



Fall Newsletter



P.A.W.S. PRINT

HELP US SAVE MORE LIVES!!!

P.A.W.S. has cared for abused and sick animals for over 30 years now. We have received several donations from you over the years and have been utterly grateful for your support in our endeavor.

Unfortunately, we have been seeing an influx of sick and/or injured dogs and cats, and we are starting to run out of funds and room to keep all of them.

As you must be well aware, running a non-profit organization solely on donations can be a daunting task. However, being animal lovers, we understand the need to do our best and take in as many sick and abused animals as possible. I trust that you will yet again provide us with your invaluable support. In this issue, you will see the life-saving work that your donation has helped us achieve. Animals like Sully get a second chance, a chance to heal, to be adopted and live their best life.

In those 30+ years, P.A.W.S. has worked tirelessly to advocate for and protect animals who have been abused and neglected. Please help us fight against cruelty and homelessness and give animals a second chance at life they deserve by making a tax-deductible donation.

In this issue, read all about Sully, Anthony, Sunny Dae & More!





MEET SULLY

This sweet boy was dumped near a lady's house, and for five days, she and other neighbors tried to get him to leave, but he refused to go. They chose not to feed him, thinking he would get hungry and go elsewhere.

But for Sully, he wasn't going anywhere; he would starve there if he had to. Like many other dogs that get dumped, they sit in the same place they were left, thinking their owner would return to get them.

No one was coming for Sully, and no one around would help Sully. The lady called P.A.W.S. and explained the situation. She also alerted us that she felt Sully was very old and had something wrong with him.

We checked on him as soon as we found out about Sully.

Sully was so hungry and gobbled up the food we offered immediately. Sully was sad and broken, he wanted to go with us, but at the same time, he wanted to stay and wait on his owner to come back. After a lot of patience and soothing convincing, Sully hesitantly decided to go with us. Sully's attitude changed before we were even out of the driveway. He looked back for a moment and then settled in the car. He realized he was being saved; he knew we were there to help him. Sadly, a dog would choose to sit and wait for someone who will never return.

Once we were at the shelter, he was at ease. When we reached to put a collar on Sully, he wagged his tail so excitedly as if he knew that this meant he once again belonged.

Most likely, the last thing his previous owner did was remove his collar before dumping him, so having a collar back on gave him so much reassurance that he belonged and was safe.

Sully made himself at home at our shelter; he checked out his new bed with lovely soft blankets and his new toy. He filled his tummy with good nutritional food we provided for him, and then he slept; boy, did he sleep. He slept solid from 6 pm to early the next morning. It had probably been days since he felt he could lie down and sleep. How scared and hungry he must have been while awaiting his owner to return.

Sully is malnourished and has lost a lot of hair on his backside, he has no hair on his tail or back legs, and so much of his backside is bare. He has largely worn callouses on the back area, which makes us believe that Sully was forced to sit in his feces which could have been from being left in a kennel all the time or chained up outside with a very short chain with no way to go off to relieve himself.

After being thoroughly examined by the vet, we now know that Sully has severe allergies and a thyroid issue that will require medicine and specialty food for the rest of his life. Sadly before coming to us, Sully had to suffer from his condition and was never taken to a vet to relieve his discomfort.

Sully is such a happy dog, and he shows his gratitude toward us every day. I have never seen a dog come in more grateful for food, a comfy bed, toys, and compassionate care and love than Sully.



AVAILABLE PAWS ANIMALS

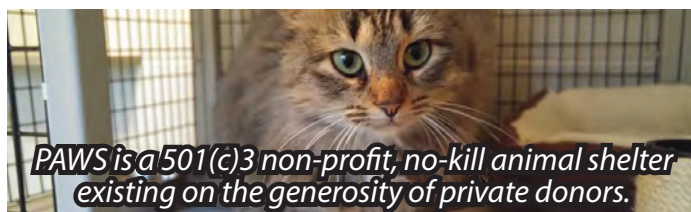
Here are some of the beautiful faces you will find at PAWS Animal Shelter. Come find your fur-ever friend today!



