

# P.A.W.S. PRINT

**HELP US SAVE MORE LIVES!!!**

In this issue, read all about Sally Brown and her beautiful pups, read about Patty, Roxie & many More!

**We rely on donations to help us fulfill our mission of saving as many animals as possible.**

We take in many special needs animals that many other shelters would have turned away. We take care of any ailment or surgery that needs to be done on any animal we rescue, including, but not limited to heartworm treatment, blastomycosis treatment, cruciate ligament repair, patella surgery, FHO, enucleations, diabetes, anxiety disorders, etc. On average, P.A.W.S. takes at least one animal per week with a life-threatening injury or illness. We do not believe that any animal should be left to suffer because they are sick or injured. Society has already failed them at one point in time, and someone needs to speak and rescue those that are defenseless and without a voice.

That is who we are, which PAWS has always been about. These ailments and surgeries are costly, and we need the communities' help not to leave these poor souls discarded with no one to care for them. PAWS is a non-profit organization, so we rely heavily on private donations.

**“Every donation is important, and the need is always great. Without donations like yours, more animals will have to go without; without shelter, food, preventative and compassionate care.”**







# 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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## SALLY BROWN

Just days before the temperatures dropped to a record low, we got a call from a nursing home. A sweet but very pregnant hound mix had laid down in their parking lot, and they felt she was getting ready to go into labor in the parking lot in the cold, dreary rain.

She was very anemic and frail. We are confident she laid down in that parking lot to give up. No one was coming for her; no one was coming to help her or her unborn puppies, so she just gave up, not even trying to seek shelter from the rain.

But luckily for Sally Brown, the nursing home & PAWS caring staff acted swiftly to get her the care and attention she so desperately needed.

We got Ms. Sally Brown up to our shelter as quickly as possible, and although she was pregnant, she was not actively in labor. However, she was dangerously thin, other than her swollen belly.

Being outside and malnourished was detrimental not only to her but also to her unborn pups. We immediately got Sally settled in a nice quiet, warm private room (our bathroom) with a nice comfy bed and plenty of fresh water and food. We assessed her other ailments, made an appointment with our vet, and took her in for a check-up.

Sally was very fortunate because she got the proper care and nutritional meals in her frail body, which helped her prepare and deliver six beautiful and healthy puppies.

Sally has been the best momma to her babies, and every day she shows PAWS staff how thankful she is to have such compassionate and loving care.

After eight weeks of excellent care for her puppies, her puppies are finally ready for forever homes.

Ms. Sally Brown and her puppies are safe, healthy, and happy; we have YOU, our donors, to thank for that. Without your donations, we could not have provided the care Sally and her pups needed.





**As a PAWS donor, your gift will help innocent and neglected animals who feel like they've been forgotten. PAWS works tirelessly year-round to put an end to animal cruelty & neglect and to save as many lives as we can.**

**None of this critical work would be possible without compassionate people like you. Thank you for your support.**

**We will not lie, this has been a harsh and sad winter for P.A.W.S., but we are thankful that we could help all the animals we have because their lives are much more challenging than ours. When we grow tired or weary from seeing all the neglect and abuse, we look around at all the animals we have helped, which reminds us why we do this work.**

**Life-saving work has changed their life forever for the better. You are allowing these animals the second chance they deserve so they can finally live their best lives. We have you, P.A.W.S. supporters, to thank because without you, these animals could not be saved, so THANK YOU!!!**

**In loving memory of our dear friend Gail Plotner and her two P.A.W.S. kitties, Spirit and Monkee. You are thought of every day here at P.A.W.S. and we will miss you always.**



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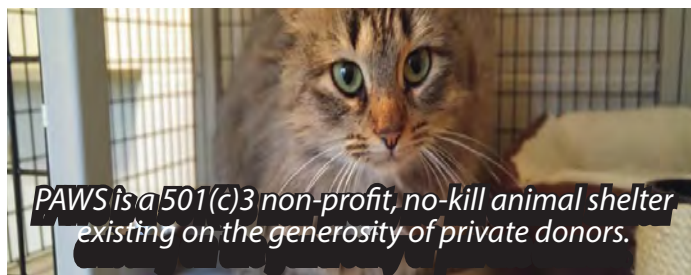
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Over the years, we have seen animals come into the shelter in horrible shape, most after being abandoned or out on their own for a very long time. Sadly this is not the case with Valentine. You see, he had a home. We are not saying it was a good home because it is very evident from how he came in that he was severely neglected.

