seen distressing YouTube video by a volunteer who was reportedly dismissed. LACDAC has admitted to euthanizing some of the animals and Julia suspects that means the ones with special needs.

Requests for information have been denied by the District Attorney, LACDAC, county attorneys, and Supervisor Barger's office.

Said Julia, "I won't quit but I do get discouraged. The emotional and financial tolls have been very high. The county has so much power. They have attorneys making six figures, but they also hired an outside law firm. All with tax dollars. I don't think the public knows they

do that. Where's the incentive to resolve this? If it drags on, that law firm just makes more money."

When asked how she's holding up, Julia said "I can't sleep, and I cry a lot. I think of the babies that slept on my bed at night, and I wonder, to what end? LACDAC found nothing. The suffering, the enormous cost. Who does this benefit? When I was a little girl, dreaming one day I would rescue animals from the streets, I never imagined an enemy like this."

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- 1. Arched back with raised fur****With a kitten it usually means let's play! With an adult cat they're telling you they want to be left alone or that something has got them spooked. If there is also a deep growl, stiff movement and solid eye contact they most definitely want to be by themselves. So just walk away. It can also be a defensive move and sense that something is not right.
- 2. Ears turned back****If your cats' ears are turned back and their stance is rock steady they're unsure of what to do, analyzing their situation and planning their next move. If they are low to the ground then check your curtains



- or sofa as there, more than likely, guilty of some bad behavior.
- 3. Ears pointed up****Something has gotten your cats' full attention and interest if their ears are sitting straight up. It could be anything from a sound, movement or another cat.
 - 4. Exposed tummy****If your cat rolls on her back and shows her tummy to you it's a sign of complete trust. It is no small gesture and is the utmost in trust. Plus your cat is extremely comfortable with the surroundings. They are very relaxed. A great deal of trust has been established as cats normally will protect their stomach.
 - 5. Hissing****The message is pretty clear when your cat hisses. Cats will hiss when they're backed into a tight spot, they need some space or they're very unhappy. Stay away from a hissing cat.
 - 6. Kneading with front paws****Our cats do this all the time. It's usually a comforting thing they like to do that has been carried over from

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Abigail, you did an exceptional job. Your family must be very proud of you. It looks like you enjoy coloring so, we are giving you a 24 page coloring book with the same theme as the one you colored. Share it with friends.