HELP PAWS SAVE THEM

Yes, I want to help PAWS save them! I would like to:

- ☐ Be a volunteer
- ☐ Make a \$ _____ donation
- ☐ Sponsor a dog or cat with medical expenses
- ☐ Pledge \$ _____ a month to help all PAWS animals
- ☐ I would like to talk with someone about other ways to give (estate planning, vehicles, land, etc)



Send your tax deductible contribution to: **PAWS Animal Shelter**
PO Box 1814 Bryson City, NC 28713

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

JUST IN TIME TO MAKE A PERFECT GIFT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS!!!
IT'S ALSO AN AWESOME GIFT TO GIVE TO A PET OWNER WHO HAS JUST LOST THEIR PET OR THAT
JUST WANTS A BEAUTIFUL CANVAS OF THEIR PET.

We have a wonderful opportunity that has been presented to us in hopes that it helps raise money for P.A.W.S.

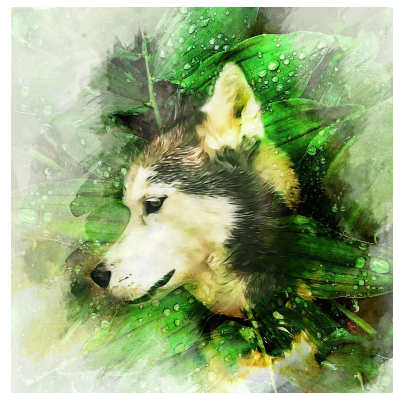
If you send us a picture of your pet we have someone that is going to turn that photo into a wonderful oil painting
print on a 16x20 canvas for only \$55.00. P.A.W.S. will receive \$50 for each print.

We have personally ordered several of these ourselves and we love them!!

Order one for you and others for your friends, it makes a great gift. LIMITED TIME OFFER!

Yes I would like to order _____ prints. I have enclosed \$55 plus \$12 for shipping per canvas. IF local you can
pick the canvas up at P.A.W.S. Thrift Store and save the cost of shipping.

Please submit your photo with this form or to pawsbrysoncity@yahoo.com or text it to 828-736-0579. Be sure and
put PAWSCANVAS in the subject line.



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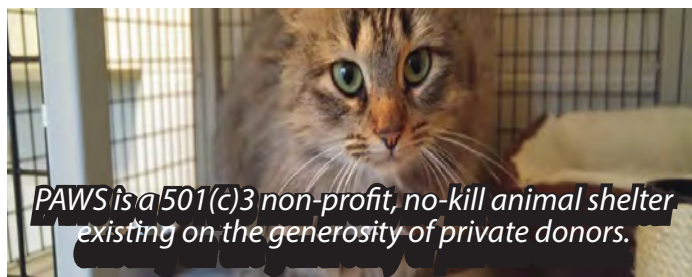
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_____ I would like to order a 16x20 canvas(s) It will be shipped to address listed below unless I state
otherwise.



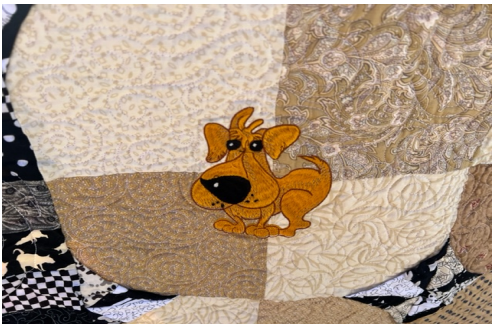
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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!! P.A.W.S. QUILT RAFFLE



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
HANDMADE QUILT BY
Debby Dale & Maddy Haughn

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

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Gifts Made In Memory/Or In Honor of

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.

