



WHAT'S INSIDE:



Read the amazing story of Little George and his will to live. PAGE 1 & 2



In this issue read all about Val, Junebug, Bo & others that your donations have helped save.



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Meet Little George

When he needed a hero the most P.A.W.S. was there for him.

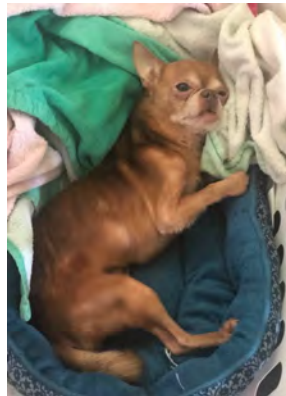


Little George was left abandoned on the side of the road. He was unable to lift his head much less walk away from the dangers of the road.

On a Saturday in June, P.A.W.S. got a call about a little dog lying on the road and we rushed to help him. He was already so lethargic and fading away.

He was rushed to the closest emergency animal hospital which was 48 minutes away.

P.A.W.S. had been told on the call that the little dog had been hit by a car, but after being examined by the veterinarian, he determined that his head trauma had been sustained by someone hitting him in the head. Little George was very emaciated and covered in fleas. He was anemic from the parasites and his recovery was at a critical state. The trauma to his head had caused vestibular disease.



SAVE THE DATE!

Covid19 has all of us making all type of changes and we are making a BIG change this year so please save the Date! **We have changed the date of P.A.W.S. Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction.**

P.A.W.S. 17TH Annual Wine Tasting, Beer Tasting & Silent Auction will be on October 3rd 2020.

We are currently in the process of making plans for this big event. It is the largest fundraiser of the year for P.A.W.S. and we are hoping by October we will all be able to breathe a little easier and enjoy a fun night out with friends and raise some money for the animals. Let's all cross our paws that we can still have the event in October.

P.A.W.S is currently collecting auction items & gift certificates ,so please reach out to our Director, Beth Cline-Stroud, or one of our Board Members if you have something you wish to donate or call 828-333-4267 Tickets will be on sale online and at P.A.W.S. Thrift Store by the end of August. We do hope everyone will still come out and join us for this fun filled night of live music, great food, great wine & beer selections and awesome items to bid on.

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George got worse instead of better, and on Sunday night began to have bloody diarrhea. It did not look like he would make it through the night. We took him back to the vet on Monday, and George was put on more medication for diarrhea, and his conditions still did not improve.

The vet spoke with Beth, that night about George, and both agreed if things did not turn around soon for George that we would have to accept that he was going to die.

It was quite evident that Little George had given up; he didn't want to eat. In some ways, I think maybe he was ready because his life had obviously been one of suffering. After what he had been through, who could really blame him if he wanted to just go ahead and check out.

His little body was just bones, and he was so dehydrated that his hair was brittle and skin would just stick straight up when you would pull it up. He showed no real will to want to live EXCEPT his eyes, oh those sweet little shining eyes. Little George would look at us with his little failing body but have such a sparkle in his eyes.

As the days went on, Beth was insistent on making Little George eat, and she found something that he liked, Turkey and Gravy baby food. Yes, Little George finally seemed interested in eating something she was offering him. Due to George's head trauma he had to be syringe fed.

George wasn't using his legs. You could even see where he had lost so much muscle mass, and he was just so weak. The only movement his little legs would make was nervous trembles when he would try to use them.

In the beginning, George couldn't even turn over, so Beth would move him from side to side and made sure to give him therapeutic baths frequently. It was essential to keep him and his bedding clean and dry. George could not move his legs so she would move them for him.

As Little George got stronger, so did his legs, he began to pull up his front legs but still couldn't seem to use his back legs.

As Little George was healing, we had another vet visit in which we received some un-nerving news, x-rays of his head would show that Little George had suffered other trauma in the past.

This was not the first time he had been hit. Xrays showed he had suffered a broken jaw in the past, and the broken jaw had healed without any medical attention. It just reinforced what the vet had thought in the beginning, that Little George had been abused. Who knows what all this dog had lived through.

