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Introducing police officer Megan Luz and her loyal K-9 partner Brigit—two Fort Worth cops who are worth their weight in kibble.

SHE'S ON A SHORT LEASH.

Officer Luz is lucky she still has a job after tasering a male colleague where it counts the most. Sure, he had it coming—which is why the police chief is giving Megan a second chance. The catch? Her new partner can't carry a gun, can't drive a cruiser, and can't recite the Miranda Rights. Because her new partner is a big furry police dog. So *that's* what the chief meant when he called Megan's partner a real b*tch...

WILL FATE THROW HER A BONE?

With Brigit out on the beat, Megan is writing up enough tickets to wallpaper the whole station. But when a bomb goes off at the mall's food court, it's up to Megan and Brigit to start digging—and sniffing—for clues. With the help of dead-sexy bomb-squad expert Seth Rutledge and his own canine partner named Blast, Megan finds herself in a desperate race to collar a killer. Will justice be served—or will she end up in the doghouse?

"Readers should be prepared for a laugh fest. Diane Kelly is first class."—*Night Owl Romance*

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From Reader Review Paw Enforcement for online ebook

Heidi (Yup. Still here.) says

Decent read. I am not a fan of multiple narrators in books - especially when one is the bad guy and the other is a dog so I never fell in love with this one. I also listened to this one on audio book and was not totally enamored with the narrator so maybe that was part of the problem. Either way it was a just ok for me.

*** Jennifer says**

I had serious reservations about this book in spite of loving the Tara Holloway series. Alternating povs with a dog? It started out rough too: I didn't warm to this book at first. But once the first bomb exploded the writing smoothed out and I was hooked. I'm eager to learn more about Seth, too!

Full review: <http://jenn.booklikes.com/post/109346...>

Sara says

First book in the Paw Enforcement series introduces us to police officer Megan, and her K-9 Brigit. Megan is a young police officer in Texas that is assigned a K-9 as “punishment” for getting into a dispute with her former partner.

There are some scenes in the book that are cringe worthy but overall I enjoyed this light mystery.

Susan says

Paw Enforcement is the first book that I have read by Kelly, but it definitely won't be the last. I have to admit that I am a cat lover so I wasn't expecting to enjoy a dog featuring book so much but Brigit completely won over this cat lover. I absolutely love how Kelly had so much humor in the book especially when Megan and Brigit were both trying to show the other who was the boss in their relationship. I also enjoyed how Kelly brought in Seth and Blast as well making a great crime solving foursome. Megan is well developed in the book, and I enjoyed seeing her try to prove herself by solving the mall bombing crime. Paw Enforcement is a great mystery and a great start to this new series. If you are looking for an enjoyable read full of humor, mystery, and even a hint of romance, then Paw Enforcement is for you. I am definitely looking forward to reading more by this author.

Received a copy of Paw Enforcement through Goodreads.

Mary Kay Kare says

During the first 1/3 of the book I was planning to give this 4 stars, but I ended up being very disappointed

with the way the author handled the relationship between Megan and Seth. She's been at pains to paint Megan as strong, short-tempered and taking no shit from nobody. Then she gets into this relationship and becomes all passive and submissive within the context of that relationship. She passively accepts whatever he offers. She may fume about it being inadequate, but only to herself; she never challenges Seth. This is simply inconsistent with her portrayal in the rest of the book, but it is quite consistent with the unpleasant power dynamics underlying the depiction of many male/female relationships in fiction, esp. romance fiction. And it all too often gets acted out in real life as well since that's what men & women both are taught to expect. Color me VERY disappointed.

Otherwise Megan is a very interesting figure and I enjoyed getting to know her and watching her relationship with Brigit, her K-9 partner, grow. With the caveat about the unpleasant romantic relationship, I'd recommend it, and I certainly plan to read the next of Megan and Brigit's adventures, due next Jan.

Samantha Cudworth says

Megan Luz is a police officer with the Fort Worth police department. She is a rookie with a short temper. When a incident with her taser and her partners family jewels lands her a new K-9 partner named Brigit the real fun begins. Soon bombs are going off and its up to Megan and Brigit to sniff out the culprit. If that wasn't enough for Megan to handle throw in a sexy and sometimes moody Seth and his dog Blast.

Diane Kelly knocked this book out of the park! I LOVED IT!!! I could not put it down. It has a combination of wit, sass, and humor that will have you begging for more. If you love Janet Evanovich than you will absolutely love this book. I can't wait to see what comes next for Megan and Brigit.

OpenBookSociety.com says

<http://openbooksociety.com/article/pa...>

Brought to you by OBS reviewer JoAnne

Megan Luz tasers her partner, Derek "Big Dick" Mackey in the place it will hurt the most. Why? Because he was making sexual remarks to her all day, and when she collared a woman for crystal meth, he suggested that the two of them basically give him a sex show using her digits, if you get my drift...this should have been my first clue, but I kept reading...