In Memory of Ice beloved dog of Deb & Boonie Wolf Gifted by Beth Cline Stroud
In Memory of Early Bird beloved dog of Julie & Kevin Roberts Gifted By Beth Cline Stroud
In Memory of Hemi & Sabre Beloved dogs of David & Beth Stroud
In Memory of Nina Beloved Dog of Beth & David Stroud
In Memory of Lucy Beloved Dog of Julie Osborn Gifted by Beth Stroud

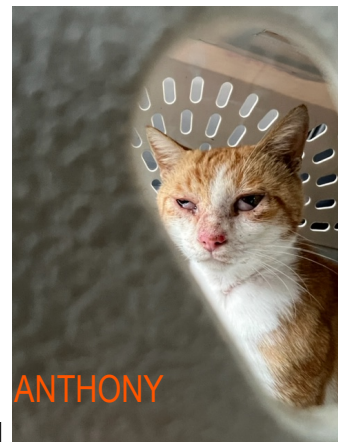


In Memory of Trixie Beloved dog of Bonnie & Mike Ferguson
In Memory of Patty Beloved dog of Mary Jo and Mike Manness
In Memory of Amy Walker Gifted by William Creel
In Memory of Betty Grant Gifted by Smith Vet Services
In Memory of Jack Ramey Gifted by Ann and Hollis Garris
In Memory of Pat Colville Gifted by Tony Jackson
In Memory of Pat Colville Gifted by Elizabeth Harris
In Memory of Cherie Beck Gifted by all of us at PAWS
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In Memory of Christine Moore Gifted by Carmen Holland
In Memory of Wednesday Gifted by Beth Cline Stroud

Sick Cats, Tiny Kittens And Everything In Between

The past few months we have felt as if cats were falling from the sky. So many animals needing our help and not enough resources to help them all. It has seemed almost impossible to keep up because we have had to bottle feed tiny kittens, syringe feed sick cats, treat severe eye infections and help so many in need. As times get worse and people begin to struggle we see the effect it also has on their animals. We are seeing so many more animals with life threatening illness and injuries being discarded and homeless.

Pictured on the right is **Anthony**, a cat that was living on the streets and even though our shelter was packed full it was quite evident Anthony needed our help. His eyes were severely infected and he was having some respiratory issues. We knew that we had to bring him in, we had to help him. We worked to win Anthony's trust and brought him up to the shelter so we could help him. If we had not acted as promptly as we did than Anthony could have very well lost his eyesight. We were able to get Anthony the help he so desperately needed and deserved.



Meet Tahala

A sweet little kitten left abandoned at the train depot, much too young to be away from her nursing momma. We knew in order to save her she would need someone to bottle feed her every 2 to 3 hours. Gina took Tahala home with her and would bring her back each day to work with her. Gina did such an amazing job saving this sweet beautiful kitten. Tahala is now a beautiful, healthy and much loved kitten who by the way found her forever home with our very own Gina. After all those sleepless nights with Tahala Gina knew it was meant to be and she adopted Tahala.



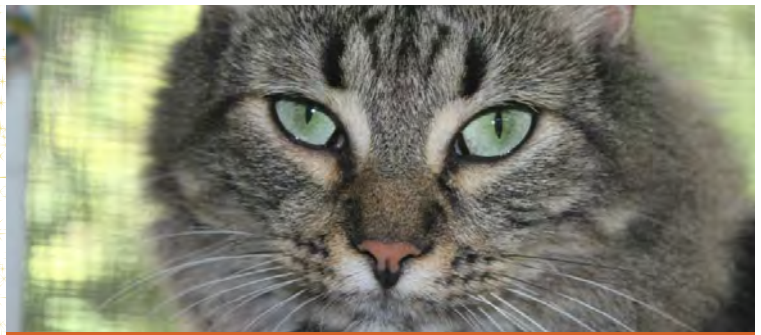
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LITE-A-LITE FUNDRAISER

With the holidays just around the corner, PAWS will soon hang lights for our Lite-a-Lite fundraiser. If you would like your pet's honor or memory to be represented in this special holiday display send in



the donation form below to PAWS Animal Shelter at PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713 or stop by PAWS Thrift Store. Any donation is appreciated.



