



HELP US SAVE MORE LIVES!!!

Things have been so difficult for us this year at PAWS. We have seen an influx of animals needing our help, decreased donations, overcrowded shelters, and being short-staffed. We are worried; we keep hoping things will start to get better and pray each day that it does. You may ask why this is happening. Why is PAWS struggling? Like most all shelters nationwide, we are seeing a new reality, a post-pandemic world: Economic challenges to families, a lack of affordable and pet-friendly housing, a national shortage of veterinarians, a decrease in spay/neuter during the pandemic, and a need for more accessible and affordable spay/neuter options, a desire for specific breeds, and a diminishing public capacity to help and home shelter animals are all taking a heartbreaking toll on the growing number of animals.

We are coming to terms with an untenable reality of the community relying on a singular shelter as the sole means of support for the growing number of animals at risk: so many animals needing our help, so few resources.

We realize we last sent out a newsletter quite a few months ago, and we have been swamped saving and caring for animals and doing so with very few staff. We have not had the time to sit down and do a newsletter, plus we are trying to tighten our belts and save money where we can. We do this by not printing newsletters as often and putting our resources into helping and saving the hurt, abandoned, and homeless animals.

Please help us by donating today.

The animals need us to find a way to keep saving them, to keep giving them a second chance and the forever home they all deserve.

Please help us save them!

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 Apollo, Baxter, our teeny tiny Boxer Babies, Hank, Henry & More!

MEET APOLLO

If you ask Apollo, he would tell you he is a national celebrity.

Apollo made nationwide news when his person did the unthinkable. Although the shelter was open that morning, his owner decided that instead of coming through our open gates and into the office to speak to someone, he would throw Apollo out an open car window. His ordeal was caught on our cameras, and we immediately started a search for the puppy. Apollo had been thrown with incredibly cruel force and even hit the side of the car as he landed on the ground. He didn't even land on his feet; he slammed on his back. Scared and confused, the poor puppy immediately ran away. We contacted local law enforcement as we had the video footage of the ordeal. We searched for four days for little Apollo, leaving a live feed camera on a food dish that we continued to have filled to the rim with food for the poor puppy. PAWS staff and many other kind folks searched day and night for this scared little puppy.

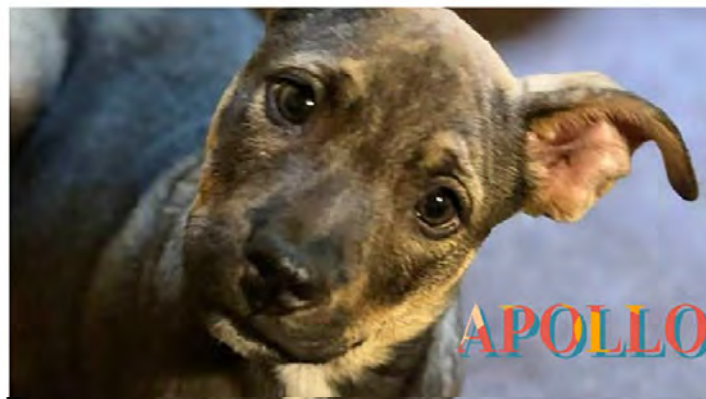
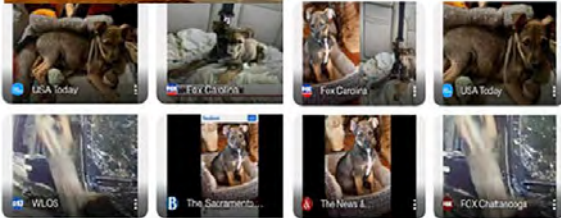
When we posted the video to social media, hoping that someone would recognize the man and help us search for little Apollo, every news circuit watched as we got so many shares of the clip to the news. Within minutes, WLOS contacted us, wanting to come out and do a story on what had just happened to this poor puppy. We gladly accepted any help as we were so worried about this puppy we had seen thrown from the window with such malicious force. Luckily, the man was identified quickly, and he has been charged with animal abuse and animal abandonment. Even with the man's identity discovered, we still could not find the puppy.

We never did see him come out to eat from the bowls of food we left for him; yes, lots of raccoons and cats feasted on what we left, but never the little puppy.

After four days, we were sure he was finally hungry enough to come out from hiding, and a deputy helping us look for him found him across the street, hiding in the bushes.

