

# Pawprints

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Buttercup, relaxing with her friend Mackenzie at the kennel

Dear PAWS Supporter:

As we begin a new year, we want to thank you for your continued support. With your help, PAWS is able to do our work, rescuing many dogs and cats and serving our community. PAWS focuses on rescuing many at-risk animals who may get overlooked elsewhere, perhaps because of age, looks, health, breed, or size. We pull animals from overcrowded shelters, the streets, and urgent death row situations by responding to pleas

from rescue partners from other shelters. Many times the animals we rescue require extra medical care and longer stays, which we are grateful to be able to provide thanks to our supporters, veterinarians, sanctuary, fosters and kennel help.

We do many private dog and cat adoptions through our website and Facebook inquiries, and many kitten and cat adoptions through our adoption venues on the weekends as well.

Our veterinary and sheltering expenses surpass what we receive in fees, so we rely on donations. Every donation – big or small – helps us save lives. There are many ways to give, including:

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

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We have been honored to be the recipient of some important grants from the Robert McLean Foundation, Serenne Everitt Trust, The Montclair Foundation, and Andrew A. Sainato Charitable Trust, along with generous supporter donations that help us continue our work.

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 2020!

Carole Michales  
President, Board of Directors

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Current adoptable Blanche is a 5-year-old all black cat. She is spayed and in great health, very friendly and loves attention. She likes to cuddle, but also loves playing with toys. She would do best in a home without another adult cat, but would be fine with a kitten. Her recent situation did not work out because she didn't get along with the cat, but she is really a great kitty! Please email cats@pawsmontclair.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

## ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ In Loving Memory of Barbara Mather ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Barbara Mather, a former PAWS president for many years, passed away on December 20, 2019 after a long battle with Alzheimers. Working with animal rescue was a very important part of her life. She devoted many years to heading up PAWS, which included our years at 95 Walnut Street, raising funds for the 77 North Willow Street building, then seeing the facility through to completion and making the move. Barbara worked in the financial industry as a broker in Manhattan firms before working for many years for the Martin Family Fund at their Saddle River office. Every day after work she would come to the shelter and manage all there was to do there: piles of paperwork; dealing with employees, volunteers and prospective adopters; and helping provide care for the innumerable animals that came into PAWS shelter. She wrote once that she took the job of President mainly because nobody else wanted it and figured there would not be meetings involved, but found out just how much work was involved in running PAWS. After we moved out of the shelter building in 2008, she continued to be involved in the rescue and placement of the animals. It was only after her third heart-valve replacement that she was forced to retire and limit her activities. Barbara was very devoted to PAWS, and we appreciate and remember her for carrying out our mission with amazing efficiency and dedication.

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**Winslow** is an approximately 10-year-old mixed breed who has been waiting a very long time for the right home. All he wants is a calm, adult home and maybe a yard in which he can explore and just relax. He is sweet and affectionate, and has the most

endearing face and soft, beautiful coat. Please consider Winslow for adoption!



**Diamond** was surrendered to an inner city pound -- seems she was no use to the "owners" after she couldn't produce live puppies after being bred over and over.

Diamond is a very sweet, loving and spunky 9-year old. She is fine walking with other dogs, but would prefer to be your one and only. She has suffered enough, she's resilient and would love only to be someone's constant companion. Please consider Diamond!



**Happy**, found as a stray, was stuck at an inner city pound. He is young, about 1-2 years. Though shy initially, he warms up quickly and longs for snuggles and love. He's tall and lanky, and a gorgeous reddish brown color. Happy has been neutered and fully vetted and would love to find a home with older teens and adults.



Beautiful **Dora** was recently and regrettably returned due to severe allergies in the household. She is a purrfect calico kitty who is spayed and up to date on vaccines. She is a lap cat!

**Kitty Purry** is a 6 month old female who really had a rough start. She was born



with a deformed colon causing many bowel issues and discomfort for her when she first arrived. We brought her to several vets who thought she had a condition called "mega-colon" and put her on various supplements and dietary restrictions. After no improvement, we sought the expertise of specialists who were able to determine and solve the problem. Kitty Purry underwent a major surgery to reconstruct her colon allowing her to have proper bowel function. She is missing one of the major muscles which could cause her to have "accidents." Since this surgery, they have been very few and seldom. She does remain on a specialized diet. She is a remarkable little girl who is just an absolute love bug, very playful and snuggly yet independent. She will do fine as a single cat or in a multi cat household. Kitty Purry is truly a special kitty and is so happy now! Additionally, she is spayed and current on her vaccines.



**Cupcake** is an adult, tuxedo female with a stubby tail. She is shy at first, but is very sweet when she gets to know you. She's a quiet, laid-back girl who is up for strokes and purrs, though she is not friendly with other cats. She would do well in a home with no children and no other pets. Cupcake has been spayed, vaccinated, dewormed, and is FIV/FeLV negative."