Did you know that PAWS gave out over 1,300 lbs of dog & cat food this year to needy families that otherwise would not have been able to feed their animals?

Last winter we provided dog houses & straw to dogs in need in our community that had no shelter.



LITE-A-LITE

In honor/memory of: _____

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount: \$ _____ (any amount is appreciated)

Your pet's honor/memory will be represented at PAWS Thrift Store when our lights are lit for the holiday season. Names will also be added to the PAWS spring newsletter.

Send your tax deductible contribution to PAWS Animal Shelter, PO BOX 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713. Thank you for your support!

DID YOU KNOW..

Did you know that P.A.W.S. has provided financial assistance for over 20,600 spay/neuter surgeries?

Did you know that P.A.W.S. has found loving forever homes for over 5,200 animals?

Did you know that P.A.W.S. has saved 1000s of animals that needed life-saving, expensive surgeries after being injured at the hands of a human?

Did you know that P.A.W.S. has reunited 1000s of lost cats and dogs with their owners?

Did you know that P.A.W.S. has provided over 15,000 lbs of dog and cat food to families that need food assistance with their animals?

Did you know that P.A.W.S. has provided over 300 dog houses to dogs without shelter?

Did you know that P.A.W.S. has successfully trapped, neutered, and returned over 3,000 feral cats and continues to feed over 17 colonies since we started the TNR program in 2019?

Did you know that cost of Shelter Operation Expenses is over \$279,000 a year? This year the cost is expected to be even much higher because of the increase in prices from dog food to cleaning and medical and vet supplies.

Did you know that veterinary care for animals we have rescued costs us over \$32,000 a year? That is vet clinic care and does not include the cost of medicine, preventative, or vaccines.

We need your help NOW; we need help keeping our shelter open so we can continue to help the animals.

Totals above do not include all 30+ years, totals are just from the past several years that we started keeping a total amount of animals we have helped.

HELP PAWS HELP THEM

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Bryson City, NC 28713

Name _____

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Adopt Spay/Neuter Donate

www.pawsbrysoncity.org



PAWS is a 501(c)3 non-profit, no-kill animal shelter existing on the generosity of private donors.

P.A.W.S. saves Heartworm-positive dogs from the brink of death each year. You may be familiar with the monthly preventative treatment for your family pup. While this disease may be one of the easiest to prevent, it is also one of the most expensive to treat. The cost of treatment can be in the thousands for some dogs depending on the size and severity of the infestation. Most shelters do not have the financial resources to treat this disease or the capacity to house dogs being treated. Therefore, as soon as a dog tests positive for heartworms, they are most often euthanized **but that will NEVER** happen here at P.A.W.S. We have dogs come in that we are certain must be lost and have a home, only to HW test them and realize that they were more than likely dumped because they are Heartworm Positive. Yes, dumped by their owner after the owner failed to protect them from this deadly disease, The good news is you can join us in our fight against Heartworm disease and save the lives of these deserving dogs.

Heartworm disease is a serious and if left untreated, a fatal disease. Heartworm disease results in severe lung diseases, heart failure, other organ damage and death in pets, mainly dogs, cats, & ferrets. It is caused by a parasitic worm called *Dirofilaria immitis*. The worms are spread through the bite of a mosquito. Mosquitos are carriers of heartworms and have the ability to infect dogs all year round, especially in the Southern portion of the United States and during the summer months.

With your support Heartworm-positive dogs will be saved from certain death and provided with the life-saving treatment they deserve. Your donation helps us rescue and treat more Heartworm-positive dogs than ever before. Please join us and make your donation today.

In just the last few months Olaf, BJ, Hondo & Lady all came into our shelter HW positive. Without you, our donors, we would not be able to help them. Won't you help us help the future Heartworm positive dogs that come into our shelter by making a donation today?



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU
WE COULD NOT HELP THEM.