Apollo suffered abrasions, fractures and was malnourished and dehydrated. He was loaded down with fleas and parasites. We immediately got Apollo the care that he so desperately needed, and he went home with our Director so he could be given his medications and get some major TLC after all he had been through. It was so scary for a 9-week-old puppy to be treated unkindly and then alone for several days.

As we wait for the man to go to court, Apollo is awaiting justice, as are all of us.





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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Name _____

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE ONLINE](#)

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

MEET HANK

THIS IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE CUTEST PUPS WE HAVE EVER MET BUT ALSO ONE OF THE SWEETEST

When we first heard about Hank, it was such a sad situation. Not only had Hank's family left him behind when they moved, but even worse, they left him chained to a fence. He couldn't move; he was all tangled up in a bush with no food, water, or shelter. He was alone, hungry, and no one was coming back for him.

As soon as we heard about the situation, we contacted local law enforcement because we knew this boy needed to be saved, and we needed to act quickly.

Law Enforcement went up to the property and verified that he had been abandoned. They permitted us to save him and bring him into our shelter. The neighbor had mentioned that Hank had been tangled up in his chain for quite some time, and we noticed he had a limp. We took him to the vet, and it was discovered that he had two fractures in his left front leg.

Hank shows us every day just how appreciative he is that our Director went up and untethered him that day, took him to the vet, and then brought him into our care, where he never has to wonder again when his next meal will come, where he can rest his head for shelter, receive such compassionate care, but above all he knows he is safe and loved.

Hank loves all people and is approximately one year old. He gets along great with the other dogs at the shelter. He loves to play outside in the play yards with his PAWS friends and cuddle up with his teddy bear at night in his kennel.



MEET HENRY

Oh, sweet, nothing but bones, Henry. When we first met Henry in October, he was nothing but skin and bones. He was so emaciated that he had begun to lose muscle mass. The thing about dogs that come in that have nearly starved to death is you have to be very careful not to overfeed them. They have to be started with small frequent meals. The other sad thing about starved animals is they eat like it is going to be their last meal. Starved animals probably feel like it could be their last if they could only understand that they are safe now and will never go hungry or be cold again.

Handsome Henry was starved, but as he got stronger and gained some weight, we realized that there was something that Henry loved more than food. He loves human affection. He soaks up every pet, pat, and praise and wants to be with people.

Henry had to spend a few nights in the animal hospital to heal a large gash on his leg that required staples, but he is recovering well.

Henry would love to have a human of his very own.

All of us at the shelter tease about who Henry loves the most, but Henry loves us all. He is the most affectionate dog, and when you look into his eyes, you can see the gratitude he feels that we saved him. Henry looks at us as if we are his heroes, but the true hero is YOU!! Without your donations, we could not save Henry and all the dogs and cats before and after him.

You are the true hero in Henry's story.



MEET OUR SWEET BOXER BABIES

In late September of this year, we got a frantic call from a man who had just found some puppies taped inside a cardboard box. He was working on a job site and heard the faint noise of puppies crying in the distance. The job site was away from homes, and he said he started trying to detect where the muffled noise was coming from. It led him to the edge of an embankment. Down that embankment was a cardboard box clinging against some trees. He had to get help from another man to climb down and retrieve the box. When he was able to retrieve the sealed-up box, it had six very tiny Boxer puppies inside. He immediately started calling places, trying to find someone to help them. He called PAWS and also contacted our Director. She told him to bring them on in. It is a miracle these puppies were found and a true miracle that they survived. The puppies were under four weeks old and very dehydrated. These puppies should have still been with their momma, but instead, they were taped up in a cardboard box and tossed over a bank.

One of the puppies was in very critical shape, and Beth took her home to give her 24-hour care. These puppies came so close to death that they would not have survived many more hours and would have died all alone, scared, cold, and hungry had the man not heard their cries.

We are happy to say that all six Boxer puppies survived and are growing big and strong, and they are all hoping to have a home of their own for the holidays.

Meet Carver, Woody, MoMo, Mazey, Woody and Cedar. Four handsome boys and two beautiful females are happy, healthy, and thriving because people like you donate to PAWS. Your donations make a difference, and they help us keep doing this life-saving work.



2023

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 3000 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.

To donate online go to <https://www.pawsbrysoncity.org/donate.html>



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.

