

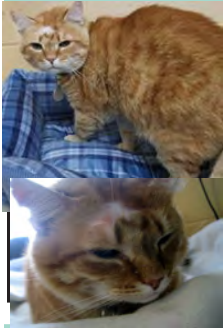
# PAWS PRINT



Spring Newsletter 2018  
[www.pawsbrysoncity.org](http://www.pawsbrysoncity.org)



## ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT: OMAR



**Omar-The cat that has given so much to so many of us now needs our help.**

**Omar has been the office kitty at PAWS for over 10 years.**

Now the kitty that has helped so many other cats and dogs transition to the shelter life needs comfort and medical of his own.

If you have ever been to PAWS Animal Shelter than you have likely met Omar. He is our shelter greeter and meets everyone at the counter at the front door.

Omar went from a perfectly happy and healthy cat to a very sick cat in just a matter of hours. In the middle of February he became ill, was very sick to his stomach and couldn't keep anything on his stomach. He was taken to the vet and was started on meds but that same night he developed a very high fever and had to be hospitalized. They have yet to determine what is ailing our poor Omar but have been doctoring him for a viral infection, although it can't be pinpointed what type or the cause.

Omar spent several days in the hospital and underwent a lot of tests and x-rays. He is also scheduled for an ultrasound. See more about Omar on page 9.

Dear PAWS Supporters and Donors:

We are thrilled to tell you because of your generosity and support, we have been able to assist over 600+ homeless animals in 2017, It's allowed us to assist in helping hundreds of animals get spay/neuter surgeries in Swain County this year.

We've assisted in providing dog houses, blankets, and straw to animals in our community and to over more than 30 families who could not provide these items for their animals. We have also supplied over 400 lbs of cat and dog food to people who were unable to feed their animals. Our objective with our community support is to help animals stay in their home by providing the items needed to make this a reality.

We've provided more assistance, vet care, shelter, rehabilitated and found new forever homes for more animals in 2017 than any prior years of our existence. This has of course not come without a greater cost to PAWS.

It's been a very expensive winter for PAWS. We saved a record amount of animals who had life threatening injuries and illness. We could not turn our backs on these animals. This has also come with an increased cost of PAWS.

On top of all our other expenses our furnace went out during the coldest month of the year and had to be replaced. It cost us approximately \$6000 to replace our furnace. During the months that we had no furnace to heat the shelter we used other sources to keep the animals warm which ran up our electricity bill dramatically. Then to make matters worse our washer and dryer had to be replaced. These were unexpected and we are still trying to recoup from those expenses.

We saw an increase of severely injured animals during the month of December, their injuries were so severe that we had to seek immediate emergency vet care which increased our medical bills. It has not been an easy winter for us at PAWS both financially and emotionally.

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



# A PAWS CHRISTMAS

We always hope that all our PAWS residents will get a home for the holidays, but for those that don't we try and make the holidays as special as if they were in their very own home. For Christmas, they each had gifts and a stocking that was hung up in their kennel or in their favorite spot in the cat room. This year they even had an extra special treat, Santa Paws came to visit. Our Executive Director even got into the Christmas spirit and baked!!! We didn't even know that Beth knew how to bake!!! Thank you to all the wonderful people who contributed to help make sure our PAWS babies had a great Christmas.

## WISHLIST DONATIONS

- Purina Dog Chow
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Pupperoni
- Milkbones (med. and large)
- Wet dog food
- Can (wet) cat food
- Cat treats
- Cat toys/ laser toys
- Laundry Detergent (he)
- Bleach
- Trash Bags
- Cat litter (TS natural pine equine pelletized bedding)
- Toilet paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Dish washing liquid

*Items can be dropped off at the shelter or PAWS Thrift Store*

## 2018 QUILT RAFFLE

Purchase your tickets for the 2018 PAWS Quilt Raffle. All proceeds from the raffle benefit PAWS Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be in October. Purchase tickets at any PAWS event or at the PAWS Thrift Store. You can also fill out the tickets on the opposite page and send your donation to: PAWS Animal Shelter PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713.




## FREE SPAY & NEUTER

You may qualify to have your dog or cat spayed or neutered for free.




Visit the PAWS Thrift Store in Bryson City to complete an application. Surgeries are at Bryson City Vet. PAWS also offers reduced spay/neuter for those who don't qualify for the free program.