Sadly it is our suspicion that whoever did this to Little George is also the person who put him out on the side of the road. There is no way Little George walked out to that road by himself after being hit in the head. We are assuming the person thought that a car would drive by and run over George, or he would die out there on the road, and when found would just think he was hit by a car. I am guessing the person responsible never imagined Little George would survive, get picked up and taken to a vet and that a vet could determine that Little George's injuries were inflicted by the hands of a human.

Little George is a survivor, and to be honest, we really didn't expect him to make it, but after weeks of eating baby food from a syringe, Little George is now eating soft food from a bowl and is beginning to walk a little all on his own.

Little George still has a lot of rehabilitation ahead of him, but he has come a long way. As of today, we have seen a milestone because Little George can stand on his own four legs. He can't walk around very long without tumbling over, so we keep him in a playpen so that he doesn't hurt himself.

Watching Little George eat his first soft foods out of his own bowl on his own with his little tail wagging has been the absolute best reward we could ever hope for.

We can now say that we think Little George is going to live and trust us when we say that today is the first day that we have really felt this way. He has had a long road and still has a long way to go, but watching him eat his food with such enthusiasm makes our hearts so happy.

And this my friends is what we do at P.A.W.S. THIS IS WHY WE DO THIS, AND THIS IS WHY WE NEED YOU!!!

We need your help in order for us to continue to help animals like George.

Due to Covid19, donations have been down drastically, but the needs have quadrupled

More animals have needed veterinarian care this summer than any of the summers we can remember in the past. We just don't know how we are to continue to help animals in desperate need if we don't get more money in the door.

Please give to PAWS if you can, we need you more than ever.



June Bug

Late one evening in June we got a call about a dog that, as the lady described it, looked as if her whole insides had been carved out. She had a huge gash on the underside of her belly.

Beth went out that night to check on her and she got her into a foster home for the night. PAWS got her into the vet the very next morning. We were told that she would need immediate surgery. We didn't even have time to fundraise to try and raise the funds but we knew her care could not wait. We told the vet to do whatever they needed to do in order to help sweet June.

June Bug's medical care was quite expensive and her vet visit that day alone was over \$700

How frightening it must have been for June Bug to be out roaming the roads in search of food and shelter but also with such a horrific injury. An injury that she had obviously been suffering with for days, maybe weeks.

Those frightful and painful days are now over for June Bug and now she is ready to begin a brand new life.

Because of donors like YOU, she got a second chance, and is up for adoption.

If we didn't have people like you who donate we wouldn't have been able to tell the doctors to proceed.

YOU are the true heroes to the animals like June Bug because you make it possible for us to save them.

Thank you for saving June Bug!





Bella

It was a hot day in the end of May when we got to meet this sweet girl. We could tell right away that Bella had once known a home. She looked somewhat confused as to why she was now on the busy highway.

We were certain when the good Samaritan brought her in that an owner would claim her. We soon come to the realization as to why realize Bella was turned out all on her own. Bella was pregnant and now dumped out all on her own.

How scary it must have been for this sweet girl to suddenly find herself all alone on a busy road, her owner no where to be found.

PAWS rescued Bella and we have made sure that Bella has had safe shelter, Compassionate care, proper nourishment and all the medical needs this little momma needs to provide for her babies.

On July 15th Bella delivered 10 precious babies,10!!!! Can you imagine what would have happened to Bella and her babies had she not been rescued? Thanks to PAWS, Bella nor her 10 pups will ever have to worry about their next meal, seeking safe shelter or medical care. Each of these dogs will get adopted into a wonderful forever home. Bella and all her puppies will get all the love, compassionate care and all their needs met by our wonderful staff and when the puppies are 8 weeks of age we will make sure that they continue on their journey, living their best life with new and wonderful families.

YOU make it possible for us to help Bella and her puppies, without our donors we would not be able to do the life saving work that we do. Thank you for continuing to support us even in these trying times.



BO



P.A.W.S. rescued Bo on July 19th. What a heartbreaking image he was for us to see. He was found up on the mountainside very dehydrated, emaciated and vision impaired. Luckily for Bo he was discovered and brought into PAWS before he starved to death, or was fatally injured in an accident or by another animal. Can you imagine how scared Bo must have been? It is scary enough to try and forage for food, shelter and safety when abandoned but try being poor Bo, he was trying to survive blind and alone.

