



Dear PAWS Supporter:

PAWS is now in our 40th year! We've gone through a few changes over the years, including reinventing ourselves outside of a bricks and mortar building, and we are proud that we remain a very viable rescue organization making a difference in the lives of so many homeless animals.

PAWS is thankful to you, our supporters, volunteers and Board members, for your continued support. Because of you, we are able to continue our mission to rescue and save many precious lives that would otherwise have been cut short in kill shelters or on the street. Many animals in need, whether rescued and rehomed by us, or through the community outreach we do, received the help they needed, including veterinary care and a safe place to stay while we worked to find them wonderful forever homes. We do many private dog and cat adoptions through our website and Facebook inquiries, and many kitten and cat adoptions through our Petco Verona and Farmer's Market venues on Saturdays as well.

We also need to take this opportunity to ask you to make a donation. Our veterinary and sheltering expenses continue to surpass what we receive in fees. Every donation – big or small – helps us save lives. There are many ways to give, including:

- becoming a monthly donor, ٠
- making a single annual membership donation,
- sponsoring a pet who is waiting for adoption, and
- including PAWS in your estate plans.

You can find additional information on the back page of the newsletter. Please also stay connected with us through our website, facebook page, twitter and email: pawsmontclair.org, facebook.com/PAWSshelterNJ, twitter.com/pawsmontclair Main email: info@pawsmontclair.org. For non-animal issues such as volunteering, fundraising, and estate planning: communications@pawsmontclair.org

If you haven't already, please take a moment to go to our website or facebook page and subscribe to our mailing list.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who continue to support us. We wish everyone a happy, healthy 2017!

Carole Michales President, Board of Directors

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[above] Adoptable PAWS dog Winslow hopes for a home -- he's been waiting a long time! See his bio inside.

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Angelo is currently in a foster home. Both he and his sister were rescued before they were familiar with human contact. A wonderful new foster agreed to try socializing them. Angelo's sister never warmed up and we placed her in a wonderful sanctuary where she will live her life around other kitties and in an environment where she is most comfortable. Angelo, on the other hand, warmed up to the family's other kitty very quickly and also quickly adapted to being around people. He currently is participating in the celebration of the holiday season and enjoying the warmth and comfort of a real home! Fostering is such a critical part of rescuing and really helps make the seemingly impossible situation possible. A lot of our foster animals end up as permanent members of their 'foster' family. We hope that Angelo finds his permanent home for the holidays. A true gift that would be! continued on page 2



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Duke was



Miso is an older kitten, who was trapped in a parking lot in Irvington. Surprisingly, he became friendly almost immediately

and is now a very sweet, mellow boy! He likes to lie around and purr, enjoying the indoors. He is so adorable and so sweet -- he will be a joy to have around! Miso seems to get along well with other cats, so he should be fine in a cat family.

Fluffy is our senior kitty who was surrendered to us last year. The family's child became allergic and we came to find out that Fluffy is



shy, and spends most of her time hiding. She is a really sweet kitty but we believe she was not given enough attention and just got used to being 'alone'. She came to us 9 years old and was never even vetted, so in addition to getting her spayed and vaccinated, we got her a thorough check up including blood work, and she is healthy. We believe Fluffy's special someone is out there waiting for her. She does prefer to be 'tucked away' in a space like a box, but loves to be petted and receive attention. We want to see this special senior be placed in the home she deserves.



Carlo & Corey were found in a ceiling of a gas station when they were just

born. Luckily a PAWS supporter was able to catch them and reunite them with their mom. They are now almost 5 months old and are ready to be adopted. They are fully vetted including neutered and microchipped. They are very bonded and must be adopted together.



rescued from an inner city car lot where he was relegated to a sad, lonely existence. He is in foster

care with his rescuer and is available for adoption through PAWS. He's an awesome pit mix, beautiful dark brindle, very sweet, housetrained and calm. Duke is about 6 years old.

Jewels, a gorgeous 3year old "shorty bull," is a bundle of love. She is strong, but sweet and does well with people and other dogs. Jewels



just wants to find a home where she can relax and hang out. She enjoys walks and romps in the yard, but she seems to do well with moderate activity. PAWS pulled Jewels from a local inner city over-crowded shelter. She is patiently waiting for her forever home...



Macy is in a foster home and is a joy. She is quiet, loving, friendly, and easy to walk. She loves a quiet home, where she can rest with her

person or people, take easy walks, and just keep company with her family. Macy is a short, stocky staffie bull terrier, about 6 years old. PAWS rescued her from an inner city, over crowded shelter. She has been waiting a long time for a home of her own. All who meet her fall in love with her. Macy, though not aggressive towards dogs, would prefer to be the only dog in the home.

