



PAW Shakes

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PAW Basket Bingo Sunday, March 7th!



Got the winter-time, stuck-inside blues?

PAW's Basket Bingo fundraisers are a great way to have fun and help the animals at the same time! First-time players are welcome and complete instructions will be provided to all. So grab a few pals and join us for prize-winning fun and entertainment!

WHAT: Play bingo and win a valuable Longaberger® basket! Each basket is filled with an assortment of gifts. Door prizes and special games are also included. Raffle tickets and snacks are available for purchase.

WHEN: Sunday, March 7, 2010.

Doors open at 1:00 pm; 1st bingo game begins at 2:00 pm.

Admission: \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door.

WHERE: The Bowie Elks Lodge, 1506 Defense Highway, Gambrills, Maryland 21054

Donations are always appreciated to help fill the baskets with goodies. For more information, please see the PAW website or email: amy.bleich@verizon.net.

See you there!

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Quick Response Prevents Tragedy

In 2006, PAW saved Scarlett and Rhett when their days were numbered at the animal shelter. Like their namesakes, Scarlett was a beautiful charmer, and Rhett was a very handsome fellow. The Labrador retriever mixes loved people but also were very bonded to each other. PAW was delighted when the McAllister family adopted them both!

Last year, on Valentine's Day, the McAllister's almost lost their beloved Scarlett. Brian McAllister shares the experience to emphasize the importance of responding quickly to any indication of sudden medical distress in a pet.

Around dinner time, Scarlett walked out to the back porch and laid down. She started making sounds as if she was going to throw up. My daughter Katie let her outside, but continued to watch her. After a couple of minutes, Katie told me she was worried about Scarlett—she wouldn't come to her and she wasn't listening. I looked out back and saw Scarlett wandering around aimlessly, trying to throw up. I watched as she laid down on her side on the cold ground and put her head down.

I went outside to check on her. She had thrown up, and she was very distant and unresponsive. This poor girl went from completely normal to very sick in 20 minutes and I immediately suspected poisoning. I yelled for my wife and daughter, and we loaded Scar-



Scarlett (left) and Rhett

lett and Rhett into the car. Although he appeared normal, I wanted Rhett with us just in case he was poisoned and taking longer to show signs or symptoms.

In 15 minutes, we arrived at the Beltway Emergency Animal Hospital. The doctor said Scarlett's condition was critical. Blood work and X-rays ruled out pancreatitis, so he suspected E. coli or poisoning. Scarlett's condition worsened and she began to defecate and throw up blood. The doctor was wonderful—very attentive, decisive, and thorough. He put her on an IV to rush fluids and antibiotics into her, along with Vitamin K, which I learned was the antidote for rat poisoning.

We had never had rats or rodents or used any type of pesticide or rat poison in the yard. The doctor asked us to check the yard when we got home to make sure it was free of any types of hazards.

My daughter Lisa walked the yard and discovered a dead animal. We couldn't figure out if it was a rat or a squirrel—its rear legs and tail were missing—but I suspect this was our culprit. We cleaned it up and inspected the rest of the yard and found it to be clear of other hazards.

Scarlett stayed overnight at the emergency hospital, and we were told she was responding well to the medicine. She spent the next night at our regular animal hospital, Beltsville Veterinary Hospital. When we brought her home the next day, she was low key and low

energy. Rhett was wonderful. Dogs must sense when other dogs aren't feel-

ing well. He did not try to wrestle or tackle her in play.

I can only guess that the animal in our yard was poisoned elsewhere and crawled to our yard where it eventually died. We don't know if Scarlett ingested rat poison from the animal or if she suffered the effects of E. coli or some other bacterial infection from the dead, decaying animal.

What I do know though is this: had it not been for the keen observations of my daughter Katie and our quick action in this matter, we would have lost Scarlett. I have never seen anything or anyone go from healthy to critically sick in such a short amount of time. In these types of cases, time is critical. 🐾

PAW at Bethesda's Strut your Mutt!

PAW volunteers participate in numerous events and festivities all year long, educating the public about our rescue work. At one event, Strut Your Mutt, volunteers greeted visitors to our booth and showed off our beautiful dogs available for adoption.



Happy Endings



One of the best parts of being a PAW volunteer is helping our animals find their forever homes. We recently asked some adopters of our furry friends for updates on how they're doing. Here are a few of the stories we received.

Luke

Luke is a big boy who came to PAW with some behavioral issues. See how far he's come with the love and patience of his dedicated family.