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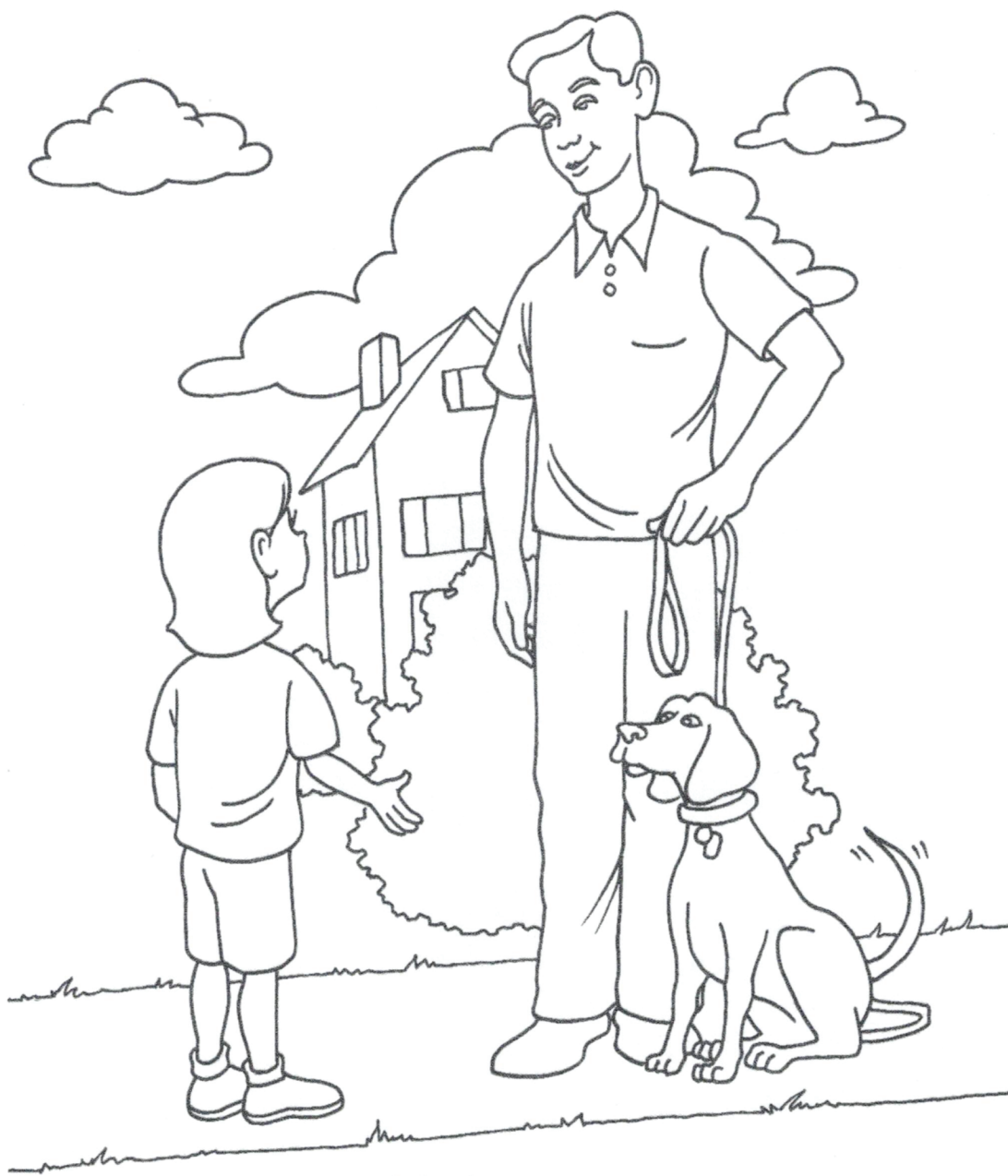
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- 1/2 cup sliced apples
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups old fashioned oats

Editor's Tip: If your dog loves cheddar dog treats, you can add 1/4 cup shredded cheddar as a fourth ingredient.

Directions

Step 1: Peel and slice the apple

Use an apple slicer or a sharp knife to slice up your fruit. I used apples because I had some on hand (and Olive, my Rottweiler, loves them). If you don't have apples, you can substitute another fruit or veggie like pears, peaches or carrots.

Step 2: Cook the apple

Add the apple slices and two tablespoons of water to a small saucepan with a lid. Cook over low-medium heat for 10-15 minutes, or until apples are soft enough to mash.

Step 3: Mash the apple



Use a fork to mash the apples to an applesauce consistency. Some chunks are OK, but the smoother the mash, the easier it'll be to mix in.

Step 4: Combine apples, peanut butter and oats

In a large bowl, mix the 3 ingredients together until they're well-combined. The mix should be thick and a little sticky.

Step 5: Roll into balls

Roll a small amount of the oat mix between your palms to make a "meatball." The size depends on the size of your dog. For larger pups, use 1/2 or 1 tablespoon of mix per meatball. For smaller dogs, use 1 teaspoon.

If too much mix is sticking to your hands as you roll the balls, refrigerate the bowl for 15 minutes to firm it up.

Step 6: Bake, cool and serve

Place the 3-ingredient dog treats on a parchment lined baking sheet and bake at 350°F for 15 minutes, until firm. Cool, then let your furry taste tester give them a try. My dog Olive loved these: The peanut butter kept her chewing long enough to really enjoy it, and then she came sniffing for more.

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their kitten years. There may be other reasons, unknown to us, as to why they do this.

Generally it's a good thing.

7. Lying on your newspaper or book**Your

cat feels comfortable and feels in complete control of the situation.

8. Laying down, staring and not moving**

Your cat is waiting for the right moment to attack something. Watch their eyes. The pupils will enlarge just before they pounce.

