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BARK is dedicated to the memory of Officer Ella Grace French, for service to her community, and her love of homeless animals.

Welcome BACK to BARK



BARK is BACK! We are thrilled to be back in the park with BARK 2022. This year we are honored to dedicate BARK to Officer Ella Grace French who lost her life in the line of service to Chicago. Officer French was an amazing animal lover who helped every stray she came across find a safe home.

BARK brings new energy back to The Stadium Green at Soldier Field. There is nothing better than beginning your day with a brisk 2.5 mile walk and following up with the best dog party in town. Thanks to our sponsors and fundraisers, especially VCA Hospitals as our Grand Sponsor, for your support to help us raise funds to care for animals in need. Special thanks to our MC's—Roz Veron and Hosea Sanders from ABC7, Steve Tingle from WDRV The Drive, and Steve Dale from WGN.

Our thanks also to the many organizations who are joining us on May 21. You can see everything from training demonstrations to the agility course, to a Zen Den, or the Canine Carnival. And this year we are adding a mini-music festival, thanks to our great sponsors. And then, of course, visit with our vendors, sample some refreshments, and enjoy seeing all the pups and their humans. A true sight to behold!

Grab a friend or two, and bring your pup to enjoy BARK 2022. We are so happy to see you in person!

Thank you for your support, and your commitment to helping us build a healthy and happy community where pets and people thrive together!

Tracy L. Elliott
President and CEO
The Anti-Cruelty Society

THE ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY

Our Mission

Build a healthy and happy community where pets and people thrive together.

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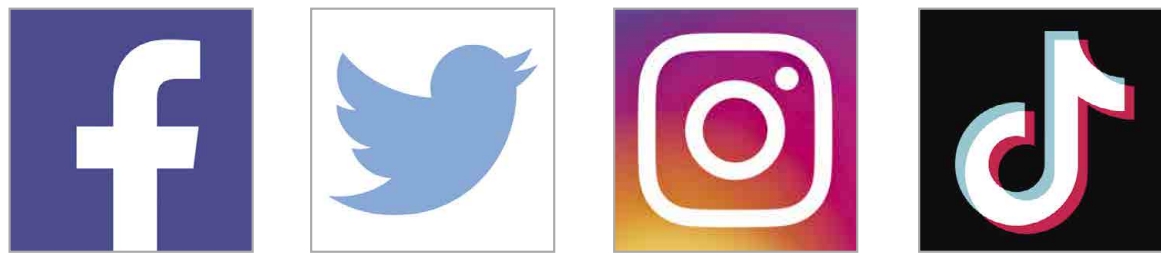
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LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

May 21, 2022

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the Anti-Cruelty Society’s 28th Annual BARK Walk and Fundraiser.

Since its founding in 1899 by Rose Fay Thomas, The Anti-Cruelty Society has helped to create a more caring and humane society by advocating for the safety and well-being of pets and other animals. People around the city and across the country have benefitted from the Society’s mission, not only in controlling the pet population and ensuring animal health, but also by bringing joy to families and communities with new pet additions. The Anti-Cruelty Society is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the United States and one of the most important to the City of Chicago.

“BARK” has become a long-standing tradition among pet owners and animal lovers and offers the opportunity to come together to stand up for animals by supporting The Anti-Cruelty Society. This event raises vital funding that will ensure that the Society can continue to provide services and resources for animals and families around the city. In addition, this year BARK is dedicated to the memory of Officer Ella French, who lost her life in the line of duty in 2021. Officer French was known for her love of animals and always finding a safe home for any stray dog she found. I commend The Anti-Cruelty Society for demonstrating how a commitment to caring is a commitment to making a difference.

Congratulations to all of this year’s participants. I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

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Mayor





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THE ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY... at a glance

As Chicago's oldest and most comprehensive animal welfare organization, The Anti-Cruelty Society has been committed to helping pets and educating people for more than 123 years.

Founded in 1899, The Anti-Cruelty Society is Chicago's oldest, open-admission animal welfare organization. With a mission of building a healthy and happy community where pets and people thrive together, its comprehensive programs and services help over 25,000 animals and humans every year through adoption, low or no-cost spay/neuter clinic, cruelty investigations and rescue, humane education, and community outreach. Other services include a free behavior helpline, the Bruckner Rehabilitation & Treatment Center, the Virginia Butts Berger Cat Clinic and the Dog Rehabilitation Center.

The Anti-Cruelty Society provides community support to keep people and their pets together through safety net services such as the pop-up pet

food pantry program, wellness fairs, emergency pet boarding, senior citizen pet owner support, and community education programs. Its vision is to build a more humane Chicago for pets and people. For more information, visit anticruelty.org.

