

Cruse News



Springfield-Greene County Park Board

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October is "Adopt a Rescue" month!

10 reasons to Adopt a Shelter Dog:

1. You're saving more than one life. When you rescue a dog from a shelter, you are creating the opportunity for another animal in desperate need to find their forever home.
2. Unconditional Love. Shelter dogs have so much love to give it's almost impossible not to bond and connect with them once you meet them.
3. You're giving a second chance to a deserving animal. They didn't ask to be a shelter dog. Giving them a second chance to live their best life is the best gift we can give them.
4. You get a chance to stay active. The older we get, the constant reminder to stay active is always there, and they are happy to help keep you on your toes.
5. You have someone new to shop for! Honestly, who doesn't love to spend money on their forever friend?
6. You're fighting back against cruel breeding. Adopting helps to give back to the community you live in, instead of helping breeders profit.
7. Destress & unwind with someone who won't judge you. They can sense our emotions. Have you ever met a dog that doesn't cuddle when you've had a long day?
8. Increases your social interactions. Dogs love playdates as much as you do with your friends and family! (And making friends at the local dog park!)
9. You'll have a lifelong BFF. To you, they may be your best friend for a short time. To them, we are their best friend for their whole life.
10. Life will never be boring again. Pets are like kids, never a dull moment.

Halloween Safety Tips

Did you know that Halloween hype can cause pets stress? If you feel your pooch might make a run for it out the front door during trick-or-treat visits, consider putting them in a crate with a treat filled toy. You can also minimize the noise by keeping the trick-or-treating outside and avoid the knocks or doorbells going off.

Be mindful of Halloween candy access! Chocolate, gum and xylitol (a sweetener used in many foods) are hazardous to pets. Keep the 24-hour ASPCA hotline handy 888-426-4435 (they could charge a consultation fee).

Who doesn't love to decorate? Did you know that changes in decorating indoors can make your pets frightened or nervous? Rubber eyeballs and fake cobwebs can be a choking hazard, glowsticks and fake blood could be poisonous to our furry friends.

It might be best to bring pets indoors at night during this season as they could run away out of fear of adults / children in costumes. Should that be an unfortunate event you are faced with, another helpful tip is to ensure your pet is microchipped and that information is current and up to date to help with being reunited.

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Canine Friendly Events:



www.petsandpumpkins.com



29th Annual Turkey Trot
November 23rd, 2023

8 am! *Register online at:
ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot

For anyone participating with a dog, they must be on a leash. Participants may run or walk. Strollers, families, and groups are allowed. Please clean up after your dog. Anyone participating with a dot will begin at the back.

Fall Cruse Dog Park Reminders:

We will begin winterizing the parks as the cooler temperatures stick around. The last day for water at Cruse Dog Park will be October 31st, 2023.

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset!

This will begin to change with the season!