Jill was rescued from a high kill shelter where the volunteers fell in love with her sweet, happy disposition, and she seems to get along with every-



one she meets. She's gentle, and a beautiful brindle Staffie mix. Only about 45 lbs., Jill was in poor shape when she arrived, thin, dull and with flaky skin/coat. But her eyes are bright and say it all -- she just wants to love and be loved. Jill likes to exercise and romp in the yard, so if you have a fenced yard she would be overjoyed. Jill appears to be housetrained as well.

Lil' Honey came to

PAWS from a crowded inner city shelter. He is only 11 months old -he had come into the other shelter as an 8-month old pup, and



nobody could understand why he was overlooked. Honey is now in foster with Christine and her family, and she reports, "Honey certainly lives up to that name -- he is that sweet! He has beauty and brains as well!! Honey has the most gorgeous, light green eyes. He also has the softest fur, like a bunny. Honey is a very happy dog and very smart. He loves dogs of all sizes. He loves kids. He's being fostered with three dogs and three kids and he is just amazing. He walks great on a leash, and is housebroken. He is going to make a wonderful family pet to whoever adopts him! He's a beautiful dog!

Cassie is the mother of our sweet brothers Carlo and Corey. She was a stray who hung around a gas station where she was fed but not safe. She had given birth in the ceiling of the gas station and the kittens were heard meowing. Our foster grabbed Cassie and her kittens (there were 3 total but one has been adopted) and provided a safe haven for them. Cassie is spayed and up to date on shots. A real sweetie.

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Winslow was rescued when animal control from an inner city pound was called about a dog left abandoned in a garage. This photo of him is typical of what he enjoys most -- just to hang out, usually with a ball or two. Winslow is an approximately 5 year-old retriever mix who loves to

chase the ball, or the frisbee -- whatever you can toss for him. He doesn't always want to release his toys, so we recommend an adult home, or a home with older teens. But he is sweet and affectionate. He has the most endearing face and his coat is beautiful and soft.

Inky was a rescue that we placed this summer and unfortunately due to an extreme situation, the owner needs to move leaving Inky in need of a home. She is a sweet young adult who is fine



alone or with other cats. We would love to see her go right into a new home and not have to move around as she is very content and settled. Inky is spayed and fully vetted.



Wand their staff, and the help they provide. We love it even more when our animals are adopted by them! Two of our PAWS dogs found homes this way! West Caldwell Animal Hospital vet Dr. Jeana Stanisci, and vet tech Gail Stock, each met and cared for the dogs whom they

ended up adopting. When we rescued Willow (L) from a high kill shelter, we found out she had heartworms and needed treatment and a quiet place to recover. Dr. Stanisci could not resist Willow and adopted her, seeing to her treatment! Dr. Stanisci says, "Willow adapted to her new family (both human and canine) within the first 2 days, and became a certified couch potato within the first hour of getting home (genuinely every other picture of her features her sleeping on a couch, bed, or car seat). It took very little time for her

to get used to being in a home and being spoiled. She's still scared of some things and people outside of the house but is completely pampered & comfortable inside the house. She has every family member, neighbor, and passerby wrapped around her paw." — obey, renamed Zeke, was lucky to



Trecover from his heartworm treatment with Gail. He lives a wonderful life now. What could be better than this?!

Zeke, another PAWS dog adopted by vet tech Gail at WCAH!

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Please consider fostering Kaylee



Kaylee, a super sweet hound/terrier mix, came to PAWS with multiple health issues. She was heartworm positive, loaded with fleas, her coat was dull and flaky. Her front legs had big, infected open sores that she continued to lick to try and relieve herself. The huge

scar around her neck indicated she had been tied out for a very long time. Kaylee isn't old -- maybe 3-ish -- but has led a very sad, hard life prior to now. She has a benign, hanging growth on her underside that will be removed when she is able to be spayed once she's finished with her heartworm treatment. She had been an "owner surrender" at the kill shelter from which we pulled her, and with little interest in her where she was, her chances of getting out alive were slim to none. She seemed like such a sweet girl who was just really down on her luck. PAWS pulled her, and also received sponsorship money from generous



donors to help with her heartworm treatment. Kaylee has been staying at our vet's office while she undergoes her heartworm treatment, which will be completed right after Christmas. We are looking for a foster home where she can spend the remaining "quiet time" needed to recover following

her treatment.

She is a happy, friendly girl. She will need a few more months of quiet, but she's an easy dog, housetrained, and good on leash. If you can foster Kaylee, please contact us at info@pawsmontclair.org.



