

Pawprints

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Charlotte on her rescue day!

Dear PAWS Supporter:

Shelters and rescues have seen an unprecedented record number of surrendered and abandoned animals needing rescue, vetting and new homes. Every shelter and rescue nationwide is over-packed and trying their best to give these animals the second chances they deserve. We are helping as many as possible, and with your support, PAWS continues to do our work, rescuing many dogs and cats as well as serve our local community.

This Pawprints highlights 2024 with our accomplishments in continuing the mission of animal rescue and serving the community.

PAWS focuses on rescuing some of the most at-risk animals who have no other chance, which, in turn, can take more work and time to ready these deserving rescues for their forever homes. These are the ones who get overlooked elsewhere 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.

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 as noted at the bottom of this page. 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, safe, and healthy 2025!

Carole Michales
President, Board of Directors



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Ways to Support Our Work

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.

- Purchase supplies for us from our wish lists at our website or Chewy.
- Become a monthly donor
- Make a single annual membership donation
- Help defray our medical costs.
- 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!
- 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
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Kiki! We cannot understand why Kiki 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 have her own person or family. 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 with the other rescue dogs at the kennel, and she and does very well. She would most likely prefer to be your only in a home setting.



Josie came to us from an inner city pound facility where she landed as a stray. She was so shut down that we had no idea how she

might be, but she obviously had someone in her life as she knew several commands and walked on leash extremely well.

Josie has been with us longer than we ever thought she might be — she is so smart and responsive. She is not a cuddler, and she does need to be the only pet in the home, but she will be your loyal companion and if you like to work with your dog, she will be willing and eager! A youngster at about 2-3, Josie waits for her forever home.

Bella is a beautiful, young, sweet and active girl who has been happily living in a great foster home that reports she is a great girl,



sweet, responsive, housebroken and lovable, she bonds quickly to her person and loves being a stage 5 clinger but also gives space and quiet time. Bella would love nothing more than a yard to call her own. She would be happy to provide her services to keep your yard squirrel free in exchange for lots of fun playtime chasing after balls/toys with you. She has great energy to match an active person that enjoys long walks before retiring to the couch for quality time with her favorite person.

Bo, an amazing, sweet 7-year-old, 70 lb. gentle,



sensitive and responsive boy is in a great foster home where he is thriving being part of a family again, and an active one at that! He loves his walks and is also getting along with the resident cat and the foster says, "We all think he's amazing. So cuddly, playful, strong, respectful, loving. He's remarkably well-mannered. Won't go onto a bed unless he's asked. He's really smart and a fast learner. Likes to play but also happy to cuddle on a couch. He is very sensitive to your needs - if you make an in-pain sound, he comes running over to you."

Bo had came to PAWS after his owner passed away and he had nowhere to go. Bo is everything anyone who is looking to adopt an adult, move-in ready dog could ask for!



Bianca This super sweet, wiggly 3-yr-old Staffy Bull terrier has come a long way since being rescued after she and several other

dogs had been found abandoned in a basement where conditions were deplorable. PAWS was happy to take her and another dog from that situation into our care. Bianca has the good fortune of fostering with Courtney of Smart Paws Dog Training where she is getting everything she needs in preparation for her next chapter in a forever home. She is doing extremely well with training, and loves being a part of family living. She has come a long way in a short time, and Courtney comments, "as her exercise needs are met, all she wants to do is cuddle. She is a good one guys!"



Charlotte has been through a lot... and still she remains sweet and loving. She is a 3-yr. old Staffy Bull terrier who

had been found as a stray in Newark, with "cherry eyes" - a condition common to bulldog-type breeds where the inner corners of her eyes bulge out. It is not easy to look at for many people, which is the reason it seems she had been overlooked. PAWS pulled her with the hope of having surgery on her eyes to fix them, and she went through two surgeries, yet neither "took," which we were told may be the case. Thankfully, she is in a foster home with Natasha and family and their two dogs, and gets along great with everyone, and is hoping for her own home in which to settle down!



Kandice, a 7-year old sweet girl was languishing at the Newark shelter for months when Marisa met her and started going to spend time with her. PAWS pulled Kandice for Marisa so she could foster her for us! With patience and training, Kandice is learning to calm herself and start living a wonderful life. She will be ready for adoption soon!



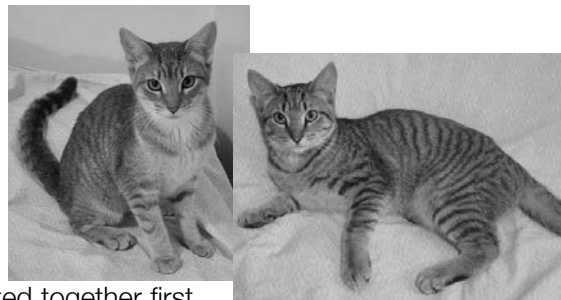
Dallas, a sweet, friendly 35-lb. two year old mix, is our newest PAWS rescue. Found abandoned in an apartment, Dallas was brought to an animal control

facility where he faced an uncertain future. Our fellow rescue friends from Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption in Cranford were able to rescue him and other dogs from that situation and asked if PAWS would take Dallas into our group. This little guy is so happy to have friends, walks, playtime and love and he will be ready for adoption soon.