So, after she tases him, he runs to their chief; and when she tries to defend her actions, she's partnered with a dog the chief calls a "b*tch." Hmm...Derek the cop is obviously sexist, and because he's 'brave,' they keep him on in the department with no reprimand of any kind. Megan, however, feels she's being 'punished' by becoming a K-9 officer...with no training...and no police car...(which she gets later on, but not the night she needs it either); she takes the dog home in her 'smart car,' in which he doesn't really fit nor has any kind of restraint. Did I mention this is in Fort Worth, Texas? Where there's a huge police force and I'm sure they can locate a police car for her somewhere?

On top of that, she takes the dog home to her 'tiny apartment.' I'm pretty sure no one with a small apartment would be assigned a 97 pound dog as a partner. They need room to run, and are usually kept in outdoor

kennels. Not small cages, which is where she tries to make Brigit sleep, and what follows is a very unfunny (inane) scenario. As if that weren't bad enough, she takes the dog out to the apartment pool and goes swimming with her. Didn't anyone tell Megan that you can't have dogs go swimming in apartment pools? There are laws. The hair could clog the equipment, and there are people who are allergic to dogs who might want to use that pool. I love dogs, but an apartment pool? Not likely, otherwise you'd have many dogs swimming in the pools all the time in complexes that allow pets.

Then, the dog chases a squirrel. That's right, folks; a trained police dog..chases..a..squirrel. This dog has no self-control – it is a police dog, right? It obviously has none of any kind, considering she puts her paws on the window of a pet store – and I'm pretty sure police dogs are trained better than that. Megan also decided to patrol the mall on her own and mentioned that “while on duty she window-shopped, looked for bargains on sale racks and sampled testers at Macy's.” Another hmm...is this what the taxpayer's money is going for? Maybe the chief should have fired her when he had the chance. Plus, obviously she has no patrol route, because she decided on her own to patrol the mall, even though ‘they had their own security team.’ And she spends a lot of time at the mall. I live in a big city, and I've never seen a police officer patrolling any of the malls. She's right; they do have their own security, and the cops are only called in an emergency.

She lets us know Brigit is misbehaved (chewing on Megan's things when Brigit is angry), and that her days are spent patrolling the mall (which I've already covered). But the worst is when she starts picking on the Catholic religion. I am not Catholic, but I would never denigrate anyone's religion or beliefs. I was completely offended by some of the things she said, especially comparing herself to the Son of God. (Yes, she did). AND she takes the dog to church with her! Who does that? Are you kidding me? Dogs in church? This isn't a helper dog, it's a POLICE DOG!!!

I gave this book two stars because the author is obviously trying, but for a first attempt in this series, it's a pretty poor one. By the end of the book, I really didn't care about the bomber or anything else. Too many unbelievable scenarios. One of the last scenes has a particularly distasteful exchange with Mackey; something I seriously hope will never happen on our police department – because if that's how she proves she's a good cop, then it's a sad statement indeed. Hopefully the next in the series will improve, with Megan actually acting like a police officer and not some teenager hanging out at the mall.

Maureen DeLuca says

After reading Night by Elie Wiesel I just had to pick up something light hearted , cute, and all around enjoyable. I've been waiting for the perfect time to pick up by and it turned out to truly be the perfect time. This is the first in this series and it was truly enjoyable. Of course, I can be a bit bias on this for I love dogs and I am a huge fan of our men and women in law enforcement.

The lead character, Megan is a rookie police officer who after tasering her arrogant, sexist male partner in the privates was assigned a police dog named Brigit. And - so the story begins- I liked Megan from the get-go and how can you not love her dog Brigit.

And then there is this famous line : "You kick my dog again, you're losing a tooth or a nut. I'm not telling you which, so it'll be a surprise."

This is a cozy- and I have a hard time with so many cozies for either they are so over the top, eye rolling and just plain ridiculous and / or for whatever reason some/most of the cozies have an awful habit of just adding

characters, after characters where you get so lost you have no idea who the hell these people are!

If you are looking for something cute, and fun- and if you love dogs - pick this up, relax, and enjoy the ride-- just remember , it is a cozy!

Eileen Lynx says

Good funny story. A bit too much romance.

Sadie says

A female cop? A K9 partner? Snark & danger? What's not to like???

Well, after 5 tries, I gave up on this book. I was so annoyed with the handling of a K9 partnership and how it was portrayed that I just kept getting stuck on it. I find it incredibly hard to believe there is zero training. They just hand you a dog and wish you luck. And, after reading her bio, I find it difficult to believe that Ms. Kelly believes that either.

