

Summer Newsletter 2017  
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# PAWS PRINT



## The Summer of Cats

The story begins over the winter when an elderly woman called PAWS about taking her cats into our shelter during a cold streak. Her power had recently been turned off, and she was afraid her cats would freeze to death during the cold snap. Executive Director, Beth Cline, went to visit with the woman to see how PAWS could help. She found 11 cats living inside the home and many others living outside. The home was very cold, but the woman was more concerned about her cats than herself. PAWS made arrangements and some phone calls and got the woman's heat turned back on, as well as get her some cat food.

PAWS caught all the indoor cats and had them spayed and neutered. Then, we focused our efforts on the outside feral cats that were in the woman's yard. And so began the summer of cats.

In total, 32 cats and kittens were trapped outside, neutered /spayed, and released. Just 3 miles from this woman's home was another large colony of feral cats. PAWS has worked diligently to spay/neuter all these cats and many others in our county. PAWS has now captured and spayed/neutered 81 cats. This project has been a long hard process for PAWS financially, physically and emotionally, but we know that getting these cats fixed today keeps a litter out of PAWS shelter tomorrow. It helps decrease the population and in return keeps cats out of the shelter.

## MEET INDY

Indy was found chained up to a bumper of a random truck in town on July 4th. When PAWS arrived to get him, people reported seeing Indy running around earlier during the day at the downtown festivities with a long, heavy chain dragging behind him. Later, we found out that Indy had been spotted on School House Hill several weeks earlier dragging that same big, heavy chain. Indy was very skittish, and it was obvious Indy has been mistreated in his past. Indy had some injuries to his neck (probably due to the chain) that are almost completely healed.

July 4th was definitely Independence Day for Indy because PAWS freed him from that chain he had been dragging around for so long. Indy is now a healthy and happy dog that would love a home of his very own.



## Wine Tasting, September 2

Join us on Saturday, September 2 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. for the 14th Annual PAWS Wine Tasting, Silent Auction, and Beer Garden fundraiser at Land's Creek Cabins - Harmony Hall. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the PAWS Thrift Store, online at [www.pawsbrysoncity.org](http://www.pawsbrysoncity.org), or you can mail a check to PAWS ATTN: WTSA, PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713.

We already have many great silent auction items that have been donated from our generous community. Once again, the night will feature music from the fantastic Freestylers and delicious food. For more information about the Wine Tasting, call 828-333-4267.

# PAWS Works with HSUS to Rescue Hundreds of Animals



For the second time in the past year, the Humane Society of the United States reached out to Beth Cline, executive director of PAWS, for assistance in the rescue effort being led by Habersham County Department of Animal Care in Georgia.

Cline didn't hesitate to take off to Georgia where she spent the next couple of days helping the national organization remove the animals from the property.

"PAWS was among the first responders on the morning of April 13 at the scene of a large-scale, multi-species animal neglect case in Clarkesville, Georgia," Cline said. "A total of 435 animals were found suffering in deplorable conditions, with many of them living in filth and inches of feces."

The animals included 283 dogs and puppies, along with cats, donkeys, pigs, chickens, ducks, doves, bunnies, a horse and an alpaca.

"Not only were the conditions filthy and unacceptable by any humane standards, but the dogs were matted with feces and even sticks matted into their fur," Cline said. "There were dogs that you could not tell the animal's head from its tail, and fur so matted that legs couldn't even move."

PAWS returned to Georgia on April 20 and brought four of the rescued dogs back to the shelter; a Yorkie Maltese mix, Yorkshire terrier, schnauzer and a Pomeranian Maltese mix.

Even though the PAWS facility is aging and always at full capacity, PAWS was able to take in four Georgia dogs because of a running list of people waiting to adopt them. Three of the dogs already had permanent homes waiting for them as soon as they arrived in Bryson City.

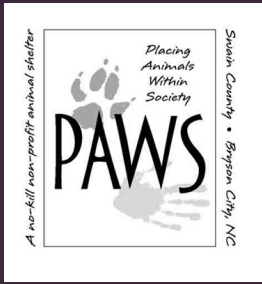


"We felt we needed to do whatever we could to help in this case because this could have happened just as easily in our own county," Cline said. "Swain County has no county shelter, no animal control and we would need all the outside resources we could obtain to help with such a large number of animals. Plus it was the right thing to do."

This is not the first time PAWS has worked with HSUS. PAWS also assisted HSUS last October with an international rescue effort. PAWS and the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society took in 15 of the more than 500 dogs that were rescued from a backyard dog meat farm in South Korea.

