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Dear PAWS Supporter:

We thank you for your continued support. Without you, PAWS would not be able to do our work, rescuing many dogs and cats as well as serve our local community. PAWS focuses on rescuing some of the most at-risk animals which, in turn, can take more work and time to ready these deserving rescues for their forever homes. They are all good, adoptable animals, but some 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, and we need to take the time required to get to know them and their true personalities so we can best match them with their human companions where they will be able to thrive. Our foster families, volunteers, kennel, sanctuary, and financial supporters enable us to rescue animals in need and provide them with veterinary care and a safe place to stay during this time. We do many private dog and cat adoptions through our website and Facebook inquiries, and many kitten and cat adoptions through our cat rescuers with whom we work.

Our veterinary and sheltering expenses far 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.

You can find additional information on the back page of the newsletter. Please also stay connected with us through our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#), [twitter](#) and [email](#).

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

Photo: Carole with Otis (dog)

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Now that amazonSmile is no more, we want to make sure you know about **iGive**. Shop through iGive and a part of your purchase amount will be donated to PAWS Montclair-- and the percentages donated are higher than they were with amazonSmile. There are over 2000 online stores to choose from in the iGive Mall. *You probably already shop from many of these stores, and now you can help PAWS at the same time.*

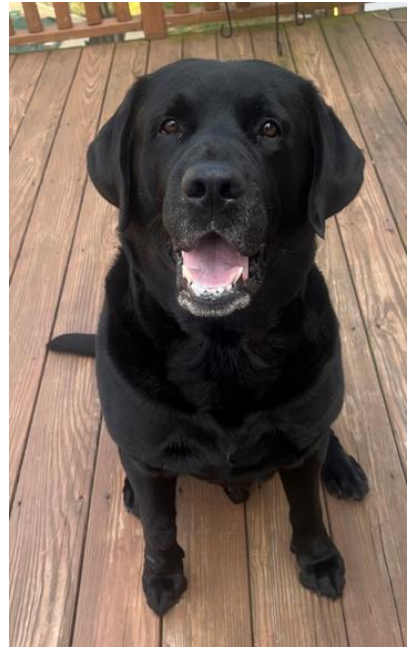
Adoptable Dogs



Otis was found as a stray. As a senior, this poor guy just wants to have a place to rest and live out his golden years. Otis may be hard of hearing, but he is very alert, has pep in his (sometimes wobbly) step, is very easygoing and loves gentle walks, checking out the yard, and napping. He gets along with other dogs. He was in a great foster home with a much younger dog and did well, but he was too interested in their cats, so he is back with us at the kennel, and looking to land in the comfort of a great home. If you love seniors, please meet Otis.



Jake: Lab lovers, here's a gem for you! Jake, a 6-year-old purebred English Lab, was surrendered to our rescue because his owner fell ill and could no longer care for Jake. Jake came to us 30-40 lbs overweight due to being overfed. With the help and work of his fosterer, he has



lost all the weight needed to be happy and healthy and he looks and feels great. He does well with other dogs and possibly cats too! He's fostered with a little dog and medium sized dog currently. Jake is currently 105 lbs. He enjoys his

daily walks and eats Purina One. If you understand the importance of not overfeeding your dog and love the goofiness of labs, please fill out an application to meet Jake. He is a fun-loving dog! He knows many commands too -- his foster mom is a trainer! He is WONDERFUL! We are taking applications now. An ideal home would be one with a secured fenced in yard (not electric). Jake is being fostered in Bergen County so we are looking for an adopter in that area.



Bella (left) was found as a stray and picked up by animal control, arrived at the pound with a painful ear infection and she was emaciated. About 2 years old, sweet, submissive and easily handled, she is now happily living in a great foster home with Rich, and he reports that she is wonderful. She is responsive, housebroken, and an all-around good girl. She is very strong and active as well. Bella will make a great companion!

Cash has also been waiting a long time for someone to adopt him. He is a big boy, about 75 lbs., tall and handsome, and very silly. He adores playing in the yard, fetching objects and bringing them back to you. He will throw the object down at your feet and immediately sit waiting for a treat. He knows “down” and “paw” as well, and he loves to roll over, for which he also waits for treats. Cash takes meds for a hypothyroid condition which is quite common and is easily kept under control with an inexpensive medication. Cash also has a limp caused by a “bum elbow” he has most likely due to trauma he experienced at some point in his life. He takes a supplement and an anti-inflammatory to ease any discomfort he may have, though he never shows any signs of pain. Cash is about 7 years of age, he’s fun and very responsive. He is very nonchalant about other dogs and walks well with all of our kennel dogs. He just needs someone to fall in love with him as we all have.



Starla (left) is another overlooked girl who has been with us for some time with no applications. Beautiful Starla is about 6 years old, friendly and sweet. She walks well on leash and knows some basic commands. She is very food motivated and takes treats gently. She makes the best snorty sounds and keeps us all laughing. During her stay with us, Starla has made several dog friends and is a great pack walker. She has been very tolerant of some of the younger, exuberant dogs once she knows them. We are sure Starla will make a great companion and couch buddy for a lucky adopter.