P.A.W.S. protects our animals with flea and tick protection year round as the weather is unpredictable. Fleas can live outdoors and can survive in temperatures as low as 33 degrees for up to 5 days (long enough to jump on to your dog or you during your short walk outside and make their way in to the shelter or home) Even in the dead of winter we have seen both dogs and cats come into the shelter infested with fleas and ticks.

The shelter uses a monthly preventative to treat dogs with flea or tick infestations and roundworm or hookworm infections in the gut. At the same time, It is also used to prevent heartworm and lungworm disease (both caused by blood worms that infect the heart and blood vessels supplying the lungs). One pill once a month does all of this and is a great flea, tick, and Heartworm preventative choice for our shelter dogs. But like everything else in life, it comes with a price; for us at the shelter, it comes at the cost of \$15 per dog.

That is right, FLEA, TICK & HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE FOR A SHELTER DOG IS \$15 A MONTH FOR ONE DOG.

The shelter uses a 6-in-1 broad spectrum monthly Topical Solution for the Cats: it kills fleas before they lay eggs, kills ticks for an entire month, prevents heartworm disease, and treats and controls roundworms, hookworms, and ear mites.

Protecting one cat in our shelter for one month costs us \$11 per cat.

COULD YOU SPONSOR A DOG PREVENTATIVE FOR ONE YEAR AT \$ 180 OR TWO DOGS AT \$360

OR SPONSOR A CATS PREVENTATIVE FOR ONE YEAR AT \$132 A YEAR OR TWO CATS AT \$264

PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR BOTH A DOG AND A CAT FOR A YEAR AT \$ 312

PERHAPS YOU ARE EVEN IN A POSITION WHERE YOU COULD SPONSOR EVERY ANIMAL IN OUR CARE.

WOW, WOULDN'T THAT BE AWESOME FOR THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE?

TO SPONSOR ONE MONTH FOR ALL THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE, THIS INCLUDES THOSE IN OUR SHELTER AS WELL AS THOSE IN FOSTER HOMES; ONE MONTH WOULD BE \$352 FOR ALL THE CATS AND \$480 FOR ALL THE DOGS. TOTALING \$ 832. JUST IMAGINE IF YOU COULD DONATE FOR ALL THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE FOR 6 MONTHS = \$4,992 OR, EVEN BETTER, \$9,984 FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. FOR \$9,984, YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE HAVE THE PREVENTATIVE THEY NEED. IT DOES ADD UP. ANY AMOUNT IS TRULY APPRECIATED.

CAN YOU MAKE A DONATION TODAY TO HELP WITH THE PREVENTATIVE CARE FOR THE ANIMALS AT PAWS SHELTER?

You can make your donation in several different ways. You can mail the form below with a check to PAWS PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713, or donate by using this link <http://www.pawsbrysoncity.org/donate.html>. You can also call 828-736-0579 and talk to Beth OR call the shelter at 828-488-0418 and make a donation over the phone using your credit card. Whatever is easiest for you because your donation helps these animals tremendously.

YES I WOULD LOVE TO DONATE TO HELP WITH

ONE MONTH FOR ONE CAT _____\$11 TWO CATS _____\$22

ONE MONTH FOR ONE DOG _____\$15 TWO DOGS _____\$30

SIX MONTHS FOR ONE CAT _____\$66 ONE YEAR FOR ONE CAT _____\$132

SIX MONTHS FOR ONE DOG _____\$90 ONE YEAR FOR ONE DOG _____\$180

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FOR ALL THE ANIMALS 6 MONTHS _____\$4,992

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FOR ALL THE ANIMALS ONE YEAR _____\$9,984



CUT THIS FORM OUT WITH YOUR SELECTION AND PAYMENT AND MAIL TO:

