



Clark County Sheriff's Office

PAWS PATROL

Enhancing Community Safety and Livability

May 2025

K-9 CORNER

Each edition of the Paws on Patrol newsletter includes the “K-9 Corner,” brought to you by Deputy Dunham and his dedicated K-9 partner, Riggs. While they usually share safety tips, this issue is all about celebrating Riggs—who just turned 8 on May 21st!

Riggs is a Belgian Malinois originally from the Netherlands. He's an essential part of our team, helping track down dangerous suspects and sniff out hidden drugs to keep our community safe.

If you missed the birthday celebration on social media, be sure to check out the video for some fun facts about this incredible working dog. Want to see Riggs in action? Turn to page 3 for details about the K-9 demonstration happening on June 7th. Happy Birthday, Riggs!



[WATCH HERE!](#)



Happy
National Pet Month



Lost or Broken Paws on Patrol Pet Tag?

No worries—we've got extras! Just send us an email with your mailing address, and we'll be happy to send you a replacement.

CntySheriff.CommunityOutreach@clark.wa.gov



Paws on Patrol is a volunteer program to encourage pet walkers to be more aware of their surroundings, enhancing their personal safety while also contributing to a safer community.

Paws on Patrol | [Click Here](#)

In the Spotlight!

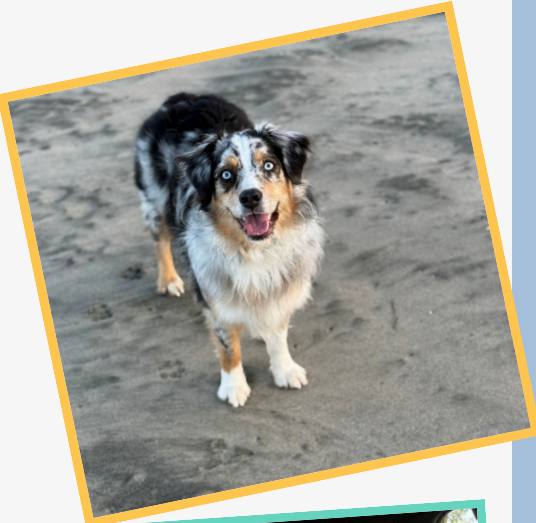
Maya is a spirited four-year-old pup with the sweet temperament of a Maltese and a touch of feisty charm from her Pekingese roots. We became proud members of Paws on Patrol last year during the Bark in the Park event, and ever since, Maya and I have made it our mission to keep our neighborhood and nearby parks a little safer with each walk. Maya also loves the beach!

During one of our recent patrols, I spotted and safely disposed of a discarded cannabis container with residue—an important reminder of why community vigilance matters.

Maya, always alert and eager to assist, has been trained to respond to a variety of cues, including doorbells and phone alarms. She takes her job seriously, and with those sharp little ears, she's proving to be an invaluable companion in both security and spirit. -Carol



Hoku



Hokulani is a purebred, full-size Australian Shepherd born on the night of the Green Comet in early 2023 in Bend, OR. Hoku is a “blue merle” Aussie and was the first puppy born to her mother. We named her Hokulani, meaning “heavenly star” in Hawaiian. (Her mother is named Moon Pie, and her grandfather is named Galaxy so there’s quite a family trend going there.) In spite of her glamorous name and family legacy, Hoku’s friendly personality lends itself more to the name “Wiggle Butt”. But we mostly call her Hoku.

Hoku loves to play fetch (especially at the beach) and she can run like the wind. She walks very well on leash but only after we run the sillies out of her. We have to exercise Hoku hard once a day or we truly will not have peace in the house. We like to walk to the local elementary school each evening and that’s when we get to interact with our neighbors—chatting, admiring flowers, checking out Little Free Libraries, and making sure nothing nefarious is going on.

Since Hoku joined PAWS on Patrol in 2024, we’ve called in one instance of dangerous/illegal activity: an individual doing donuts in the school parking lot after hours. We really like the PAWS on Patrol program because it does encourage us to maintain situational awareness about our neighborhood.

-Richard and Lee Anne

CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 6



OPEN HOUSE 2025

This year our annual Open House will be held at Station 63 in Salmon Creek. Same great fun...same free hot dogs and snacks...and in our newest Fire Station.

1303 NE 136th Street

Saturday, June 7th

Noon—3 p.m.



K-9 Demonstration!



