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Meet Odin, the Fireproof Dog



THIS GREAT PYRENEES GUIDED HIS GOATS THROUGH A WILDFIRE

In October 2017, California was in flames. One of those blazes was the Tubbs Fire, which charred its way through 36,800 miles of forests and vineyards in both Napa and Sonoma County. More than 5,600 buildings were destroyed, and 22 people were killed. But when the flames finally died, a four-legged hero emerged from the ashes: Odin, the Great Pyrenees dog.

Odin belonged to Ariel and Roland Hendel, two farmers in Sonoma County. When the Tubbs Fire threatened to char their home, they packed up as many of their animals and precious items as they could. Unfortunately, their flock of goats wouldn't fit in the getaway vehicle — and their goat-herding dog, Odin, refused to abandon them. Great Pyrenees are prized livestock guardian dogs that will do anything to protect their charges, and Odin lived up to his breed.

"I said, 'Okay, Odin, take care of the goats. You'll be fine,'" Roland Hendel told ABC News.

Both Hendels were sure they were seeing their dog for the last time. Their hearts sank even further when they heard their home had burned

down completely. But on a trip back to examine the ashes, something amazing happened.

"In the distance, I saw Odin's tail," Roland told ABC. "Sure enough, there was Odin coming at the head of all his goats."

Not only did Odin survive the fire and run right up to the Hendels for belly rubs, but he also kept every single one of his goats safe! A few wild deer even joined the goats, and he shepherded them through unscathed. The incredible story made the news, and Odin became a local legend.

Unfortunately, even legends don't live forever. This April, Odin passed away after a long life of tail-wagging, treat-eating, and goat-saving. In his honor, Great Pyrenees Rescue of Missouri gifted the Hendels two new Great Pyrenees pups: Buddy and Snowflake. They're following in Odin's pawsteps, protecting the goats he loved so much.



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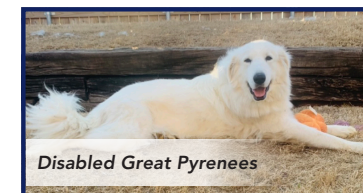


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Dog Days of Summer

WHAT OUR HOME HAS LEARNED FROM OUR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS — AND YOU CAN TOO!



If you know anything about our family, you know the Aulsbrook home loves dogs. Cleo, the "Pawresident" of Aulsbrook Law Firm goes to work with Matt. She enjoys meeting new clients and investigating the scene of accidents. But, more than anything, she loves to hand out those checks to clients and comfort them if she isn't found talking with Anabel (case manager), trying to get a few french fries. Sugar, our geriatric Great Pyrenees, enjoys the air conditioner as she lies by the front door all day waiting on Matt and Cleo to get home to go on her evening stroll, and Derby rises each morning to work with her mom, Alison, who works in health care. Much like their parents, these three pups are quite accepting of another passion we have: fostering dogs. We have rescued six Great Pyrenees this year, one who was pregnant with six puppies. We also fostered an emaciated and fearful standard poodle who was surrendered by her owner after being bred over and over again for profit. We are ending the summer fostering Baby Cakes, another Great Pyrenees who was found weaving in and out of traffic. We can't wait to see what is in store for her in her "forever" home. As we have welcomed these dogs into our home, our three have truly modeled what Southern hospitality is really about.



Cleo's advice, 'Friends and good Southern manners will carry you where money won't go.'

Cleo, Sugar, and Derby are all rescues themselves. Each time we have taken in a new dog to foster and rehabilitate, these three are accepting and even show respect in their own canine way for these temporary strangers who soon become friends and playmates. As with anything new, it's natural to be a little wary. Even so, the dogs we foster like to be connected and included upon arriving to a new and often scary environment. The dogs we foster and have adopted ourselves are accustomed to environments that you couldn't even imagine. They may come to us with illnesses, disabilities, unkempt appearances, and unpredictable behaviors. However, we have learned very quickly that our three dogs, who have been in some of these unique situations themselves, are almost always, without a doubt, the most accepting and ready to show the new guest in the house what the best in life is all about. I can only begin to imagine how our community, our metroplex, our state, our nation, and even our world would be like if we were all a little more like Cleo, Sugar, and Derby.

So what are these wonderful traits we can take away from dogs and spread into our family-life, careers, interactions in the grocery store, being a student in school, our churches, and even our

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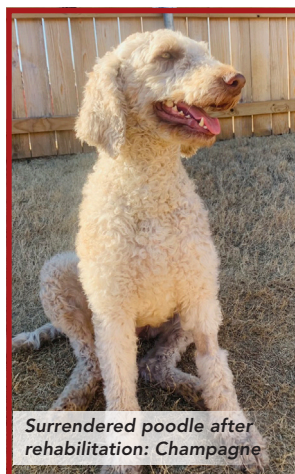
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thoughts? Derby came into our home with a lot of fear and anxiety, only liked to eat her food after the lights went out at night, and has learned that getting all cleaned up and pretty sometimes is actually refreshing. Her advice, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Cleo was adopted from a family that gave her up after a few years. Rejection is always hard and can even leave one feeling like they need to be in control. She has learned that even though she is the dominant one of the pack, she has to give up her "need" for control sometimes. She is even happier when she gives up that need and is certainly more mannerly. Cleo's advice, "Friends and good Southern manners will carry you where money won't go." We had a chat session over breakfast with ole Sugar. As a 130-pound dog, she can be intimidating. Being the gentle giant that she is, she wouldn't even snap at a fly. She is also much wiser in her old age and enjoys taking things a little slower. Her advice, "Check your prejudices, be kind, and don't rush. When the time is right, it'll happen." All in all, they would each agree that it's important to put yourself in someone else's shoes, value individual differences, respect others, be more "pawsitive," and you will be blessed with many gifts along the way.



