

CHEW Website

At CHEW, we strive to ensure that every dollar goes toward helping dogs in need. That said, some administrative costs are unavoidable. One such investment has been updating our website.

After 10 years with the same site, we recognized the need for a more modern, user-friendly experience—especially for those using mobile devices. Many people have had trouble

completing our application and foster forms on their phones, so our new site was designed with mobile access in mind.

We've also made it easier to view our available dogs and access key information about them right from the homepage.

Take a look and let us know what you think—we'd love your feedback!



Message from our President

GLORIA STEWART

Summer is here with a lot of adventures awaiting you and your pup. This is a great time to strengthen your bond with your dog by including them in the family fun while keeping them safe.

The market has opened up with all new products just for dog safety. Are you a boater, own a kayak, love all water activities? Get your pup a life vest with a handle on the back for easy pickup of a wet dog. Are you a hiker/camper? Then the outdoor vest is just what you need. The vest allows your dog to carry their water

and food and anything else needed. Also when back at the campfire an x-pen comes in handy to provide your dog a portable enclosure to unwind and relax.

Before you plan your next adventure with your furry companion, make sure they are microchipped and the info is up to date. Also make sure they have some sort of a name tag on their collar with MS air tags being very popular. Have fun this Summer while making lasting memories with your dog.

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Dr. Alicia Finger, DVM <u>Harbor Animal Hospital</u>

Heat Stroke - Summer is here, let's be safe!

Heat stroke is called hyperthermia in our canine friends. Risk factors for this include obesity, breed, body weight, and fitness. Dog breeds most at risk are brachycephalic (i.e. short snout dogs such as French bulldogs, Boston terriers, Bulldogs) and Golden retrievers. Dogs weighing more than 30 pounds have increased risk. Clinical signs of heat stroke include excessive panting, excess drooling, gum color change from pink to red/blue/purple and unsteadiness on feet or drunken gait.

Hyperthermia is a temperature higher than 105 degrees F. This can cause serious organ damage to kidneys, liver, heart and brain. Also, coagulation can be affected causing bleeding disorders and decreased oxygenation.

If you suspect heat stroke, determine temperature and immediately start the cooling process: remove from heat, provide a

fan, use cool water bath, wet the ears and paws. Then immediately seek the closest veterinary facility for assessment of the pet. Please refrain from: covering the pet with wet towels, do not attempt to force water into the mouth, do not leave pet unattended. Goals for cooling would bring the temperature down to 102.5–103 degrees F.

Stanford University Medical Center had research showing what the temperature inside a locked car is depending on the outside temperature.

Outside Temperature vs Inside Vehicle Temperature: $70 \circ F = 100 \circ F$, $75 \circ F = 110 \circ F$, $80 \circ F = 120 \circ F$, $85 \circ F = 130 \circ F$, $90 \circ F = 140 \circ F$

Please, do not leave a pet in a vehicle unattended for any reason. Be safe and have a great summer!

GIVE BIG FUNDRAISER

Give Big is an annual online fundraiser conducted each year in Washington State for participating non-profits. We had many generous donors and raised a total of \$1980 for CHEW dogs. THANK YOU TO ALL!



Meet & Greet Events

Join us for our Meet & Greet events in Gig Harbor next quarter from noon 'til 2:00.



July 12, August 9, September 13



July 26, August 23, September 27

Other Upcoming Events - Check Our Website Calendar for Details



AUGUST 22-24 BOOKS FOR BARKS

Our annual book sale at Wilco Farm Store. Our biggest event yet!

AUGUST 24 - EMERGENCY & EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS FOR PEOPLE & PETS



Presented by CHEW Dog Rescue & the Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition, informative seminar at the Gig Harbor Library. SEPTEMBER 6 - HARBOR HOUNDS IN GIG HARBOR



21st Annual Community Dog Festival and Fundraising Event - we'll be there!

SEPTEMBER 13 - BARK BY THE BAY

Fun canine festival at Chambers Creek Regional Park - we'll be there as well!





Happy Tails - Millie's Story

In early May, doodle Millie was discovered hanging out in an Orchard near Yakima. We were told she had been callously discarded and had been in this orchard for a couple of weeks. She was in rough shape and had obviously been neglected. She was also limping and was not putting much weight on one of her front legs. CHEW was contacted to see if we could help her. We reached out to one of our longtime foster's and she was willing to foster Millie. The foster has a super quiet household which is just what Millie would need. Millie was captured and driven to the west side and immediately taken to our Vet, Harbor Animal Hospital.

Millie was very timid and scared, but very sweet. She was underweight, very dirty and matted, had horrible ear infections and an obvious broken leg. She was shaved down and a lot of time was spent on cleaning her ears which were totally black inside. She also had a severe UTI and was having trouble emptying her bladder. An Xray was taken of her leg and we could see that it had been broken in 2 places, but the bones were already mending on their own. Foster Mom took her home to start the healing process and we would meet with an orthopedic surgeon the following week. Millie was too frail to be put under anesthesia and had to rest to gain some strength.

For the first few days all Millie did was sleep and eat. The next week another Xray was taken of her leg and it was healing remarkably well on its own. She was putting weight on it and barely limping. Millie was healing so well that we were able to get her in to be spayed and to work some more on cleaning and dealing with the infection in her ears. We had a family that reached out as soon as we took Millie in that were interested in adopting her. There is always someone home and there are 2 other dogs for Millie to bond with. They have a fantastic yard and setting for their dogs. With one more final x-ray it was determined that Millie did not need surgery on her leg. The bones were mending nicely together and she was running and jumping on it. Millie is now in her forever home and is doing great.









Dogs Adopted Second Quarter 2025