He was living outside in a tiny crate. The owner decided they wanted to rehome him, so he was surrendered to a good samaritan who was very concerned for his health and well-being. The good samaritan immediately brought Valentine up to P.A.W.S.

After seeing this boy's shape, we knew we had to help him, so Gina and Beth stayed late into the evening to get this dog all the help he needed. Poor Valentine couldn't even see as his hair was matted down his face. We started working on him just as soon as he was brought into us. We are very fortunate that Gina has years of experience as a groomer, so she was able to get him shaved down in a timely fashion. His hair was so matted that we found things inside the massive amounts of clumped, tangled hair, both alive and dead, that should have never been in his hair.



He was so good and patient as we worked tirelessly to clean him up. He didn't even look like the same dog when we got through. We are so very thankful to the Good Samaritan who discovered him and wanted to ensure he got the help he desperately needed.





P.A.W.S. was established over 32 years ago. We are not just one of these pop-up overnight rescues; we have the experience and care you have come to know and trust. You can visit our shelter, where you will witness firsthand our life-saving work in the eyes of the animals we have saved. You can see the compassionate care put into each one of our animals. Although our shelter is old and we desperately need a new one, it is a happy one with a lot of heart, where animals come to heal and experience what it means to be healthy, fed, safe, warm, and loved.

P.A.W.S. has saved 1000s of animals that needed life-saving, expensive surgeries, many times with injuries at the hands of a human.

P.A.W.S. has saved 1000s of animals and provided treatment for illnesses and diseases that would have been fatal had it not been for P.A.W.S. intervention.

P.A.W.S. has provided financial assistance for over 20,600 spay/neuter surgeries.

P.A.W.S. has found loving forever homes for over 5,200 animals

P.A.W.S. has reunited 1000s of lost cats and dogs with their owners.

P.A.W.S. has provided over 32,000 lbs of dog and cat food to families that need food assistance with their animals.

P.A.W.S. has provided over 300 dog houses to dogs without shelter.

P.A.W.S. has successfully trapped, neutered, and returned over 3,000 feral cats and continues to feed and support these cats at over 21 locations where these feral cats now reside.

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The cost of Shelter Operation Expenses is over \$279,000 a year. This year the cost will be much higher because of the increase in prices from everything from veterinarian care and dog and cat food to cleaning and medical and vet supplies.

Veterinarian care alone for animals we have rescued costs us over \$40,000 a year. That is vet clinic care and does not include the cost of medicine, preventative, or vaccines.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP; we need help keeping our shelter open so we can continue to help the animals.

You can also donate online at <https://www.pawsbrysoncity.org/donate.html>

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# Gifts Made In Honor of or In Memory 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 Loving Memory of Gail Plotner, dedicated P.A.W.S. volunteer, donor and loving adopter

In Loving Memory of Amy Walker Gifted By Kathy Lentz

In Loving Memory of Baby Cakes, P.A.W.S. sweet office kitty

In Loving Memory of Cheri Beck Gifted by her Bunco Group-Nancy Deal, Chris Zink, Sandy Spencer, Marilyn Osterholtz, Patty Huber, Sherri Nygren, Karen Barringer, Melinda Lurz, Amanda Schweiterman, Sue Semler, Pam Otto, Linda Breidenbach and Barb Smith

In Loving Memory of Beloved Little Boy Bach and Beloved Little Girl Reese Gifted by Greg & Nancy Schaffer

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In Memory of Macavity and Bustopher Jones Gifted by Patricia Johnson

In Honor of Merlin Gifted by Patricia Johnson

In Memory of Jiggy, Callie, Darbe, Solo, Kadee, Annie, Gandolf, Pasque, Ms Kitty, Fred Gifted by Donna Rector

In Memory of Lilly, Smoky, Josie and Asha Gifted by The Stargell Family



On December 26th, our sweet fun loving Baby Cakes passed away.

This was our paraplegic office kitty. Anyone that came to PAWS Bryson City got to meet Baby Cakes.