Guiding Principles

- Animals deserve the best care.
- We welcome all.
- We celebrate and nurture the relationship between pets and people.

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Churchill Park

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Montrose Beach

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River Park

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Coliseum Park

1466 S. Wabash Ave.

Norwood Park

5801 N. Natoma Ave.

Walsh Park

722 N. Ashland Ave.

Foster Beach

5200 N. Lake Shore Dr.*

Park No. 511

630 N. Kingsbury St.

Wicker Park

1425 N. Damen Ave.

Grant Park

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Park No. 542

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Wiggly Field

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*Parks with beach and lake access

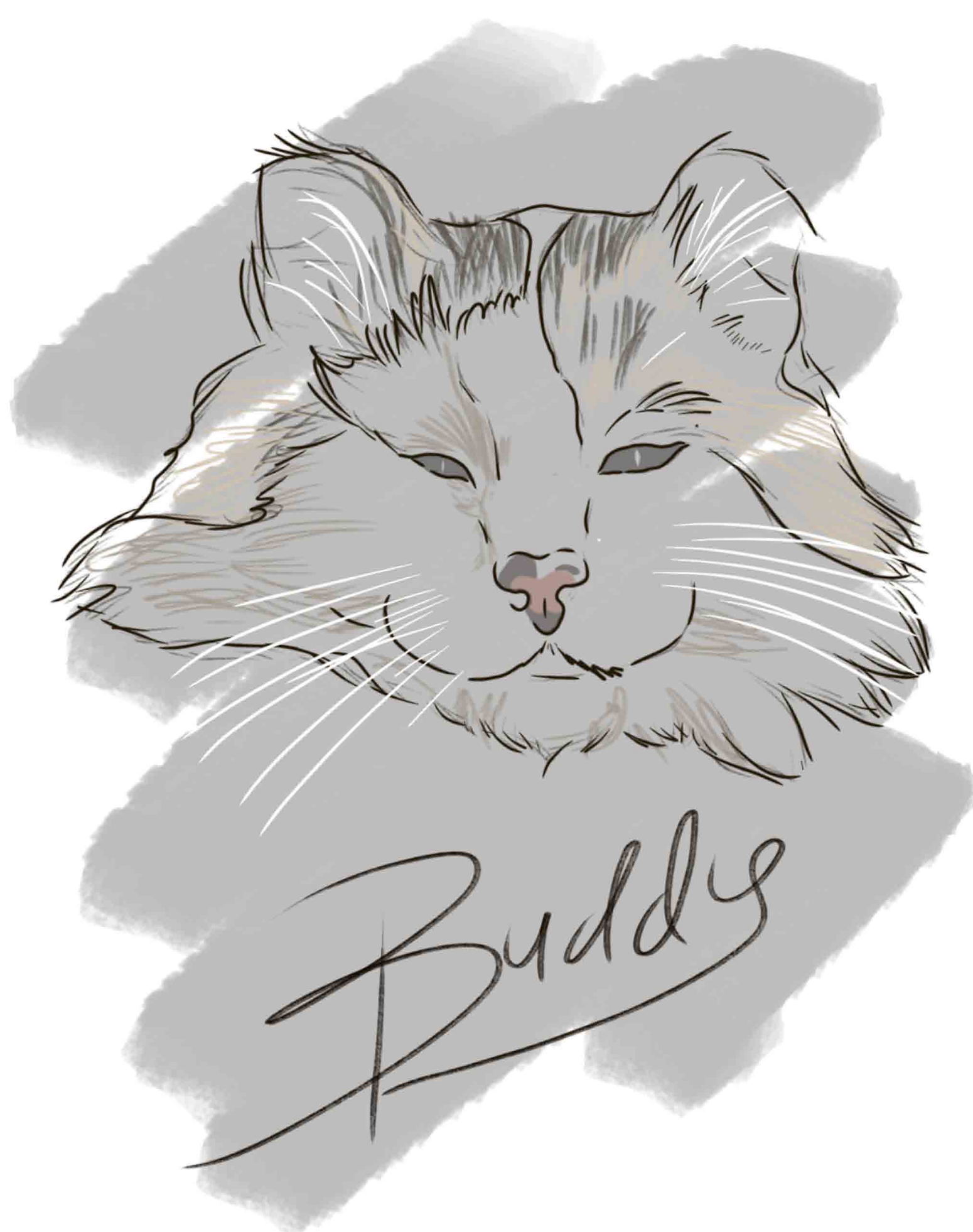


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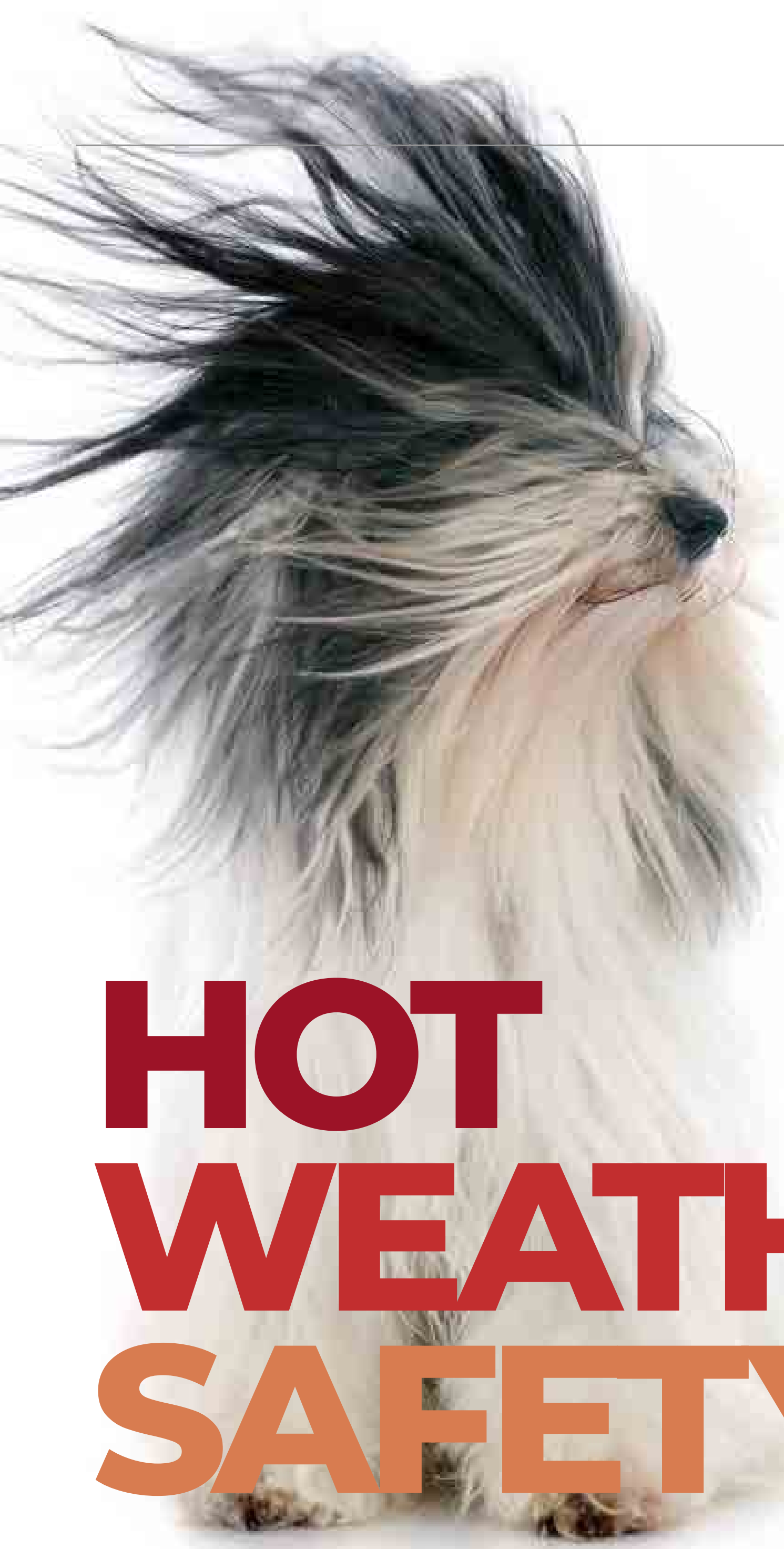
Order a one-of-a-kind drawing of your pet to support the Society's animals.

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Limited time offer due to the artistic nature of this fundraiser.