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Just a few of our dogs who found their forever homes this past year!



Kobe (R) was rescued by PAWS during the height of the summer season when the shelters are inundated with owner dumps. Kobe went into our foster Christine's home, and when Karen

and Chris were looking for a second dog to keep their Tank company, they all met Kobe, it was a match, and Kobe happily shares their home!

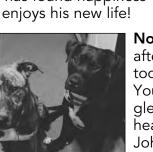
Keith (now Cooper) came to PAWS from an overcrowded, high kill shelter where rescue was his only hope. Mary Lou and Jim met and fell in love with this sweet boy and adopted him into their wonderful home!



Benson found himself at a high kill inner city pound

until PAWS pulled him. His life happily changed as soon as a great family happened to see him online, came to meet him with their dog, and made an immediate connection and adoption.

Blake came from the same high kill facility and was lucky to be fostered by one of our great foster homes. David and Jaime met and adopted Blake, who has found happiness and enjoys his new life!





Noah (R) came to PAWS after a good samaritan took him off the streets. Young, loving Noah wiggled his way into the hearts of Stephanie and John and lives a super happy life in the country!



Blaze came to PAWS when we rescued him from a high kill, overcrowded facility where he was being overlooked. A high-spirited, handsome and loving dog, Blaze caught the eye of Stacey and Daniel, who had been so sad after the loss of their beloved dog several years prior. They adopted



Blaze, surprising their two teenagers with this awesome boy!



Evie sat quietly in a high kill shelter when PAWS pulled her. This strikingly beautiful, sweet girl fostered with Christine and her family before being spotted on our site by her forever family. When they came to meet Evie, fell in love and adopted her.

Trixie had a very long stay with PAWS, and we could never figure out why. Other rescues who met her loved her too, so much that they also posted wonderful bios of our Trixie in hopes to spread the word about her. This summer, one of our former adopters



whose PAWS dog, Pearl, had passed away, heard about Trixie, and was looking to adopt again. Happily, Trixie met all of the family members including another dog who lives with them, and Trixie was adopted into this very loving, caring home!



Blue Jr. (L) was another super sweet, longterm PAWS resident who finally met his forever family. They had adopted one of our pups five years earlier,

and when they lost their beloved older dog Ruby, they brought Max to meet Blue. Max and Blue became fast friends, and Blue has been living with this awesome family ever since.



Happy Cat Tails!



Ollie and Livvy were rescued together by one of our regular volunteers. They had been living outside and were pretty sickly. They responded quickly to the medical treatment and great care they received from our veterinari-

an and foster. We felt they needed to stay together and were happy when a wonderful family who had been looking around for some time for kittens just fell in love with this purrfect pair!

We were contacted this year to help rehome a family's cats due to an unfortunate financial and housing situation. **Wendy**, at the time, had just given birth to 6 kittens, and one of our wonderful fosters stepped up and took in this delicate little family. We were able to place **Rambo** in a home. Although he had been used to being around his



siblings and family, a single family home -- one great for a kitty -- was the best option we found for him. After all Wendy's kittens were all adopted, Wendy was very lonely and unsettled and became very ill from sadness. After she recovered, we contacted Rambo's owner to see if she would consider adopting Wendy. She agreed primarily because she felt that Rambo, too, was lonely and these two are happily reunited!



Daisy was the last kitten from Wendy (mentioned earlier) to get adopted. We were starting to worry why it was taking so long as she was perhaps the sweetest of the bunch! All of her siblings had been adopted quickly and she was left with her mom. Although happy, she needed her

own 'people family' too. Just in the nick of time, a wonderful first-time pet owner contacted us looking for a special kitty and we knew that Daisy was just the purr-fect match. It was love at first sight and Daisy is thriving in her new home and enjoying being the Princess in the family.

Loki (formerly "Peewee") was the runt of his litter of 6. This gorgeous white kitten with a splash of gray has 2 different colored eyes. He is also quite a ham and spit fire at the very



least learning at a very young age how to capture your heart and attention despite being the smallest kitten. All kittens are special but Loki is definitely 'one of a kind'!

Toulouse and **Marie**, male and female siblings who were pulled from a kill shelter along with their Mom and 3 other siblings just days after being born. Sadly they had caught upper respiratory infection when they



were there and 2 of the kittens didn't survive. Mom and 3 others were fine in a few days after receiving medical care but our hearts were broken, especially their foster mom who had spent so much time with them. The surviving were restored to

great healthy quickly. The kittens grew nicely and were adopted quickly into great homes. These two were lucky and stayed together!