**Bianca** was rescued by PAWS from an overcrowded rural shelter where, due to her breed, her only way out was to be rescued. Bianca is one of the sweetest dogs ever, and we just don't understand why she hasn't garnered more interest. Her foster, Rich, takes great care of her and says she would be a great dog for just about any home. Bianca is about 60 lbs., friendly -- loves everyone -- and is friendly with other dogs. She may be fine with cats as well as she's submissive. She just wants to be safe. She is healthy and young, about 3 years old, and gorgeous.

**Molly** had been tearfully surrendered to an inner city pound by a family due to landlord issues. Molly looks like a cross between a very small pittie and a Boston terrier. She had a cherry eye which has been surgically corrected, and has a unique look with her one blue eye and one brown eye. Molly will do well in an active home. She is very spirited and will benefit from some leash training. Spayed, housebroken, she just needs a stable home where she can decompress.



**Levi** is a sweet, affectionate, mellow boy, about 2 years old. He was found on the street in East Orange with a tattered collar so we assume he was a lost, or dumped, family cat. He's ready to become the mushiest and sweetest member of your family! Levi adores everyone and is the kindest soul. We would like Levi to either be adopted together with another cat or go to a home with at least one other cat since he adores them. He might love dogs, too, but we haven't tested him with any. Neutered, UTD on shots, FeLV/FIV negative.



**Thanks to the following businesses who contributed to this year's Holiday Tricky Tray and Bazaar**

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Additional thanks to:

- Secret Seat for donating a free 30-day membership for each attendee.
- Texas Roadhouse for donating a free appetizer coupon for each attendee.
- Joe's Crab Shack in Clifton for donating a free appetizer coupon for each attendee.

**Thank you to these volunteers who contributed, worked at, and/or solicited donations for the Holiday Tricky Tray & Bazaar**

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# Happy Dog Tails!



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



**Leo** was rescued by PAWS from a crowded shelter. Gary and Jerry, former PAWS adopters of Jack who had passed away, saw Leo on our site and after slow and monitored intros, their cat Abby and Leo are fast friends!

We met **Patch** in a local inner city pound where she landed after animal control was called by someone who had observed her being mistreated. Patch is a sweetheart, and now lives with a great family and enjoys life with her sister Cinnamon.



**Carl** (front) came to PAWS from a full shelter where he had been surrendered along with two other large dogs. All three were lovely dogs, and we were happy to save him. He went into foster and was stellar in the home. He was adopted by a lovely couple and their dog Lula, and he is living the life!



**Jetty** (L), formerly Scottie) came to PAWS when his owners were moving. He appeared on WDHA 105.5 "Rock N Ruff" with Terri Carr and was seen by his new family. He now lives

near the beach with his amazing people and Savannah, his canine sister!



**Betty** came to PAWS from an overcrowded shelter and fostered with Christine and her family. A great family adopted Betty and report that she is doing well and is a wonderful addition to their family!

We had pulled sweet **Faith** from the Newark shelter and she went into a foster home and was then adopted by a great family where she has been making them smile ever since!



**Loki** was adopted soon after coming to PAWS from a crowded rural shelter. He spent a little time in foster with Christine and her family until his forever family met him and knew he belonged with them!



Lambchop, now **Shelby**, was pulled from the Newark shelter by PAWS and spent time in a foster home with Rich where she decompressed and was able to heal from skin issues. She just wanted to bond with her people, and when Maria came to meet her, there was an instant connection. She follows Maria everywhere, and is grateful to be home.



# Happy Cat Tails!



6 year old **Andy** might be our quickest adoption as he was adopted into a wonderful home less than 24 hours after his post went live!

Our foster Sharon couldn't bear to give up **Miss Carteret** so she adopted her!



**Liam** getting belly rubs and loving his new life!

**Dipper and Mabel**, formerly Batman and Catwoman, were one of our top rescues this year. Rescued from outside when they were quite big kittens, they were quite scared and not people friendly. Thanks to a wonderful new foster, Elena, they really came around, but still needed work. Adopters Ashley and Robbie fell in love with them online, and willing to work with them, accepted them into their home. Now friendly as ever, Dipper and Mabel have made the family complete.



Prior adopters Nicole and family decided that 2 cats were just not enough so added to their furry family this year.



**Louie and Cleo** adopted together by the Robertson family.



We topped off a great year adopting an OUTSIDE stray! **Brownie** was well cared for by caretaker Carolyn, but he had to remain outside. Adopter Tommy was drawn to Brownie's story and wanted to make sure he never spent another day outside. It was love at first sight and Brownie now enjoys the comfort of sofas, beds and laps!