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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 1000's 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 1000's 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 pet 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.

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Adopt Spay/Neuter Donate

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MEET BAXTER

Meet our newest little office buddy, Baxter. This sweet boy was dumped out in a community and couldn't even walk because his nails were so overgrown that they were pressing into his paw pads.

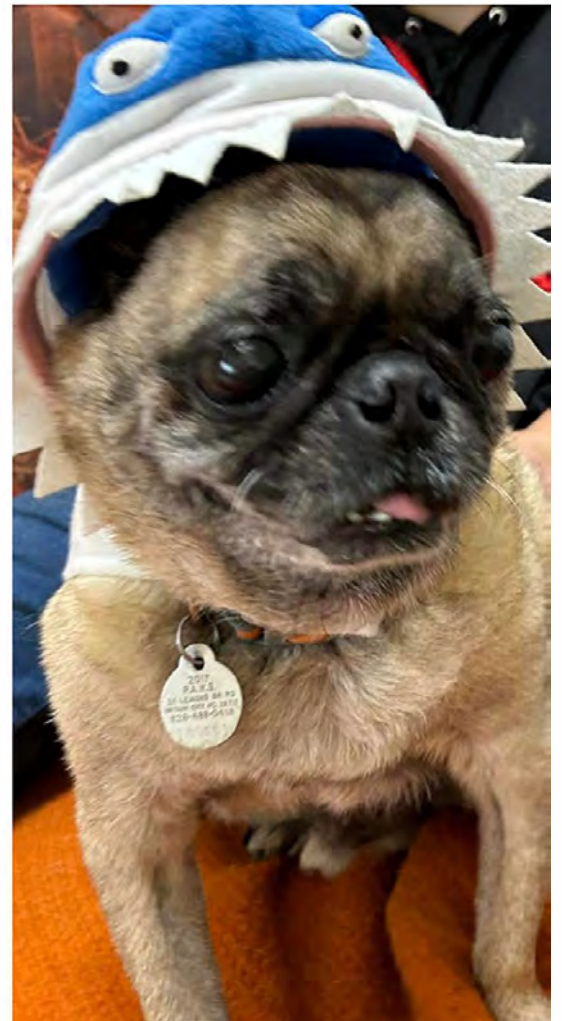
We immediately knew that little Baxter had impaired vision as his poor eyes were all matted up, and it was evident that he could not see. We were surprised when the vet told us she was aging him out at about seven because we had him listed as at least 12. Poor Baxter must have lived a horrible life before coming into our shelter. He can't hear well and is blind, so we decided it best to let little Baxter shelter down in our office rather than back in one of the kennels. It can be a little scary for the smaller dogs, and imagine how terrifying it must feel for one if they can't see.

Baxter's eyes now look much better, he walks around the shelter like he owns the place. He has to take prescription eye drops twice a day and even though he won't get his sight back he doesn't let that slow him down.

Baxter is up for adoption and would love to have a home for the holidays. He is sweet and loves all humans but would prefer to be the only dog. With all his ailments, being around other dogs makes him very nervous.

We are unsure of the horrific life Baxter lived before coming to PAWS, but what we can assure him is that he will no longer be out in the cold all alone trying to survive.

He will always have a warm bed, plenty of food, treats, and soft stuffed animals to cuddle up to at night. We would not be able to provide the veterinary care that Baxter desperately needed and deserved if it were not for all our wonderful donors.



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 CAT 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 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

Simba came into our shelter with an injury to his neck and leg. We immediately got Simba the veterinary care he needed, and after a lot of good meds and lots of TLC, he healed up very nicely. He no longer carries that one leg, his neck is strong, and he is curious about everything around him, as you can tell from the picture of him in the med room in our bathtub.

We have animals in every area of the shelter these days as the need never ends, and every day, another animal needs our help. Simba, another tiny kitten, Ash, and also a pregnant cat are bunking down in our med room as it is the only space we have left available. They can't be in the kitten room; they are too young or fragile for our amazing cage-free cat room, so they are making do in our med room. Simba says he has no complaints as he has many more new places to explore.

If only our finances and shelter were as big as our hearts. We want to help them all, and we never turn down a hurt or injured animal, but we worry about how much longer we can continue to rescue the hurt, sick, and injured; that is why your help is so urgently needed. Please help us help these innocent animals by donating; no amount is too small. We are forever grateful for all the love and support you have shown us over the years. We want to continue our life-saving work; won't you help us today?



