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## ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT: CHARDONNAY



Last November, PAWS received a call from Smoky Mountain Winery about a stray cat that was hanging around outside. The manager was concerned

because the cat appeared to be injured with a broken tail and other issues. However Chardonnay was still able to jump up on to the tables outside looking for leftover food. When poor Chardonnay arrived at PAWS, we immediately took her to the vet. This 5-year-old cat had an inflamed digestion system that had made her very miserable and also caused severe inflamed areas and irritation. It made relieving herself very painful. PAWS has been able to reduce her irritation to a minimum, but she still requires a special diet and medicines to keep her from becoming sick and inflamed. While she will let people pet her and will rub or sniff their hands, prolonged handling can upset her. Chardonnay would benefit and love a home with a patient person that can give the adjustment time she needs in a new environment.







Dear PAWS Supporters and Donors:

We are thrilled to tell you because of your generosity and support, we have been able to assist over 400+ homeless animals in 2016. It also has allowed us to assist in helping hundreds of animals get spay/neuter surgeries in Swain County this year.

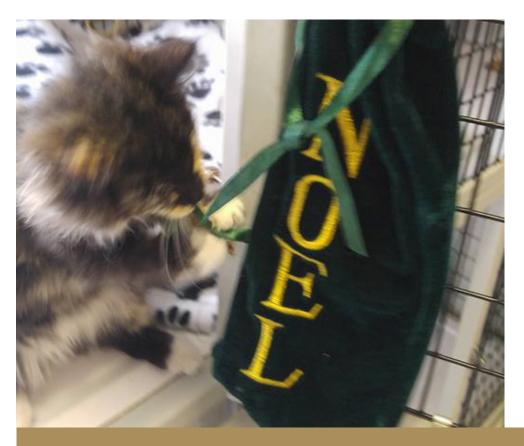
We've assisted in providing dog houses, blankets, and hay to animals in our community to more than 30 families who could not provide these items for their animals. We have also supplied cat and dog food to people who were unable to feed their animals. Our objective with our community support is to help animals stay in their home by providing the items needed to make this a reality.

We've provided vet care, surgeries, love and a safe haven to numerous cats and dogs this year that came to us with life-threatening injuries or illness and ensured that they got the medical care they needed and deserved. Read the stories and see pictures of Noel, Merry and Chardonnay, which are just a few of the animals that we have recently helped.

It's been a very expensive winter for PAWS. We saw a record amount of animals with injuries and illness that needed our help. We could not turn our backs on these animals that needed our help so desperately.

PAWS also assisted in retrieving and transporting to the vet over 40 cats in order for them to be spayed and neutered. The owner had no transportation and was unable to catch the cats on her property, and it had gotten out of control. The over population was only going to get worse, so PAWS helped get these cats to the vet to be fixed.

We couldn't do any of this without your help. It takes a village, and we are so happy that you are a huge part of our village. We and the animals we've saved are forever grateful for your generosity and for each donation that has been made to PAWS. Your contribution makes a difference to each and every dog and cat that comes through our doors. These funds will provide food, shelter, veterinary care, and companionship for them.



## **A PAWS CHRISTMAS STORY**

We always hope all our PAWS residents will get a home for the holidays, but for those that don't we try and make the holidays as special as if they were in their very own home. For Christmas, they each had gifts and a stocking that was hung up in their kennel or in their favorite spot in the cat room. Thank you to all the wonderful people who contributed to help make sure our PAWS babies had a great Christmas.

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- Purina Dog Chow
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina kitten chow
- Pupperoni
- Milkbones (med. and large)
- Wet dog food
- · Can (wet) cat food
- Cat treats
- Cat toys/ laser toys
- Laundry Detergent (he)
- Bleach
- Trash Bags
- Cat litter (TS natural pine equine pelletized bedding)
- Toilet paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Dish washing liquid Items can be dropped off at the shelter or PAWS Thrift Store

Purchase your tickets for the 2017 PAWS Quilt Raffle. All proceeds from the raffle benefit PAWS Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be in October. Purchase tickets at any PAWS event or at the PAWS Thrift Store. You can also fill out the tickets on the opposite page and send your donation to: PAWS Animal Shelter PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713.



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You may qualify to have your dog or cat

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#### **SWEET MERRY**

Merry was found abandoned on the side of the road just days before Christmas. She was in horrible shape, and it seemed as if no one was going to help this poor little beagle. Merry was in labor with puppies that were too big for her to birth on her own. She was found with the first puppy stuck in the birth canal, and it was very apparent that Merry had labored for quite some time. Merry had nothing left to give as she had tried to do this all on her own. Luckily for Merry, a good Samaritan found her and called PAWS. We knew Merry needed immediate care and time was of the essence for this sweet girl. We asked the good Samaritan to please take her to the closest vet and we would contact the vet.

Our Executive Director was notified by the vet clinic that Merry needed to have an emergency C-section immediately, but would need to be sent to Lake Junaluska Emergency Vet Hospital. Merry had to be hospitalized overnight to recover, and then was brought into the shelter. Merry spiked a high fever her first night at the shelter, and Beth stayed all night at the shelter to ensure Merry would be ok. Merry is now the proud momma of five beautiful puppies. Merry was amazingly sweet through all of her pain, and she has definitely lived up to her name.

C-Sections are expensive and sadly we do think this is why Merry was abandoned. All the pain and suffering that Merry went through could have been avoided if she had been spayed.

Merry's days of agony, pain and abandonment are over because PAWS will make sure that Merry and all her pups get a loving and forever home. Come visit them at PAWS Animal Shelter today!



We could not turn our back on this sweet little kitten on December 6 when she arrived at our shelter. Noel came to us with severe eye infections in both eyes. One of the eyes had already been completely

destroyed by the infection and could not be saved. Noel had to have surgery to remove the eye and she spent weeks in the animal hospital recovering.

Noel has since been adopted and is loving her new home. We would like to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to Bobby Fuqua at Choo Choo Coffee for paying for Noel's surgery.

Thank you to the following donors who also contributed to Noel's recovery:

- Roseanne Lewis
- Judy Ball
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## AVAILABLE PAWS ANIMALS

Here are some of the beautiful faces you will find at PAWS Animal Shelter. Come find your fur-ever friend today!





























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Thank you to all those who purchased the food for our shelter to have a Thanksgiving Feast for the animals in November.

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- Jeremy Hyatt
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- Jessica Munson
- Kathleen McClure
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- Olivia King
- Georgia Dupree
- Diane Baynard Geddings

Also we would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Diane Baynard Geddings for also supplying our wonderful cats and dogs with a Christmas Feast in December.











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An honor or memorial gift to PAWS is a personal remembrance that honors the life of a relative, friend or pet. A memorial gift is one with special meaning - a lasting tribute that helps homeless animals in our community.

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