Mama and Papa of the rescue pups



Surrendered poodle after rehabilitation: Champagne



Our dogs: Sugar, Derby, and Cleo



4 Ways to Make Parking Lots Safer

Parking lots can often be the source of confusion and frustration, but beyond the emotional stress of being in a parking area, the National Safety Council reports that parking lots can also be dangerous.

In a public poll, the council found that 63% of drivers program their GPS while in parking lots, while another 56% send text messages. (About 66% make phone calls.) Strangely, another 52% own up to using social media, and 49% say they take photos or watch videos while driving in parking lots. That doesn't sound very attentive!

When you couple these statistics with an increased presence of pedestrians and parked vehicles, parking lots can become very hazardous. You can prevent these areas from causing serious damage or injury with a few key reminders.

1. Treat parking lots like roadways.

Obey traffic signals, give the right of way to pedestrians, and monitor your blind spots and mirrors as much as safely possible. Furthermore, avoid weaving in and out of parking lot lanes when trying to drive from one side of the lot to another. This leaves you and other motorists vulnerable.

2. Be a cautious driver.

Always drive with caution. Thoroughly monitor both directions before turning and watch the back and front of your vehicle as you back up. (Passengers can help!) And watch for small children, who can easily hide between vehicles.

3. Remove all distractions.

Never text, eat, groom, or use your phone while you drive. Also, when you enter a parking area, turn off your radio and ask your passengers to stop talking. Make a family rule against talking in the parking lot! This allows the driver to focus on all of their surroundings and park or drive away safely.

4. Be vigilant when leaving.

Driving back onto the roadway can be just as dangerous as when you weave your vehicle into traffic. Don't make assumptions about what drivers will do, and only move into traffic when you are confident you have enough time to get up to speed.

Parking lots don't have to be dangerous, and with extra vigilance, we can keep others safe. However, if a vehicle accident leaves you injured, call Aulsbrook Law Firm today.

3 Apps Your Family Needs if You Have a Student

As the school year begins, many parents may look forward to a return of "normal" classrooms and schedules. Yet that doesn't make the start of the school year any less hectic! Instead of succumbing to the craziness, you can help your student and family stay organized this school year with these three apps.

Khan Academy

What if your student could have access to more than 150,000 different educational exercises without having to pay for a tutoring fee? You get that with Khan Academy! Inspired by YouTube videos made by its founder, Khan Academy offers tutoring services in a variety of subjects for students of all



ages — even for kindergartners and college students. Plus, since the content is available on the app, your child can easily get tutoring done while on their way to soccer practice or in the living room after dinner. (And you can even try some lessons, too.) It's completely moldable to your lives.

Cozi

Between homework, household chores, after-school activities, and various other responsibilities that crop up, the school year can be busy. Simplify your life and your schedule with Cozi. This sharing app allows you to coordinate your family's schedules while creating collaborative lists for to-do's and shopping. Cozi is downloadable for any phone, and your family can sync your information together. This means one app can become a hub of family coordination and day planning.



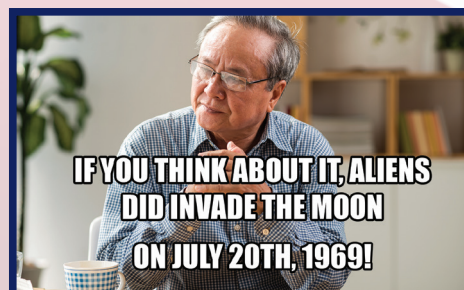
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myHomework Student Planner

If you're hoping to teach your child a little responsibility or help them track their crazy workload, myHomework Student Planner is just the app to use. myHomework allows users to catalogue class information, teacher details, homework needs, and syllabus content in one easy-to-use digital planner. This is the perfect app for new college students or high school students taking on their first bouts of advanced classes. Plus, the calendar display allows your student to track their progress and monitor deadlines for upcoming assignments.

This school year doesn't have to be stressful! Download your favorite app — or find other options — in your phone's app store.

Texas-Sized LAUGHS



HOME COOKIN'



TOMATO AND WATERMELON SALAD (YES, REALLY!)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp peppercorns, coarsely crushed
- 1 tsp coriander seeds, coarsely crushed
- 1/2 tsp cumin seeds
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 4 cups seedless watermelon, rind removed and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 heirloom tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 8 oz feta cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- Sea salt, to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small saucepan, sauté spices and herbs in the coconut oil for 3 minutes over medium heat to create turmeric oil. Take the pan off of the heat, then let it cool.
2. Combine the watermelon, tomatoes, and feta on a large platter or in a bowl. Drizzle with cooled turmeric oil. Now, simply sprinkle with sea salt and enjoy!

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