

Fall Newsletter 2021



P.A.W.S. PRINT

HELP US SAVE MORE LIVES!!!

The Animals Are Depending On You!



We thought 2020 was the most challenging year for us here at PAWS; we were wrong! 2021 has been one challenge and obstacle after another.

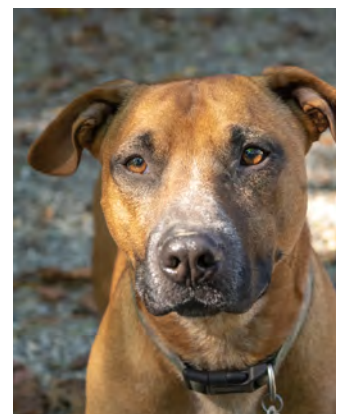
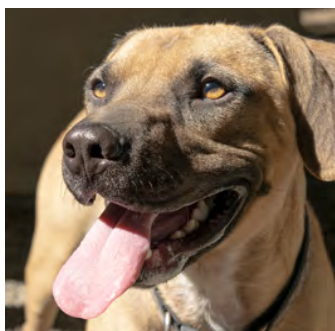
This makes the second year in a row that we have not been able to have our largest fundraiser of the year, and we are feeling it. Due to the spike in Covid cases in August in our area, we had to make the heartbreaking decision not to go forth with our Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. Not having this event has hurt us tremendously.

Prices have increased on food, medicine, vet bills, and all other supplies. Also, the number of animals needing life-saving procedures has increased dramatically. Sadly what has not increased this year is money coming in to help these animals.

We realize this is a tough time for everyone, and hence that is why we are seeing record numbers of animals coming into our shelter needing our help. So many animals are coming through our doors, but so few funds to help them. Almost every animal that has come through our doors has needed immediate medical attention. We made sure they received it.

We need your support and donations now more than ever; if we don't replenish our funds soon, we are unsure how we will continue to help the animals that desperately need our help. Yes, the animals need us now more than ever!

In this issue, read all about the 9 dogs P.A.W.S. recently rescued a(page 9), and many others.





AVAILABLE PAWS ANIMALS

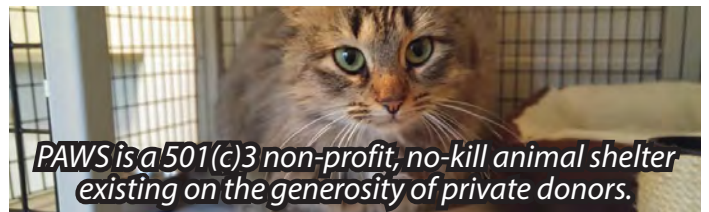
Here are some of the beautiful faces you will find at PAWS Animal Shelter. Come find your fur-ever friend today!



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)



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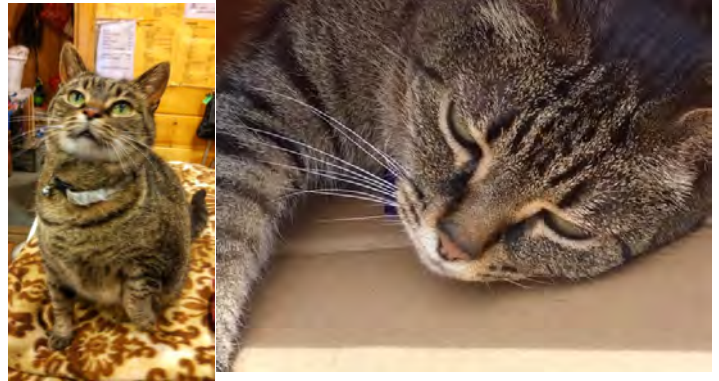
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Phone _____ E-mail _____