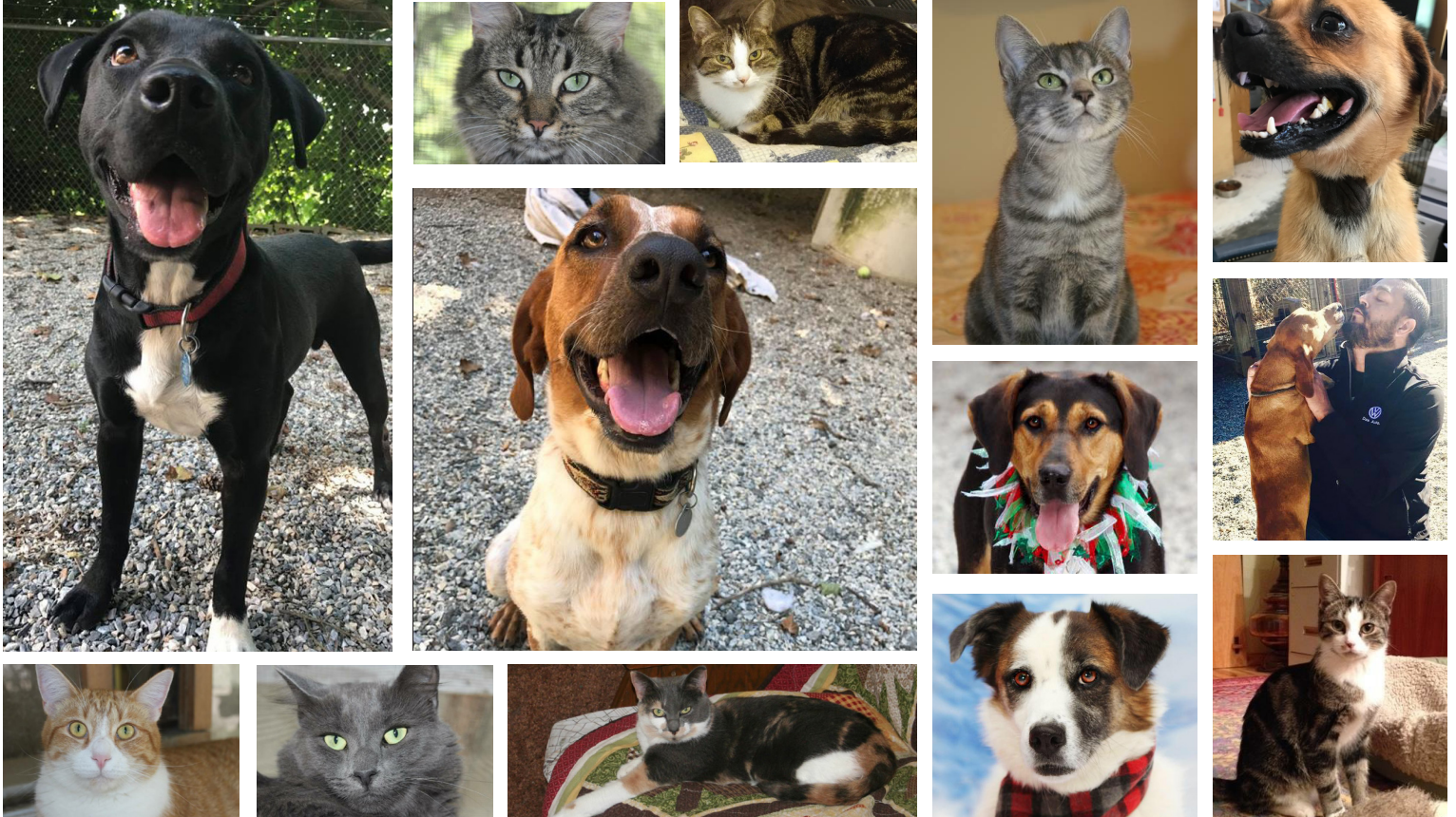


Sparky is still waiting for his forever home. He needs someone who is willing to work slowly and patiently with a scared, timid dog. Sparky is learning to trust humans, and each day he is held and loved on by our staff. Sparky could really benefit being in a home with other dogs. If you are interested in adopting or fostering Sparky, please call PAWS at 828.488.0418.