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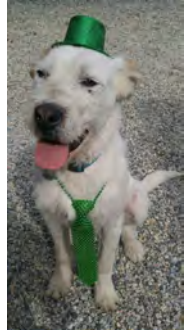
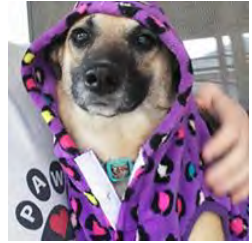
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# Lite A Lite

Lite A Lite - In Memory of Adam Clawson & Ellie Feinroth Gifted By: Allyson Gernandt  
 Lite A Lite -In Memory of April Gifted By: Sylvia Pulte  
 Lite A Lite -In Memory of Deezal Gifted By: Mary Scott  
 Lite A Lite - In Memory of - Allie & Larka Gifted By: Bonnie Ragland  
 Lite A Lite - In Memory of Jack, Cricket, Fiona, Big Kitty & Little Kitty Gifted By: Ann Parker  
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 Lite A Lite - In Memory of Lucy Gifted By: Yvette McMillan  
 Lite A Lite - Lucy & Spanky Gifted By: Patricia Johnson  
 Lite A Lite -In Honor of My Companions Gifted By: Rick  
 Ardolino Lite A Lite - Scruffy & Maggie Gifted By: Pat Donbrosky  
 Lite A Lite - Shadow Rhoden Gifted By: Constance Rhoden  
 Lite A Lite In Honor of Penny Beth & In Memory Of Copper Gifted By: Roger Gumm  
 Lite A Lite In Honor of Stoli and Drew Campbell Gifted By: Jane Finneran  
 Lite A Lite In Memory of Snickers, Brandy, Tsali & Duke Gifted By: Allison Fontana  
 Lite A Lite In Honor of All PAWS Staff, Volunteers & Board  
 Lite A Lite In Memory of my sweet nephew Matthew, Gifted By Beth Cline-Stroud  
 Lite A Lite In Memory of Nikki, Bugsy, Yonah, Jax, Sami, Bella & Sophie Gifted By Beth Cline-Stroud  
 Lite A Lite In Memory of our great friend Adam Clawson Gifted by  
 Beth Cline-Stroud & PAWS



**PAWS**

Making a difference one paw at a time.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL DONORS AND SPONSORS. WITHOUT YOU WE COULD NOT CHANGE THE LIVES OF THESE ANIMALS. WORDS CAN NEVER EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE WE FEEL FOR EACH AND EVERY DONOR. YOU ARE THE REAL HEROES AND PAWS ANGELS ON EARTH.**

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We've had more than our fair share of financial & emotional bumps in the road this year at PAWS, however we still know how to keep spirits up. Our animals look forward to special occasions & holidays. They love being part of the Christmas parade each year and celebrating all the other holidays as well. We recycle the decorations & outfits in order to use them again each year. We wanted to share a few of the pictures from this years holiday celebrations. We have even found a way to re-use our Christmas float through out the year.

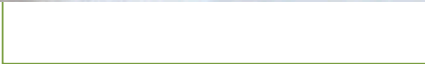


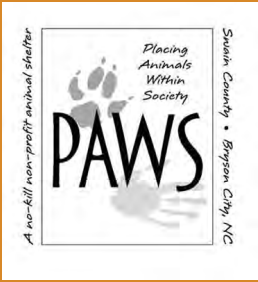
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# PAWS TO THE RESCUE

