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Dear PAWS Supporter:

We want to thank you for your continued support as well as to update you on our work. Please enjoy the happy adoption stories, a look at animals currently up for adoption, and the rest of the PAWS news shared here.

Thanks to your support, PAWS is able to continue our mission of animal rescue and serving our community. PAWS focuses on rescuing at-risk dogs and cats who may get overlooked elsewhere, perhaps because of age, looks, health, breed, or size. We pull animals from overcrowded, high-kill shelters, the streets, and other urgent situations by responding to pleas from rescue partners from other shelters and members of the community. Often 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. In the past months, we have had multiple medical care issues as you'll read about throughout the stories this newsletter.

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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!

Carole Michales
President, Board of Directors

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Adoptable Dogs



We cannot understand why **Kiki** (above) is still waiting for someone to give her a chance at her forever home! Sure, she is a big girl with a big personality, but living in a kennel is not her dream, nor is it ours for her. She is such a good girl who just needs a chance to land in a great home with someone who has large breed experience so she can finally learn to relax. She's a character for sure, but a lovable one and if you give her a chance, she will keep you smiling. We go on car rides as well as walks and she loves being out and about. She is joyful when she's with you! photo: courtesy of @venturestudioscaldwell

Good Samaritans found **Lucy** (right) wandering the streets alone, so they brought her into their home where she stayed almost two months. Already with two dogs of their own and a 4-year-old child, they reached out to us when they started renovations on their home. Space was already tight and they just couldn't keep Lucy. They had reached out to several local shelters, but they were worried that because of

Rufus (below) needed medical help for his skin condition, and because of that, sat waiting at a crowded shelter. We met him and knew we could help him. He's been doing very well with the skin infection now gone and only needing some medicated baths going forward



to help keep his skin clean and healthy. He is one of the funniest dogs ever. He gets along with most other dogs, doesn't notice cats or seem to care, and, depending on the weather, decides if he wants to walk or would prefer to take himself to the yard and "run" back into his kennel when done. Rufus will make a great, easy companion for a lucky person or family.



her age, she would not find a home quickly enough. Shelters were full, and we had just had an adoption, so we met Lucy and we knew she was a good girl and we could help her. She is great with other dogs, people, pretty much anyone and anything. She has a lot of pep in her step, and loves walks, playing in the yard, and just hanging out. If you have another dog and are thinking of a second, Lucy could be a great match. She is housebroken, and will be spayed soon as she had been in heat when we took her into our care.

Starla (below) came to us from an inner-city pound facility where she had been surrendered along with her older “sister.” They had most likely been living outside a



good part of the time as evidenced by fly strikes on her ears. Despite this background, Starla seems to be housebroken and is very responsive. The poor girl was suffering from entropion, a condition where the eyelids curl into the eyes causing irritation and pain. Thankfully, RBARI, a rescue/shelter in Oakland with whom we work to rescue dogs, took care of her eyelid surgery and spay! We think she must have not been treated very nicely, as she flinches as if she’s been hit before, and it takes her a bit to warm up to men. She is not at all aggressive, just cautious initially. But she warms up quickly and is a very friendly girl. She is very food motivated and will sit before she is even asked.

Adoptable Cats

Zeus



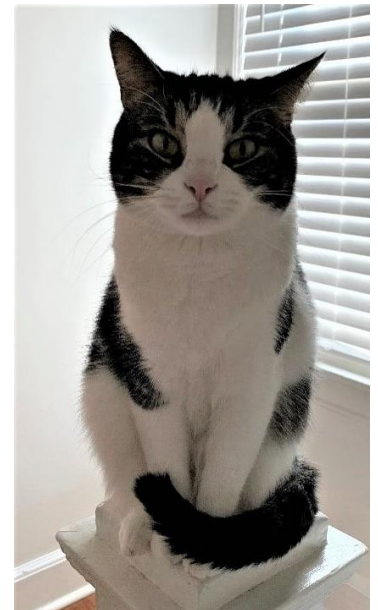
Petey



Zeus and **Petey** are father and son. Zeus' owner didn't care for him or even name him, and when they moved, they left Zeus behind. Not being neutered he fathered some kittens, one being Petey. Zeus and Petey are very bonded and we would love to see them adopted together, but

will consider adopting them separately. Zeus is fully vetted and Petey will be neutered soon.