Late last year, my family decided it was time for us to open our home to another dog, after losing our 14-year-old Tervuren to cancer a year earlier. We saw Luke at a PAW adoption event and fell for him right away. They told us most people were looking for puppies and not a 4-year-old dog, but we wanted an older fellow. Luke had a few issues with some other dogs and



Luke

an unsettled stomach, but he came to live with us anyway. I'm happy to say that within a couple of months on a good quality dog food we no longer need to light scented candles!

On our walks, watching his reaction to swinging "For Sale" signs and fluttering cloth, as well as his aversion to deep-voiced men, we concluded Luke wasn't well treated in his previous home. He didn't even understand what a belly rub was! He now thinks

he's landed in the lap of luxury and initiates belly rubs of his own accord. He has a soft doggie bed but prefers the sofa for naps and loves to be with us wherever we are.

Luke and I have taken a class to help us learn to manage his behavior around other dogs and retrain him to realize that they are a GOOD thing. He's so intelligent that training has been an incredible experience for me. He comes to tell me when he wants to work, reminding me of the time, and offering his tricks before I can get the clicker and treats in hand. He's got so much love to give that I'm grateful to PAW for giving him the chance to find us. We had to work for each other, but how rewarding!

—Theresa

Editor's note: The "reactive dog" class that Luke benefited from is offered by the non-profit Your Dog's Friend at www.yourdogsfriend.info.

Molly

After her original owner died, Molly was taken to the shelter and later found her way to PAW. This sweet girl was soon adopted and is settling in nicely with her new family.

We can't remember life without Molly! She is wonderful! Jacob says she's the best dog ever. She is figuring out how each of us would like her to behave and adjusts her actions depending on who she's around. She is much more gentle with Jacob and they are learning how to interact.



Molly and her boys

Jay or I take her to the dog park at least 5 days a week. She loves playing with the other dogs and is usually exhausted by the time she leaves. We're still working on the stairs. They really scare her but we are making progress. A few more weeks and she'll be a pro.

She's sitting right next to me as I write this. I asked her if she has any complaints and she didn't say anything. I told her I was sending you a message and she licked my face. So I guess she's sending you kisses.

Anyway, we love her and she seems content. Thank you so much for giving us the gift of being her family.

—Chandra

Chase

Chase came to PAW with severe skin allergies. His adoptive family is lovingly caring for him, working diligently to keep his dozen or so environmental allergies in check (he's even allergic to trees!), and his adopted family is faithfully giving him allergy injections every 3 weeks.

Chase is on his regular shot now after having "ramped up" to this dosage

over a few months. He doesn't mind getting a shot at all, which is amazing. His hot spots are all gone, even the one on his tail, which was where his main hot spot was for a long time. Chase very much enjoys laying on the deck, head resting between the railing bars and feet hanging off under the bottom railing bar. He also enjoys sleeping on the landing on the stairs to the basement (cool, but not too far away from the action). He listens very well and has been a really good dog. Over the



Chase

summer with the heat outside, he was not too enthusiastic about chasing the ball, but he's starting to resume this activity now that the weather is cooler.

—Lorraine

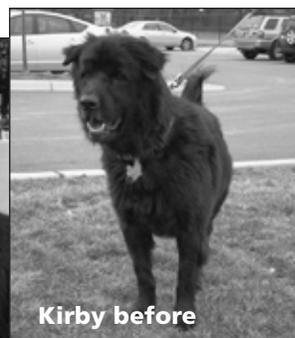
Kirby and Jordi

The Sullivans adopted Jordi (formerly Marcus) and went back to PAW a week later to adopt his brother Kirby. The boys were rescued from a hoarding situation. Jordi always had a beautiful coat but Kirby was evidently not getting proper nutrition. Check out his before and after photos and this note from his new family:

Jordi and Kirby are the sweetest, most personable Chow Chows ever and we can't imagine our home without them. There's so much love in those boys and we are the lucky recipients of it! Jordi will offer his paw (sometimes both of them) and "hold



Jordi and Kirby



Kirby before

friend, guarding his body. Buddy was emaciated when PAW got

him, but now he is a healthy weight and happy in his forever home. He recently sent us an update.

Things have been going well at my new home. I don't seem to be barking much while Ty and Jenn are away at work anymore, haven't had an accident in the house in almost a month, and I'm settling in well. Ty and Jenn take me for long walks and play with me and give me lots of love. It tires me out sometimes but only for a little bit, then I'm up and ready for more.