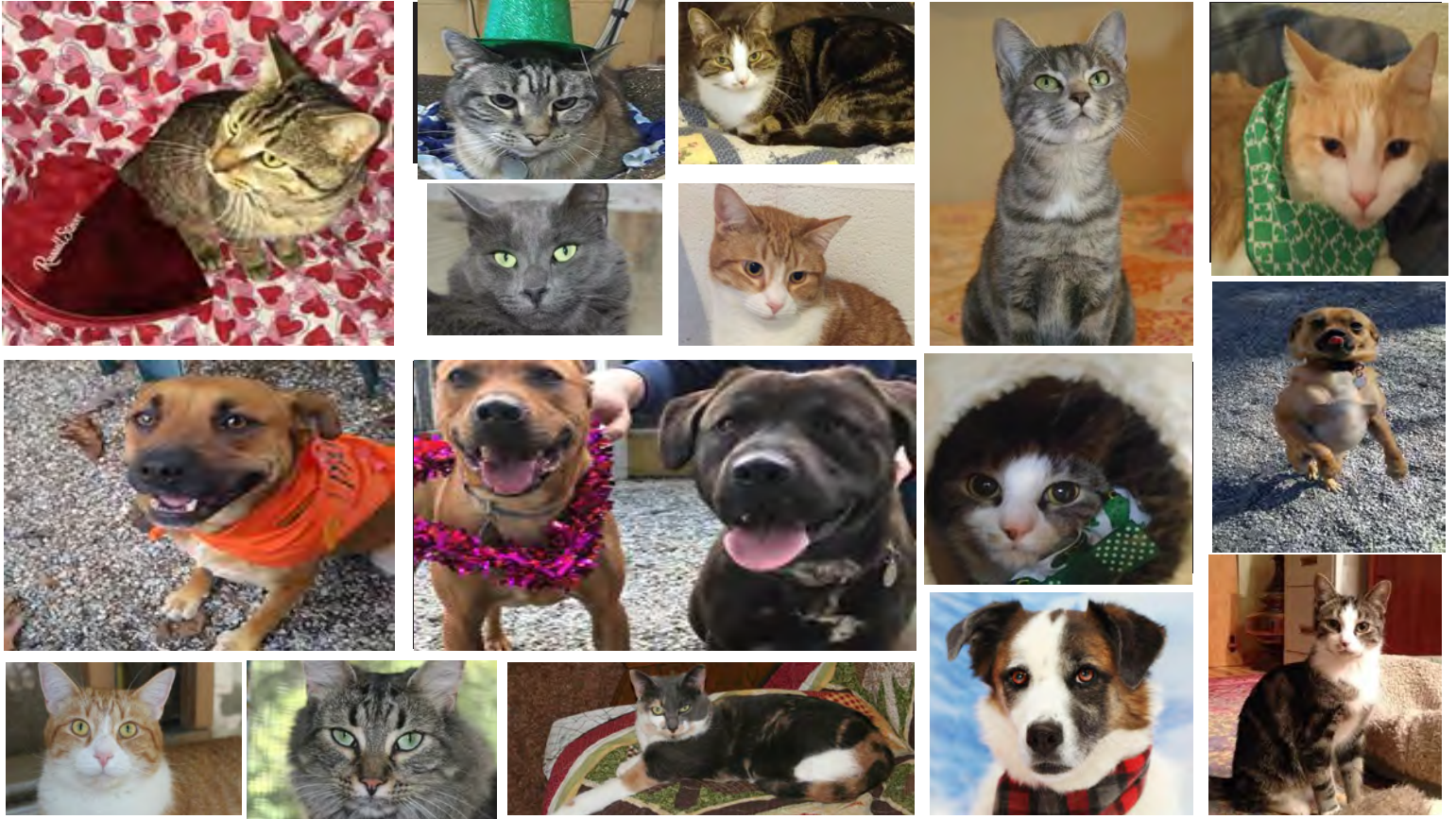
***On a very cold night in December, PAWS Director Beth Cline was out delivering straw, food and dog houses to families in need. She received a call about a litter of puppies left under an abandoned house after their mama had been killed by a car. Beth jumped into rescue mode because she knew they would not survive in the winter temperatures and without their mother. The mama dog had managed to hide the puppies under a dilapidated house. Beth had to climb underneath the debris and worked throughout the night to retrieve all the puppies. PAWS also received another call that same day regarding other small puppies in distress. PAWS rescued 14 puppies in total that day. These puppies had to be bottle fed and stayed with our executive director until they were old enough to transfer to the shelter. All 14 puppies survived and have been adopted.***





# 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 HELP THEM

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

- Be a volunteer
- Make a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation for shelter supplies
- 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)



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

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

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# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Jared Southards  
Autumn Cochran  
Mary-Francis Keefe  
James Jobe  
Dean White  
Jay McDonald  
Sahara Wiggins  
Ross Clapsaddle  
Cynthia Womble  
Abraham Welch  
Jordan Stillwell  
Florence Paul  
Summer Davis  
Jeanette Dills  
John Jaris  
Michelle Gregory  
Logan Fink  
Levi Trantham  
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Hannah Keneipp  
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Deborah Parrish  
Stephen Findlay  
Becky Warner  
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Lee Allison  
Pat Chamburs  
Janet Waldron  
Gail Brower