After being found on the side of the road, she was brought into my office as a kitten by a deputy over five years ago. She couldn't use her back legs, and we thought she had been hit by a car. It turns out nothing was broken and no spinal injury, but she could not bend or use her back legs.

The vet determined it wasn't causing her any pain, and we chose to save her and give her the best care and love we could.

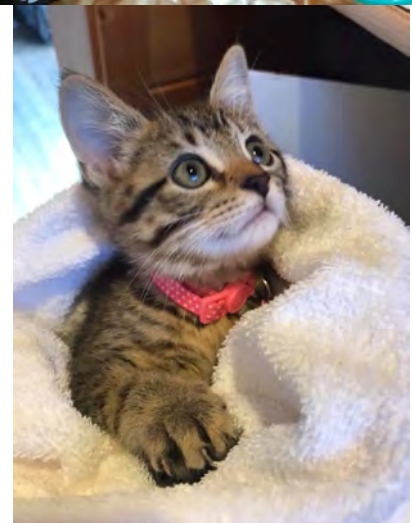
She loved scooting all over the office and quickly captured everyone's attention and love. All of P.A.W.S. staff loved her, and though she required a bit more attention than an ordinary cat, I never saw or heard anyone complain about bathing her, etc. I know this is because she was extraordinary and they are exceptional.

The office area was her domain, and she didn't go in a kennel at night; she slept in the office. She loved being the office kitty; she loved that the office was her space, and we worked around her and for her. She was our baby. Baby Cakes never let being paralyzed slowly her down. She didn't know she was different.

Baby Cakes has been the happiest and the healthiest we have ever known her to be this past year, so her passing has shocked us all. We do take comfort that she passed on her own terms and in loving arms. She was not alone.

Baby Cakes can now run, play and climb like all other cats. See you at the Rainbow Bridge, our beautiful girl.

We will never forget you or your impact on all of us.





## Celebrate the life of a beloved person or pet with a Memorial gift to PAWS

Donations made in remembrance honor your loved one's memory by helping ensure a better life for animals and giving hope to those still in need.

### Bequest from Your Will

Including PAWS in your will or trust is a meaningful way to help us continue to serve animals in need. Many of our programs and services have benefitted from individuals who had the foresight to include PAWS in their estate plans.

#### Ways You Can Give Through a Will or Trust:

- Leave a specific dollar amount or asset to P.A.W.S. Placing Animals Within Society
- Designate a percentage of your estate to be given through your will or living trust.
- Give only the remainder, or residue, of your estate, or that which remains after bequests to loved ones have been made.

The following is an example of suggested language to include in your will/trust:

"I give and bequeath to P.A.W.S. Placing Animals Within Society, a not-for-profit corporation, Mailing address-PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713, the sum of , or \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate, to be used for the accomplishment of its general purpose (or for a specific purpose as indicated)".

Anna Gray, Audrey Zelenka, Paisley Stiles, members of National Honors Society are raising money for P.A.W.S. for their passion project. If you see these beautiful young ladies out in the community or in the school with supply campaigns please help them out. We think it is so wonderful that they chose to help P.A.W.S.



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



# 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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## SWEET PATTY

Back in December, when the temperatures were dropping dangerously low, and we were encouraging all owners to please bring their animals in out of the cold, we were notified of a dog living outside in the elements with no one to feed her. We knew she would freeze to death if not saved, so we sprung into action to help her. Her person had passed away, and the other person that once lived in the home was now in a nursing home.

Patty had lived her life in a small pen, and when we met Patty, she had been living in total filth. She had to stand and sleep in over 7 inches of feces. There was no dry place, not even the dog house, as it was soaked with urine and filled high with feces. What made Patty's situation even direr is that she is an older dog and partially deaf. She only has hearing in her left ear.

Patty was so excited to leave that pen and go with us. She made herself right at home in the car. She was so happy to come out of the cold weather and lay her weary head on a nice warm bed after filling her belly with good nutritional food. Patty was very excited about all the toys under the Christmas tree and immediately chose one as her very own. Patty was dehydrated and very, so skinny, and we know that she would not have made it through that bitter cold spell over Christmas.

Because of donors like you, we could provide veterinarian care, vaccines, nutritional meals, clean water, shelter, warm bed, and compassionate care. We do these things for our beloved pets, but something that we believe Patty never got to experience until now.



Patty enjoying her first time in a home with what we believe to be her first bully stick.



