



# PAW TALES



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## Updated Adequate Shelter Requirement Tennessee Anti-Cruelty Law

*SB 195/HB 472, now Public Chapter Notice 335, defines adequate shelter for dogs living outdoors in Tennessee.*

Why was the anti-cruelty law updated: Without a shelter definition, the law is left up to the interpretation of individual pet owners, animal control or law enforcement officers, and the court. This new law creates clear guidelines for the owner and the officer. The intention is not simply to punish violators, but to create clear and reasonable expectations for the humane treatment of dogs, and to allow responsible owners the ability to take proactive steps to comply.

**The new law went into effect:** July 1, 2023

### Requirements under new law:

- Access to shelter, shade, water, food, and a clean environment.
- A shelter must be constructed of sound and substantial material that is sufficient to protect the dog from inclement weather.
- A shelter must have a roof and be enclosed on all sides with an entrance of adequate size for the dog to enter.
- A shelter must have a solid surface, resting platform, pad, floormat, or similar device that is large enough for the dog to lie on in a normal manner and that can be maintained in a sanitary manner.
- March to October the structure must be properly shaded, and November to February, when necessary, the shelter must be fitted with a sufficient quantity of bedding material.
- The structure or structures must be of a sufficient size or number to provide shelter to each dog present.

### Exceptions - the requirements for shelter do not apply when a dog is actively engaged in:

- Lawful hunting
- Police, military, patrol, detection work, or search-and-rescue
- Herding or livestock guarding
- Trials or other lawful competitions
- Service and assistance work
- Or actively training for these purposes



## Mid-Year Metrics: January 1 – June 30, 2023

**\$32,721** - Paid sponsorships (primarily vet bills for 175 animals in 14 rescue groups)

**\$4,102** - ORAU employee payroll deduction donations

**\$5,583** - Fundraiser proceeds

**\$5,340** - Other donations

**\$562** - Administrative fees (PayPal/Venmo, Web Hosting, Shipping/Postage, Annual Filings)

**\$0** - Fundraising expenses



## HPAN Sponsored Rescue Feature:

# Knox Vintage Pet Project (KVPP)






Knox Vintage Pet Project (KVPP) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Knoxville, Tennessee. KVPP was founded with the mission of improving the quality of life for senior and special needs dogs in the Knoxville area. Senior and special needs dogs are often overlooked in shelters because when many people think of bringing a new dog into their lives they think of a puppy. Some people are afraid they don't have the knowledge or ability to care for an animal with a chronic health condition or a disability. KVPP's mission has led not only to finding forever homes for these special pets, but to helping dozens of new owners realize how easy and rewarding it is to bring one of these wonderful animals into their lives! Dogs are highly adaptable, and it is easy for them to live their best life without a limb or a sense, even if they lose it later in life. With the right owner, a chronic illness can just be a yummy pill pocket every morning!

Although KVPP was founded around this mission, and they still make finding forever homes for senior and special needs dogs in the Knoxville area their priority, in their fourteen months of operation, KVPP has

grown! In response to opportunity and community need, KVPP has expanded to take in dogs of all ages and backgrounds. And KVPP has taken in dogs from as far away as Memphis, Tennessee, and found their perfect forever homes as far away as Denver, Colorado and Southfield, Michigan!

Since its establishment in May 2022, KVPP has facilitated the rescue and adoption of 181 dogs in need (75 in 2022 and 106 already in 2023)! Approximately 75 percent of which were either seniors (over the age of 8 years) or special needs. KVPP is run and operated exclusively by volunteers, and funded solely through donations and adoption fees. For more information on Knox Vintage Pet Project, you can visit [knoxvintagepets.org](https://www.knoxvintagepets.org) or the KVPP page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/knoxvintagepets>. You can find ways and places to support KVPP at either site (as well as many adorable pictures of KVPP alums!), including wishlists on Amazon and Chewy, current fundraisers, and how to donate directly to vet care. You can also donate directly to @knoxvintagepets on PayPal or Venmo!

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP...

-  Join our Facebook fundraising group - [Helping Paws Animal Network Spectacular Facebook Fundraising | Facebook](#)
-  Link your Kroger Plus Card to Helping Paws Animal Network (Harriman, TN). Simply go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and complete the easy form. No fuel points or coupons are sacrificed.
-  In Memory Of... In lieu of flowers, donate to a cause they believe will honor their loved one who has passed (pet or person). As a special tribute, please consider purchasing a memorial certificate in any amount to recognize a precious loved one. [Helping Paws Donation Page](#)
-  Link your eBay account to HPAN in their charity list to contribute to HPAN upon checkout!
-  Benevity and Frontstream have corporate match-giving platforms! If you have a spouse that works for an employer participating in employee/corporate giving, they can donate to us this way. Helping Paws Animal Network can accept donations (and matching funds) on both of these platforms!

Whichever way you choose to help, we are grateful!

# How hot is too hot for a dog's paws?

Submitted by Chris Kelley

When the thermometer registers 85 degrees and stays elevated throughout the day, taking your dog everywhere you go, even for short outings, can be dangerous. Spending even a few minutes at an outdoor event can be hazardous.

"Pavement, like asphalt or artificial grass, can become incredibly hot and cause discomfort, blisters, and burn a dog's paw pads," says Dr. Jerry Klein, DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC and an expert in veterinary emergency and critical care.