SIMBA & ASHES

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 fifth year in a row. We always want to do something 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 missed out on donating to the Thanksgiving Feast your donation will be put towards their Christmas Feast. As always monetary donations to help us care for the animals is always appreciated.



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 or buy them a present. These animals love the holidays and they LOVE presents. 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. PAWS animals love getting new toys and treats, help make a shelter animal's holiday happier this giving season. Buy a gift for a shelter dog or cat, or both!!



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.

BIG ITEM WISH LIST

- Larger vehicle for spay /neuter transport
- Quarantine Building
- New shelter

EVERY DAY ITEMS WISH LIST

- Purina Dog Chow
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Pupperoni
- Milkbones
- Wet (can) dog food
- Wet (can) cat food
- Cat treats
- Laundry Detergent (he)
- Bleach
- Paper towels



A HEARTWARMING STORY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

On 9/3/2021, eight dogs were taken into our care after they were found in a home and starved to death. Although the lady had dog food to give them, we gave her a 50-pound bag. She left that dog food lying on a picnic table and rot. She did not give these dogs food or water, leaving them in a hot trailer to die. Luckily, a Sheriff's Deputy called our Director when he went to do a wellness check. Swain County Sheriff's Deputies Woodard, Posey, and our Director Beth worked swiftly to get these animals to the shelter to receive the care they desperately needed.

Reid and Hempley, the two largest of the dogs rescued, have lived at our shelter for the past two years, and try as we may, it seemed no one was ever interested in adopting them. We took them to every event and walked them in the Christmas parade. Last year, they were the special guests at our largest fundraising event. However, these two remained at the shelter; we were not even asking for them to be adopted together; we just wanted them to have a great, loving home. Reid and Hempley got all the veterinary and compassionate care from us here at PAWS and were always model citizens that we could take to adoption events and volunteer walks. They loved their life at the shelter, but it wasn't a home.

This is where our angel on earth comes in. Back last year, CJ's Grille had a fundraiser for PAWS on St. Patrick's Day; we called it a St Pawtricks Day PAWty. One of our incredible supporters, Kim, and her daughter came down to the fundraiser and met Reid and Hempley. It was love at first sight, not only for Kim but for Reid and Hempley as well.

Kim couldn't stop thinking of them, but she also had an elderly dog at home that needed all her love and attention. Sadly, Kim and her husband lost their sweet dog this year, and at first, Kim couldn't imagine loving another dog; we all feel that way at first, and we get it. When Kim was ready for another dog, she knew she wanted to adopt Reid and Hempley. After two years and one day of compassionate and loving care from us at PAWS Animal Shelter, the day finally came when we had all been praying for Kim and her husband to adopt Reid and Hempley. These two sweet boys got adopted out TOGETHER!!

Honestly, we were not even trying to get them adopted out as a bonded pair because we knew that would hold them up longer in the shelter. We had no idea these two incredible dogs would take so long to get adopted, but they could not be in a finer home. In our eyes, Kim and her family are angels on earth, and we are so grateful that they opened their hearts and homes to love again.

Reid and Hempley are doing great in their home and are so loved. Thank you does not even begin to cover how grateful we are to Kim and Kirby. Seeing these two dogs so happy and thriving in their own home is all we ever want for all the animals that come through our doors. Reid and Hempley are living their best lives and are proof of happiness after heartache.

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Here are a few pictures from their rescue and many photos of them with their angel on earth and her family.

It takes a village, and we could not do this work and save animals like Reid and Hempley without your support. Our adopters, donors, volunteers, fosters, and supporters are the true heroes, and we thank you!!!





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To make donating as easy we have included this page that shows all the ways you can send in your donation. Some people like to mail in their donation while others like the convenience of paying online. We do hope this helps everyone donate in the way they feel most comfortable.

FOR THOSE THAT LIKE TO PAY USING VENMO. You can scan the venmo code and make a donation or go to venmo and make donation to username-PAWS-Animal Shelter.



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Or you can bring your donation directly to us at PAWS Thrift Store 95 Slope Street B Bryson City, NC 28713 or drop it off at PAWS Animal Shelter at 57 Lemons Branch Rd, Bryson City, NC 28713