P.A.W.S. P.O. BOX 1814, BRYSON CITY, NC 28713

MEET SUNNY DAE

Discarded and left to die in a ditch on a cold and dreary day, but luckily for Sunny Dae, a good samaritan found her and brought her up to P.A.W.S. When we first met Sunny Dae, she was one hot mess. Her hair was all matted and dirty, and she was riddled with fleas and parasites. She had lost most of her hair, and her skin was all scabby and irritated. She was emaciated and anemic; if that was not enough, she was limping on one of her front legs. We took her to the vet to have her all checked out and have her leg examined. We thought the leg was an old break that never got proper care, but after the doctor examined Sunny Dae, she enlightened us that Sunny Dae was born that way. She has a congenital disability that inhibits her from stretching her leg out. It is folded up and is of no use to her. The vet has assured us that the leg does not hurt Sunny Dae, and judging from how sweet little Sunny Dae gets around in the office here at the shelter, we know that is true. She won't let her crippled leg slow her down one bit. Perhaps that is why her best friend at the shelter is our paralyzed cat Baby Cakes. The two love to play and cuddle with one another.

We got Sunny Dae all healthy, and her coat is so beautiful, full, and shiny now. Her skin is no longer itchy, and she is parasite free. Without your donations helping her would not be possible.

Watching Sunny Dae and Baby Cakes is an amazing vision, and knowing that they are both happy and healthy reminds us why we do this. We couldn't save the Baby Cakes or Sunny Dae's of this world without you!!! So we thank you for your continued support. The need is greater than ever, and we have so many more to save, but we can't do it without your help.



HELP US CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE ANIMALS THAT MUST BE IN OUR CARE OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Back by popular demand by our PAWS residents, we are doing the Thanksgiving Feast for a fourth year in a row. We always want to do something new and special for the cats and dogs who will spend their Thanksgiving at PAWS so we made sure they would feast on Thanksgiving too!! The animals residing at PAWS Animal Shelter will have a Thanksgiving feast and also a Christmas feast to enjoy.

You can help by providing a cat or dog at PAWS with a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal. Go to <http://www.pawsbrysoncity.org/thanksgiving.html> to feed a cat or dog at the shelter on Thanksgiving or Christmas. If you can't give them a home for the holidays, how about a special meal on Thanksgiving? We will also be doing a special feast for Christmas as well so if you miss out on donating to the Thanksgiving Feast your donation will be put towards their Christmas Feast.



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS!!!

The animals love the holidays as much as we do and you can help us make sure they have a wonderful Christmas by helping us fill their stockings. Each animal in our care gets a Christmas stocking each year and we would love for you to help us stuff those stockings this year with yummy treats and fun toys for our shelter dogs and cats.



As a non-profit no-kill shelter, PAWS receives no tax dollars from any federal, state or local government, and no funding from any national animal organization. Because of this, financial contributions are always needed and appreciated in order to continue our mission. In addition to monetary gifts, there are many other ways you can help us take care of the animals in need. One such way is to purchase and donate items on our supplies wish list. Some items in particular are always in great demand at the shelter. Donated items can be left at the PAWS Thrift Store or PAWS Animal Shelter. Also see the animals holiday list on page 4

BIG ITEM WISH LIST

- Larger vehicle for spay/neuter trips & transports
- Quarantine Building
- New shelter

EVERY DAY ITEMS WISH LIST

- Purina Dog Chow
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Pupperoni
- Milkbones (medium and large)



- Wet (can) dog food
- Wet (can) cat food
- Cat treats
- Cat & Dog toys/ laser toys
- Laundry Detergent (he)
- Bleach
- Trash Bags
- Cat litter (Tractor Supply natural pine equine pelletized bedding)
- Toilet paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Dish washing liquid

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Jesse Fortner
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Makayla Yacuzzo
Lilah Foster
Josephine Parsons
Pablo Killebrew
Terry Bradley
Annabelle Bradley
William Clark
Kyle Hill
Isaac Sawyer
Lauryn Linton
Tina Dann
Sophie Matz
Spencer Rowland
Anna Gray
Dean White
Thomas Isberg
Mary Jo Manness
Kelly Thomas Hill
Pat Chamburs
Sue Prothero
Vickie Williams
Wanda Ball

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