9. Meowing**Your cat is trying to get your attention.

10. Pawing at paper**

Your cat wants to play or they're trying to figure out if the paper is a new litter box. Often cats will play with paper items.

11. Purring**Happy, content cats will purr. Cats will purr for other reasons too. They might be waiting for something to make them happy or if it's a deep internal purr, they could be in pain.

12. Rubbing and Purring**Your cat will cover you and the things around them with pheromones. Pheromones come from glands on your cats face and create a comforting odor for your cat. Rubbing is a natural marking behavior for all cats. Cats will rub on walls, furniture, shoes and even things you put down on the floor for a short while. Leg rubbing is the most common and can also be a simple call for attention, you have been forgiven for abandoning it or you have been accepted as a friend.

13. Scratching**If your cat is tearing up your house and furniture they may be in need of some attention. You can't stop the scratching but you can provide other options for your cat. Make sure there is a scratching post available to the cat at all times.

14. Sneezing and coughing, low to ground**Your cat is working on a hairball. Wait until they are done and clean it up as soon as possible. Hairballs can cause stains on carpets and furniture.

15. Slow, sneaky low to the ground crawl**

Your cat is after something, stalking its "victim". Beware, your cat will start a full speed assault very soon.

16. Soft tiny meow**Your cat really wants attention. This is a plea for sympathy and a spot on your lap.

17. Swishing or wagging tail**If something or someone is bothering your cat they will start to whip their tail from side to side. If whatever it is doesn't stop the cat will either run away or react aggressively.

18. Tail tucked between the legs**Something has scared your cat when this happens. Flattened ears, growling and dilated pupils can also accompany a tucked tail. Don't try to comfort a fearful cat. They won't want to be held. Let them get over whatever it was on their own.

19. Tail upright, normal posture**This means a happy cat with no worries. Everything is fine in their world.

20. Twitching tail**You'll see a cats tail twitch when it sees a bird or a raccoon, etc. which get them excited as they want what they see. A cat's tail could also twitch for predatory or territorial reasons that can cause the cat to become aggressive. In this case it's best to leave the cat alone until it settles down.

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To establish a national memorial honoring service horses, dogs and birds that have contributed to the military, law enforcement and civil service sectors of service to humankind.

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"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult." **Rita Rudner**

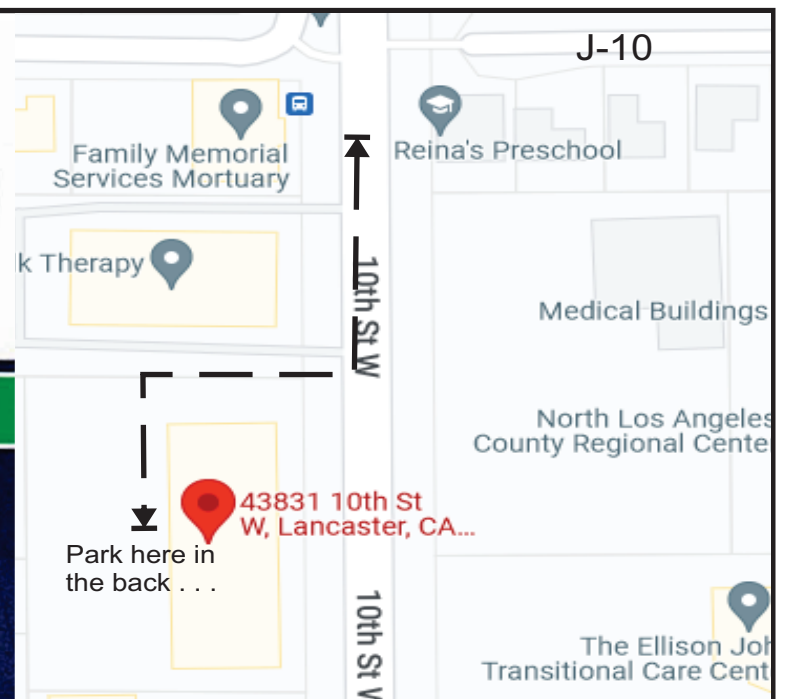
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- Adopt a Rescued Bird Month
- Unchain a Dog Month

