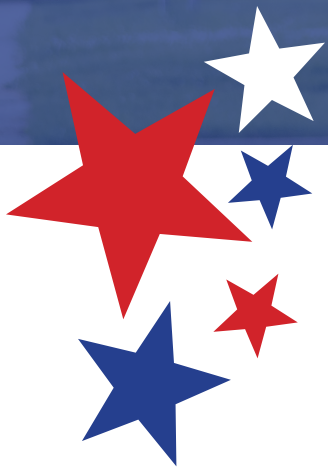


Let your Freedom Flag *FLY*

*Celebrate the stars and stripes
respectfully this 4th of July*

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Did you know that there is a proper way to display your American flag? Follow these tips below to make sure your flag flies correctly.

- When hung on a surface such as a wall, window or door, the blue corner of the flag

(the Union portion) should always be placed to your left. If displayed from a staff the Union should sit at the peak. In any other scenarios that do not involve a staff, make sure to display your flag flat or suspended

in a manner in which its folds fall freely.

- Flags may be displayed on a vehicle if attached to the front right fender, but should never be placed over the hood, on the back, top or sides of a vehicle, train or boat.



Handle customs with care

- Flag patches may only be worn by military personnel, firefighters, police officers, members of Scouting and patriotic organizations.
- When disposing of a flag that is tattered, frayed or no longer appropriate for display, it should be disposed of in a respectful manner, such as burning. You can contact your American Legion post to find out if they have flag disposal ceremonies, or find a Scout troop who can do it for you.
- Fold your flag correctly into triangles starting from the stripes edge to the Union facing outwards and secure the folds by tucking the end of the smaller triangle under the larger one.

American flag don'ts

- The flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement unless it is specified as an all-weather flag.
- Only display your flag between sunrise and sunset, unless it is illuminated in the dark.
- Do not use the flag for any form of advertising, and never attach an advertisement or sign to the flag's staff or rope. ■

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A Glimpse Behind the The Barks



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The task of running a dog rescue is not always all wagging tails. For the founders of Carolina Big Hearts Big Barks rescue, it means fundraising, managing a group of fosters and volunteers and ultimately working a second full-time job alongside their primary professions. Despite its challenges though, Suzy Blocker, Lisa Schauseil and Patricia Haynes would not trade it for anything.

Schauseil says that she found her way into this job by “adopting and learning how many amazing dogs are euthanized every day due to over breeding for money.” Blocker’s journey began when she adopted her Labrador/Pit Bull mix, Hailee, years ago, saying, “that is when I realized what a stereotype there was against pit bulls...

She [Hailee] inspired me to start helping out local rescues in our area.” Haynes adds, “I got involved in dog rescue just five years ago, when we adopted two overbred mom Pit Bulls. I ended up volunteering at that rescue. Lisa was the foster for one of my moms, and Suzy was the event planner.” While they each hold different motivations for getting involved in dog rescue, there is one thing these three women have in common: their passion for helping misunderstood and neglected dogs.

CBHBB was founded in July 2015 as a non-profit organization run completely by fosters and volunteers. Their mission stems from their dedication to the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of large breeds. To learn more about this amazing organization, visit Carolina Big Hearts Big Barks’ website at www.bigheartsbigbarks.com.