# 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)



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# 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 honor of David and Beth's nuptials. *Gifted by Jack and Karen Ledford*
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- In honor of Chris Branch. *Gifted by Nathan and Nancy Maddox*
- In loving memory of Chester McCann, beloved dog of Bob McCann. *Gifted by Kimberly Marsh*
- In loving memory of Chester and Fred, beloved dogs of Bob McCann. *Gifted by Terry and Kathleen Marsh*
- In memory of Bob Ebert. *Gifted by Ann Steele*
- In memory of Cocoa, Willie, and Winston. *Gifted by Paul Bellin*
- In memory of Linus (Tigger at PAWS before adoption). *Gifted by John Pittman*
- In memory of Zoey belonging to Monty and Diane Clampitt. *Gifted by Max and Lavelle Clampitt*
- In loving memory of Adam Clawson. *Gifted by Beth Cline*
- In loving memory of Adam Clawson. *Gifted by PAWS*

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**Thanks to our Corporate Sponsor**



Purchase your tickets for the 2017 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.



## **IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER: ADAM CLAWSON**

We are saddened so deeply by the loss of our dear friend Adam Clawson. Adam always had a smile on his face

and a kind word for everyone. There was never a time that Adam wasn't willing to help PAWS. He was always ready and willing to help in any shape, form or fashion that he could.

Adam helped put the new roof on the catio at PAWS shelter and was always there to listen or lend a hand wherever it was needed. When a dog was stranded on a island after being washed down the river he called our executive director and offered to paddle out and get the dog because that's just the type of person he was.

Always genuine, always kind and always giving of his time and heart. He was a true friend to the PAWS organization and we will forever miss him. Sending love, thoughts and prayers to his family and friends during this tough time. We are sorry beyond words for your loss. The ones we love are never gone, they live within our hearts.

## **14TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING** **SILENT AUCTION & BEER GARDEN**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
6:30-9:00PM  
at LANDS CREEK CABINS  
HARMONY HALL**





## **TICKETS \$25 ADVANCE \$30 AT THE DOOR**


Buy tickets at [pawsbrysoncity.org](http://pawsbrysoncity.org), Paws Thrift Store, or send a check to PAWS ATTN: WTSA, PO Box 1814, Bryson City, NC 28713.


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## Helping Swain County's Sick and Injured Animals

This year, PAWS saw a huge spike in the number of sick and injured animals brought up to our shelter. Although it has been a financial strain on PAWS we have not turned down any sick or injured animals brought up to our shelter. Kittens like Fisher (pictured) came to PAWS very sick, weak and lethargic. Fisher had severe infections in both eyes when he arrived, but now Fisher is a happy, healthy and playful young kitten awaiting his forever home.

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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# PAWS visits Chestnut Hill

On July 15, PAWS joined Cashiers Highlands for a Stop-N-Adopt at Chestnut Hill retirement community in Highlands. The highlight of the day was watching the residents interact with the PAWS puppies. It was a great day and great therapy for us, the pups, and the residents of Chestnut Hill.

This is the same reaction and great feeling we get when we take our dogs every other Thursday to Mountain View nursing home in Bryson City. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to take pictures there, but rest assured this is the same look of happiness we get from many of those residents. We were fortunate enough to have permission to take photos of the residents at Chestnut Hill and share them with you.



## CONGRATULATIONS BETH!

PAWS would like to extend a heartfelt and HUGE congratulations to our very own Executive Director Beth Cline. Beth and her 4 dogs (all rescue, 3 of which were once PAWS residents) celebrated nuptials in Kiawah as Beth married David Stroud. We wish them and all 8 of their furbabies a very happy life.

## CHEERS FOR THE CRITTERS

Thank you to Mountain Layers Brewing Company for hosting Cheers for the Critters on July 26. Everyone had a great time while raising money for PAWS. If you're in the area, be sure to check out Mountain Layers Brewing at 90 Everett St. in Bryson City.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### MOONLIGHT AND MUTTS Monday, August 21

Come celebrate the solar eclipse with the PAWS crew at CJs Grill. 10 percent of credit card sales that day will be donated to PAWS. There will also be solar eclipse t-shirts for sale, and CJs will have glasses for everyone.



### PAWS WINE TASTING, SILENT AUCTION, AND BEER GARDEN

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### VWs IN THE VALLEY

Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16

Come on over to the Maggie Valley fairgrounds to check out some awesome vintage and new VWs. Admission is \$10. PAWS will be there with some adoptable animals and will receive proceeds from a 50/50 raffle.





**We have PAWS T-shirts and ball caps for sale. Buy yours at any of our events or at PAWS Thrift Store.**

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