Holidays and Awareness Days

- January 2 | Happy Mew Year for Cats Day
- For specific National breed Cays - see page 4*
- January 22 | Nat'l Answer Your Cat's Question Day
- January 24 | Change a Pet's Life Day
- January 29 | Seeing-Eye Guide Dog Anniversary

FEBRUARY Awareness Months

- Pet Dental Health Month
- Dog Training Education Month
- National Cat Health Month
- Responsible Pet Owners Month
- Spay/Neuter (AKA Beat the Heat Month)
- Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month

Awareness Weeks

- February 7-14 | Have a Heart for Chained Dogs
- February 13-17 | Veterinary Assistant Week
- February 19-25 | National Justice for Animals
- February 19-25 | Bird Health Awareness

Holidays and Awareness Days

- February 3 | Doggie Date Night
- February 3 | National Golden Retriever Day
- February 14 | Pet Theft Awareness Day

- February 14 | Valentine's Day
- February 19 | National Boston Terrier Day
- February 20 | Love Your Pet Day
- February 22 | Walking the Dog Day
- February 22 | National Wildlife Day
- February 23 | National Dog Biscuit Day
- February 28 | World Spay Day (last Tues in Feb)

MARCH Awareness Months

Poison Prevention Awareness Month

MARCH Awareness Weeks

- March 5-11 | Professional Pet Sitters Week (first full week in March)
- March 19-25 | National Poison Prevention Week (third full week in March)

MARCH Holidays and Awareness Days

- March 1 | National Pig Day
- March 1 | National Peanut Butter Lover's Day
- March 3 | World Wildlife Day
- March 13 | K-9 Veterans Day
- March 14 | UK Dog Theft Awareness Day
- March 17 | Saint Gertrude of Nivelles Day (patron saint of cats)
- March 23 | National Puppy Day
- March 23 | Cuddly Kitten Day
- March 25 | National Newfoundland Dog Day
- March 27 | National Terrier Day
- March 28 | Respect Your Cat Day
- March 30 | Take a Walk in the Park Day

Local Shelters and Rescue Groups

The following list of local shelters and rescues has been provided as a public resource only, and covers the cities of the Antelope Valley. To reach their website, type the URL without spaces, then hit enter on your browser...

A Passion for Paws Akita Rescue, Inc.

apassionforpaws.org/

Aussie Rescue of Southern Calif Inc.

aussierescuesocal.com/

A Pet Rescue Kennels, Inc.

petfinder.com/shelters/CA913.html

Basset Hound Rescue of S. Calif

bassethoundrescue.org

California Miniature Schnauzer Rescue (CMSR) schnauzers.us

California City Animal Control

californiacity-ca.gov/CC/index.php/animal-control

CA Animal Rescue & Education Sanctuary (C.A.R.E.S)

facebook.com/groups/1517407391890058/

Community Effort Animal Rescue (C.E.A.R.) (Former: AV Dog & Cat Rescue)

communityeffortanimalrescue.com

Dachshund Rescue & Placement

doxykeeper.net/

Doberman Pinscher SOS

dobiesos.net/

Doggy Smiles Rescue (see pg 3)

calcitypd.org/Animal-Control.html

Forgotten Angels Cat Rescue, Inc

forgottenangelsrescue.org/

French Bulldog Village Rescue

frenchbulldogvillage.org/

GreySave Greyhound Adoptions

greysave.org/

Halfway to Home

halfwaytohome.net/

High Desert Angels for Animals

highdesertangelsforanimals.com

The Homestretch Greyhound Rescue Adoption

homestretchgreys.org/

Lange Foundation

langefoundation.org

L.A. County Animal Care & Control: Lancaster animalcare.lacounty.gov/

Ruff Patches

ruffpatches.org/

SecondHand Animals

lsecondhandanimals.com

Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue sclrr.org/

Westside German Shepherd Rescue of LA

sheprecue.org/

Woof Project

woofproject.org/

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Am I Poisoning My Dog?