Also, while I empathized with the heroine and her situation, she didn't do herself any likability favors either. I couldn't get myself to cheer for her even I was like "Yeah, that guy totally deserved that" -- also, across even the first parts there seemed to be too many inconsistency of character for me.

FangirlNation says

In **Paw Enforcement** by Diane Kelly, Officer Megan Luz is in trouble. Only six months into her career as a police officer, she gets fed up with her disgustingly sexist partner's offensive remarks and tasers him in the groin. Since the police chief admits she had justification for her action, he decides not to fire her but to reassign her to a new partner, a "real bitch," complete with four legs and a tail. Megan especially can't stand the fact that as a dog handler, she is required to serve as Sgt. Brigit's caregiver. Initially Megan and Brigit actively do not get along, but during their training they begin to bond. Only a few weeks after taking their place on their beat, the pair goes to the mall to patrol during one of its busiest days when Brigit, trained only to detect drugs and capture bad guys, alerts to an overly full trash can in the food court. But instead of finding drugs in it, Megan spots a pipe bomb. And it has only two and a half minutes left on it.

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Ginny Tata-Phillips says

Light and fun new series - just what the reading doctor ordered!!! Two more on my night stand are a bonus!!!

Kelly says

Well that was definitely a unique way to start a book. I do have to say that I think there was a little too much swearing and that it was a little too crude to be considered a true cozy, but that didn't stop it from being an entertaining book. It was interesting having the chapters alternate between three characters. I really loved the dog chapters - they really reminded me of my own dogs (I'm also now referring to Luna as Sergeant Fluffybutt). The mystery was great, with a few shocks scattered throughout. The ability to see inside the bomber's head makes the reveal even more shocking.

Jaclyn says

Originally reviewed at The Book Adventures.

Diane Kelly's *Paw Enforcement* series came on my radar because of something I read on a blog. Said blog mentioned the fourth book in the series. Me being me, I couldn't simply start with book four, no, a true dedicated readers starts with the first book in the series, always.

Paw Enforcement introduces readers to Megan Luz, a rookie cop with anger issues working in the Fort Worth area of Texas. Megan's got herself into a spot of trouble after tasering her offensive partner. As a result Megan finds herself with a new partner...of the canine persuasion. Brigit is a big dog and Megan drives a smart cart and lives in a tiny apartment. How this partnership is going to flourish is anyone's guess; yet, Brigit's skill in taking down criminals does seem to impress Megan.

During the course of her patrols, Brigit alerts on a trashcan at the local mall. Megan, after investigating, discovers a bomb timed to blow. After evacuating the populated food court, both Megan and Brigit receive minor injuries in the course of doing their duty; however, their close brush with death motivates Megan to take part in the investigation and bring that bomber to justice (never mind that Megan is so new, she doesn't qualify to even apply for detective for another four years). With the personal connection, Megan refuses to back out of the investigation and ends up working unpaid overtime to help the lead detective.

Paw Enforcement is not at all my usual type of read. Yes, I read mysteries, but this is, like, a pet mystery, and therefore I assumed that it would be a cheesy read. *Paw Enforcement* is probably the coziest mystery that I have ever read. So while this one is an oddball choice for me, I did rather enjoy listening to the book, enough that I'll continue reading the series. The highlight for me was the character of Megan. I really liked that Megan was someone that was struggling with her entry into the workforce. So sue me, the whole self-discovery character development plot device is totally my catnip. Megan doesn't have it all together. She lives in a crappy apartment, works terrible hours, and is paying off student loans. This is not a character that I would normally expect to be the lead in a mystery series. I love the fact that Megan is, well, normal. Megan

is sarcastic and funny and when her temper comes out, well, she doesn't always make the best decisions. Again, I love the fact that we have this perfectly imperfect character.

Of course, I also appreciated the romance thread in *Paw Enforcement*. After the first explosion at the mall, Megan finds herself entangled with the hot bomb squad officer, Seth. Like Megan, Seth also has a canine partner, and after a few dates the two humans form a connection (just as their dogs do). The romance wasn't a big part of the plot, but it adds a nice layer to the story and the ending leaves things up in the air between Megan and Seth.

Paw Enforcement is not a procedural-heavy mystery read. Instead, *Paw Enforcement* focuses on its lead character Megan and her canine companion. While the details of their patrol at times slow the pace of the mystery, it makes for a nice read for fans who are looking for a cozier mystery read, low on the blood and guts as well as intricate crimes. I'd say this is a perfect beach read for the upcoming summer.

Amy "the book-bat" says

This is an enjoyable series. Unfortunately, I have been reading them out of order. I do recommend starting with the first book since this is where Megan and Bridget become partners.