Live Fire Demonstration

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tower Rescue	12:30
K-9 Show	1 p.m.
Car Fire Prop	1:30
Car Extrication	2 p.m.
Live Fire Demo	2:30
Jr. Firefighter Challenge	Noon-3
Your Picture in the Fire Engine!	Noon-3
Free hot dogs, chips and snow cones!	Noon-3
Station Tours	Noon-3



Car Extrication



Your Picture in Fire Engine



Community Vendor Event

June 14, 2025 | 9am-2pm



Come visit
us at our
booth!

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to explore a wide array of unique products and services from **over 45** local pet businesses, connect with dedicated non-profit rescues and government agencies, and support your **DogPaw Off-Leash Parks** community. Look forward to exciting raffles, giveaways, and a fun day out for the whole family - including your four-legged members!

Location: **Pacific Community Park, 1515 NE 164th Ave, Vancouver, WA**
Outdoors next to Dakota Memorial Dog Park - west side

You can be confident that 100% of your donation to DogPaw Off-Leash Parks (non-profit) goes directly to maintaining our four off-leash areas. Run entirely by volunteers and receiving no taxpayer funding, every dollar supports waste removal, fencing, and park improvements, directly benefiting your community.



PET SAFETY

Summer safety tips

Even on a mild day, the temperature inside a parked car can quickly rise to 100 degrees or more. Be kind and leave your pets at home in warm weather!

How hot is the inside of your vehicle?

Leaving your pet in a hot car can lead to heat stroke, suffocation, brain damage, and death. A slightly opened window is not enough. If you see an animal in distress inside a vehicle, immediately call Animal Control at 564.397.2488 or 3-1-1 (non-emergency). Note the make, model and license number and go into the nearest place of business and ask that an emergency announcement be made. Stay with the animal until someone arrives.

Five alternatives to leaving your pet in the car

1. Use the drive-through for errands when available
2. Bring a friend who can play with your pet outside while you run your errand
3. Shop at pet friendly stores where your pet is welcome to come in with you
4. Eat at a restaurant with a permitted dog-friendly outdoor dining area
5. Leave your pet at home where it's cool and safe

Is it too hot for your pet's paws?

Check the asphalt before walking your pet. Press the back of your hand to the asphalt. If you are unable to keep it there for 5 seconds, then it is too hot for your pet's feet.

If your pet is exposed to high temperatures:

Look for signs of heat stress: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gate, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

If your pet is overheated:

1. Move your pet to a cooler area
2. Gradually lower temperature by sprinkling with cool water
3. Place cool, wet towels on the back of its neck, underarms, and groin area
4. Offer cool water to drink
5. Take your pet to your veterinarian immediately



[Click here for Pet Safety](#)

OUTSIDE TEMP	TIME TO REACH	INSIDE TEMP
75° F	10 minutes	100° F
75° F	30 minutes	120° F
85° F	5 minutes	90° F
85° F	7-10 minutes	100° F
85° F	30 minutes	120° F
100° F	15 minutes	140° F

AIR TEMP	ASPHALT TEMP
77° F	125° F
86° F	135° F
87° F	143° F

Dog Bite Prevention

More than 4.7 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. More than half of all dog bite victims are younger than 14 and 150,000 of these bites are serious enough to require a visit to the emergency department.

Last year, Clark County Animal Control Officers responded to approximately 250 reports of animal bites and more than 1,000 reports of vicious behavior by dogs.

Dog bite prevention might not be the first thing on your mind when you see a wagging tail, but it's always good to stay aware—especially if you're out and about like our Paws on Patrol partners. While most of the dogs are friendly, it's important to remember that every dog is different. Even the sweetest pup can get nervous or protective. That's why a little caution goes a long way when saying hello to someone else's dog.

Animal Protection and Control urges you to keep the following safety tips in mind when you encounter a dog:

When approaching a dog:

Ask first. Before petting someone's dog, ask the owner if it's okay. Let the dog sniff you first, then pet the dog's sides or back gently.

Never sneak up on or pet a dog that is eating or sleeping. Animals may bite when they're startled or frightened.

Never pet a dog that is playing with a toy. Dogs are often protective of toys and may think you are trying to take it.

Never approach a dog that is behind a fence. Most dogs naturally protect their property and home.



If a dog attacks suddenly:

Don't scream and run. Stand very still, try to be calm, and avoid eye contact.

Distract the dog. Feed the dog your jacket, your purse or anything that may distract it and give the animal something to bite besides you.

Curl into a ball. If you fall or are knocked down, curl into a ball with your arms and hands over your head and neck. Try not to scream or roll around.

Never turn your back or run away. A dog's natural instinct will be to chase and catch you. Once the dog loses interest in you, slowly back away until it is out of sight.

Report dog bites to Animal Protection and Control at 564.397.2488

Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods safe—for people and pets!

For additional info, visit:

[Dog Bite Prevention](#)