## THANKSGIVING FEAST

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





# GIFTS MADE IN *honor/memory*

**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 Happy Gifted By: Catherine Haggerty  
In Memory Of Tracy Alane Schneider Gifted By: Paul Haizman  
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In Memory Of - Sherrille Compain - Gifted By: Katie Compain  
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In Memory Of Neal Crisp Gifted By: Jack & Karen Ledford  
In Memory Of Neal Crisp Gifted By: Terry & Susan Swaim  
In Memory Of Sherrille Compain Gifted By: Gale Moore  
In Memory Of Tracy Alane Schneider Gifted By: Paul Haizman  
In Honor Of Candler Cooper Gifted By: Lynne Pyle  
In Honor Of Elizabeth Brigham Gifted By: Andrea Crisp  
In Honor Of Gwen Bushyhead Gifted By: Leila Hyde  
In Honor Of- Kathryn McGaws 93rd Birthday Gifted By:  
Charles & Sharon Cousins  
In Honor Of Louanne Jenkins Gifted By: Phyllis DiPiero  
In Honor Of The McMillans Gifted By: Ramelle Smith  
In Memory of Ross, beloved dog of Angie & Jessika Lewis  
In Memory of Louanne Jenkins Gifted by Trish Koontz  
In Memory of Louanne Jenkins Gifted by Robert & Beverly Landraff  
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Omar has a long recovery ahead of him and could use all the prayers and assistance we can offer him.

Omar had been at our shelter for many years and although we tried many times in the past to adopt him out he would go on a hunger strike and get sick but he would perk up and eat the moment he was returned to the shelter. It became very apparent that the shelter was the place he considered home and was the happiest.

Omar not only greets each guest but he lays with new kitties or puppies when they come in to give them comfort. He is by all means a therapy kitty to all. Now he needs us to give back to him as he has given to others.



*Omar helping by showing a new kitty how to use the cat door.*



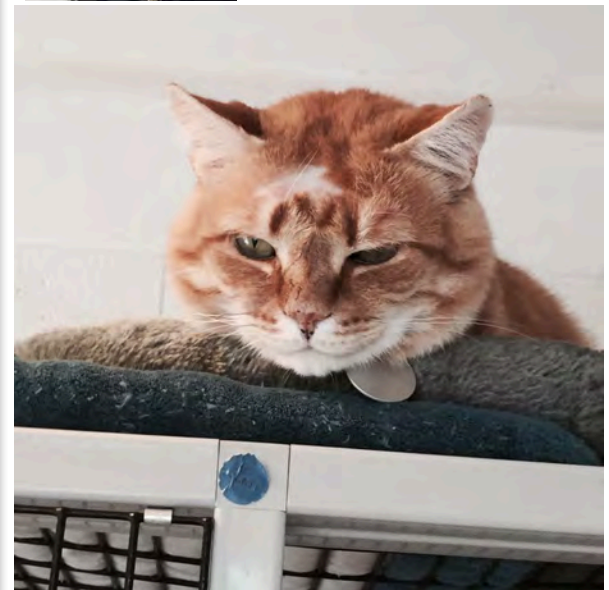
*Omar tending to a very young sick kitty with severe injuries.*

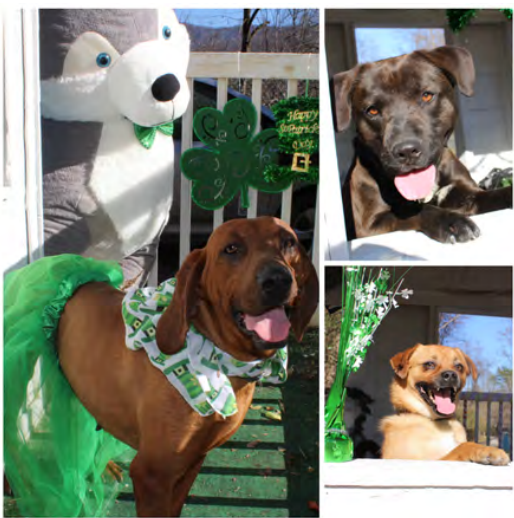


*Omar giving comfort to a young puppy.*

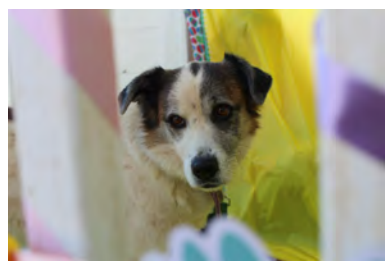


*Omar holding down the office.*





HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY  
 &  
 HAPPY EASTER  
 FROM ALL OF US AT PAWS!!



## Board of Directors

Angie Lewis, Dotty Bryson, Yvette McClure, Frank Peterson, Mary Huckaby, Shirley Brady, Cindy Arnott, Allen Mills

Board meetings open to the public. Call (828) 488-0418 for next meeting date.

## PAWS Staff

Beth Cline, Executive Director  
 Jesse Fortner, Shelter Manager  
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 Bailey Welch, Shelter Assistant  
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