## Bunker Bugle - April 2023

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## Happy best week of the year if you're a golf fan!

We all have Georgia on our minds and can't wait to see the photos of you rocking your green and white Puppies \& Golf hats not only as you watch The Masters but for the rest of spring and summer. Remember to tag us on Instagram @PuppiesAndGolf so we can feature you!


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## We have a new Puppies $\&$ Golf ambassador on the PGA TOUR

Our first official ambassador on the PGA TOUR is caddie Aaron Flener! The Nashville native caddies for two-time winner J.T. Poston. Flener has been a long-time supporter of what we do here at Puppies $\&$ Golf and made it official by adding our logo to the side of his hat for all PGA TOUR events. Poston and Flener will be teeing it up in their 2nd Masters next week so be sure to send them all of the good vibes!


Have you accepted our 2023 challenge?
At the beginning of the year, we challenged everyone in our community to foster just ONE dog in 2023. Fostering is an integral part of being a part of the solution. Did you know that over one million dogs are at risk of being euthanized each year in the US because of overpopulation? When you foster a dog, you not only increase their probability of being adopted (because they are able to relax and show their true personality), but you're also clearing space in the shelter so another dog can be saved.

The easiest way to get involved is to reach out to your local shelter or rescue (you can always email us to help find one if you have trouble!) and fill out an application.
Shelters and rescues will work with you to ensure you have a dog that will fit into your lifestyle, comfort/experience level, and the amount of time you have to foster.

Our founder and CEO, Amanda Renner, recently shared her story of fostering through Labs and More with her husband Bryn. Blue Bell was a medical foster and needed a ton of rest, care, vet visits, and meds. In her three months with them, Blue Bell cost over $\$ 3,000$ in medical bills. Amanda and Bryn paid $\$ 0.00$. As fosters, your only responsibility is to provide a safe and loving home for a dog in need. Fostering can be as short as two weeks or as long as a few months, depending on the situation. You can find the full story of Blue Bell on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.


Lastly, in addition to our monthly grant to our featured shelter of the month, we also gave a grant to Labs and More to cover the costs of Blue Bell's medical. Without support from our community members, we wouldn't be able to support so many needs all at once, so thank you for your donations.

## K9s for Warriors Journal Program Continues

Puppies \& Golf is extremely committed to supporting organizations like K9s for Warriors through grants as well as resources. For the last few years, we have provided this organization with journals for every veteran that comes through the program. These gratitude journals serve as a safe space to share their thoughts and emotions during the three-week stay at the facility and beyond. This program has been met with so much positivity that K9s for Warriors has requested that we continue the program for the foreseeable future. We have partnered with the nonprofit Grateful Peoples to ensure that more journals reach them immediately. If you are a teacher or work in a space that may benefit from providing journals, please reach out to Teddy at Grateful Peoples or email us, and we will connect you to this incredible nonprofit!


We have a number of exciting projects underway for the month of April that we can't wait to share with you soon! As always, thank you for supporting us and sharing what this community does for others. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to make the impact we do.

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