

Pawprints

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Dear PAWS Supporter:

This year we continued to see a record number of surrendered and abandoned animals needing rescue, vetting and new homes. Every shelter and rescue nationwide is trying their best to give these animals the second chances they deserve, but there are too many incoming animals and not enough adoptions or fosters. 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 2025 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, such as seniors and medical cases who have no other chance to live. Thus, it 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 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 2026!

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
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Kiki!

She has been waiting a very long time for someone to give her a chance... yes, she is a big girl with a big

personality, and though she has graciously adapted to living in a kennel, she deserves so much more. There is someone out there who has large breed experience who will give her a chance at her own person or family. She's a character for sure, but a lovable one, and she will keep you smiling. We go on car rides, as well as walks with the other rescue dogs at the kennel, and she has become a great tester dog for new rescues as she will properly correct bad behavior without an issue or drama. She would most likely prefer to be your only in a home setting.



Maui

If you love senior house hippos, you will fall hard for our

Maui. Since he has been in our care, his skin has cleared up nicely and he looks and feels great. 11-year-old Maui has very few teeth (NO canines), so his tongue often sticks out the one side of his mouth. He eats just fine and has been a perfect boy. He is very housebroken and adores his people. He is good with other dogs and happy to be a part of a pack walk with our other dogs. He has been friendly to everyone. He's quiet and easy and would love to get back into a home soon. Everyone loves him!

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 play-time chasing after balls/toys with you. She has great energy to match an active person who enjoys long walks before retiring to the couch for quality time with her favorite person.



Lula

sweet, beautiful youngster at only 9-months-old, she is eager to find her forever home! Lula is spayed, fully vet-

ted, microchipped and housebroken. She's great in the car, she loves her walks. At about 50 pounds, she is a strong girl, but responsive and learns quickly..She already knows some basic obedience. A little shy upon first meeting, she warms up quickly and loves to cuddle. She will captivate you with her gorgeous eyes!



Charlotte has been through a lot... and still she remains sweet and loving. She is a 4-5-year-old Staffy Bull terrier who had been found wandering around with "cherry eyes"—a condition common to bulldog-type breeds where the inner corners of the eyes bulge out. We had the surgery done at Animal Eye Center of NJ and Charlotte looks and feels great and is hoping for her own home in which to settle down. She loves car rides and has fostered with kids. She is good with other dogs and loves to cuddle.



Kandice, an 8-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 has come a long way and will be a wonderful companion for the right home.



Roro (Rosalina) – A Sweet, Independent Companion Looking for Her Next Home

Due to severe allergies, the family has made the difficult decision to rehome Roro, a 9-year-old, all-black American Shorthair, who has been with the family since she was a 4-month-old kitten. She's spayed, up to date on her vaccinations, and in great health.

Roro is independent and calm, with a naturally shy personality around new people. But once she trusts you, she's incredibly sweet in her own quiet way.

Roro has always been an indoor cat. She's lived peacefully with another adult cat, and has been around foster kittens without issues. She's not comfortable around dogs and will hide if one's around.

Roro would do best in a home without young children or dogs. Older, cat-savvy kids (around 7+) who understand cat behavior and boundaries would likely be fine.

Roro's family is more than happy to answer any questions Roro's new family might have—their priority is making sure she finds a home where she feels safe, loved, and understood.



Meet **Peaches and her son Patches**. They appeared at our foster's house, seemingly dumped. Peaches is petite and friendly. Her son, Patches, is a bit scared still, but will come to us when offered treats. He just needs time to adjust. Peaches is estimated to be 1 1/2 years old and Patches about 5-6 months now. They are two healthy kitties, fixed and up to date on shots. They are negative for FELV/FIV . We are looking to adopt them as a pair. Who will be the lucky family to adopt these two beautiful kitties?

Meet **Percy**, "She's a peach! An angel" says Marcia, her rescuer. Marcia trapped Percy in Millburn NJ late September. She's been staying with her, chilling out and enjoying a steady stream of meals and love. There are other cats in the home, and Percy gets along well with them. She should be a great addition to a home with other animals. She's about a year and a half, is spayed, vaccinated and has tested negative. Please contact PAWS if you'd like to meet her in Short Hills.