Jenn's boss had a dinner out at his home in Olney a few weeks back, dogs invited, and he had a big fenced in backyard so I was able to run around and there were other dogs to play with, it was so much fun, and I slept most of the next day (though I did make sure to get Ty and Jenn up at 6 a.m. for my regular feeding before continuing to doze). Ty and Jenn say that I get to go to doggie summer camp at the All Dogs Club, I should have lots of fun and get to play with a bunch of other dogs. Thanks for everything.

—Duncan



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A PAW volunteer found two dogs on a busy road. One had evidently been hit by a car and was killed, the other (Duncan, formerly Buddy) was sitting beside his dog

Beija

When Beija came to PAW, she had a heartworm infection. Beija was a real doll, and it didn't take long to find her a wonderful home. Here's what her new family tells us about how she is doing now.

Rather than talking about "happy

endings,” I’d prefer to think of it as a “happy life” (ongoing) for Beija. She appears to have many good years ahead of her. . .

Beija (formerly Beatrice) is an eager companion on walks and runs, which we do daily. She still loves to hide her chew bones in piles of clothes or the cracks in the couch. She has settled down and lost her quivering nervousness which was predominant for the first few months after we adopted her. Now, she is very quiet and calm most



of the time. She hardly ever barks, but she can get our attention when she wants it by gently whining and putting her paws up on us. We suspect she is hard-of-hearing because she doesn’t react or come when she is called. If she isn’t looking in our direction, she will only turn around when she hears a sharp clap or loud noise.

She’s “passed” a thorough heart evaluation in 2008 and subsequently was able to have some minor surgery and major dental work done. All her regular medical care is still done by College Park Animal Hospital.

We are very satisfied with our adoption. Thank you to PAW and especially to you, Wendy [Beija’s former foster mom], for all your support and encouragement!

—Kay 🐾

Could YOU have a happy ending in your future?

Plenty of PAW dogs and cats (and even bunnies!) are still looking for their forever homes. Come meet our animals at an adoption show or check them out on our website (paw-rescue.org). Here are two of their stories.

Blair came to PAW in September 2007, yet another unclaimed shelter stray, but she’s anything but ordinary. Her foster mom doesn’t have enough fingers and toes to count the times that she has been stopped on the street by those who wanted to admire this lovely lady. She brings smiles to people’s faces. Blair is downright beautiful with her unusual markings. In addition to looks, Blair is smart, endearing and a loyal companion. Blair has some special needs that you can read about on the PAW adoptable dogs page.



Romeo, a beautiful 1-year-old gray tabby cat, came to PAW with a severe infection in both eyes. Despite his pain and limited vision, little Romeo was sweet and loving, and enjoyed being petted. Surgery gave Romeo back his sight, but the trauma of an operation followed by twice daily eye drops for more than a month made the once affectionate cat fearful of people.



Romeo’s foster family is now patiently working to regain Romeo’s trust. While he loves being near people, Romeo continues to shy away from being petted or held. We know it’s just a matter of time for him to feel comfortable enough to be affectionate again, and we’re sure Romeo will blossom once he’s in a forever home with a patient and loving owner. This young boy has permanent scars on his eyes, but they neither detract from his beauty nor stop him from playing joyfully with the other cats and small dog in his foster home. 🐾

More PAW dogs and cats waiting to meet you!



Becky

Earnie

Chloe

Midnight Blue



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Please make checks payable to the Partnership for Animal Welfare and mail to the address on this form. The animals thank you.

The Partnership for Animal Welfare is an officially recognized non-profit organization which is funded through donations and adoption fees. Donations are tax-deductible (Tax ID # 52-1979581). If you would like to help, you can do so by donating money, earmarking your charitable donations to PAW, helping with some of our fundraising activities, or donating food, blankets and other supplies.

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In honor of Elyse Hurley and her dog, Marley, by Bonnie Pellicot

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In honor of all dogs that can't find a home or have special needs, by David, Jennifer, and Jaxx Moczulski

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In honor of Lexie, by Sheryl West

In honor of Lilly and Yogi, by Ilene Pollack

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In honor of Marley, Ozzie, and Winston, by Vivien Damon

In honor of MJ, by Leah Graham

In honor of my cats, Benjamin and Thomas, by Kenneth R. Smith

In honor of my rescue cat, Misty, by Willie Arnett

In honor of my Sunday dog, who was born in June, and the best kitties in the world, Rex, Nemo, Chaos, and Zeke, by Cindy and Garrick Alden

In honor of my three wonderful cats, Lady, Juliet, and June Bug, by Rhiannon S-P Corley

In honor of our adopted cats, Dash and Violet, by the Loftus Family

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In honor of Wile E., by Kerri Wachter

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In memory of Daisy, beloved dog of Sandra and James Sisk, by Paula Friedman

In memory of Deno, our Rottweiler adopted from PAW years ago, by Linda and Anthony Moringello. Your mommy and daddy will love you forever.