**Lily** spent her first Christmas with first times adopter Jessica and Edwin who are just in love with their new baby.

Pretty little **Autumn** was the only surviving kitten in a hoarding situation. Adopter Violet's family was looking for a new addition to their furry family.



**Quincy** found a home for the holidays with prior adopter Elaine who adopted his new sister, Misty a year ago.



Beautiful **Bell** and her portrait her Mommy Ellen had made for them.

**Paprika** excited to go his new home with adopter Dean.



Our FIV+ kitty, **Ernest**, also found a home. He's with former adopter Shana, whose recent kitty Mummy passed away at 18 year old, and Francis, her other FIV kitty who needed a new buddy.

Two of **Rosie's** adorable kittens adopted this year.



Our wonderful foster Jen saying her last goodbyes to **Rosie** before handing her off to her new home. Rosie also had a litter of kittens that Jen cared for and who were adopted this year.





# Adoption Partners, Volunteers & Fundraising

## Thank you!



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.

PetValu in Bloomfield and Caldwell, Petco in Verona, and the Farmer's Market are venues where our volunteers bring visibility to our animals and potential adopters may meet them.

A special thank you to Lisa Sharkey, Maria Pellegrino, Donna Petronella and Charlie Kubs for working so hard again to make this year's Tricky Tray the best ever, with over 200 baskets and \$19,000 for PAWS' rescues. These much needed funds will go directly toward the care of our rescues. Donna and Lisa also run the PAWS Barnes & Noble Holiday Gift Wrapping fundraiser which brings additional donations.



Lisa Sharkey, Charlie Kubs, Donna Petronella, Shannon Gessler (not pictured Maria Pellegrino)

A big thank you to Eileen Mallor for her excellent work planning and heading up "Guffaws for PAWS," the spring Comedy Night fundraiser. It's a great event, lots of fun and many laughs. Be sure to check it out!



Thanks to Elisabeth Poliacoff for her dedicated work running our PAWS collection cans as well as preparing mailings of newsletters and cards.

Additional thanks to Shannon Gessler, who picks up the many voice mails on our PAWS line, and answers/directs them to the proper people.

We would also like to thank Danielle Hicks and her staff at Elizabeth Ann Kennels in Stirling for the wonderful care they provide our dogs. Mackenzie, Taylor G., Taylor H., Haley, Kate, Colby and the rest of the staff there treat our dogs with kindness and compassion and it's most appreciated. They are always willing to help with transports to the vet and home visit/adoptions, and our dogs love them.

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

Gail Ingalls, for her great work reviewing all dog applications and interviewing prospective adopters to help match our dogs to the right homes.

Barbara Litwinka, for all her work with all things financial. She is a wealth of information and we depend on her for help with grant proposals as well.

Ron Locascio for leading the Farmers' Market adoption event, gathering donations for the Holiday Bazaar, and representing us at other promotional events such Verona's Green Fair, and Verona Fair in the Square.

Cynthia Billitz for helping at adoption events and transporting cats.

Sheila Caulfield, for her ongoing help at fundraising and adoption events and her very generous contributions. She always is willing to jump in and help out for whatever needs to be done.

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

Courtney Motylinski of Smart Paws Dog Training, Montclair, for her help in working with our rescues, along with doing meet and greets and adoptions.

Courtney has helped rehome some of our more "challenging" rescues with her professionalism.

Greg Michales, for both his fund raising efforts and his hard work to make our facilities safer and sound with his construction expertise. He goes above and beyond to keep both animals and caretakers safe.

Jessie and Roger Vellecamp for their ongoing help with PAWS fundraisers.

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

Dolores Stecyk for generously offering her yard and garage for our annual yard sale. Dolores is so hospitable and welcoming, and we appreciate her!

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

Dog foster homes: Thank you to our dog foster homes, without which we could not rescue dogs. Christine McGowan and family, Rich DeMartin, Jennifer Rodriguez.

Cat Foster Homes: Zaida Guerrero, Sharon Van Der Zee, Carmen Rivera, Yana Bojadschijew.

Thanks to Valerie Slamka for all her hard work and continued care and housing of resident PAWS cats as well as Margie Fittin, Pat Frontera, Marie Bender, Beata Kulikowski, Debby Parker, and Jodi Rossi.

And thanks to those who headed up other fundraisers this year including the PAWS yard sale (Carol Erickson and held at Dolores Stecyk's home); 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 Blessing of the Animals with Reverend Diana Wilcox; Steven Neale - Verona Green Fair and Fair in the Square.