Meet **Finn**! Finn's human Dad has become disabled and cannot get around and care for him anymore. He has always been an indoor cat but has been sneaking out recently due to the owner's inability to close the door in time. He is located in Bloomfield, NJ, Finn is 10 years old, is very healthy and is current on his vaccines. We don't want to see him end up in a shelter or get hurt outside. He is a sweetheart and we hope you will consider adopting him.

Benny and June Benny and June are kittens found in a stray colony - we think they are siblings but they are certainly bonded and we must keep them together! Benny is the male, all black and June is the female, gray and medium haired. They are the most loving, cuddling, purring and playful kittens! Can't say enough about this duo and they are hard to photograph due to their constant frolicking! They do everything together. Once they tire out they will be sleeping right by your side. Benny and June are current with vaccines and are spayed and neutered.





Share Your Life 🐾 PAWS for Thought - Current Adoptables

THANK YOU to our awesome participating veterinarians & staffs:

West Caldwell Animal Hospital;
Cameron Animal Hospital,
PetCure Oncology in Clifton, VEG
(Veterinary Emergency Group) in
Clifton, Preventive Paws in Mt.
Arlington, Animal Eye enter of NJ,
Sheltering Vets in Teaneck,
Summit Dog & Cat Hospital in
Summit, and Ridgecrest Animal
Hospital in Allentown, 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.



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.



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.



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Senior boy Luke came to PAWS in September, unable to walk or hold himself up. He had a fever, blood liver values out of whack, and arthritis on top of what xrays showed some degenerative spinal issues. With meds and supportive care, he has made extraordinary progress in his foster home. He happily walks around the block 3-4 times a day with a little swagger.

He is friendly with all, eager to be part of family life, likes meeting other dogs and even seems to like cats. He would love a place to land with few or no steps so he can go up and down unassisted — he is very determined and is a big, 70+ lb. bundle of sweetness.

He is crate trained and housebroken. Loves his chew toys and even stuffies. If you love senior dogs and can give Luke a great home, please contact us info@pawsmontclair.org



Happy Dog Tails!



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



Guapo came to PAWS after he had been confined along with several other dogs in a holding facility that was unattended for 23 hours a day. We were notified by a rescue friend and asked to take one of the dogs, so Guapo came to PAWS.

Young and eager, and very loving, he was adopted by Ricky, whose beloved adopted PAWS dog Truffles had passed away. Ricky also has Spikey, a great dog-friendly cat, and they both felt the loss of Truffles. Guapo has helped them both and the three of them are living a great life together!



Gotti, a sweet older dog whose owner surrendered him to the Newark shelter due to a move, was pulled by PAWS after we met him while there to pull another senior dog for our rescue. He was so sweet, dog friendly and needed help. We were overjoyed when Jenny, Arthur and Maxwell and their dog Dmitri came to meet Gotti. He is now living the life with Dmitri and several cats as well as his new family (expanded to 4 humans now!)



Bo came to PAWS after his owner passed away, and he had nowhere to go. The Bachmann family offered to foster Bo since their previous PAWS foster had been adopted. Though they were not looking to adopt a dog, Bo was a perfect match —

so much so that they couldn't bear not having him as part of their family! Bo is living a wonderful life! We ran into him and his family at the vet's office and to say he is one of the happiest dogs ever is an understatement!

Maya Whether she was lost, or dumped, it was apparent nobody was looking for Maya when she was found sitting on a porch on a bitter cold day, weak and emaciated. An amazing rescuer fostered her, and then several determined

women who realized what a great girl she was, reached out to PAWS so we could get her vetted and ready for adoption. Now she's living her best life with a fabulous family who loves and cares for her.



Winnie had been discovered left in a crate in a park in the cold. She was matted and dirty and needed vetting and a good grooming. Thanks to some awesome rescuers, this beautiful baby girl was saved. Rick and Claudia

fostered, and then adopted her, and are so happy to have her as part of their family. She is the most loving, sweet, fun, girl. Claudia and Rick are completely in love with her.

