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TRIDAY! TRIPAWD AWARENESS DAY March 3



Animals Missing a Limb

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March 3 is a special day when three-legged pets are recognized and honored along with the humans who provide their daily care, their veterinary professionals and rescue personnel. Some animals are born with a fewer number of legs than they should have. Other animals may require the removal of all or part of a limb by amputation to either save their life or improve their quality of life. Animals who require amputation may have limb cancers, mobility issues due to congenital limbs missing or deformed, or from complications from infections, injuries, or accidents.

When a veterinarian recommends amputation, pet parents are often concerned whether limb removal is the best solution. Additionally, parents stress over how to explain the surgery to their children and friends. Usually once the family sees that the animal is feeling better and now able to navigate their usual surroundings more easily, the anxiety decreases and the animal resumes their place in the household or community.

Some modifications to your home and lifestyle can make a big difference for your pet's comfort:

- Elevated food and water bowls to help balance and strength
- Rugs, carpets, or non-slip mats to avoid slipping
- Pet ramps to decrease strain on muscles and joints
- Supportive beds to help joints
- Shallow litter pans for cats to help them enter/exit.
- Exercise to include walks and playtime
- Cat tree with staggered platforms for safer jumping
- Rest breaks
- Lean body weight
- Nail trims & paw care
- Vet care or rehab for pain relief, hydrotherapy if needed
- Mobility harnesses with a sturdy handle to assist them with stairs or on longer walks
- Prosthetics/artificial limbs, wheelchairs or carts if recommended



HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED AT THE GREAT SCHOOLYARD BIRD COUNT



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

AWARENESS FUN FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

STUDENT ART AND NARRATIVE

Ms. Brown's 3rd Grade Students Saw:

18 sparrows flying in a flock

1 mourning dove perched in a tree

2 hummingbirds zipping by

2 gulls flying on the wind

2 turkey vultures gliding high

7 mourning doves flying overhead

3-7 ravens flying between the trees & landing

1 unidentified bird preening by the creek



Ms. Angelo's 1/2 Grade Students Saw 76 Birds!

