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

Man's best friend is taking over the National Museum of the Marine Corps this Saturday. The annual Dog Days of Summer event features a number of activities based on the vital role dogs play in the Marine Corps as well as some activities just for fun.

Running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dog Days of Summer is free and offers family-friendly attractions for all ages including working dog demonstrations by the U.S. State Department K9 team and the Marine Corps Base Quantico Working Dog team. Of course, there's also the bull dog kissing booth.

In addition to planned events and activities, multiple community organizations offer visitors a chance to meet local rescue dogs and learn about canine community programs. Virginia German Shepard Rescue, Lab Rescue of the LRCP (Potomac), Virginia Greyhound Adoption, On the Rebound Bulldog Rescue, Semper K9, Leashes of Valor and the Stafford Country Disaster Animal Shelter Trailer will be on the Museum grounds sharing their mission with visitors. And, of course, they will have dogs to meet and greet.

On special temporary exhibit on the second floor is a quilt honoring the service of Cpl Max Donahue, a working dog handler in Afghanistan, who succumbed to injuries from an improvised explosive device.

Whether you're looking to adopt a fur-baby or learn about working dogs in action, there is something at Dog Days of Summer for you! All visitors are welcome at this event, including our four-legged friends — provided they wear their leash and use

our “doggie” relief area. Food and drink will be provided by Devil Dog Diner and, as always, Museum admission and parking are free.

Visitors are also welcome to explore more history in the Museum, which is open daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 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).

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