Romeo



Hannah and **Romeo** were rescued from the streets of Newark in 2017. They're both very friendly cats. Hannah is very loving and Romeo has such an outgoing personality and almost acts like a dog. Unfortunately, they can no longer stay in their home as their owner's child is severely allergic. They are 5 years old and fully vetted. We would like to keep them together.

Hannah



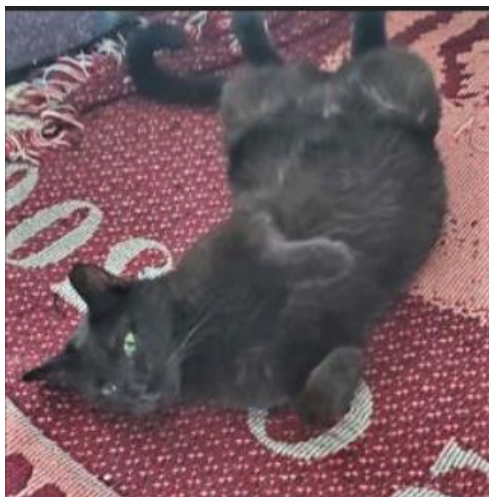
Ebony



Ebony was a lost stray taken in by a nice couple. She soon gave birth to 2 kittens. **Mia** is the kitten who still is available. Ebony and Mia are shy at first, but really warm up once they feel comfortable. Ebony is vocal and Mia is quiet. They have healthy appetites and are very clean and neat cats. We prefer to see them adopted together but will consider separate adoptions.

Mia





Vivian (left) is a sweet and sassy 3-year-old kitty, rescued from Paterson when she was heavily pregnant with 10 kittens! Her kittens are long gone and she is ready for a home of her own. She is very affectionate and good around cats and teenage kids/adults. She is fully vetted, up to date on vaccines and negative for FIV and Feline leukemia. Vivian currently is being fostered in Garfield NJ and is excited to meet you!



Adorable cuddle bug **Nori** (above) got her name after being rescued during a Nor'easter, living as a stray on the streets of Newark. Nori is gentle but a little shy. She loves to snuggle in bed and to be petted, but because of her rough start she gets nervous in loud or chaotic situations. Her ideal home would be with one or two other cats, a couple/single person with time to give or a family with teenage/college aged children.

Tia (right) was trapped for TNR in Livingston, but was far too sweet to go back. A nice couple purchased a house that came with a backyard surprise: three unvetted cats, left behind by previous owners. Tia is extremely gentle and purrs nonstop when you give her pets and attention. She is an 8-year-old gorgeous long-haired kitty (don't be fooled by her summer hair cut), is up to date on vaccines, fiv/felv negative and spayed. She loves other cats but



is no fan of dogs or very loud noises. She enjoys playing in cardboard boxes, eating temptations treats and sleeping in her cat tree.

Rudy's Story



Rudy before being groomed



Rudy after being groomed

This is **Rudy**, a 14-year-old black long-haired cat. He recently lost his home when his pet-mother entered a nursing home and couldn't care for him any longer. Rudy ended up in a shelter where he was placed in a small cage and subject to the barking of

many dogs. He was so traumatized that he licked the fur off his legs. A PAWS representative heard about him, pulled him from the shelter, and is now fostering him. Rudy has two marks against him for being adopted. First, being a black cat. Second, he is an aged cat and somewhat skittish. He was examined by our veterinarian and in spite of everything he's been through was found to be in overall good health. He's adapting to living in a home again now.

Rudy's situation is not unique. More than a half million pets are orphaned each year due to a pet-parent's death or disability. Many are taken to shelters to await an unknown fate. Please arrange for your pet's welfare should you no longer be able to care for them. Provisions for their care can be just an agreement between family or friends (preferable written with signatures) or can be included in your will, which can include a pet trust that provides for the expenses for their extended care.



Rudy in his lion cut

Happy Dog Tails



Checkers (above) came to PAWS from a full inner-city pound where he landed after being picked up as a stray. A very friendly, loving boy, Checkers met Kara and Brad and it was an instant connection. Checkers is living the life now!

Missy (right) was pulled by PAWS from another crowded shelter where she had been dumped. Heartworm positive, Missy had to undergo the treatment to rid her of these deadly parasites. Thankfully, Jillian and her family offered to foster Missy, and they all grew so fond of her they decided to make it official and adopted her! Missy is now healthy and living a wonderful life.



