

Live, love, bark

National Dog Day is Aug. 26

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The Hermiston Herald is going to the dogs — National Dog Day is celebrated each year on Aug. 26. The day was chosen as it coincides with the anniversary of when founder Colleen Paige's family adopted their first dog.

She started the special day in 2004 as a celebration of all breeds — purebreds and mutts alike. It honors family dogs and working

dogs that give selflessly to save lives, keep people safe and provide comfort and companionship. It's Paige's hope that people will recognize how many dogs need homes — including those at humane societies, shelters and pure breed rescues.

A number of readers responded to a request to send in photos of their canine kids and share what makes them special. Here is an introduction to several furry friends that live in and around Eastern Oregon.

See more National Dog Day photos at www.hermistonherald.com.



Owner Mya Chapman/Umatilla

Ramsey is a 2-year-old husky mix. According to dog mama Mya Chapman of Umatilla, he loves to play fetch and sneak up on the couch. And evidently, he also likes to lounge in the pool.



Dog grandma Annie Fowler/Kennewick

A 2-year-old male pit bull/Rhodesian ridgeback mix, Thor kept East Oregonian sports writer Annie Fowler company during the COVID-19 lockdown. She now looks forward to visits from her grandpuppy to play Frisbee and enjoy treats.



Owner Jessica Dyer/Hermiston

An 11-year-old Dorkie (dachshund/yorkie mix), Max is extra special as he's been by Jessica Dyer's side through thick and thin. The Hermiston woman said her pooch is gentle and kind and exhibits unconditional love. Max loves to extract squeakers from his toys and then stockpiles them in a couch cushion.



Owner Cindy Herrera/Hermiston

Harley, a white German shepherd, is 4 years old. Sometimes donning her goggles, she loves to go for car rides with dog mama Cindy Herrera of Hermiston.

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