Kiki (right) recently got to spend time in a great foster home with Courtney of @smartpawdogtraining. After almost 2 months out of a kennel environment, Kiki has shown that she loves being in a home and part of a family, she is housebroken, loves to snuggle and enjoys her training sessions. She loves her walks. She's a beautiful girl, about 8 years old, and we just don't understand why she hasn't gotten any applications! We all LOVE this girl.



Adoptable Cats



Meet **Zen**, a 2-year-old male kitty. He is very friendly and playful, yet also quiet and mellow at times. He loves to sleep and cuddle and get lots of attention. Recently he had to go live with a relative, where the resident kitty does not like Zen's being there, so it's best that the family finds Zen a home where he will be welcomed and loved. We aren't sure if he will do well with other cats or if it is just this current situation and particular kitty, but we know that Zen is a wonderful cat and loves people! He is almost 'dog-like'. Zen is fully vetted including neutered and up to date on his vaccines.

Meet **Franklin** (right) This 2-year-old handsome hunk loves to talk, is very playful and gets along well with other cats. He was rescued from the streets of Newark,



struggling in single digit temps and is so incredibly grateful to be rescued. Franklin answers to his name, craves attention and loves to play in cardboard boxes or run on the cat exercise wheel. He is fully vetted, negative for fiv/felv and really excited to head to his Furever home. He is being fostered in Bergen County NJ.

Meet **Lenny, Oreo, and Mikey**. These kitties are like the three musketeers, they hang around together and totally enjoy each



other's company – wrestling, grooming each other or just hanging out. They are so much fun to watch! Lenny and Oreo, the two black kitties are bonded brothers. Mikey (orange) came to PAWS separately and was a bit scared and nervous. He got adopted and then sent back because he had trouble adjusting to the new urban, noisy, high traffic area. Once Lenny and Oreo came into his life, he became a totally different cat. Now he loves to play and he's so much more relaxed! All three are very affectionate, especially Lenny and Oreo, who are total lap cats. They love to jump on your lap and snuggle, and are very gentle. All are fully vetted and tested negative. Mikey is about three years old and Lenny and Oreo are about two years old. They all have thick, soft gorgeous coats.



Meet **Vivian** (left), 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!

Meet **Tia** (right). She 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.



Meet adorable cuddle bug **Nori** (left) who 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.

Smokey (right) is a playful 8-mo-old smokey gray kitten with gorgeous eyes, who's looking for his forever home. Smokey is neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped and ready to start his new life. He is socialized with other cats as well.



Happy Cat Tails



Featured Medical Stories

The following are some of the animals with medical issues that PAWS has been caring for recently, including those residing with us, as well as other animals in the community we help to prevent people from surrendering them. Our goal is to enable the animals to remain in their homes.

Residents



Leo, a resident of PAWS, had painful, reddened and inflamed gums around his teeth. Our veterinarian diagnosed the condition as feline stomatitis, a complex allergic-based disease with an unknown cause. Leo initially was treated with steroids. When the condition did not resolve, all of Leo's back teeth (premolars and molars), were extracted. Following the dentistry, the pain and redness of his gums resolved and he is now doing fine.

Feline stomatitis (chronic gingivostomatitis) is a debilitating feline dental disease marked by severe pain and chronic inflammation of a cat's gums (gingiva) and the moist tissue that lines the mouth and throat. Feline stomatitis appears to result from an overactive immune response to the bacteria in tartar that builds up on the teeth. Cats with stomatitis are more likely to live in shared households with other cats. It is a frustrating disease to manage owing to its elusive cause and treatments that don't always work to alleviate the problems. Medical treatments, such as pain management, steroids, and antibiotics are used initially in an attempt to control the disease, as with Leo. However, the current standard of care involves dental extractions of at least all of the back teeth (premolars and molars), with or without medical management rather than medical therapy alone.

Cats with stomatitis experience significant pain, and often have difficulty chewing and eating. They may lose weight, have bad breath, drool or have oral bleeding, and may paw at their mouths. These cats also may have a scruffy coat as a result of decreased self-grooming and poor nutrition. **Please take your cat to your veterinarian if you notice any of these signs.**



Since being highlighted in our last newsletter, **Bobby** is doing much better after extensive hospitalization and care. He has been on two long-term antibiotics to treat the bacterial infection. Recently he underwent surgery to remove all the debris that had accumulated in his urinary bladder. Since then, he has improved tremendously. He doesn't constantly dribble urine anymore and urinates normally. A recent ultrasound showed that his bladder wall had mostly healed. Still, he will require continued medical treatment to allow normal function of his urinary bladder to fully return.