### To Our Amazing Veterinarians:

A huge thank you to our participating veterinarians, Drs. Danci Mock, Michelle Lee and Jeana Stanisci and staff at West Caldwell Animal Hospital -- they not only treat our dogs, but they have been kind and generous in their help providing some of our dogs extended stays while waiting for their forever homes; Drs. George Cameron and Liz Houston of Cameron Animal Hospital, Dr. Nancy Katz and her team at Katz & Dogs Veterinary Hospital in Upper Montclair, and BluePearl Veterinary Partners in Paramus for the great care they give our dogs and cats.



Thank you to Terri Carr of WHDA 105.5FM radio for having PAWS on her segment "Rock N Ruff" where we showcased two of our dogs, Scottie and Molly. Terri and her crew were so welcoming and our dogs had such a great time. Scottie's new family had seen the video and they came to meet him and adopted him. We look forward to introducing Terri to more of our dogs soon!



Reverend Gerard "Jerry" A. Racioppi blesses our cats at Verona's Celebration of Pets this past October.



## Helping animals and people

PAWS Montclair prioritizes helping animals in need and people in our local community. We pull at-risk animals from kill shelters and other bad situations, help people rehome their pets, and answer daily emails and phone calls from the community. We do adoption events weekly, speak at schools regarding the plight of homeless animals, organize and run two successful large fundraisers yearly, along with multiple smaller scale fundraisers throughout the year. All of our rescues are thoroughly vetted and spayed or neutered. Recently we had the good fortune to be invited to a radio station to showcase two of our dogs, bringing visibility to them as well as PAWS.

## Two of This Year's Rescues

**Black Eyed Pea** was found searching for food on a stifling hot July night, alone, filthy and desperate for a morsel of food. He narrowly escaped being hit by cars as he dodged traffic on Route 280. Once he made his way across the highway, a kind, cat-loving gentlemen saw him, and pulled him out of harm's way.



PAWS was contacted and assumed the care of Pea. The vet evaluated him and despite having terrible ear mites and mild conjunctivitis, he initially appeared to be otherwise healthy. However, during the exam, the vet noticed that he had a rapid and overwhelmingly hard heartbeat and recommended a cardiology consult. Upon examination by the cardiologist, we made a plan to repair the problematic valve of his heart. Mitrovalve prolapse is caused when the exit valve of the heart is underdeveloped, causing the valve to be unable to close off at appropriate time, which then allows a backflow of blood and possible bacteria to enter the heart chamber, and is a very expensive procedure. But PAWS did not want to give up on this amazingly resilient kitten, and we were able to cover the bills. Black Eye Pea came through the surgery amazingly well and is able to have a normal life now. He is in great foster care and awaits his forever home.



**Gigi**, a lab-pit mix, came to PAWS from a crowded municipal shelter. She stayed at the kennel we use as we had no open foster homes, and she was doing well. Sweet and loving, Gigi won the hearts of the kennel staff. We noticed she had a small lump at the top of her left leg, and we made a vet appointment to have it examined. In a short time, the lump had grown considerably and was affecting Gigi's gait, and she was unable to put weight on the leg. Our vets did some diagnostics and felt amputation was the only way to stop this soft tissue mass from continuing to grow and hopefully be curative. Today, Gigi is thriving as a "tripod" and has been adopted into a wonderful home with Dorian and Anna.

These are just two of the cases we had this year. Every rescue is important to us, and we provide whatever each one needs.



## *In loving memory of Piper*

Two weeks before Christmas last year, our beloved and beautiful girl Piper passed away due to multiple health issues, including a large mass on her liver. Her foster dad, Rich, did an amazing job keeping her comfortable and loved throughout her stay with him, and we all mourned her loss.

Piper was pulled by PAWS from AHS Newark last year. She was in rough shape, an older pittie who had obviously lived a tough life. She had few teeth, and the ones she had were ground down to nubs. We are thankful that we were able to give her the love and care she so deserved. Our supporters give us the chance to help dogs like Piper, the ones who are lost in the system. The resiliency of these sweet souls is amazing.

## Fostering saves lives!

Christine is one of our amazing long-time fosterers. Busy wife and mom to three teenage boys, three dogs, and caregiver to her ailing mother, she still gracefully fosters, and helped place all these dogs this past year. She works with them to help us adopt them into the best homes possible suited to each dog. We are blessed to have her on our team, as are the dogs she brings into her home. If you are interested in fostering a dog, please contact us [info@pawsmontclair.org](mailto:info@pawsmontclair.org)



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 from the Church as well as many wonderful product donations from the congregation!

## \$\$ CASH FOR CRITTERS \$\$

Collect empty ink jet and laser cartridges, and old cell phones. PAWS will be paid up to \$4 (\$2 for most ink jets). Based on styles, PAWS will be paid \$1 - \$12 for laser cartridges. Please – No already-recycled cartridges. Cartridges may be dropped off to volunteer Shannon. Call 973-746-5212 for more information.



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