Meet **Ashley**, estimated to be about 10 months old. Our foster found her outside the house a few months ago. After searching for her owner, the foster concluded that Ashley had been dumped and abandoned. She hit the jackpot by coming to our foster's home! She is sweet, playful, affectionate, and grateful to be safe and loved now! Ashley is negative for felv/fiv, she has been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

Meet **Biscuit and Butter**, female sibling kittens born and raised indoors with their mom and other sibling, who has been adopted. They can be separated but we would like to try and get them adopted together first.



They are sweet and lovable, very playful and curious and will make great additions to your heart and home.



Dharma and Greg are ready for their forever home! They will need someone with patience, as they start out shy, may very well end up as cuddlers with enough time. In the meantime, they will entertain you with their antics! Both are

fixed and up to date on shots. 1 to 1 1/2 years old. Dharma is missing one eye, but that doesn't slow her down. Please share/let us know if you're interested in adopting this dynamic duo! Located in Bloomfield, NJ.



We found sweet **Joanna** and her one baby **Turtle** (black kitten pictured), stranded outside in the woods. Joanna still is a baby herself, and we don't know how many kittens she originally had, but she and little Turtle have a special bond. Turtle recently had surgery on his eyelids due to a deformity, and is recovering, which is why he

has a wound above his eye. Joanna is just the sweetest cat, loving, a lap cat for sure and still takes great care of Turtle who is now a teenager and full of life and energy! They are both fixed and up to date on vaccines. They are negative for felv and fiv. We would love to get them adopted as a pair. Please consider this adopting this young mother and son. They are currently located in Chesterfield, NJ.





Lily showed up on our foster's property one day, with no luck trying to find an owner. Lilly was brought inside and also to the vet. She now is spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped. She is negative for felv/fiv. She's still getting used to her new environment and our foster is taking it slow with her. We don't know her history or what she



went through in her life to end up alone outside. She is still a baby, maybe 6 months old. She is a lovely little cat though and we hope you will consider adding her to your family.

Meet sweet **Marie** and her son **Mookie!** Marie was found outside as a stray, and pregnant. A lovely person took her in and kept her safe while she gave birth and raised her kittens. The family is bonded but especially Marie and Mookie, so we would like to place them in a home together. They are both fully vetted including negative for felv/fiv.

Marie is estimated to be 2 years old and Mookie is 6 months old. They are super sweet kitties who will make a great addition to your family.



Mrs. Gray is a 2-year-old tabby, friendly and affectionate. She's a vocal cat, so if something is bothering

her, she will let you know. She loves to cuddle with you when you are sleeping. She also loves to play and run through tunnels and jump up on cat trees. She is wonderful around children and other cats but she has not been around dogs. Mrs. Gray just finished nursing her 3 kittens, Butter, Biscuit and Toast (who are now 13 weeks old and also available for adoption). She has been spayed and fully vetted, including microchipped. We are certain that she will make a great furry addition to your home!



Sasha and Callie are two bonded sisters who were born outside and raised by their mom. Their mom and siblings had been rescued earlier, while these two remained outside. They recently were taken in and vetted, and are adjusting wonderfully to life inside. They are strong girls, having survived the first 5 months of their lives outside. They are spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. They are negative for felv and fiv. We would like to see them get adopted together. They are currently being fostered in North Arlington, NJ.



PAWS can earn money from your empty ink jet and laser cartridges. You can drop them off at the Verona Community Center Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, except holidays. The address is 880 Bloomfield Ave, Verona. Donations of other supplies for PAWS also may be dropped off at the Verona Community Center. To arrange a special pickup of donations, please email info@pawsmontclair.org.



Happy Dog Tails!



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



Charlie came back to PAWS after having one of his owners passed away, and the remaining owner had to go into an assisted care facility.

Luckily Charlie's extended family stepped in and contacted us, and Charlie came back to PAWS. He had several people interested, and then Corey submitted an application and it was a match. Charlie has been living a great life with Corey!

Hailey, a senior dog whose owner had passed away, ended up at the Newark shelter. PAWS was contacted when a couple who had known Hailey and her owner from the Dog



Park tracked her down to the shelter. PAWS took Hailey into our program and from there, we spoke with Susan and Bill and it was evident they knew Hailey very well, and desperately wanted to adopt her into their pack, a pack Hailey already knew and felt comfortable with! This was one of those amazing situations where everything fell into place!

