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**Celebrate the Dog Days of Summer at the National Museum of the Marine Corps**  
*Annual event highlights animal-loving organizations*

**Triangle, VA** –The National Museum of the Marine Corps will unleash its annual “Dog Days of Summer” event on Saturday, August 27, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This free, family-friendly event highlights the history of animals in the Marine Corps and animal-loving organizations in the community. Working dog demonstrations, special speakers, animal rescue groups, service-animal organizations, birds of prey, and even a Bulldog “kissing booth” will keep everyone entertained.

New this year, author of “Sgt Reckless: America’s War Horse,” Robin Hutton will talk about the history of the famous Marine war-horse. Reckless is known for her heroic actions in the Korean War where she made 51 trips to the front under fire, usually unescorted, and brought wounded back to safety. Hutton will also donate Reckless’ Dickin Award to the Museum. This prestigious award by the United Kingdom charity, People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals is known as the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

Also, new this year, the Ready Marine Corps will provide emergency preparedness tips for pet owners in Scuttlebutt Theater. This presentation by the Corps, provides information, tools, and resources to empower the Marine Corps community to live its ethos for “Being Most Prepared When Our Nation Is Least Prepared.”

On the grounds of the Museum, working dogs will demonstrate how they keep our community, and our nation safe. These exhibitions are always a crowd favorite. This year, visitors will see Marine Corps Base Quantico Police military working dogs, the Virginia State Police Explosive Detection Canine team and the Department of State Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) dogs.

For families considering adopting a new dog, Airedale Terrier Rescue of the Virginias, Labrador Rescue of the Potomac, Virginia German Shepherd Rescue and On the Rebound Bulldog Rescue will share information about their rescue programs. Learn more about service dogs for veterans from Semper K9, the Warrior Buddies Program of Prince William County Humane Society, and the Train a Dog Save A Warrior Program.

Inside the Museum, for a nice retreat from the heat, our Education Team will present a puppet show and crafts for families. The Raptor Conservancy of Virginia will showcase birds of prey and share how birds are rehabilitated and released back into the community. Visitors can also get some special attention at the Bulldog “Kissing Booth.”

Of course, there is more history to see throughout the Museum, which is open daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, except Christmas Day. The National Museum of the Marine Corps is located at 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway in Triangle, Virginia. Admission and parking are free.

For more information on the National Museum of the Marine Corps, call 703-784-6107 or visit [www.usmcmuseum.com](http://www.usmcmuseum.com).

The Ready Marine Corps is the USMC's proactive emergency preparedness, public awareness program. It provides information, tools, and resources to empower the Marine Corps community to live its ethos for "Being Most Prepared When Our Nation Is Least Prepared" in an all hazards environment. Initiated by Marine Corps Installations Command (MCICOM), the program is aligned with the National Ready Campaign and with other Department of Defense (DoD) and government Ready preparedness programs.

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