Bo is now resting quietly within our shelter. We have made Bo a quiet room all to himself in our med room because we realize the loud unknowing sounds and smells of other dogs in the kennel are a little much for a scared blind dog.

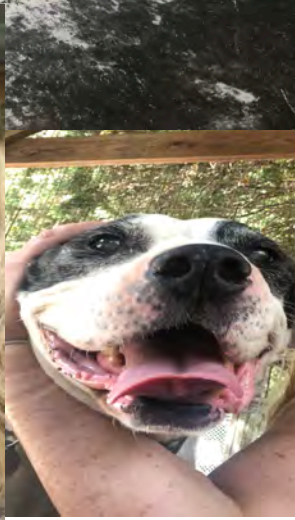
Poor Bo is also Heartworm Positive, as if he didn't already have enough health issues.

Who could dump such a helpless, defenseless and oh so loving dog?' **Bo you might not be able to see us, but we see you, and we are going to see you through all of this.** Help for Bo would not be possible, if it were not for our wonderful donors ,who support the paws cause ,so we can help the Bo's of this world.

Look at the picture above and then look at the pictures on the bottom. In just a matter of 3 nights of sleeping in the security of our shelter, receiving good nourishing food, proper medical care and our compassionate care he already looks and acts like a different dog.

I realize we can't cure his blindness but I do think we are at least on the way of curing his broken heart. We have started treatment to rid his tired, frail body of those nasty heartworms and he's on proper pain and joint supplements for his arthritis and he already looks and acts as if he is feeling so much better. That's the difference 3 nights have made, can you imagine how he is going to look and feel in a week, a month and beyond.

Bo has several large masses and scars all over his frail body. It is quite evident that poor Bo has not had an easy life but rest easy sweet Bo because your hard days are all behind you. We have got you now and we are going to make sure that you get to live out the rest of your life living your best life. We have given Bo something to smile about and live for.





Lady Ellington the Grand Huntress of the Great Smokies

Meet Ellie short for Lady Ellington the Grand Huntress of the Great Smokies. This sweet girl was found all alone on Everett Street. A wonderful business owner knew he had to help sweet Ellie so he called PAWS. She had what is referred to as cherry eye. Cherry eye is a prolapsed eye gland, specifically a prolapsed nictitating membrane. When a dog's third eyelid gets prolapsed or protrudes from the eye, you'll see a cherry-red lump in the corner of your dog's eye. Symptoms of Cherry Eye Exposure of this sensitive third-eye tissue often results in secondary inflammation, swelling, or infection. In Ellie's case it occurred in both eyes and was left untreated. Her eyes were very swollen and infected. PAWS got Ellie into their veterinarian and got her relief for the infection. Ellie has been very fortunate because the business owner has let her stay with him as a foster while she awaits surgery on her eyes. Ellie is scheduled for corrective surgery on both eyes at the end of July.

PAWS would not be able to help Ellie or other animals like her without YOU, our wonderful donors.

KITTENS KITTENS KITTENS



Kitten season is upon us, we always get in lots of sick kittens and lots of very young kittens that required bottle feeding. Most all of our staff became night shift nurses as we all took turns at bottle feeding these kittens every 2 to 3 hours. So if you happened to come by our shelter and one or more of us had dark circles under our eyes you can bet we pulled kitty duty the nights and days before.

Many of the kittens that we got in were very sick and had to have subQ fluids and several trips to the veterinarian in order for us to be able to save them.



In Honor of.....

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 Honor Of: Dr Smith and Staff at Starboard Vet Clinic for saving their beautiful Tara
Gifted By: Ben and Marla Murphy

In Honor Of: Maggie
Gifted By: Judith and Gary Miller

In Honor Of: Loving mother, Jeannette
Gifted By: her daughter-Phyllis Jarvinen

In Honor Of: Our granddog Lyla
Gifted By: Belinda and Richard Mumm

In Memory Of: and love of Russell E. Webb
Gifted By: Leshia Lee

In Memory Of: Brenda Burgess
Gifted By: Lois Hewitt

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Gifted By: Peggy Strickland

In Memory Of: Cindy and Traveler
Gifted By: Mary Stiles and Gil Crouch

In Memory Of: Clifford Johnson
Gifted By: Leshia Lee

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In Memory Of: Henry Lee King
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In Memory Of: Mary Ida Elliott
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In Memory Of: Rhonda Rogers
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In Memory Of: Stumpy and Pumpkin
Gifted By: Judy Heffner

