

Reading Corner

The Night Before Pawmas

As the holiday season approaches, there's one gift that promises to warm hearts, inspire action, and bring families closer together; *The Night Before PAWmas*. The book, coming out this November, is more than just a festive read, this enchanting new children's book by Timothy Hunter Mathews invites readers into a world where kindness is the true magic of PAWmas. With charming illustrations and a message that resonates far beyond the page, it's the perfect story to share with loved ones; and the perfect way to kick off a season of giving. Whether you're a parent, teacher, or pet lover, this book offers a joyful opportunity to start a new tradition of reading together, reflecting on kindness, and joining a movement that's making tails wag and hearts glow.

This isn't your typical holiday story. At its core, *The Night Before PAWmas* is a celebration of kindness. When Daisy Mae and Lilly Rose meet Santa PAWS,



they expect toys and treats; but instead, they're given a challenge: to spread kindness wherever they go. Kindness can come in any form and from anyone!

This idea has sparked the **Kindness Challenge**, a community-wide initiative encouraging families, classrooms, and pet lovers to perform daily acts of kindness throughout the holiday season. Whether it's donating to a shelter, writing a thank-you note, or simply sharing a smile, the challenge invites everyone to live out the lessons Daisy Mae and Lilly Rose discover that magical night.

Be part of the Kindness Challenge's mission and spread kindness all around. So, this PAWmas, let's follow the paw prints of Daisy Mae and Lilly Rose.

Let's make kindness the gift we give, the story we tell, and the legacy we leave.

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