Sage (right) was a stray in an inner-city shelter, suffering with mange and basic neglect. We were at that shelter to pull another dog (whom we did), but could not leave Sage there. Sweet and so eager to go with us, she proved to be an amazingly lovable girl, good with everyone. After we had her treated, she was adopted by Lisa who had adopted Macy from us years before. Unfortunately, Macy had passed away from an aggressive cancer, and Lisa knew she had to save another pittie. Sage is living the life, glued to her mom Lisa, and we couldn't be happier for them!



Axel (above) spent a long while waiting at AHS Newark for rescue. It only took us one meeting to know that he was a gem. A large boy, he had been surrendered after spending most of his time in a yard. This boy right from the start showed amazing love and sweetness, and Jon and Kelly fell in love with him immediately and welcomed him into their home. Axel has been the best boy they say, and they could not imagine life without him!



Lulu (above) came to PAWS from a crowded NJ shelter when one of our fellow rescue partners reached out to us to see if we could take her. Her sweet and playful nature was immediately evident, and when Will saw her post, he came to meet her and was smitten, as was Lulu! She now lives with Will and his daughter and is exactly where she wanted to be, surrounded by a loving family.

We met **Bub** (below) at a crowded NJ shelter and knew we had to pull him — sweet and loving, Bub was adopted by a couple and is their shadow, traveling with them everywhere he can go!



Zeke (above) came to PAWS from a full NJ shelter where he was out of time. Friendly, smart, sweet, loving and athletic, Zeke found a great home with Dan and Caroline, a wonderful couple who was very excited to welcome Zeke into their home!

Shortcake (below) had been surrendered to AHS Newark along with two other dogs. They had spent most of their time outside, and Shortie had an awful case of “cauliflower ears” where her ears were so thickened from multiple, untreated ear infections that they developed this condition. Bleeding and sore, Shortie was treated by multiple vets to try and get this under control. Sweet and loving, she was irresistible to all who met her, and when Barbra came to meet her and walked her several times at the kennel, she knew Shortcake was meant to be with her. Barbra had adopted another dog from PAWS years before, and he was her heart, and when he passed, she took some time to grieve and ultimately met Shortie. We were so thankful she decided the time was right to welcome Shortie into her home, and it’s been amazing.



Happy Cat Tails

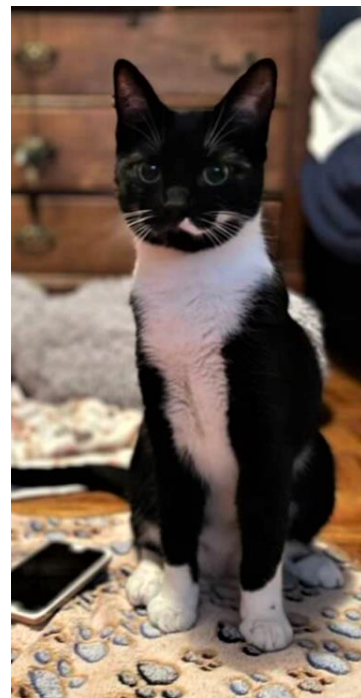
Dottie and Tux



Mandi



Milo



Stormy



Pepper



Aries



Sasha



More Medical Stories

Many thanks to our long-term fosterers!

The animals PAWS rescues often require extra medical care and longer stays. You've already read some of their stories throughout this newsletter. There also are special situations where we need to rely on a foster home that can commit to keeping an animal for an extended period of time, often for the lifetime of that animal. We are so grateful to have these special fosterers, and want to recognize them for their compassion and care of these animals.

Vance's Story

Vance was one of those dogs we took in, many years back, through a volunteer who had been helping a homeless person find a place for his dog when he needed to move from his parking lot home into a shelter. Vance, already an adult pit bull, had always been with his person, so this transition was very tough for him. At the time, we were leasing a space in Jefferson, NJ where we had set up some large indoor enclosures for 5 of our dogs, and Vance came to us to stay there. He was very anxious, not doing well there, and had a fairly lengthy stay with us until we were able to get a wonderful fosterer, Brianna, to take him into her home and work with him. She found him to be a great companion, and he flourished with her. From there, a couple applied to adopt Vance, met him, and it seemed to be a good match.

