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The Pet Scoop - January 2016



PAWS

of NE Louisiana

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Hi {FIRST_NAME|PAWS Supporter},

Our newsletter is now being delivered monthly so you can stay updated on everything PAWS has going on! Here's the January edition of The Pet Scoop. Hope you enjoy!

Jo, Christy P, Jennifer P, Samantha, Julie, Staci, Jennifer W, Laurel, Renee & Joy
2016 PAWS Board of Directors

The 10th Annual Krewe of PAWS Mardi Gras Parade is almost here!!

The fun happens on January 30, 2016 at "Parade Central" at the corner of Commerce and Wood Streets in Antique Alley! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we rely on the proceeds to allow us to spay & neuter MORE pets of low income pet owners, rescue MORE pets from the Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter, provide MORE free ID tags to pet owners and do MORE outreach events!

This year we are following the Krewe of Janus' theme...Jean Lafitte's Treasure. Register your pets in the parade and join in the fun with costumes and floats or come watch from the sidelines and catch some beads! We will have parade shirts, beads and PAWS merchandise for sale as well as children's games and a few sponsor booths to visit so come early and check it out! Pre-registration has ended but you can still register on the morning of the parade beginning at 11:00am!

We are an all volunteer,
501(c)3 non-profit
organization that was
founded in May 2003 to
help the communities
in Northeast Louisiana.

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QUESTIONS? Email kreweofpaws@yahoo.com.



**Our Grand Marshal this
year, is "Lucky" the
Aaron's mascot!**

PARADE DAY SCHEDULE:

11:00 – Parade registration, children's games & facepainting begin
12:00 – Contest judging begins. Winners will be announced back at
the staging area following the parade)
1:00 – Parade line up
1:30 – Parade rolls

PARADE ROUTE: Parade will begin in the 100 block of
Commerce Street and proceed to the Pine Street intersection. Parade
will turn left onto Pine Street. Parade will turn left onto Trenton Street.
Parade will turn left onto Wood Street and then left back onto
Commerce Street where the winners will be announced.

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$20 for 1st pet
\$10 for each additional pet
Optional \$5 per pet for costume contest OR \$5 per float (you may enter
costume contest OR float contest but not both)

DO's & DON'Ts!

- We welcome most pets, however, we do not allow horses, ponies or livestock to be entered into the parade as they may scare the dogs. Sorry!
- We do NOT allow any motorized floats.
- Retractable leashes are NOT allowed. If you have your pet on a retractable leash, you will be asked to use a slip leash, provided by PAWS.
- NO candy, small trinkets or dog treats are allowed to be thrown. Please ONLY throw beads, cups or larger non-edible items!

QUESTIONS? Email kreweofpaws@yahoo.com.

Jester Jog - January 30, 3:30pm

Stay after the Krewe of PAWS parade and take part in the [Jester Jog](#) hosted by Dirty South Running! PAWS will receive a portion of the registration fees! Registration for the Jester Jog will be located near the Krewe of PAWS staging area on Commerce Street in West Monroe. You can also register online [HERE](#).

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Dirty South Running is hosting the 2nd

Annual Jester Jog!

This year runners will be running through Historic Antique Alley and other great areas of West Monroe, La. One of these great areas will be along the Mardi Gras Parade Route. Look for the race registration tent adjacent to the Krewe of PAWS Mardi Gras Pet Parade's "Parade Central."

New and exciting this year, 5K Runners that register online (BEFORE JANUARY 24th) will receive a Long Sleeve Dri-Fit Tee. If you register after January 22nd, you will receive a short sleeve cotton tee. 1K Fun Run participants will receive a short-sleeved cotton tee.

Plus, a portion of your registration fee will be donated to PAWS NELA!

For more information & to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jester-jog-tickets-19702298104?aff=es2/>

Dental Health Month

February is National Pet Dental Health Month



Did you know that pets can also get periodontal disease, which can lead to bad breath, or even organ failure, if left untreated?!

Your pet requires an annual health check by a veterinarian. Ask your vet if your pet would benefit from a dental cleaning.

At home brushing may be an option for your pet in between professional cleanings (don't YOU brush your teeth too?). Be sure to use toothpastes designed for pets....the human kind isn't good for them.

Daily crunchy treats and hard kibble is good for teeth but ice cubes & other very hard items may actually damage teeth (just like us!).