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 Honor of Phil Hall Gifted by Michele Guinn
In Honor of Maggie Gifted by Gary & Judy Miller
In Honor of David C Nolte Gifted by Michele & David Nolte
In Memory of Bryson, beloved dog of Pete and Susan Sabo Gifted by Beth Cline-Stroud
In Memory of Frodo Marsh, beloved cat of Kimberly Marsh Gifted by Kathy and Terry Marsh
In Memory of Frodo Marsh Gifted by Beth Cline-Stroud
In Memory Of Patches, the Clampitts Ace Hardware cat who passed away with cancer Gifted by Max & Lavelle Clampitt
In Memory Of Punky beloved dog of Fran Namotka Gifted by Clark & Becky Lipkin
In Memory Of Belva Baynard Gifted by Carl M Simpson III
In memory Of Belva Baynard Gifted by Mary Jo and Luclan McCutchen
In Memory Of Belva Baynard, Beloved mother of Diane Geddings and In Honor of Diane Geddings Gifted by Beth Cline-Stroud
In Memory Of Belva Baynard at the request of Calvin Geddings-Blake Family Charitable Fund
In Memory of Missy, our sweet thrift store kitty Gifted by Beth Cline-Stroud
In Memory of Hemi, always our baby, Gifted by Beth Cline-Stroud



P.A.W.S. had to say goodbye to our sweet Thrift Store kitty, Missy.

Missy brought so much joy to all our shoppers. Some folks came in to say hello to Missy.

Our hearts are broken over the loss of our sweet Missy, and we will never forget the day she came into our lives. Missy lived across the street when we first met her but started coming over to the store and hanging out on our porch.

As the weather started getting bad and much colder, we watched as Missy tried to go inside her own home but was turned away. They had not provided Missy with any protection from the cold, so Missy decided to turn herself into us. Missy knew we would let her come inside; she knew we would keep her warm and safe.

Our Director went over to have a conversation with Missy's owners to let them know that Missy was over at the store. She let them know that Missy was cold and hungry, so we had fed her and warmed her in the store.

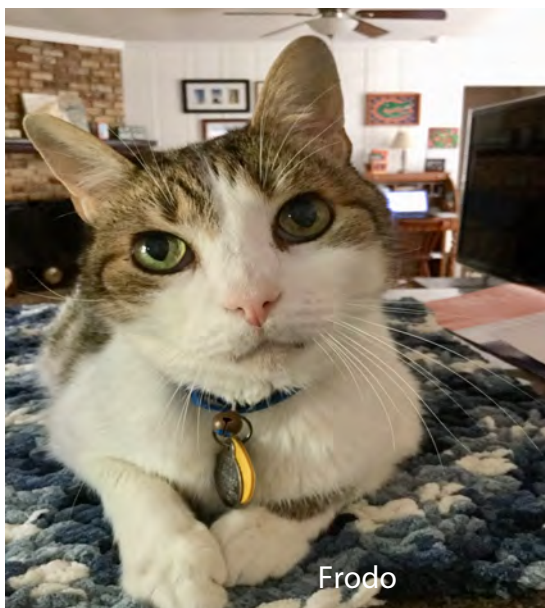
When Beth came back, she informed us that Missy's people no longer wanted her, and from that day forward, she was Missy, our thrift store kitty.

We took Missy to the vet, got her a clean bill of health, fixed her, and made sure Missy had everything a cat would need to be happy, healthy, safe, warm, and most importantly, loved.

We all loved our Missy kitty and will forever miss her.

Missy loved her life as the Queen of the Thrift Store.

Forever in our hearts, Our Missy Kitty.



Frodo

Meet Whitey

Everyone meet Whitey. He's a one-year-old Lab mix! He is absolutely the sweetest big ball of energy. Whitey loves everyone and is super intelligent.

When Whitey first arrived at PAWS, he was thin and had bloody sores all over his body, which also caused a lot of hair loss. The skin was swollen and infected, and we could tell Whitey was in a lot of pain. We got him into the vet immediately, so he could start feeling better.

By looking at Whitey now, you would never know that he was left abandoned or that he ever had any skin issues. He is all better and looks and feels fantastic. His coat is nice and shiny, and he smiles...oh, does he smile.

Whitey is such a fun dog that never meets a stranger; his smile is infectious and will have you smiling and laughing instantly. It would be hard for you to have a hard day with this sweet boy around.

So if you are looking for a dog to brighten up your days and bring you lots of love and laughs, he is your guy.



Meet Tippy

When Tippy was brought into P.A.W.S., we were already at total capacity, and we did not have room for any more, not even one tiny kitten.

However, Tippy was in terrible shape, and there was no way we could turn our backs on this sweet kitten.