After several years, the couple contacted us because after their first child was born, Vance was showing discomfort, and with the birth of their second child, they decided Vance needed to be rehomed. We took Vance back into our care. At this point, we were sheltering some of our dogs in Stirling at Elizabeth Ann Kennels since the property we once had was sold. Vance at this point was a senior, about 11 or 12 years old, and he settled into life at the kennel as best he could. We walked him daily and spent time with him, but of course it's not the same as being in a home.

Luckily, in stepped Rich, one of our great foster homes. His foster dog had just been adopted and thankfully, he offered to take Vance. Vance has absolutely mellowed into a very comfortable life with Rich, and Rich has taken amazing care of him. When Vance had a major health issue a few months ago and *needed a splenectomy in order to survive*, we were all nervous of the outcome since Vance is now about 15, definitely showing signs of old age, but thriving in the care of Rich.



These are the cases we often manage, and they are “behind the scenes” but they are a good part of who we are! We cannot say enough great things about our amazing foster homes as they have literally saved many lives.

Sammy's Story

Another long-term foster, **Sammy**, came to PAWS several years back, already in his early senior years, with many issues including a heavy load of heartworms. We figured even though he was a little older, because he was so sweet and lovable, once we had the heartworm disease treated, he could be adopted into a home. The first foster home was unable to keep him due to his constant



urinating, so we had him rechecked and took him back to the kennel where he did well, having access to outdoors most of the day, though he would continue to drink and urinate very frequently. Another foster home came to meet him and decided to try fostering to adopt. Unfortunately, they lived in an apartment on the second floor, and with all of Sammy's "potty" issues and needs, and his constant search for water



Sammy and Patty in the ER

anywhere he could find it, after several months with sad hearts they had to relinquish him back to us. So back to the kennel for Sammy. He was walked daily, loved by all who worked with him, and doing pretty well.

Meanwhile, through all of this, we had our vets working on what could be the cause of Sammy's issues. We ended up putting him on meds that finally seemed to calm his obsessive disorder and when Patty and her family came to meet him, they fell for Sammy and we arranged for them to foster.

Sammy has been with them for well over a year and a half and has become very attached to Patty and the family. Recently Sammy started *suffering from what seemed to be chronic pain, and after emergency care, and extensive veterinary care, he is finally responding to the new medication and will live out the rest of his life with Patty and her family.* We don't know what the future will hold, but he is where he wants to be and is loved beyond words. We are forever grateful for these compassionate and amazing people who step up to do a tough job!

Chloe's Story

Chloe in shelter



Chloe's last PetCure Treatment



Chloe's first night adopted



Angelic Chloe at home



Sweet **Chloe** had been surrendered to a rural shelter where her only way out was through rescue. When we took Chloe into PAWS, she had several odd-looking skin growths hanging from her body in different places, which our vet completely removed and biopsied. Unfortunately, they were all found to be low grade mast cell tumors, and a consult with an oncologist was suggested.

The treatment plan outlined required a span approximately 6 months and included weekly, then twice a month, trips from the kennel in Stirling to PetCure Oncology in Clifton where Chloe received ultrasounds, chemotherapy, and follow ups. The staff was so compassionate and Chloe did extremely well through it all. Subsequent visits have shown Chloe remains cancer-free.

And then a wonderful thing happened: Alexandra and John, who had had experience with having a dog go through cancer treatments, inquired about Chloe. They met Chloe, decided to foster her with the hopes of adopting (we were still going through end of treatment) and Chloe finally landed in a wonderful home. Shortly afterward, they noticed Chloe started experiencing what was called "focal seizures" involving only her head and upper body. After a neurology consult, it was determined that these were not life-threatening and no further treatment was necessary. Chloe has been formally adopted by Alexandra and John and she loves, and is loved, in this happy home.

