

PAWS-BHM "PAWSITIVE PALS" — SUMMER 2026

WELCOME
to
"PAWSITIVE PALS"
with
Berkley,
The Pug!

PAWSITIVE PALS is the perfect way to "stay in the know" on how kids can help shelter animals in the Birmingham area!



SUMMER FUN WITH BERKLEY!



A Message from Berkley the Pug:

Hey Kids!

School's out for summer, and that means more time for fun with your pet! Whether you're taking your dog on a walk, tossing a favorite toy in the backyard, playing with your cat, or teaching a new trick, every moment you spend together helps your pet feel loved.

And don't miss our PAWS-BHM Summer Reading Adventure this month! You'll have a chance to earn PAW PRINTS by completing fun challenges, helping some special animals, & searching for hidden copies of our favorite new book "Beatrice" in Little Free Libraries around town!

This summer, invite your furry friend to join the adventure and make memories that will keep tails wagging and purrs rumbling all season long!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

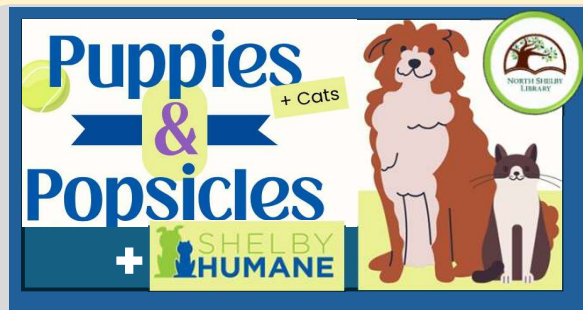
Check out these fun summer events for animal lovers!



JUNE 6th thru JULY 22nd

PAWS-BHM SUMMER READING ADVENTURE!

Earn Berkley's **PAW PRINTS** by completing fun challenges, helping animals, and searching for hidden copies of our favorite new book in Little Free Libraries! Complete the challenge and print your certificate by July 22nd!



SATURDAY, JUNE 6th 10 am – 1 pm

NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY - "Puppies & Popsicles"

Save the date for a paws-itive wonderful day at the library when Shelby Humane brings adorable dogs and cats looking for their forever homes! Popsicles and crafts provided by the library!



THURSDAY, JUNE 18th 2 pm

MT LAUREL LIBRARY - "Crafting for Critters"

Come join the fun with PAWS-BHM as tweens "rip -n- snip" old t-shirts into braided rope toys and create sock toys from recycled water bottles – all to benefit shelter pets! See website for details; registration required.



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS – 10:00 to noon

30 minute slots available - SHELBY HUMANE -

"Read with a Cat" Program Looking for a fun, volunteer activity for your kids this summer? During June & July, bring them to Shelby Humane to read and cuddle with our adorable cats and kittens! Registration is required; See the Shelby Humane website for more info!



8 CAMP SESSIONS – 9 am to 4 pm

GBHS - "Critter Camp"

Campers will learn about shelter animals, Alabama wildlife, reptiles, animal behavior and body language, homes and habitats, and how conservation, shelters, and rescues work! Great for children who love animals; available to students that have completed kindergarten through sixth grade.

EARN A PAW PRINT
BY COMPLETING
THESE ACTIVITIES!

 **COLOR THE
PAW PRINTS RED**
WHEN YOU DO ONE
OF THESE ACTIVITIES:

-  Read to a pet.
-  Read outside.
-  Read a book about animals.
-  Visit a Little Free Library.
-  Share a book with a friend.

 **COLOR THE
PAW PRINTS BLUE**
WHEN YOU DO ONE
OF THESE ACTIVITIES:

-  Make a dog treat from the PAWS-BHM website.
-  Make a pet enrichment toy.
-  Donate one item to a shelter.
-  Draw a picture of your pet.
-  Learn one new fact about shelter animals.

 **COLOR THE
PAW PRINTS YELLOW**
WHEN YOU DO ONE
OF THESE ACTIVITIES:

-  Find one of the hidden copies of Beatrice.
-  Leave a book in a Little Free Library.
-  Attend a library event.
-  Visit your local library.
-  Read for 10 minutes three days in a row.

Help Berkley find her friends and enjoy a picnic with Beatrice (and maybe even Buster)!

**START
HERE!** 





Complete each activity to earn a **PAW PRINT!** Color in one paw print for each adventure you complete. Then help Berkley find her friends for a picnic full of fun! 



 Watch our Facebook page each week for fun clues on where to find the hidden copies of Beatrice at Little Free Libraries! 

Be kind to animals! 

 **You did it!**
You helped Berkley find her friends and complete amazing adventures all summer long!
Enjoy your picnic, pals! 

 Finished all 12 paw prints? Go to PAWSBHM.org to print your certificate and celebrate your **PAW-SOME** adventure! 



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★ BERKLEY'S BOOK OF THE MONTH ★

Meet Beatrice!