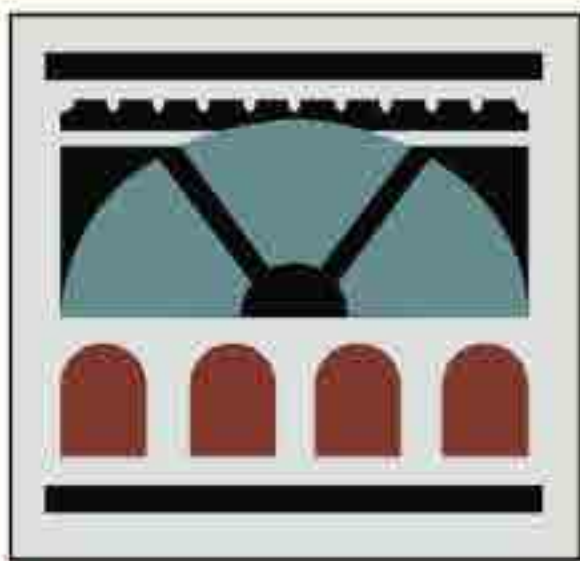
HOT WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Keeping your pets safe in the heat

- **Do not leave your pet in a parked car.** A parked car quickly becomes dangerously hot, even with the windows left partly opened.
- **Be aware of the humidity.** When the humidity is high, dogs have a harder time cooling themselves. A dog's temperature should not be over 104 degrees. To cool a dog down, offer an ice pack or wet towel for them to lay on. Add ice cubes to their water dish.
- **Limit outdoor activities and exercise on hot days.** Adjust the duration and type of activity you do with your dog on hot days. Extended periods of time in the heat can lead to heat stroke and death. Always carry water to help keep your pet hydrated.
- **Provide shade and water.** When you're outside, be sure your pet has protection from heat and sun. Add ice to water when possible to keep it cold. Find shade under trees where airflow is constant.
- **Know the signs of heat stroke.** Symptoms include: difficulty breathing or sudden rapid breath, a blank or anxious stare, off-color gums and tongue, disorientation, excessive drooling, lack of urine, muscle tremors, or sudden collapse.
- **Call your veterinarian.** If your animal is showing any concerning signs of being dehydrated like loss of appetite, reduced energy levels, excessive panting, sunken, dry-looking eyes, dry nose and gums, palen gums, or loss of skin elasticity, call your veterinarian immediately.

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BRINGING YOUR DOGS TO OUTDOOR EVENTS

Outdoor events are great ways to spend time with family, friends, and with a little extra planning, your canine companion too!

First, make sure that the event is in a dog-friendly location and follow all the posted rules. Make sure that other people attending the event are okay with you bringing your dog.

What to bring:

- Poop bags
- Leash
- Food and water bowls
- Dog bed or a towel/blanket
- Long line or tie out
- Chew toys or enrichment toys
- Dog treats
- Tennis ball, frisbee, or other retrieving toys

Once you arrive to the event, choose a place to set up your dog's things before doing anything else.

Have your dog on a leash when introducing him to other guests.

When people begin to eat, take your dog back to his area and give him a stuffed Kong or other enrichment toy to keep him busy.

You know your dog best. If your dog gets overstimulated, overwhelmed, or nervous in new environments, it is probably best to leave him back home where he will be more comfortable.

Always pick up after your dog.

Be on the lookout for picnic scraps such as chicken bones and other litter that could harm your dog.

Be prepared to leave early.

NEVER leave your dog in the car.

OUR 2021 IMPACT



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2021 was all about impact—both with the shelter and within communities that needed our support to care for animals and their humans. Thanks to our staff, volunteers, fosters, and supporters for making 2021 a year of impact and compassion in action.