Hot surfaces are especially dangerous to puppies with sensitive young paws. "If the temperature is 85 degrees or over without the chance for the pavement to cool down, the ground may be too hot for safely walking a dog," says Dr. Klein.

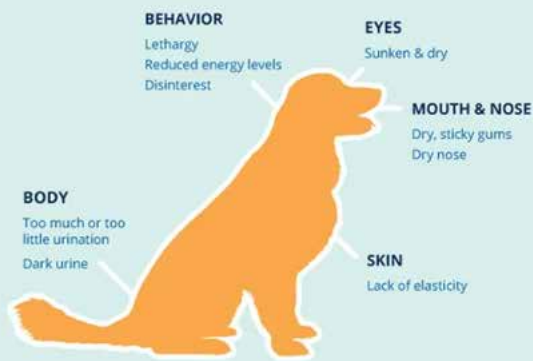
According to data reported by the Journal of the American Medical Association, when the air temperature is 86 degrees, the asphalt temperature registers 135 degrees. "To find out if the ground is too hot for your dog to walk on, place your hand comfortably on the pavement for ten seconds. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your dog's paws," says Dr. Klein.

Remember all types of terrain get hot. Not just sidewalks and pavement. This includes, dirt and sand. If you must take your dog out during hot weather, avoid the hottest time of day. Walk in the early morning or evening. Choose grassy or shady areas and consider using dog shoes\* or all-terrain boots. These offer protection from hot surfaces. Make sure you are getting the right size, they should fit



## Protect your Pup IN THE SUMMER HEAT

### Dehydration & Sidewalk Temps



### Did You Know?

Ensure your dog has ample access to water and take walks in early morning or at night to avoid dehydration.

Hot pavement can burn your dog's paw pads. Check sidewalk temps with your hand or foot. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them!

Air °F	77°	86°	87°
Asphalt °F	125°	131°	135°

Skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds at 125° F.

An egg can fry in 5 seconds at 131° F.

snugly, but not too tight and not too loose. Just like when you are determining your own shoe size, remember your dog's feet need some room to breathe. Having the right size shoe will help your dog acclimate to wearing them. Choose foot coverings with wrap-around closers and full-foot grips on the bottoms. Avoid products that stick to the dog's pads.

Many dogs need time to adjust to wearing dog shoes so make sure to practice wearing them around the house before your first outing.

\* HPAN has many varieties and sizes of dog shoes for sale! Email us for information. [info@helpingpawsanimalnetwork.org](mailto:info@helpingpawsanimalnetwork.org)

# 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Cutest Pet Photo CONTEST

Who will the public vote in as the cutest pet of 2023?

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners! HPAN invites you to share your cutest pet photos. Enter Now through September 15th

Email Photos to:

HelpingPawsAnimalNetworkTN@gmail.com

Include your name, pet's name, and details of your pet's story (Details not required, but desired, especially if it's a rescue animal!)

Email as many photos as you would like for \$5 each  
- no humans in photo, please!

Ways to submit payment:

Use PayPal: helpingpaws

Use Venmo: @HPAN37830

By Check: mail a check (payable to HPAN) to

HPAN, 969 Oak Ridge Turnpike #304, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

## Feedback from Sponsored Rescue Organizations:

"Thank you! This is such a huge relief!"

~Tracy, MoCo Mutts Rescue Center

"Thank you so very much! You are so appreciated!"

~Susan, Maryville/Alcoa Animal Rescue Center

"You all are awesome; thank you!"

~Linda, For the Love of Woofers

"Thank you for helping River and for all that you do!"

~Jessie, Rockin Community Cats

"Thank you so much for getting this approved so quickly. This is awesome! Eddie is on the road to being heartworm-free!"

~Barb, Anderson County Animal Shelter

"You guys have helped us sooo much and it is greatly appreciated!"

~Kristin, Blount County Animal Welfare Society

"Thank you!"

~DeTrese, Humane Society of Roane County

"Thank you EVER so much! Bless you!"

~Annette, Almost Home Animal Rescue

"I have just sat and cried. You have no idea how much this helps our shelter."

~Patricia, Friends of Campbell County TN Animals

"Thank you so much. We appreciate the ongoing support. We have had a lot of medical cases over the past year, so this means a lot to us."

~Summer, Double Dog Rescue

"Thank you SOOOOO VERY MUCH."

~Kimmey, Loudon County Friends of Animals

"Thank you so much; we really appreciate the help!"

~Melia, Slumdogg Rescue Crew

"Thank you SO much!"

~Ashley, Knox Vintage Pet Project

"You may not remember Bear, but he was a total mess.. 10-12 years old, heartworms, congestive heart failure; he was eaten up with ooey, gooey mange, horrible cherry eyes.... Anyway you guys helped us with him, he went to New York and a couple drove all the way from Virginia to adopt him!!! We are thrilled. The last picture shows how good he looks (he got his cherry eyes fixed and looks like a new dog)!!! We're thrilled!! Thanks Again!!"

~ Becky, Best Friends Sanctuary



For additional information on animals supported by HPAN funds, follow our blog:



<https://helpingpaws37830.wordpress.com/>

