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## Celebrating Vienna's Pets

From poodles to parakeets, Vienna's loyal companions provide unconditional love in both good times and bad. That's why starting the week of July 4, Mayor Linda Colbert will recognize a Vienna pet of the week via the Town's social media channels.

"Studies show that pets can help decrease stress in their human companions, improve heart health and even help children with their emotional and social skills," Colbert said. "Whether you own a pet or not, these stories will surely make your day!"

Submitting your pet for consideration as the Mayor's Pet of the Week is easy! Just email Mayor Colbert: [Mayor@viennava.gov](mailto:Mayor@viennava.gov) with the following:

- Your pet's name
- Type of pet (please be specific)
- Three reasons why your animal should be the Mayor's Pet of the Week
- A photo of your pet either alone or pictured with you or your family.

The Mayor's Pet of the Week is an ongoing recognition program, so there's no deadline for submission. Each Monday at noon beginning July 4, the Mayor's Pet of the Week will be posted on the Town's Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter pages (@TownofViennaVA). Then, beginning in August, Mayor Colbert will select one of the weekly winners for recognition as the Mayor's Pet of the Month in the Vienna Voice newsletter.

Nominations are being accepted now. Mayor Colbert looks forward to learning more about Vienna's amazing pets and celebrating their wonderful qualities!

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