Tippy was a mess, we could tell right away that he had severe eye infections, parasites and was not old enough to be away from his mother, yet here he was all alone, needing our help.

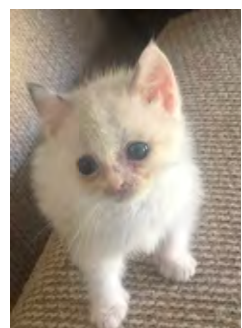
A P.A.W.S. staff member stepped up to be his foster momma, and P.A.W.S. made sure Tippy and his new foster momma had everything they needed to get him healthy again, including a trip to the vet to get him the medicine and eye ointments he needed to heal.

Had P.A.W.S. not stepped up and intervened and got Tippy the medical attention he so greatly needed, he may have lost his eyesight in one of his eyes. He still has some damage to that eye, but his vision was saved.

Tippy is still in foster care with his very own personal hero and is doing great!



These recovery efforts could not have happened if we did not have wonderful donors like YOU!



2021

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 1,000 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 names we will be adding this holiday season.
Lite A Lite In memory of Bentley & Sydney and In Honor Of Lyla & Paxton Gifted By Belinda and Richard Mumm
Lite A Lite In Honor Of Mischief, beloved kitty of Ty & Bonnie Ragland, Gifted By Tyrus and Bonnie Ragland
Lite A Lite-In Memory Of Willy O'Connor Gifted By Diane Geddi



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!

P.A.W.S. Animals LOVE a good celebration. They love to celebrate the Holidays!!

All animals deserve love and compassionate care. They also deserve to feel special. We try to do little things for the animals here at P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter to help make their stay here with us a little less like a shelter and a little more like home.

One way we do that is we celebrate the holidays with them.

We recently celebrated Halloween with special treats and gifts for the animals brought in and donated by our special friend. Would you be one of those special friends for the upcoming holidays?

The animals are looking forward to their Thanksgiving Feast but even more so to Christmas, when their stockings are all hung, and they have presents purchased and donated especially for them under the tree.

Would you help us make their holidays a little more cheerful by helping us fill their stockings and help us put presents for them under the tree?

Each animal has a list below of some of their favorite treats and toys, and ask us to send this list on to Santa Paws. We didn't have enough room to list all the animal's wish list, and many of them were asking for the same items, so we just added as many as we could get on these two pages. They are hoping some of our generous donors will help their wishes come true.

We will do our best to make their biggest wish come true, which is a home of their very own, but if you can help us with their other items on their list, we would be forever grateful.

Big Daddy- Pupperoni, lots and lots of Pupperoni, and lots of the stuffed animal, Lamb Chop, but not the big ones because they scare me, orthopedic dog bed, soft fluffy blankets.

Shorty- Soft cat treats, a really big cat tower with lots of little hiding and napping nooks, cat toys.

Doc- Large Milkbones and a nice comfy orthopedic bed to rest his old bones, soft cuddly toys.

Julius- Cat treats, Laser toys, feather toys and oh yeah if he could have any type of cat toy that involves water he would really enjoy that. What he asked for was a fish aquarium, full of fish, but we had to let him down easy, that we couldn't have aquarium in the shelter. So he said he would settle for cat toys that reminded him of playing in water.

Aria- A really cool water fountain to drink from, cat treats, and toys.

Whitey- Balls, Dog treats, dog toys and a nice dog brush. He likes his new grown hair.

Jake- A small comfy orthopedic bed, and a kitten of his very own. Jake loves kittens.

Reid- Gift cards to PetSmart, Pet Stop and or Fish and More.

Amari- A nice heavy water and food bowl that I don't knock over so easily, dog treats, nice warm fluffy blankets, I always thought it would be cool to have one with my very own name on it. The shelter staff said they would talk to Santa about that.

Baby Cakes- A set of wheels custom made just for me, so I can get around with out dragging my back legs. You see I am a paralyzed cat and I stay in the main office at the shelter. Lots of small comfy cat beds because the staff has to wash mine a lot and I go through a lot of beds, and cat treats. I just recently discovered these things called Delectables Squeeze Up, we got some in our Trick or treat bags at Halloween and I love them. So if I could get some of those that would be just the cats meow.