Tag Your Pets! Tag Your Friend's Pets! Tag Your Family Member's Pets!



by Jennifer Pesnell

We have all seen the posts on Facebook:

"Fluffy is missing. She just had a bath and she wasn't wearing her collar". Something about a bath that must make pets run for the hills. It is not hard to bathe your pet, dry them off and put their collar right back on, but I digress!

Or... "Buddy is gone again. He has on a red collar, no tags." What good is a collar without an ID tag?



My head hurts just from wading through all the lost pet postings online each day and I am sure yours does too. I hope that everyone reading this article has a collar and ID tag on their pet. If not, please go to your nearest pet store (or if you are a hermit like me, shop online) and buy a cute collar for your furry friend. Buy a couple extras to give out to friends or family members whose pets aren't properly identified.

A collar is useless without ID. Most pet stores (Petco, PetSmart) have a machine onsite that will engrave ID tags for a nominal fee. PAWS of NE LA keeps our handy dandy ID tag machine at the Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter at 417 Well Rd in West Monroe and our tags are only \$2 each. Just stop by the shelter during regular business hours and they will make you a tag. We make



FREE pet tags during our monthly offsite adoptions at Petco. Our next offsite adoption is this Saturday (January 23rd) so come by Petco in Monroe between 1-4pm and we'll make your pet a FREE ID tag.



If the jingling ID tags make you crazy, you still have options: tag silencers, engraved ID plates that screw onto the collar itself, collars with your pet's name and your phone number embroidered on it, and my current favorite,

collars with the ID information etched on the buckle. Just google 'personalized pet collar' and get your credit card ready!

Our pets depend on us to keep them safe and the FASTEST way to reunite a lost pet with his or her owner is a collar and ID tag. Microchips are great but the person who finds your pet has to care enough to load them up in the car and take them to a vet or shelter to be scanned.

Please help spread the word about collars and ID tags. Check out your friends' and family members' pets. If they are not wearing proper identification, remind the owner of the importance and offer to help. Tell them about the free PAWS tag days. Encourage those around you to be responsible pet owners and the animals in our community will benefit!

Kentucky Derby Themed Golf Tournament, May 6th

Stay updated via our Facebook event page which will be coming soon! Click [HERE](#) for event info.

The flyer features a large red 3D graphic that says "SAVE THE DATE". To the right, a black box with a red border contains the text "KENTUCKY DERBY" and a small logo. The event details are listed on the right: "THEMED FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR PAWS OF NE LOUISIANA! FRIDAY, MAY 6TH, 2016 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START 2-PERSON SCRAMBLE". Below this, it says "HOSTED BY:" followed by the Origin Bank logo. At the bottom left is the Frenchman's Bend Golf & Health Club logo, and at the bottom right is the PAWS of NE Louisiana logo. Contact information is provided: "Interested in becoming a sponsor this year? We have various levels available, including hole sponsorships. You can get more information on the event soon at: https://www.facebook.com/events/171955946502014/ Or, by emailing: Juliewithpawsnela@yahoo.com".

PAWS Animal Shelter Rescue Program

Thanks to our wonderful donors, sponsors and foster families, we are able to rescue many dogs from the [Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter](#) each month. As of 12/31/15, we have saved the lives of 1,105 dogs and cats since our inception in 2003! Many of them have had to endure heartworm treatment, mange treatment, limb amputations or other surgeries due to neglect and injuries they received prior to entering the shelter. All of these awesome pets have gone on to loving new families with the help of our rescue partners!

In December we were able to pull these 16 wonderful dogs from the shelter who have either already found new homes or will soon be on their way to new lives!



There are always many more waiting at the shelter who need our help. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful rescue effort, please consider donating to our Rescue Program or becoming a foster family.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to our [Animal Shelter Rescue Program](#)
 Click [HERE](#) to access our foster home application. Read our foster home FAQ's [HERE](#).



Alone we can do so little...
 Together we can do so much.
 - Helen Keller



Please spay or neuter your pets! If you are a low-income pet owner and can't afford it, we can help! Click [HERE](#) for our spay/neuter application. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the importance of spay/neuter. If you have questions, email us at pawsnela@yahoo.com.

Welcome!

We would like to thank and welcome our December 2015 new & renewing members!

NEW	RENEWING
Jennifer Rushworth	Ginger Williams Family
	Jennifer Waters & 2 pets
	Staci Choate
	Laurel Rogers & 2 pets
	Elizabeth Smith Family

Not a member? Join us today!
Click [HERE](#) to become a PAWS member...



January 23 - Monthly Offsite Adoption - Petco, Monroe, LA

January 30 - Krewe of PAWS Mardi Gras Pet Parade

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