Clark County Sheriff's Office



PAWS N PATROL

Enhancing Community Safety and Livability

March 2025

K-9 CORNER

Dear Pawtrollers.

We hope this message finds you and your furry friends well! As always, we want to take a moment to remind you about some important safety tips to keep in mind while out and about with your dogs:

Leash Safety: Please ensure your dog is always on a leash in public areas. Not only does this ensure their safety, but it also protects others from any potential accidents.



Pick Up After Your Pet: Be sure to bring waste bags and clean up after your dog. This helps keep our community clean and safe for everyone, including other pet owners and pedestrians.

Stay Aware of Surroundings: Whether you're walking in the park or around the neighborhood, stay alert. Keep an eye out for traffic, other animals, and any potential hazards that could affect you and your dog.

Increased Activity: With daylight saving time in full effect and spring almost upon us, expect an increase in foot and bike traffic in your neighborhoods. Kids especially will likely stay out later than before to take advantage of the added daylight!

Deputy Dunham and K-9 Riggs

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





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This spotlight features Nugget and Kulap

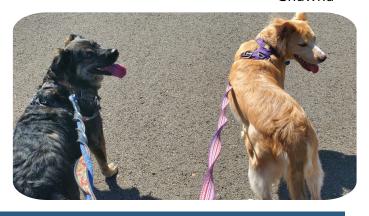
I joined paws on patrol back when it first started. I love the community aspect of it and my girls are always on alert so its fun for them to now have a more official duty.

Nugget loves to be seen and makes sure everyone she sees gives her some love, if she does not want to engage with someone that is a clear sign to me to stay clear of that person. She loves to play and sounds like a seal when she is in full play mode, if I could only get her to make that sound when she is out on her paws on patrol duty that would be amazing. Nugget is a ball of energy and fun.

Kulap is very selective about who she likes and does not like and is a natural observer and is very wise and is always aware of her surroundings. If she likes someone I know they are a good person, if she is unsure about a person or a situation she will bolt the other way. She for sure keeps me on my feet and if I don't go in the direction she wants, she will pull me the other way. She loves to stand guard.

Kulap takes her paws on patrol duty very seriously even when she is inside. In one instance, at my old apartment, she woke me up barking insistently. When I looked outside, I saw smoke and flames coming from a neighbor's car hood. Thanks to her I was able to call 911, and the fire department arrived, preventing further damage. This was a blessing as it was right in front of my bedroom window and and my car was parked right next to their car. Thanks to Kulap, both my apartment building and car were safe!

-Shawna



DogPaw Community Vendor Event

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Pacific Community Park, 1515 NE 164th Ave,

Vancouver, WA

We had an amazing time at last year's Bark in the Park event and enjoyed meeting so many of you! This year, we're excited to announce that the event has a brand-new name – the **DogPaw Community Vendor Event.** Mark your calendars and get ready for an even bigger and better event this year!

With more vendors, more partners, and even more activities, it's guaranteed to be another fun-filled day you won't want to miss!

Stay tuned for more details.





April 20-26 is Volunteer Appreciation Week.

We want to thank you for being part of our
Paws on Patrol program! We have 273

volunteers (not counting paws) watching
out for their neighborhoods.

We appreciate you!

Lost Pet Scam Alert

You may have recently heard about a lost pet scam, where someone pretends to be from a humane society or animal rescue, claiming they've found your lost pet and are asking for money or personal information. Unfortunately, these scams prey on the emotions of pet owners, taking advantage of the desperation and hope of reuniting with a lost pet.



There have been several recent reports of such scams in the Portland area, where scammers are claiming to be from the Oregon Humane Society.

Scams like this can happen anywhere, so here are some tips to help you recognize them and know what to do:

- Beware of Unsolicited Calls or Messages: Scammers often contact pet owners claiming to have found their lost pet. They might ask for payment upfront for "fees" like vaccinations, microchip scanning, or may claim the pet is injured and in need of medical care.
- **Check the Source**: Scammers use "spoofing" to make the caller ID appear legitimate. Official humane societies or animal rescues will not ask for money over the phone or via email before you've seen your pet in person. Always verify the identity of the organization by checking their website or calling them directly using a trusted number.
- **Never Provide Personal Information:** Scammers may ask for personal or financial details. Always be cautious about sharing this kind of information unless you're sure of the legitimacy of the contact.
- **Contact Your Local Humane Society:** If you suspect you're being scammed, reach out to your local humane society or animal control. They may have advice or be able to confirm whether the organization contacting you is legitimate.
- **Report the Scam:** If you realize it's a scam, report it to your local authorities and the Federal Trade Commission (<u>FTC</u>) so they can investigate and prevent others from falling victim.