River had been picked up as a stray in Newark, and brought to the Newark shelter. Deaf and shut down, the shelter named him Mousey, and put a plea



out for rescue. Juliet and Karla, who had fostered for us before, contacted us about fostering so PAWS pulled him. He was renamed "River" and through their patience and kindness and hard work, helped him become a cherished family member, so much so that they couldn't bear not having him as part of their family! We love "foster fails."



Starla had been surrendered to an animal control facility in an inner city because her owner couldn't care for her anymore. PAWS rescued her and she stayed with us for a long while.

Everyone loved her but no applications until our friends Joni and Robbie, former PAWS adopters, asked to meet her and fell in love with her. Starla is living the life she had longed for, and we couldn't be happier for her!

Tommy (fka Tito) had been discovered tied to a pole under an overpass by some passers-by on a 20 degree night. One of our rescue friends had been called to get him which she did and posted him for a rescue to take him. Juliet contacted us saying she would foster him if we took him, so we all met up at



Juliet's home and from there, we got an application from the sister of a former adopter of ours. We were so happy - Gina and Ryan are an amazing couple and were so excited to adopt Tommy. They have had many adventures since and it was a great match!



Ozzie (fka Quincy)

had been rescued from an abandoned house in deplorable condition. Just a pup, 6-month old Ozzie came to PAWS, happy to get

attention and love. The Bachmann family offered to foster him, and from there, Michael, Elizabeth and their two boys and dog Sammy came to meet him and knew he would be a great addition to their family. They had recently lost their older dog Eddie and were ready to open their hearts and home to Ozzie. The two dogs are reported to be best buds — a happy tail indeed!

Lucy an older dog who had ended up at Newark shelter, needed help. Poor girl had been overbred and tossed away by the people who had used her, unfortunately not uncommon... but she caught our fosterer Natasha's eye and we pulled her! She has been living a wonderful life with their dog Hudson and their 2 young kids and will not be leaving Natasha's home!





Happy Cat Tails!



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





News & Events



October 5 **Blessing of the Animals service** —THANK YOU to David Drislane, Rev. Diana Wilcox and Christ Episcopal Church in Bloomfield & Glen Ridge, NJ for inviting PAWS to be a part of this beautiful service which we look forward to every year and we are so grateful for the many donations collected and given to us for our rescues!



THANK YOU to organizers Lisa Sharkey and Val Slamka and volunteers for the yard sales on October 12 and 19 to raise funds for PAWS and A Purrfect World.



A special THANK YOU to the following businesses and organizations:

The **Stop & Shop** store at 8 Franklin Street in Bloomfield raised funds for

PAWS, making us the January recipient of their Community Bags program. In February, Rachel from **Wine and Design Montclair** and Jessica from **We are Montclair** teamed up to host an event in support of both Multiple Sclerosis Awareness month and PAWS. We had so much fun painting our customized versions of “Good Day for a Walk,” and PAWS received a check for 40% of the proceeds.

In early June, PreK students at **Montclair Kimberley Academy** at 201 Valley Road held a car wash to support PAWS.



We’re so grateful to the business sponsors of our big June fundraiser, PAWS for the Cause Walkathon: **West Caldwell Animal Hospital, Gearty & McIntyre, LLP, Morris Animal Inn, Smart Paws Dog Training, Bristol Private Wealth Management of Raymond James, Stirling Smiles, Shelter Helpers on Wheels, and The Total Workout.**

In September, PAWS received a generous cash donation from **Willing**

Hearts Consignment Shop located at 491 Bloomfield Ave in Caldwell.

The **ACME** store at 510 Valley Road in Montclair raising funds for PAWS, making us the October recipient of their ACME GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag program.

WMSC Radio, the student-run college radio station at **Montclair State University** ran a supplies drive for PAWS. Event organizer and station Office Manager, Aly Erario delivered the supplies to us in October.



And of course, thanks to all the volunteers who support our daily work. We are so grateful to our dog foster homes, without which we could not rescue dogs. Thanks to Elizabeth Ann Kennels in Stirling for the dedicated care and love they provide our dogs, as well as our amazing dog care volunteers who help getting them out for walks and play. Thanks to our cat care team for all their work housing and taking care of the cats and supporting the operations. And to all our volunteers and supporters who help in any way, including fundraising, website, adoptions, social media, attending events, and of course adopting our rescues.

THANK YOU To Our Awesome Veterinarians & Staffs:

A huge thank you to our participating veterinarians, Dr. Danci Mock and Dr. Jeana Stanisci and staff at West Caldwell Animal Hospital; Dr. Liz Houston of Cameron Animal Hospital, PetCure Oncology in Clifton, VEG (Veterinary Emergency Group) in Clifton, Dr. Kristin Potenzzone of Legacy Animal Hospital, Totowa, Preventive Paws in Mt. Arlington, Sheltering Vets in Teaneck, and Ridgecrest Animal Hospital in Allentown, NJ.



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We cannot continue our work without your help. **Thank you for your support!**

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