



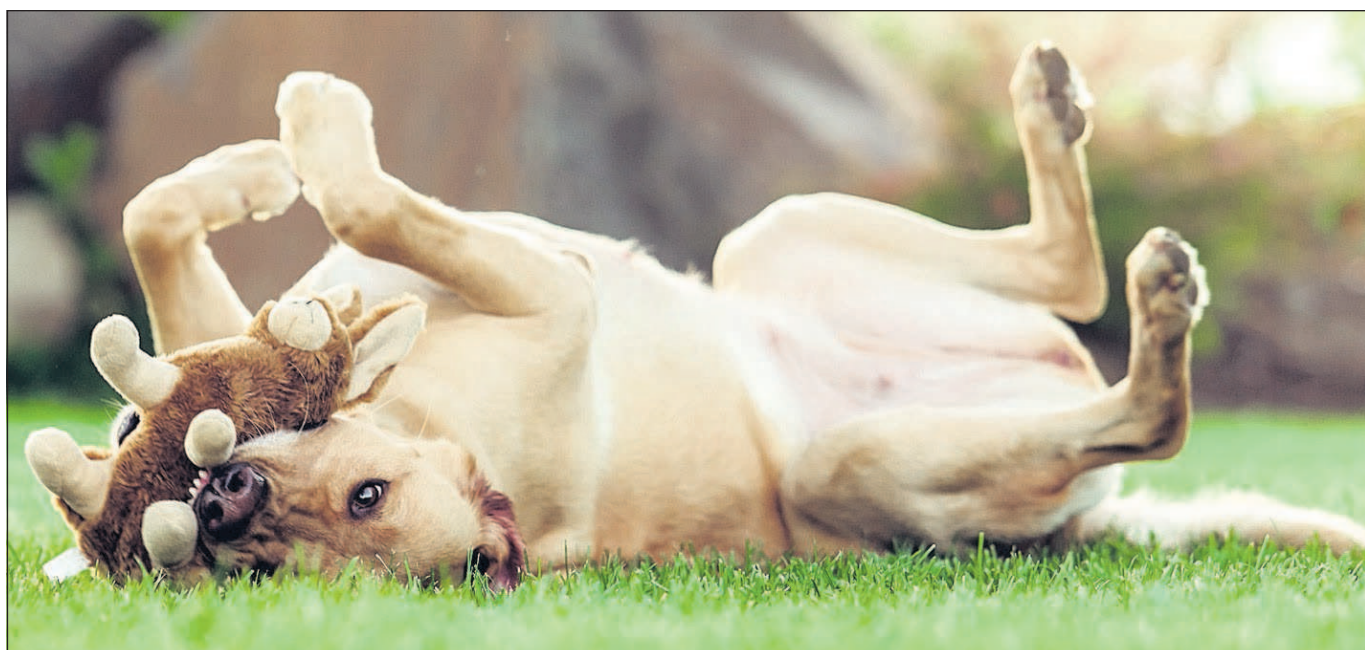
Train Robbers to play Wheatstock in Helix/3C



National Park Service celebrates 100th birthday/4C



Owned by Tenley Alderson
Juno, a nearly 5-month-old German shepherd, lives in Weston. Tenley Alderson said her puppy has "big ears and an even bigger personality."



Owned by Teresa and Dru Walchli
Chloe, a 5-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, is Teresa Walchli's first momma dog at Fetching Labradors. She is the dam to 17 puppies. Also, Chloe has 21 grandkids, with more on the way. "Chloe loves to have fun and play but takes bird hunting very serious," Walchli said.

Howl at the news

Eastern Oregon recognizes their furry friends for National Dog Day

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I love dogs — and based on the recent response from readers, so do a lot of Eastern Oregon residents.

After stumbling across an announcement that Friday, Aug. 26 was National Dog Day, I thought it would be great to provide readers an opportunity to submit pictures of their dogs.

Submissions for the Your EO News feature (weekend edition, page 2C) is feast or famine — either there's an abundance of items or I'm scrambling to find enough to fill the page. I figured a great way to highlight the feature would be to have a special "Your EO News goes to the dogs" in celebration of man's best friend.

Drew Langton, page designer and night editor, created a nice display box for last weekend's page requesting people send in photos of their dogs. When I checked my inbox Monday morning, I was disappointed to find only one submission.

We were having some email issues, so it appears many may have been stuck in cyberspace. However, when the email glitch was fixed, the floodgates opened. Proud parents of canine kids sent photos from the southern tip of our circulation area in Heppner to the

northernmost town of Milton-Freewater.

Some of the photos were reminiscent of senior pictures or glamour shots — while others ranged from goofy to precious candid snapshots.

Only asking for basic information about people and their pooches, some added extra details about their best friend. While all dogs are special, I read snippets of information that revealed how important people's dogs are to them.

Started in 2004 by Colleen Paige, National Dog Day is celebrated each year on Aug. 26. According to the organization's website, the pet and family lifestyle expert chose the day to coincide with the anniversary of when her family adopted their first dog.

An animal advocate, Paige wants to bring attention to the plight of animals and encourage adoption. The purpose of the special day is to celebrate all dogs — mixed breed and pure — and to recognize that family dogs and working dogs give selflessly to save lives, keep people safe and provide comfort and companionship.

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Owned by Erica Knight
Ruger, a 3-year-old Australian shepherd/border collie mix, sent this photo. On the back of the photo, Ruger said, "I am very smart! Erica taught me everything I know." Erica Knight is from Pilot Rock but recently moved to Redmond.



Owned by the Larsen family
Chloe, a 4-year-old boxer, lives with the Larsen family in Pendleton. She is an autism spectrum disorder companion dog for Billy Larsen, 6. Holli Larsen said her son was nonverbal for the first four years of his life, which resulted in acting out in frustration. Larsen said Billy has received great joy and comfort since bonding with Chloe.

For more dog-tastic photos see Page 2C



Owned by Roberta Lavadour
Charlie, a brindle Boston terrier/Chihuahua-mix, is almost 6 years old. He was a rescue dog from the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter. "We call this his senior class photo," said Roberta Lavadour of Pendleton.



Owned by Dale McKain
Described as "my buddy, my pal, my friend," Atuk is an approximately 10-year-old Alaskan malamute. Rescued by Dale McKain of Milton-Freewater, the two bonded immediately.