In memory of Duma Raylee Cole, by Linda Cole

In memory of Fred, by Mr. Leslie Smith

In memory of Greta, by Colette Powers

In memory of Gypsy and Pepper, by Nancy and Dennis Schiavone

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In memory of Misty—thank you for being such a wonderful cat; we will always love you, by Doris Eisen and Janice Weinberger

In memory of my beloved PAW dog Henry, by Lynne Keffer

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In memory of Nemo, by Gloria Pound and Suzanne Mattingly

In memory of our cats, Mama Cat, Tiger Chic, Eloise, and Missy, by Linda Ward

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In memory of Patches, 1998 PAW adoptee, by Lori Boyle

In memory of Pepper and all other dogs, by Kaleigh, Kelsie, Hannah, Audrey, and Daisy McGlynn

In memory of Pepper, adopted from PAW

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In memory of Pumpernickle, by Jim and Toni Honeywell

In memory of Rascal McLean, by Mary Wiedorfer

In memory of Sasha and Buster, by Robert and Kathleen Summa

In memory of Scooter, the world's best hound dog, by Sana M. Petersen

In memory of Stella, a wonderful and loving companion of Dorie Newman, by Barbara Rubin

In memory of Taja, our beautiful German shepherd, by Amy Pergosky

In memory of Tyler, my fur companion of 15 years, by Judith M. Smith

In memory of Uma, by Judith and Russell Dulaney

In memory of Whisper, our forever cat, by the Forman Family

In memory of Zachy, my friend Amy's best friend, by Sana M. Petersen

In memory of Zeus, by Greg and Stefani Watterson. We still miss you after all these years.

In memory of Pet and Person

In memory of Bud Terry and Rusty, by Patricia Terry-Genberg

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PAW is a private, nonprofit, and all-volunteer pet rescue group. We do not have a shelter; instead, we keep dogs and cats in foster homes and in temporary kennel space until permanent homes are found.

Here's how to meet our adoptable pets:

ADOPTION SHOWS: Visit one of PAW's weekend adoption shows, held at participating pet supply stores throughout the Maryland/DC area. For information on our next adoption show, visit our website, call the number below, or see our ads in the Washington Post Classifieds under Pets:Dogs and Pets:Cats. We usually have an ad every weekend listing the show location, date, and time.

WEBSITE: To see photos and descriptions of all of PAW's adoptable animals, plus a list of upcoming adoption shows, events, tips, volunteer information, and more, visit our website at: www.paw-rescue.org.

CALL 301-572-4PAW(301) 572-4729 for listings of upcoming adoption shows, volunteer information, donation information, and more. (Since PAW is all-volunteer, we can't always return phone calls as quickly or in as much detail as with e-mail. Please visit our website for photos and information on our adoptable pets, since we may not be able to return such calls as quickly.)

E-MAIL: For cat questions: paw_cats@yahoo.com. For dog questions: pawdogs@yahoo.com. Other addresses are listed on the website.

PAW Shakes to . . .

- PAW's ADOPTION SHOW HELPERS, DRIVERS, and FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS for sacrificing their weekend hours to help keep our group going from week to week. Meows!
- PAW's FOSTER and ADOPTIVE FAMILIES. We couldn't save lives without you. Slobbers and slurps!
- We are very grateful to the following trainers who have provided invaluable assistance with some of our most challenging dogs: George Cockrell of Companions Dog Training, LLC; MJ Seemann of Bethesda PetSmart; Michelle Mange of Right Start Maryland Dog Training. Arfs and wags!
- Woofs to Debra Ekman of Your Dog's Friend (www.yourdogsfriend.info/) for offering free workshops, training referrals, and more.
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- WMZQ for posting PAW's events and announcing them on the radio.
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- LAST BUT NEVER LEAST, Maryland-area PETSMART and PETCO stores for hosting our weekly dog and cat adoption shows, and Bark! for hosting several shows. Paw shakes and purrs to all!

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