Ollie is a kitten from a litter of 6 that we had this summer. He was adopted into a wonderful home and has made himself right at home and in the hearts of his new family! He is so social he is sometimes referred to as a "dog cat." He loves playing with the son's math protractor, the daughter's pencils and anything on a string. He



wakes up his family by nibbling on their toes. He is very confused about why people get in bathtubs and so far has left the Christmas tree alone, except to nap under it. His favorite spot to sleep is on someone's lap or in his human brother's fuzzy fleece chair. Here's a picture of him doing just that!

Yashoda and Pixie are 2 female kittens from a litter of 6 kittens born in July this year. The adorable girls pictured with them are Lila and Narayani Berrocal. As you can see they are 'naturals'!

Their Mom and Dad had started fostering for PAWS a few years ago when their current cats had become old and very ill. Fostering provided the comfort and joy needed to help them with the transitions. The family originally is from Montclair but had



recently moved to Pennsylvania where they have remained in close contact with PAWS through Facebook. When Mom spotted the pictures of the gorgeous litter she contacted us right away and came to get 4 of them! The kittens came down with some minor health issues as kittens often do, but we knew they were in the best of care. As soon as they were medically cleared, 2 of the kittens were placed with close friends and Yashoda and Pixie have become new additions to the family. We are so grateful for the comfort and wonderful care the Berrocal family provides.



Our Adoption Partners & Volunteers



THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE SPACE in this newsletter to name everyone, we send our sincere thanks to all who have helped PAWS this year! Our supporters include donors, volunteers, adoption venue partners, veterinarians and other rescue groups with whom we network.

Petco in Verona, our regular adoption venue, continues to offer us space in their store for showcasing some of our adoptable animals on Saturdays. Thanks to our volunteer groups who work this and the Farmer's Market venue to bring visibility to our rescues so the public and potential adopters may meet them.

Thanks to Donna Petronella and Lisa Sharkey for chairing the PAWS Holiday Bazaar again this year! This fundraiser netted PAWS over \$8,400, our best Bazaar ever, and the much needed funds will go directly toward the care of our rescues.



Donna and Lisa also arranged the Barnes & Noble Holiday Gift Wrapping fundraiser.

Thanks to Elisabeth Poliacoff for her dedicated work running our PAWS collection cans as well as preparing mailings of newsletters and cards for PAWS. We are grateful for the time, care and organization she puts into doing these very detail-oriented and laborintensive projects, as well as driving place to place for the pick-up of these collection cans. Elisabeth also helped us at the Farmer's Market, Verona's Fair In Square, Glen Ridge Eco Fair, Verona Green Fair, and the adoption event at Blu Lotus.

Additional thanks to Shannon Gessler for continuing to be our "virtual reception administrator" — Shannon is on the phone daily, picking up the many calls that come in on our PAWS voice mail, and answers or directs them to the proper people. Shannon also runs a Yard Sale for PAWS every spring. She spends hours collecting, sorting and pricing, and then working the sale. Her porch is rarely empty, as many donations find the way there throughout the year!

We would also like to thank Suzanne and her staff at **Elizabeth Ann Kennels** in Stirling for the wonderful care they provide our dogs. Their help, kindness and compassion is most appreciated.

THANK YOU also to these wonderful volunteers who work both at public events and behind the scenes:

Long-standing Volunteers:

Ron Locascio for leading the Farmers' Market adoption event on Saturdays from June through November, helping at the Holiday Bazaar, gathering donations, as well as representing us at other promotional events such Verona's Green Fair in the spring, and Verona Fair in the Square in December.

Cynthia Billitz for helping with Farmer's Market and Blu Lotus adoption events, transporting cats to and from adoption events, working at the PAWS tables at Verona's Fair In Square, Glen Ridge Eco Fair, Verona Green Fair.

Serena La for her help at the Farmer's Market adoption events.

Jeannie and Michele Caggiano, and their daughters, Maria and Sophia, for the book sale they did for us at the Farmer's Market this fall.

Sheila Caulfield, for her ongoing help and generous contributions and her fundraising efforts including California Pizza Kitchen. Sheila also helps at Petco Verona cat adoption events. She always is willing to jump in and help out for whatever needs to be done.

Neil Davidson for his amazing work as our Webmaster. He is responsive, talented, proactive and we are so thankful for his support.

Joni Blanchard, for all her help with the fundraisers, gathering and making baskets, and dog transport in the very early morning hours!