Ranger- Stuffed animals, Dog treats, Med size Milk Bones and I saw this really cool item at Walmart called HuggiePup. I think a lot of us here at P.A.W.S. could benefit from one of those. It's a stuffed dog that is a companion that helps relax and comfort pets. It has a real feel pulsing heartbeat and heat pack that helps calm pets. Doesn't that sound just awesome?

The animals wish list continued from page 6

Amelia- I would love for all the dogs to have matching Christmas sweaters that we could wear in this years parade. I saw the ones from two years ago and I think they need to be updated. There are 15 of us here and we range from small to XXL. I think I would wear a XL, I don't like to wear my clothes too tight. I do think most of the dogs here are large as we don't have a lot of little dogs here. They say the small breeds get adopted faster, lucky them. As I look around I think we have 2 small dogs and the rest of us are larger breeds.

Charles- I am a lot like my sister so I am also going to ask Santa Paws for matching Christmas collars and leashes so we can all look smashing in the parade. Perhaps it will help us get a home. Also I would like bully sticks and DinoChews.

Joon- Large comfy hammocks to snooze and perhaps a small hut of my own to hide away from all the others. A dude my age needs his sleep.

Irby- Cat treats, cat toys, cat towers and oh yeah more cat treats.

Summer- I put a lot of thought into what I wanted and as we all know it is the gift of giving so what I would like to get for Christmas is personalized stockings made for me and all the other cats and dogs that reside here. Give us something that is personalized just for us. Also I do love treats, I'm especially fond of DinoChews.

Brownie- Dog toys, dog treats, I really like the large size Milk Bones. Also because I care about my personal hygiene and oral health I would like to ask for DentaStix for all of us. Besides have you smelled Jakes breath lately? No offense buddy, we all know it's not your fault. Your past owner should have got you dental cleanings or at least some Milkbones and DentaStix so you could have healthier gums and teeth.

Hempley- Bully Sticks, the really good smelly kind, Dog treats, stuffed animal and fluffy blankets but not comforters or size of bed spreads because our PAWS staff can't wash them as well in our washing machine. I try to look out for my caregivers. Also I think gift cards would be pretty awesome. Plus monetary donations so the staff can continue to care for all of us and the animals that come after us.

Felix- Cat toys, cat hammocks, cat treats, cat puzzles and fountains

Capt. Kirk- Any toys that a kitten would love to chase and paw at, cat treats, and small cat towers for the kitty room.

Irby- Cat toys, cat treats, cat tunnels, laser toys and balls

Olivia-Cat treats and gift cards from Walmart

Mork-Cat treats, cat hammocks and lots of cat toys.

Mindy- My own private cat castle and cat tower .



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2022 P.A.W.S. CALENDAR!!

For years we have talked about doing a P.A.W.S. Calendar...well, this year we finally did it!!

We are so excited to have calendars to sell that have so many of our past and present shelter animals featured inside.

Who knows, if you have adopted a cat or dog from us, you might even see a picture of them inside this new beautiful calendar.

Pre-order your calendar now because once we sell out, we won't be printing any more. Limited supply for a limited time.

We are so excited to share this calendar with you.



Yes I would love to buy a P.A.W.S. calendar to help support their worthy and life saving cause.

Please send me _____ calendar(s) at \$10.99 each plus shipping cost of \$3 each.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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DAY 1

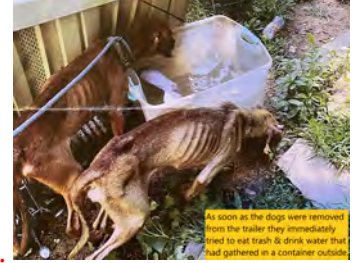


DAY 42



P.A.W.S. was contacted by law enforcement when nine dogs were found left in what appeared to be an abandoned mobile home in extreme heat with no air, no food, and no water. You could see the dogs gasping for air behind the closed windows.

It was very evident that these animals had went days without food or water. Time was of the essence, as many of these dogs would not have made it another 24 hours.