Berkley has a new best friend named Beatrice, and she wants YOU to meet her too!

This is my favorite NEW book!

Beatrice
Georgia Claridy

A true hero dog story!

Berkley has a favorite new book, and she wants you to read it too! *Beatrice* is by local author, Georgia Claridy, and is about a special dog named Beatrice who becomes a real life hero! You can follow along for clues this summer on where to find hidden copies of *Beatrice* at Little Free Libraries around town!

MORE SUMMER FUN WITH BERKLEY!

Blueberry PUPSICLES

A COOL treat for your pet on hot summer days!

Make this recipe and earn a PAW PRINT for your Summer Reading Adventure!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup blueberries
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt (unsweetened, unflavored)
Make sure it does NOT contain xylitol! It's very toxic to dogs.
- 1/4 cup water

LET'S MAKE IT!

- BLEND** the blueberries, yogurt, and water together until smooth.
- POUR** the mixture into silicone molds or popsicle molds.
♥ Add a bone-shaped cookie or treat for a handle (optional)!
- FREEZE** for at least 4 hours or until completely solid.
- SERVE** frozen for a refreshing, fruity treat!

STORAGE: Keep frozen in a sealed container or freezer-safe bag for up to 2 months.

Perfect for hot days, happy pups! ♥

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4th of July WORD SEARCH

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FIND THESE WORDS: Parade, Fireworks, Kitten, Freedom, Hero, Liberty, Puppy, Picnic, Barbecue, Wag, Flag, Whiskers, Purr, Paw, Leash

This month’s WORD SEARCH focuses on a special summer holiday—**The Fourth of July!**

The **Fourth of July** is also called **Independence Day** since it celebrates the day the United States declared its independence in 1776. It’s basically “**America’s Birthday!**” 🎂

Here are a few fun facts about **Independence Day**:

The **Declaration of Independence** was officially adopted on **July 4, 1776**. That’s why Americans celebrate Independence Day each year on **July 4th!** 🇺🇸

RED, WHITE, & BLUE are the colors of the **American flag**.

The **50 stars** represent the **50 states**, and the **13 stripes** represent the original **13 colonies**.

- **Did you know?** Americans eat millions of hot dogs every Fourth of July during cookouts and celebrations!
- **Fireworks** have been part of Independence Day celebrations for more than **200 years**. Their bright colors and loud booms help make the holiday exciting and memorable. 🎆

BERKLEY'S PET TIP:

While fireworks can be fun for people, many pets find the loud noises scary. Make sure your pets stay safely indoors with their identification tags on, and give them a quiet place to relax during fireworks displays.



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ANSWER KEY!

FIND THESE WORDS: Parade, Fireworks, Kitten, Freedom, Hero, Liberty, Puppy, Picnic, Barbecue, Wag, Flag, Whiskers, Purr, Paw, Leash
 Did you find "Wag" twice? Give yourself BONUS POINTS if you did!

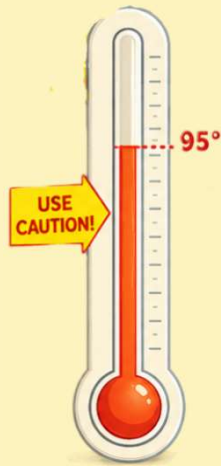
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HOT WEATHER GUIDE FOR PET OWNERS



- BELOW 75°F** – Generally safe
Most pets are comfortable for normal walks, playtime, and outdoor activities.
- 75–85°F** – Use caution
Bring water on walks and make sure your pet has access to shade. Watch for excessive panting, especially in older pets and short-nosed breeds.
- 85–90°F** – Limit outdoor activity
Take shorter walks during the cooler morning or evening hours. Avoid strenuous exercise and always provide plenty of fresh water.
- 90–95°F** – High risk of overheating
Outdoor play should be brief. Watch for signs of heat stress such as heavy panting, drooling, weakness, or seeking cool surfaces.
- ABOVE 95°F** – Keep pets indoors when possible
Heat exhaustion can develop quickly. Make sure pets have air conditioning or a cool, shaded area and unlimited access to water.



HOT PAVEMENT WARNING!

Sidewalks and asphalt can get much hotter than the air!

QUICK TEST:

Place the back of your hand on the pavement for **7 SECONDS.**

If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your pet's paws!



SIGNS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION

Watch for:

- Excessive panting
- Drooling more than normal
- Bright red gums or tongue
- Weakness or wobbling
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Lethargy or collapse

If you notice these signs, move your pet to a cool area immediately and contact a veterinarian.

BERKLEY'S SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



Always bring water for your pet on summer adventures!



Early mornings and evenings are the safest times for walks.



Shade is your pet's best friend on hot summer days.

BEAT THE HEAT – KEEP YOUR PET COOL, SAFE & HAPPY ALL SUMMER LONG!