Sarah Keyishian, of Sleepydog Dog Training, who provides her expert advice and training for many of the dog adoptions we have done. She and Carole Michales do the meet and greets, home visits, and spend time with adopters to make smooth transitions into the new homes.

Greg Michales, for both his fund raising efforts and his hard work to make our facilities safer and sound with his construction expertise. He has spent many hours making repairs that make a difference.

Kristina Olszewski for posting our cats on Petfinder and Facebook and for hosting adoption events at Petco.

Roberta Fisher for her help at adoption and fundraising events. Roberta jumps in to help wherever she is needed, always with a smile.

Dolores Stecyk for generously offering her yard and garage for our annual yard sale. Dolores is so gracious and makes everyone feel welcome.

Kathryn Amoriello for her generous, most delicious baking donations to sell at several PAWS events.

Dog foster homes: Thank you to dog fosterer Christine McGowan and family, Yasmin Rivera for rescuing and fostering Duke, Jennifer Rodriguez, and the Michales family! These homes have provided the guidance and care that help the dogs find their forever homes.

Our Volunteers/Fundraising



Cat Foster Homes: Sally Walker/George Winthrop, Zaida Guerrero, Rachel Cohen, Kate Valentine and Michelle Kawecki.

Thanks to Valerie Slamka for her great continued care and housing of many PAWS cats.

Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who generously donated beautiful baskets and gift cards to our Tricky Tray at the Holiday Bazaar, and business sponsor Brookside Veterinary Clinic. We appreciate all the work by volunteers and donors that went into creating these wonderful baskets.

And thanks to those who headed up other fundraisers this year including the PAWS yard sale (Shannon Gessler and held at Dolores Stecyk's home); Guffaws for PAWS Comedy Event (Eileen Mallor); Elizabeth Baker for including PAWS as a participant in the Glen Ridge Eco Fair; Dr. Katz of Katz and Dogs in Upper Montclair for the cat adoption event and raffle; David Drislane and the Christ Episcopal Church for their generous donations through the Blessing of the Animals with Reverend Diana Wilcox; California Pizza Kitchen, (Sheila Caulfield); Eileen Mallor, for donating the proceeds of her private Vegan Culinary classes to PAWS; Blu Lotus, Montclair for hosting an adoption day; Sorrelli's (Fran Bengel) Church Street for promoting PAWS' mission and collecting donations. A huge thanks to Maggie Borgen and Lucy



Maggie Borgen and Lucy Solomon, middle school students from Renaissance School, Montclair, and creators of their Imagine Concert fundraiser!

Solomon and their families, and the Imagine Concert students from Renaissance School in Montclair for their amazing job putting together the fundraising concert for PAWS in August, and raising approximately \$3,000 for us! And thanks to many generous and compassionate junior supporters who have put together fundraisers through their schools or who have given their birthday money to PAWS in lieu of gifts.

To Our Amazing Veterinarians:

A huge thank you to our participating veterinarians, Dr. Danci Mock and her team at West Caldwell Animal Hospital, Dr. George Cameron and his team and Dr. David Wellington and his team at Well Pet Animal Hospital in Cedar Grove for the great care they give our dogs and cats.

Our hands-on, working Board members:

Gail Ingalls, who processes the dog applications and interviews applicants as well as answers the phone calls on the weekends.

Barbara Litwinka, our treasurer, who guides PAWS' financial matters. Her expertise has been invaluable. Eileen Mallor, who helps with fundraising events, including the successful Stand Up for Paws Comedy Night, edits the newsletters, emails PAWS events and information through communications@pawsmont-clair.org, and does her delicious vegan cooking and bake sales. She is offering classes in 2017 to help support PAWS.

Carole Michales, who heads up the group and manages the dogs, doing meet and greets, home visits, foster and kennel management; corresponds and networks with rescue partners, transporting our dogs to PAWS from other shelters, fosters dogs, produces the Newsletter; and works all the fundraisers.

Valerie Slamka, who heads up the cat group, works in all facets of the cat rescue and sheltering, including following up inquiries regarding cats, and helps at the Holiday Bazaar Tricky Tray.

Steve Stefanski, who created our cat adoption packets containing informative literature he researched specifically for the cats, and he implemented of our Animal Shelter Database. Steve also generously supports the cats by contributing towards vet bills and supplies.

Rev. Diana Wilcox blesses the animals at Christ Episcopal Church in Glen Ridge this past October for Blessing of the Animals. PAWS was presented with a generous check for \$350 from the Church as well as many wonderful product donations from the congregation!



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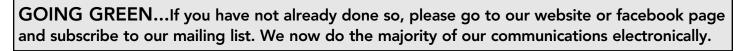
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