We are happy we could help this wonderful and friendly kitty. Bobby is now a full-time resident of PAWS, and a favorite of the volunteers who take care of our resident cats. We are hopeful that with a bit more medical care, Bobby will soon fully recover. You can donate to Bobby's care [here](#) or use the QR code to the right on a mobile device.



Surrender Prevention



Papas is a very friendly stray who lived outside. A woman cared for him outside for a couple of years before taking him into her home. She noticed that he had not been neutered and was drinking more water and urinating more than usual. Since she has a newborn baby, she asked PAWS to help her care for Papas. Our veterinarian examined him, did routine presurgical blood testing, and neutered him. The results of the tests and full exam determined that he has early kidney disease along with a heart condition, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, that causes

the wall of the heart to thicken. He is being treated for both his kidney and heart problems, and because they were caught early, they are being managed with medications and specialized diets. He is also being treated for a bacterial infection (bartonellosis) and a red blood cell parasite (hemoplasmosis). He is presently doing very well and likes being pampered in his foster home.

Heart disease is a serious medical condition in cats. One of the most common types of heart disease in cats is **adult-onset hypertrophic cardiomyopathy**. The thickened muscular heart walls that develop make it difficult for the heart to pump sufficient blood and oxygen to the body. To make up for this, the heart must pump faster. This ultimately builds more muscle in the heart wall. When left untreated, congestive heart failure can result. Also clots may form in the chambers of the heart because of the impairment of blood flow. Clots can break off and move to the brain lungs or occlude blood flow to the rear legs (saddle thrombus). This is a very painful and a life-threatening condition. Clots are often prevented by administering blood thinners. Although a definitive cause has not been identified, hyperthyroidism (an overactive thyroid gland) can commonly cause hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Unfortunately, there is no cure for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in cats. Damage caused to the structure of the heart muscle are irreversible. A definitive cause of feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy has not been identified. Certain breeds like Maine Coon cats and Ragdolls have been noted to have a greater prevalence. Early onset of the disease can be difficult to identify, as most cats do not display any clinical signs until the disease is advanced. **The most important thing to know when it comes to monitoring heart health in cats is that veterinarians can often identify heart disease before symptoms occur. Taking your cat to the vet annually for a complete physical examination and blood tests are highly effective at screening your pet for diseases that can affect her heart.**



Bleu and Floyd were part of a feral cat colony. **Bleu**, who was found with a severely injured and infected leg, was taken to our veterinarian who determined that the leg was beyond saving and needed to be amputated. At the time of the surgery, Bleu also was neutered. He is doing fine now and cannot return to living outside.

Floyd had bad Infections in two legs. Our veterinarian cleaned the infected areas and put Floyd on antibiotics, as well as neutering him. Both Bleu and Floyd are presently doing well.

Both Floyd and Bleu will be staying with their rescuer until a permanent home is found. It's gratifying to know that these cats are now warm and safe and will no longer have to fend for themselves on the streets.



Lyla and Olivia are registered service (comfort) dogs for a woman who reached out to us for help. We took the dogs to our veterinarian who found them needing minor medical treatment, major dentistry, and to be spayed/neutered. They have been treated for their medical conditions, spayed/neutered, and scheduled for their dentistry's. Through this care they will be able to give comfort and service to their pet-mom for several more years.

We are in need of donations to help offset the medical costs and care for these cats and dogs. By helping these animals, we allow them to stay in their home and out of the shelters or off the streets. It's a win-win situation for all. We have saved many lives through this program. Please help us help. Medical fund donations can be made [here](#) or use the QR code to the right on a mobile device.



News & Events

A big *Thank-You* for the love and giving shared through our *February Valentine's fundraiser*, which raised over \$5,000 towards direct animal care.



Upcoming Event—Registration Open Now



PAWS for the Cause Walkathon



Please join us for a fun walk to support PAWS Montclair, or support someone who is walking.

- We'll be walking at Edgemont Memorial Park in Montclair, NJ on June 3 -- rain or shine.
- If you want to participate and cannot join us on June 3, you can complete a walk on your own anywhere between May 25 and June 3. Simply sign up for the virtual option.

Visit [here](#) to register or learn more.

A big Thank-you to our business sponsors. Current sponsors as of newsletter publication date:



If interested in becoming a Walkathon business sponsor, please email communications@pawsmontclair.org. Sponsorship starts at \$150.

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- [Shop through igive](#) and a part of your purchase amount will be donated to PAWS. *There are 2000+ online stores to choose from* in the iGive Mall. You may already be shopping from these sites, but now you can help PAWS at the same time!
- Purchase supplies for us from **our wish lists** at [Chewy](#)
- [Become a monthly donor](#)
- [Make a single annual membership donation](#)
- [Help defray our medical costs.](#)
- Set up an online PAWS fundraiser for your birthday.
- Donate in memory of a beloved pet to our [rainbow bridge memorial](#)
- Include PAWS in your estate plans
- Join our volunteer fundraising team—communications@pawsmontclair.org
- Participate in cash for critters recycling



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