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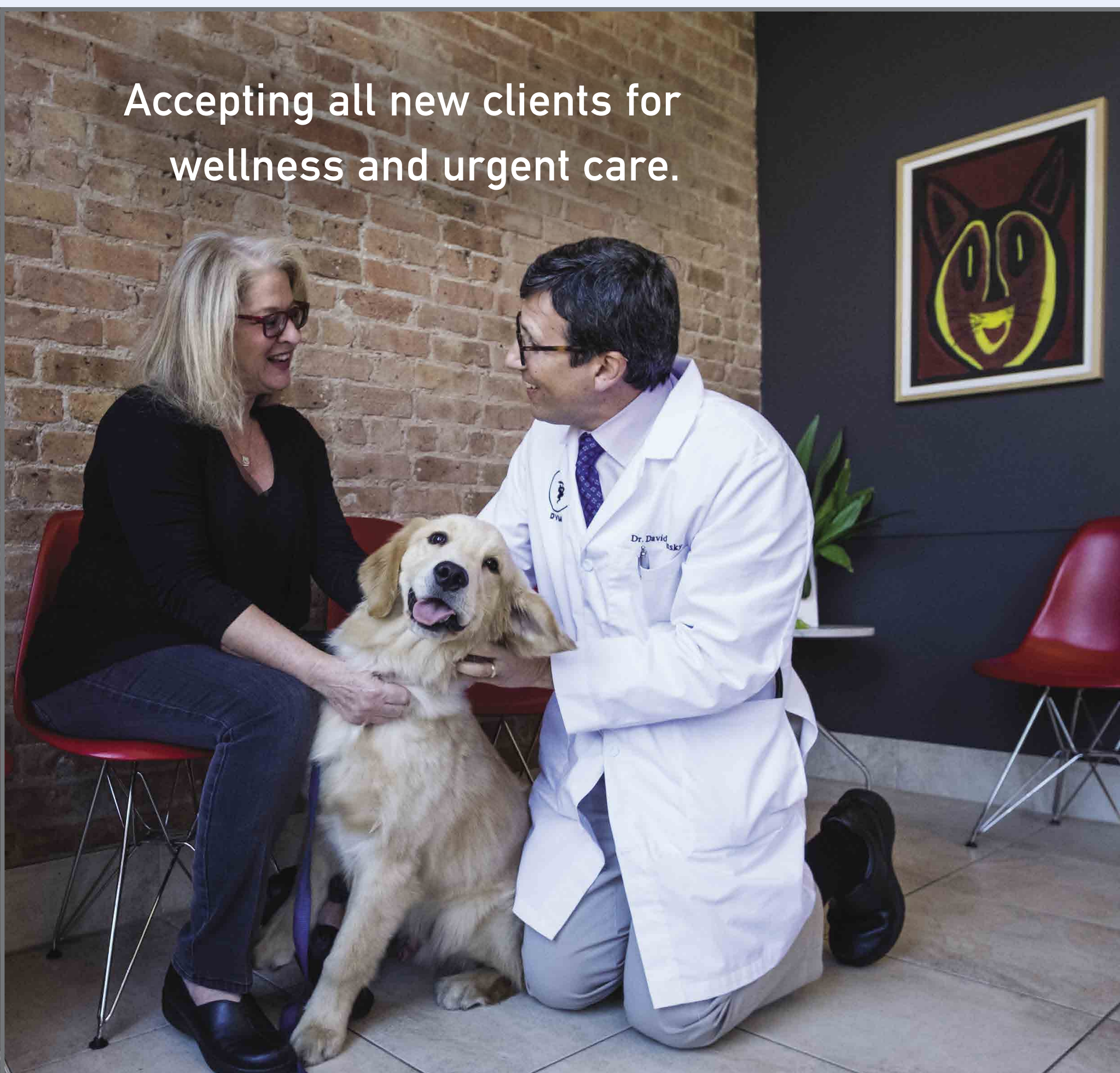


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JULY 4TH DOG SAFETY

Fireworks, Thunderstorms, and Big Booms, Oh My! How to Navigate Loud Noises That Scare Your Pet

Many dogs and cats experience anxiety when they hear sudden, loud noises. With the Fourth of July quickly approaching, more people will be gathering for holiday parties where fireworks may be set off at odd times and in unexpected locations.

What does a scared pet look like?

A scared pet will show many signs of discomfort. They may run and hide to a place they feel is safest, often in an interior room like a bedroom or bathroom. Other signs of a distressed dog may include tongue flicking, ears back, whale eyes, trembling, a tail that is down and tucked, or nervous yawning. They may be clingy, and want to cuddle closely with you, or they may show heavy panting, or drooling.

What can I do to help my pet?

First of all, take your dog outside before it gets dark to avoid fireworks. When your pet is stressed you should try and create a safe, calm environment for them. Reduce the noises they can hear by setting up a comfortable place for them in the quietest part of the home. Place a bed, their favorite toys and treats in the basement, or an interior room to help insulate them from the noises outside, and create a calm environment for them. Drowning out the sounds with more familiar, louder sounds, may also help. White noise, music, podcasts, or your favorite show, can all be helpful sounds to reduce noises that frighten your pet.

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JULY 4TH DOG SAFETY (CONTINUED)




There are also products available that may help your dog. Mutt Muffs are earmuffs for dogs that can help drown out the loud sounds of fireworks or thunderstorms. A Thundershirt compresses your dog strategically in the right places, so it's a little like a bear hug for your freaked out friend.

When to call a vet

Some dogs are so stressed out that talking to your veterinarian might help. Knowing that thunderstorms and fireworks often happen unpredictably, just means you should prepare for the next time your pal becomes anxious. Especially if your dog shows excessive panting or heavy drooling, call your veterinarian when the event has passed and schedule an appointment.

Give your pet all the comfort they need

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