Thank you to everyone that donated to P.A.W.S. Christmas supply and toy drive. Thanks to you all of the animals at P.A.W.S. had a great Christmas. Pictured is Patty picking out her toys and treats.



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 preventative for at \$264 a year.

Perhaps you would like to sponsor both a cat and a dog for a year for\$ 312.00

Perhaps you are even in a position where you could sponsor every animal in our care; wow, wouldn't that be awesome?

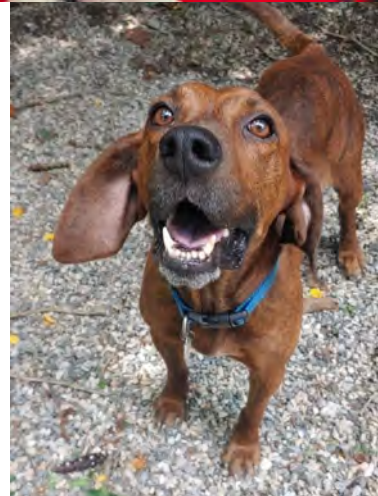
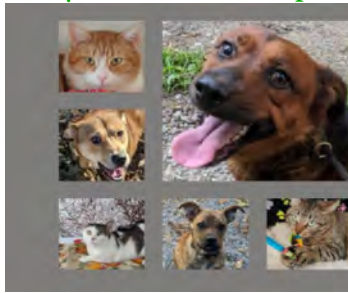
To sponsor for one month for all animals in our care, it would be \$352 for all the cats and \$480 for the dogs, a total of \$832

Just imagine if you could donate for all the animals in our care for six months = \$4,992 OR, EVEN BETTER, \$9,984 FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR!!!

At \$9,984.00, you can be assured that all the animals in our care have the preventative care they need.

CAN YOU MAKE A DONATION TODAY TO HELP WITH THE PREVENTATIVE CARE FOR THE ANIMALS AT PAWS NO KILL ANIMAL 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:

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**ROXIE** - Roxie's story is a lot like that of Patty. A deputy came to our shelter in January and asked if we could take in a dog he had discovered chained to a tree at an abandoned house. He had investigated the place and found that the owner had died many years ago.

When we got Roxie to our shelter, she could barely walk.

We later discovered that Roxie had been chained to that tree for over ten years. We know it was over ten years because a good samaritan had been going out to this property and feeding this dog for over ten years.

Although Roxie was getting fed by the good samaritan, it was evident that Roxie needed to be off that chain. Years of being on a chain had left her back, neck, and legs weak. Roxie was also losing weight even though the Good Samaritan fed her daily.



We now have Roxie at our shelter and have her on supplements to regain some muscle mass back into her legs. We had Roxie checked out by our vet, and she's up to date on all her vaccines. Roxie enjoys lounging on her warm, comfortable orthopedic bed at the shelter and taking short strolls outside. For the first time in her life, she knows what it feels like to live indoors, untethered, with lots of love and compassionate care.

How scared Roxie must have been so many nights out there alone, with no way to escape when other prey animals would come passing through. Those days are behind her now and she will never spend another day on a chain or living outside in the elements. We are so thankful that the Good Samaritan knew about her all these years and ensured she had what she needed to survive. Roxie enjoys seeing him when he visits the shelter; she knows he was there when no one else was. The world needs more like the man who fed Roxie for 10+ years, even though it was not his dog. Roxie would love a place to live out what years she has left. Currently, Roxie sleeps in our office at night because the sights and sounds of the other dogs make her nervous. We accommodate in every manner that we can in order for all of the animals in our care to feel safe and secure.

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 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



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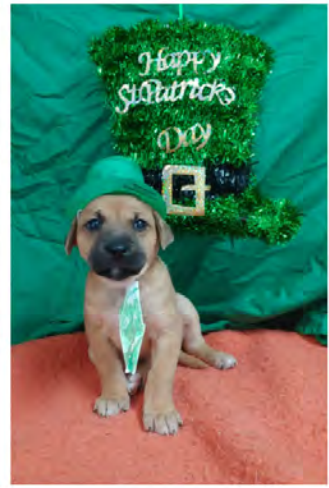
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**When you adopt from a no-kill shelter, you save two lives. The animal you adopt and the one that replaces them.**

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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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