



Christina Pivarnik and Whiskey Love to Listen

Port Townsend Library Hosts Summer READ to ROVER for Kids

Dogs are wonderful listeners! Kids ages 5-11 are invited to bring their favorite book or choose one from our library, then build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to one of our therapy dogs. We encourage parents, grandparents and sitters to come and watch your kids enjoy reading with our great dogs.

The Port Townsend Library is located at 1220 Lawrence St. and the Read to Rover sessions will be in the Children's Room every Tuesday this summer at 1:00 pm. For more information, call (360) 385-3181.



Goodies, Gratitude and Goodbyes

The end of the school year is bittersweet for the entire READ to ROVER community. The "graduating" second graders had to say "goodbye" to their favorite dogs (knowing there would be no READ to ROVER program for them in 3rd grade). Both Salish Coast Elementary and Chimacum Creek Primary Schools held end-of-year celebrations to show appreciation for the many contributions of the participants. There was food for the humans - adults and kids alike, treats for the dogs, gift bags for volunteers, and special gifts from the volunteers to the program organizers. The kids made thank you cards for their special dogs and hand-delivered them to the teams. They also got to pet and cuddle with all the dogs. It was a moving experience for everyone. We wished everyone a great summer and expressed the hope that the kids would spend some of their time reading.



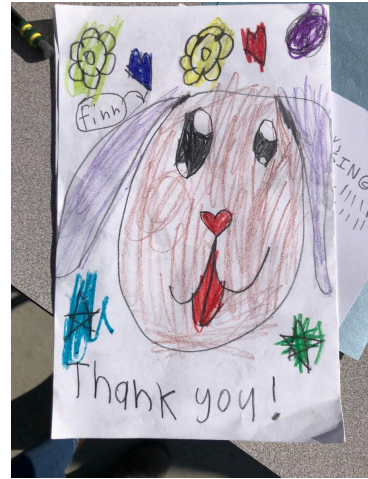


Retiring board member, Pat Swain, was honored with a farewell & thank you gift



Celebrating a community of volunteers, teachers, school staff and second grade readers

Thank you notes were created by kids and delivered to their favorite dogs



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Chilling Out With Frozen Treats

One great way to keep your pet cool during the hottest days of summer is to make some frozen treats.

Prepare a tasty and healthy concoction (some ideas below) and freeze, either in an ice cube tray, in the cavity of a hollow rubber toy (e.g. Kong), or as a pupsicle (in ice pop molds or paper cups with edible "sticks" to hold onto such as bully sticks or a carrot stick).

Your concoction should be the consistency of a blended smoothy to be easily spooned into your mold of choice. For example, thick and sticky peanut butter may need to be thinned while no-salt broth may

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need something added to provide more substance. Suggested ingredients include plain yogurt (unless your pet is lactose intolerant), coconut milk, blended fruits such as banana (a great base), melons (seeds removed), applesauce, blueberries, and cooked-down pumpkin. Freeze and bring out on those hot days.

For cats, a smoothy of blended tuna fish or canned salmon in water or wet cat food with a pinch of dried catnip might be enticing.

Whenever you use a store-bought, canned or packaged ingredient such as pumpkin puree, yogurt or peanut butter, be sure to read the label carefully to be sure the product **does not contain toxic Xylitol!** Avoid any unsafe additives or ingredients including chocolate, onions, garlic, grapes, raisins, human ice cream and dairy products, if your pet is lactose intolerant. If in doubt about any potential ingredient, leave it out!

citizens, and lower income pet owners by connecting them to resources supporting the health of pets and offering positive interactions with therapy dogs.

By resources we mean access to therapy dog programs. You can help by becoming a therapy dog team with your own dog and contributing your time to our Pets to People and READ to ROVER programs. Contact us to find out how.

By resources we also mean the funding for spay and neuter clinics for the pets of underserved families. You can help by making a financial donation so we can continue to provide these services for their beloved pets.

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