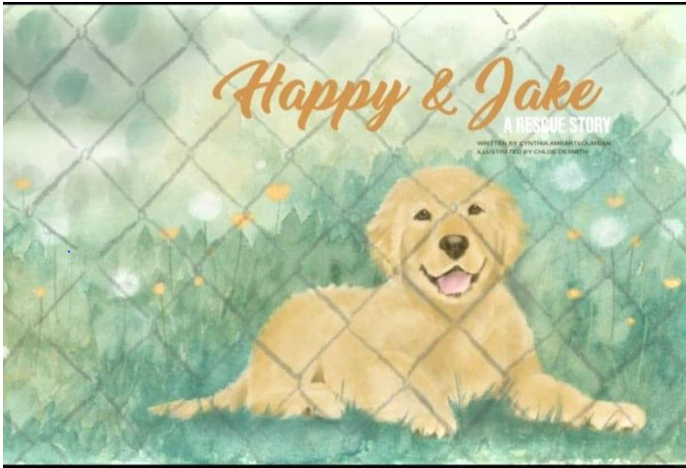
Penny's Story

Sometimes emergencies happen in the middle of the night, and our fosterers call us if they need help. Pregnant Penny began the birthing process, delivered a kitten, and then complications arose. A second kitten was stillborn. We rushed Penny to the ER where an ultrasound and X-rays were done. No other kittens were detected. Mama Penny returned to her foster home and is comfortably caring for her kitten.



News and Events

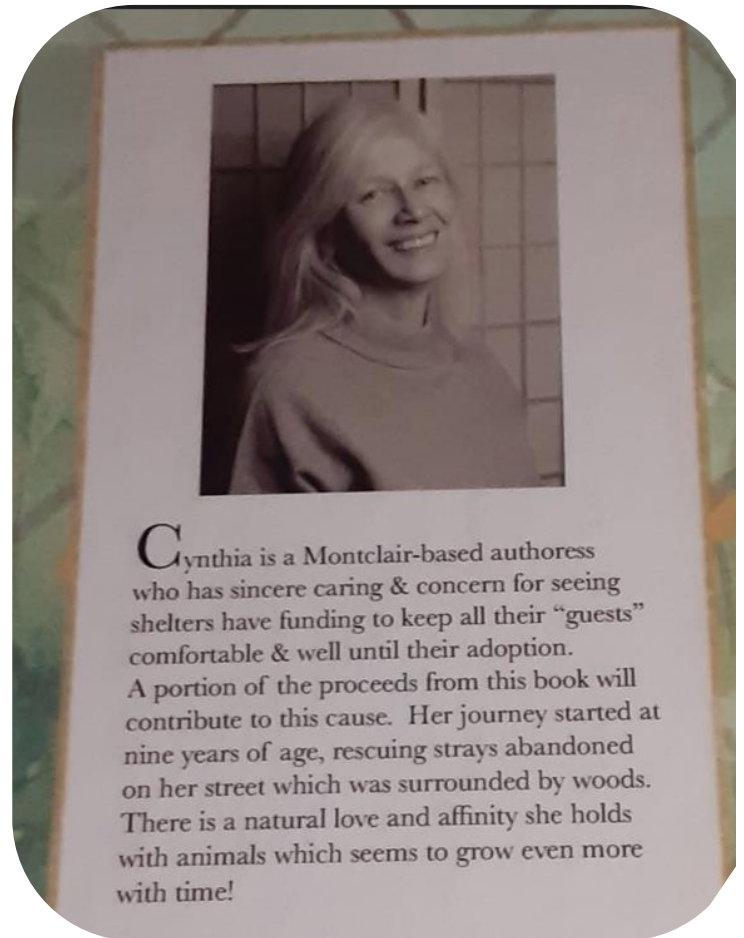
Montclair Author Chooses PAWS to Receive Portion of Proceeds from New Book



Montclair author, **Cynthia Ambartsoumean**, has had an affinity for animals her entire life. She's written a rescue storybook, and is donating a portion of the proceeds to PAWS.

Cynthia works for **Rocklin Opticians** in Montclair. Rocklin has books available for sale in the store.

Thank you Cynthia and Rocklin Opticians for your support!



Cynthia is a Montclair-based authoress who has sincere caring & concern for seeing shelters have funding to keep all their "guests" comfortable & well until their adoption. A portion of the proceeds from this book will contribute to this cause. Her journey started at nine years of age, rescuing strays abandoned on her street which was surrounded by woods. There is a natural love and affinity she holds with animals which seems to grow even more with time!

Halloween Pet Pictures at L&B Healthy Pet Markets

Please plan to join us at L&B Healthy Pet Markets, 15 South Fullerton Avenue in Montclair for Halloween pet pictures. Details coming soon.

June Tricky Tray—THANK YOU

What a great tricky tray event we had again this year. It was wonderful to see so many of our supporters in person again, as well as many new faces who came out for a chance to win great prizes and to support Paws Montclair.

THANK-YOU to the businesses and individuals who donated to this event and to the wonderful team of volunteers who put it together and ran it. We couldn't survive without you and feel so blessed to have you!

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