Summer came to PAWS after having been found locked in a basement along with several other dogs who had all been there for days. Amazing rescuers freed them from the horror and they all found comfort with local rescues. Summer's adopter, Jahkahli, reports she is doing great and is a very happy, energetic, curious to chew if anyone else is chewing (or not), bundle of joy. She's been running and exercising with him and has been amazing. She really just loves being with him as much as possible. She's a happy girl and Jahkahli plans to continue training her to be the best girl she can be!

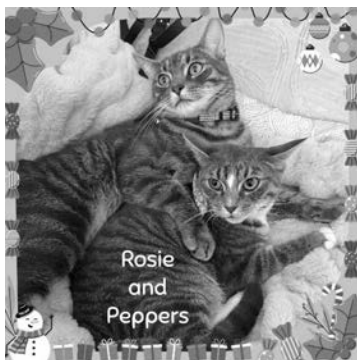
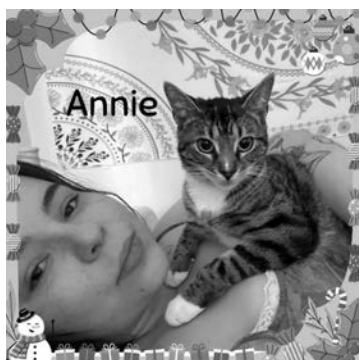




Happy Cat Tails!



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





April: THANK YOU to Dogwood Green in West Orange for collecting donations for PAWS at their National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day promotion on April 30.



May: THANK YOU to Wine and Design Montclair, who donated 40% of the proceeds from a fun painting class on May 3.

Thanks to Rachel from Wine and Design for setting up this fundraiser and all the participants for supporting PAWS!



June: Our June 7 Walkathon raised over \$11,000! A big THANK YOU to our business sponsors and walker-fundraisers, as well as everyone who supported walkers.

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WALKER-FUNDRAISERS

Carole Michales, Eileen Mallor, Valerie Slamka, Debby Parker, Sheila Caulfield, Shannon Gessler, Debbie Ringwald, Kristin Blumberg, Neil Davidson.

September: THANK YOU to the businesses and individuals who donated generously to our 2025 tricky tray, and to everyone who came out to participate. The event raised over \$5,300! And a special thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers who put this event together and helped to make it such a success.

Events & Thanks



PAWS Tricky Tray 2025 Businesses who Donated

- A Pawsome Experience – Lyndhurst
- ACME – Montclair
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- Americana Salon & Spa – Roseland
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- Starlight Dance Center – Nutley
- Studio 108 Yoga and Beyond – Lyndhurst
- Terry Drugs – Bloomfield

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- Total Wine & More – Totowa
- Vinnie Mootz Italian Eatery – Lyndhurst
- Wallington Diner – Wallington
- Whole Foods Market – Montclair
- Winick Brothers Magicians – Nutley
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PAWS friends who donated to this event:

Katrina Belton, Helen Borbon, Mary Chiaramonte, Sheila Caulfield, Laura Eng, Danielle Ferraro, Roberta Fisher, Shannon Gessler, Patty Hanson, Charlie Kubs, Jenny Lin, Eileen Mallor, Patty McAndrew, Mark & Rita McDermott, Carole Michales, Debby Parker, Maria Pellegrino, Donna Petronella, Barbara Rudy, Val Slamka, Lisa Sharkey, Shirley Sharkey, Anita Sbarra, Dave Varga



October: 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 their Blessing of the Animals service on the morning of October 4. We look forward to this beautiful service every year and we are so grateful for the many donations collected and given to us for our rescues!

THANK YOU to the American Institutes of Architects (AIA) Newark & Suburban Architects for selecting PAWS as one of the rescues for *Barkitecture*. One-of-a-kind pet houses were created in an architecture competition and displayed and auctioned off at a fun, dog-friendly, family event on October 4, on the beautiful lawn of Union Congregational Church in Upper Montclair, NJ. 100% of the profit were donated to Rescue Haven Foundation in Caldwell, PAWS in Montclair, and Associated Humane Societies, based in Newark.





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