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Boot camp raises needed funds

Meals on Wheels supports both pet and owner

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AUSTIN (KXAN) - It was a rambunctious fund-raiser in Austin today: a two-hour boot camp for dogs and their human companions.

It's called Paws for Health. Proceeds from the challenging obstacle course will go to Meals on Wheels and More. People who receive Meals on Wheels also have trouble feeding their pets.

"Several years ago volunteers were noticing that Meals on Wheels recipients were sharing meals with their pets. So we're helping those people with food because they're literally giving their last meals to their pets," said coordinator Heather Allred. "So we realized we had to help people in the area of pet care as well."

Today's fund-raiser, with money going to Meals on Wheels and More, also marks the beginning of a new partnership between Meals on Wheels and the Texas Veterinary Medicine Foundation.

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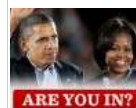
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