By Dr. Misty Hirshbein . . . drh @northvalleyveterinarianclinic .com

Dogs have arguably been the most loyal human companions for at least the past fifteen thousand years. We shared our meals around a fire or on our porches with our most entrusted companions and hunting partners. A proverbial symbiotic relationship between two species. They are often our best friends! However, over the last century, with the Industrial Revolution, the human diet has changed radically. We eat more processed foods, we season our foods more intricately (who else watches the Food Network?), and we now have access to "exotic" foods that were previously not available to us (ie macadamia nuts).

Many of us love to, or feel compelled to, share tidbits from the stove or table with our little doe eyed friend watching our every flick of a fork or every bite we take. While, in some instances, it is ok to share some foods with our furry buddies, other times it is down right toxic! In 2021, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center reported that human food had the third highest toxicity rate amongst animals, preceded by human over the counter and human prescription drug toxicities. Did you know that protein bars can be toxic to dogs?

Xylitol, a natural sweetener, has many

beneficial properties, combined with its low cost, that make its use popular in cosmetics, dental health products, diapers, baby wipes, vitamins, and in food items. While xylitol is not toxic for people, it is very toxic for dogs, causing a sudden release of insulin leading to acute, life-threatening hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver damage. Typical food items that may contain xylitol are typically labeled as sugar free and usually include: ketchup, pancake syrup, protein bars, candies, pudding, peanut butter, chocolate, and drink powders, to name a few.

Onions and garlic, while very rarely fatal, are quite common toxicities seen in dogs. They are a part of the allium family, which also include chives, shallots, and leeks. All parts of the plants are toxic to dogs, fresh or dried, by causing damage to the red blood cells, leading to anemia. Onions and garlic are the basis of many savory foods and are found in pizza sauce, spaghetti sauce, stews, soups, dips, baby food, and numerous other products.

Grapes and raisins were also high on the ASPCA's food toxicity list. For many years, the cause of toxicity was a mystery. However, that mystery was recently unraveled and the toxic component has been identified as tartaric acid. Ingestion of grapes and raisins lead to acute

kidney injury and can lead to kidney failure. I feel that it is also important to note that cream of tartar, a byproduct of winemaking, also contains high levels of tartaric acid. Cream of tartar is used in many baking goods, including making meringues, candies, and homemade playdough.

By now, we all know that chocolate is very toxic to dogs. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control hotline received 103 calls per day about chocolate toxicity in 2021. That's equal to more than one case every 15 minutes! There are many chemical properties in chocolate that cause many different clinical signs in dogs including vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, seizures, and death.

While we consider dogs our best friends and we want to share most every comfort of modern society with them, sometimes, it's just too dangerous. Stick to AAFCO approved dog foods and treats. If you find that you are compelled to make a homemade diet for your pooch, contact your veterinarian and ask for a list of safe foods for your dog to consume. Last but not least, if your dog consumes any of the above foods, please contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline (888) 426-4435 and seek emergency veterinary care immediately.

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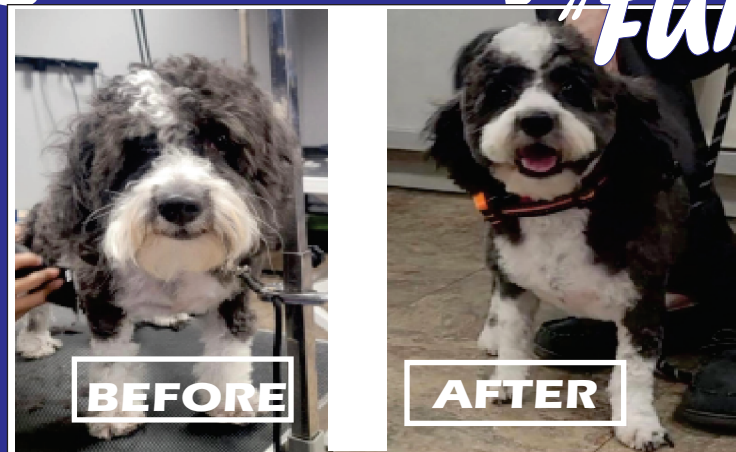
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