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## A Local Memorial Day Tribute



City of Inglewood officials led a local tribute on Monday in honor of the men and women of the United States armed forces who paid the ultimate sacrifice... Photo: City of Inglewood

## Biting Dogs Have Mail Carriers in Every City on the Defensive

By Rob McCarthy

Something about the sound of footsteps approaching the front porch sends dogs into a defensive posture. Your dog may be friendly with everyone, but it doesn't matter. Regardless of the breed, the size or the animal's temperament, dogs will bite if they feel threatened.

That's why the United States Postal Service on Saturday started a public awareness campaign for pet owners across the South Bay. The mail carrier doesn't trust your dog as much as you do. Vice versa for your pet. And a screen door separating isn't enough to stop an attack.

South Bay mail carriers last year were on the receiving end of 31 dog bites, according to the Postal Service. With summer nearing, the postmaster for the Los Angeles region that includes Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale and El Segundo reminds pet owners that dog attacks on mail carriers and children can happen in a split second.

Here are some suggestions for how to prevent a dog from biting the mail carrier or a stranger at the front door. When a letter carrier delivers mail or packages to a front door, place a dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate glass windows to attack visitors.

Parents should remind children and other family members not to take mail directly from letter carriers in the presence of the family pet. The dog may view the letter

carrier handing mail to a family member as a threatening gesture.

If a letter carrier feels threatened by a dog, or if a dog is loose or unleashed, the owner may be asked to pick up mail at a post office facility until the letter carrier is assured the pet has been restrained. If the dog is roaming the neighborhood, the pet owner's neighbors also may be asked to pick up their mail at the area's post office.

The number of dog attacks on postal employees locally and nationally declined last year, proof that the public-awareness campaign and safety tips for pet owners works, according to Postal Service spokeswoman Evelina Ramirez. The national dog bite awareness campaign ran for one week in mid-April, but South Bay mail carriers will participate in a more targeted campaign that will last through the summer months.

The Los Angeles postal region had the second highest number of dog attacks on mail carriers in the country last year. Houston was the worst city for dogs mauling letter carriers, followed by L.A., Philadelphia, Cleveland and Dallas. San Diego made the list at number 12.

Mail carriers across the Los Angeles region have started wearing t-shirts on Saturdays that ask all households with dogs to be responsible for pets. Postcards were left in mailboxes on Saturday for households with a known dog as reminders that dog bites affect everyone: the carrier, the Postal Service, the homeowner and the neighbors.

"Although our employees are provided with extensive training in preventive measures against dog attacks, we are asking for dog owners to aid USPS in lowering the number of attacks," said Los Angeles Postmaster Joe Zapata.

Those postcards bear the hashtag slogans #preventedog bites and Be a #ResponsibleDogOwner. The regional campaign asks homeowners living in Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale and El Segundo to "help us to deliver safely." Each city had at least one reported dog bite of a mailman or woman last year, according to USPS figures. Gardena had the highest number of dog attacks on mail employees at six. Lawndale, Lynwood and Torrance had five dog bites reported by postal employees. Inglewood had four attacks, while Hawthorne and El Segundo had two and one bite respectively.

The actual number of pet attacks on the mail delivery person is probably higher, says the USPS spokeswoman Ramirez. Incidents involving aggressive dogs are left to the employees' judgment whether it was serious enough to warrant a report to a supervisor. The dangers to letter carriers are so serious that they receive special training to prepare them for the inevitable confrontation with a dog upset that somebody is trespassing in his territory. Bites are on the decline locally and nationwide since the training began.

Sixty carriers in the South Bay and Metro L.A. were bitten in 2018, which was an

See *Biting Dogs*, page 6

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
63°/57°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
64°/56°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
64°/57°

















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## Slow Cooker Golden Split Pea Soup

Provided by Campbell Soup Company

Adding raisins, leeks and cumin to this slow-cooked split pea soup gives it a deliciously different, Persian-inspired flavor. You can use lamb instead of beef for a more traditional dish, but we preferred it with beef because it added richness while still allowing the flavors to meld together.

### Ingredients

- 5 cups Swanson® Chicken Broth or Swanson® Organic Chicken Broth or Swanson® Natural Goodness® Chicken Broth
- 2 medium carrot, peeled and diced (about 1 cup)
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 leek (white parts only), cut in half lengthwise and sliced
- 1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 1/2 cups dried yellow split peas

### Directions

- Step 1: Stir the broth, beef, leeks, onion, split peas, carrots, garlic, bay leaves, oregano, cumin, raisins and lemon juice in a 6-quart slow cooker.
- Step 2: Cover and cook on LOW for 7 to 8 hours or until the beef is fork-tender. Remove the bay leaves. Season to taste. Sprinkle with the parsley before serving. •

### Recipe Tips

Easy Substitution Tip: You can substitute lamb for the beef. •

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## Featured Pets of the Week

Provided by Meggie Hogan,  
Development Assistant/spcaLA

This cuddly quartet of three cats and one dog will give those looking to adopt their next pet some awesome options. Each of them is available at the spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center at 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. To learn more, call 310-676-1149

**Mr. Whiskers (19-04642): 7 Years Old/Domestic Short Hair/ Male**

"Nice to meet you. I'm the handsome Mr. Whiskers! I'm a sophisticated kitty who enjoys snuggling and lounging in the sun. If you need a soft, fluffy companion to relax with, then come check meowt today!" <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-04642>

**Moonpie (19-04667): 4 Years Old/Domestic Short Hair/Male**

"Are you looking for a purrrrfect companion? Look no further! I'm Moonpie, and I'm ready to brighten up your life. Let's become

Friends for Life so we can cuddle and play together all the time!" <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-04667>

**Foxy (19-04294): 12 Years Old/Domestic Short Hair/Female**

"I'm Foxy and I would love your home to be my forever home! Sometimes I can be shy until I get to know you, but once I warm up, I am a lap kitty. I love tummy rubs and to lounge in sunny windowsills. Come play with me!" <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-04294>

**Frosty (19-04011): 5 Years Old/Husky Mix/Male**

"Nice to meet you, I'm Frosty! I'm a good boy who is looking for a Friend for Life to join me for long walks on the beach followed by long naps on the couch. If that sounds good to you, then come check meowt today." <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-04011> •



Frosty



Mr. Whiskers



Foxy



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