In Memory Of: Teddy (former PAWS dog)
Gifted By: Kimberly Marsh

In Memory Of: and love of Dockie Brendle
Gifted By: Leshia Lee

In Memory of our dear friend Ramelle's husband Mike Smith
Gifted By: PAWS

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From Discovery Channel's Moonshiner show, Mark & Digger's "Wet Funeral" Bootleg Hearse is being raffled off!!! \$25 per ticket OR 5 tickets for \$100 PAWS has these raffle tickets to sell as well as Mark & Digger will also be selling tickets throughout this year at their other scheduled event appearances as well. Last chance to purchase tickets will be at the Hillbilly Jam, Oct 30-31, 2020. WINNER of Hearse will be drawn there in the Festival area during the Car Show hours on that Sat. 31st. Proceeds from these ticket sales throughout the year will go to P.A.W.S Bryson City No Kill Animal Shelter and to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. So make sure to get your Tickets. .. own a piece of history and help these great causes at the same time! The hearse has been signed by The Moonshiners Past & Present.



Name _____

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If you are interested in buying tickets for this raffle please fill out the ticket and send in with your money to PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713. After we receive your money along with your ticket(s) you will go into the raffle drawing. We will also mail you a ticketed number so you don't have to be present to win.



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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.

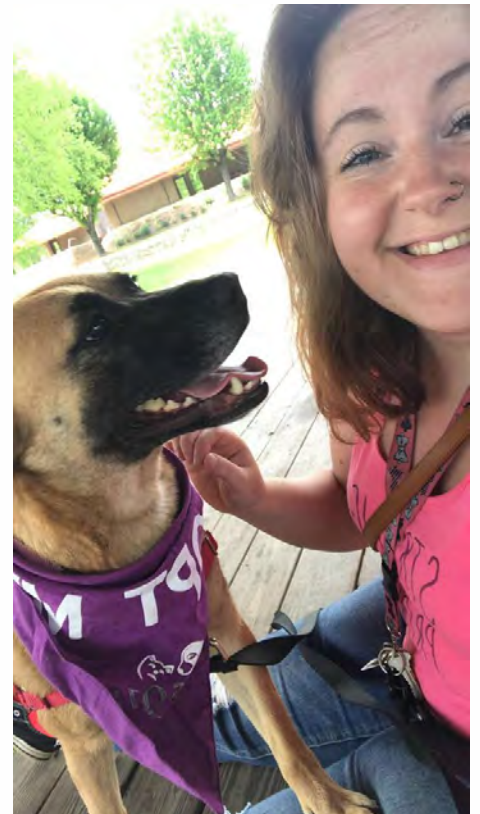
Send your tax deductible contribution to PAWS Animal Shelter, PO BOX 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713. Thank you for your support!

With your donations, support and help we get to show these animals a better life, find them forever homes, and know that they will be living their best life. Thank you for helping us fulfill their dreams of a better life.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!!!!

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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)



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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



VAL

Val is a two year old Domestic Shorthair that is ready to find her forever family after having a rough start. The story of Val begins on Valentine's Day when some caring people found a crippled cat hobbling on three legs. PAWS jumped into action to get Val the help she needed by taking her immediately to the vet. After being assessed by the vet it was clear that Val's leg was not broken but had suffered permanent nerve damage. Her leg suffered atrophy which is heart breaking because she was all on her own for such a long time, not only trying to survive as a stray but a stray with only three good legs. The vet said that Val's best chance at a healthy life was to have her injured leg removed. Since her surgery, Val has been healing and is already showing increased movement. Soon she will be ready to find her happily ever after with a lucky family.

If you are looking for a cat to cuddle up with Val is your girl. She loves to curl up on a chair while you pet her head. Even during her time with the injured leg she was out going and was making herself at home as the shelter office cat, brightening up the staff's day with her cheerful personality. She is the type of cat that goes with the flow of things and is not put off about new situations. She has quickly adjusted to life on three legs and wants to jump into her napping chair. Val has recovered nicely and has not let having three legs slow her down one bit.



INTAKE DAY





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

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