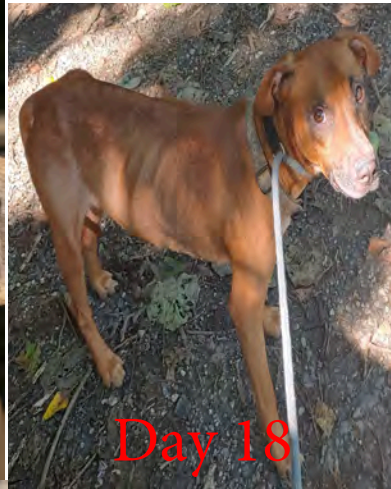
With the help of two SCSD deputies, P.A.W.S. was able to rescue all nine dogs that day. These dogs were severely dehydrated, malnourished, emaciated, and infested with fleas and other parasites. Several had severe eye and ear infections.

P.A.W.S. had to give all the dogs SubQ fluids throughout the first night in the shelter due to the severity of the dehydration. They were taken into our vet the very next morning, yet still, one, in particular, was critical. He was severely lethargic and so emaciated that his survival was grim. His leg muscles were so atrophied that you could see right through them. We are happy to report that all nine dogs survived, and are getting healthier and stronger every day. They are now happy, healthy, loved, and will never go hungry again. Thanks to you, our P.A.W.S. supporters, we can give compassionate care and life-saving help to animals in need. You are the heroes in these stories because without you, none of this would be possible. So we THANK YOU!

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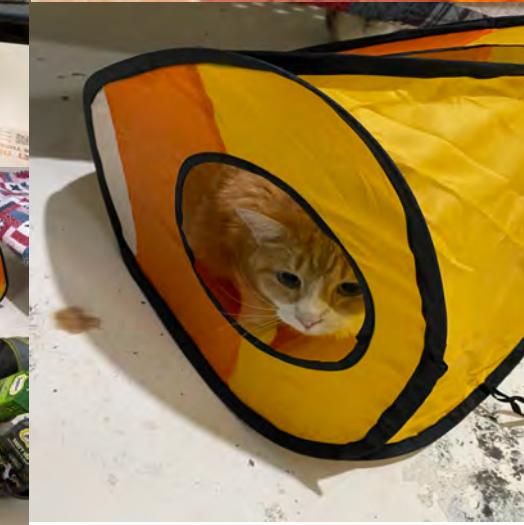
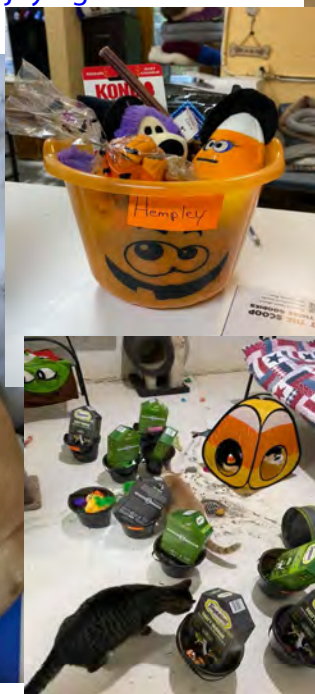
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Back by popular demand by our PAWS residents, we are doing the Thanksgiving Feast for a fifth year in a row. We always want to do something new and special for the cats and dogs who will spend their Thanksgiving at PAWS so we made sure they would feast 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.

Here are a few happy photos from our P.A.W.S. residents enjoying treats from their own personal Halloween party.



As a non-profit no-kill shelter, P.A.W.S. 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 pages 6 and 7.

BIG ITEM WISH LIST

- Larger vehicle for spay/neuter trips & transports
- Quarantine Building
- New shelter
- Large tract of land to build new shelter

EVERY DAY ITEMS WISH LIST

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



- Can (wet) cat & dog food
- Cat treats
- Cat toys/ laser toys/Cat Towers
- 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!

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Use the link below
https://www.chewy.com/g/pawsplacing-animals-within-society_b77911045n



NEW for 2022!!! PAWS has 2022 calendars for sale!!

These will make PAWSome gifts for loved ones this Christmas. Limited supply, so orders yours today! We also have PAWS T-shirts for sale. Buy yours at any of our events or at PAWS Thrift Store. These make great Christmas gifts.

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Yvette McClure, Deb Wolfe, Shannon Jennings, Donna Thompson

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