



PAW Shakes

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Flight to freedom

By Sue Silver

As a small private plane is cleared for take-off, taxis down the runway, and lifts into the air, two first-time fliers are making themselves comfortable in the back. The pilot, Mike Young, is carrying Spirit and Parker from a small local rescue in North Carolina to Manassas Airport, VA, where a PAW volunteer will collect them.

Mike is one of many private pilots who fly around the U.S., bringing dogs from high-kill rural shelters to large metropolitan areas where they can be adopted. These flights are at no charge to either the shelter or the sending or receiving rescue or adopter — for the pilots, their love of flying and the satisfaction of bringing the dogs to safety and to loving homes is reward enough.

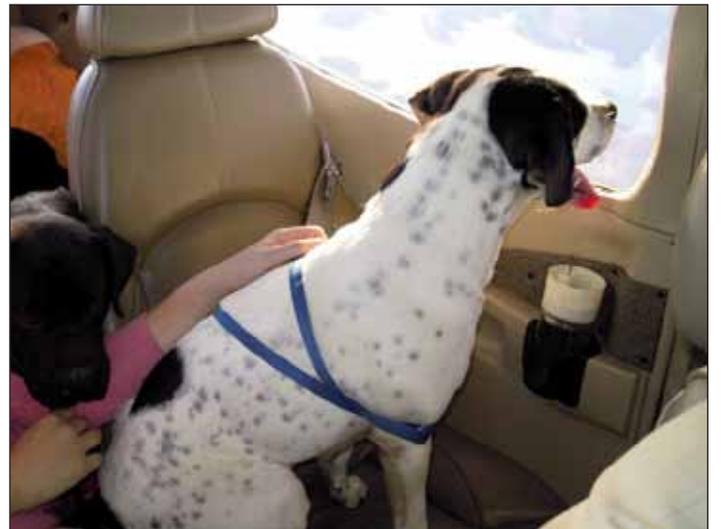
In 2010, Mike was asked to help evacuate dogs from areas affected by the Gulf Coast oil spill and found the experience so satisfying that he decided to carry on using his plane to rescue dogs. Two years later, he has logged just under 60 flights and has carried more than 300 dogs in his Columbia 400 plane. He uses helpers, often students from George Mason University, where he is an Adjunct Professor, to hold the dogs and keep them relaxed and happy. When coming in to land the helpers are all instructed to yawn, thereby encouraging the dogs to do the same and relieve any pressure in their ears.

A frequently asked question is how the dogs tolerate being so close together in a confined space. Mike explains: “My secret is to socialize the dogs beforehand. Before the flight, we exercise them in a fenced area, preferably off-leash or just with loose leashes, for 20 to 50 minutes, so they can get to know each other and form a loose ‘pack.’ Any dominant dogs can let the others know they are the ‘boss’ and not to mess with them. This also gives the dogs a chance to exercise and to relieve themselves before boarding the plane. As a result, only one adult dog has ever pooped during a flight (young puppies don’t count), and that was because we were told he was a fight risk, so not to exercise him but to load him straight on board. Being new to this at the time, I did what they said and the result was. . . messy!”

Mike’s other secret is to make the flight an enjoyable, unhurried, stress-free occasion—he and the helpers get lunch together



Mike Young and passenger.



Spirit enjoys her window seat.

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beforehand, chat with the sending rescue, and get to know their four-legged passengers—this relaxed mood transfers itself to the dogs and many of them sleep or sit quietly, looking out the window throughout the journey.

Mike got his own two current dogs, Biff and Molly, from among his many passengers. As he says, “these dogs have so much love to give and people have so much love to give in return, it is a shame that so many of these animals are put to sleep.” Thanks to Mike and his fellow pilots, many dogs have avoided that fate and are now living in loving forever homes.

A Generous Donation

PAW is always grateful to the Petco and PetSmart stores for allowing us to do adoption shows, but Unleashed by Petco in Montgomery Village has been especially welcoming and generous. In February, the Manager, Jose Rivera, presented us with a gift card worth \$500. This will allow us to buy collars, leashes, harnesses, cat carriers, toys, and treats for the PAW animals. Thank you Unleashed by Petco!



Letter from Tessa

Dear PAW,

Things are going well here in my new home. I enjoy playing with my new brother and there is always lots to do...

We walk around the neighborhood which smells pretty good, but a couple of times we went on a big walk where I got to use a 50 foot leash! My brother and I got tangled up sometimes since he had a 50 foot leash too, but it was worth it! There were so many things to smell — I even saw something my mom said was dead and disgusting! It smelled soooo good to me, but I left it alone.

There is a big grassy place called the park that we go to. My brother and I can run and run with no leash at this park, and there are other dogs just my size. I have some buddies there and sometimes we walk around together, just chillin', but sometimes we run around! I've noticed that people smile at me. They say I'm cute because I jump when I run, and they laugh when I jump over my brother or run between his legs. But I don't do it for the laughs. I just do it because I'm happy and sometimes it's the fastest way to get where I'm going.

My dad comes to the park too. He likes to play fetch with me and I am really good at it! He says I have to give the ball back to him after I grab it, which doesn't seem right, but most of the time I give it to him. Sometimes I just chew on it.

There are lots of things to do at



Tessa, former PAW dog Hershey, and her brother, Toby.

home too. My brother and I run around a lot, wrestle, and play tug with a rope. There is a yard with a sandbox that my mom says is for digging in and not for peeing in. But I peed in it — just one time.

My mom, dad, brother, and I also go to a place called Good Manners Class. This place is amazing! There is clicking

and treats, clicking and treats, clicking and treats, plus MORE clicking and MORE treats. I know sometimes my mom and dad sneak my breakfast into the treats, but I don't care — it's worth it! And as it turns out, I'm kind of talented. I don't want to toot my own horn, but I can do “sit, down, stay, come, leave it, polite greetings, relax, and spin”. I may even do something called “roll over” soon. Mom and dad say I have to learn to do these things without clicks and treats, but I think I'll hold off on that.

Let's see...oh, I also go to day-care. I'm still a tiny bit unsure about it and I keep a good eye on my brother when I'm there. He keeps an eye on me too. The staff can't believe how attached we are to each other. They told my mom that I don't like to play for too long without knowing exactly where my brother is. They also say I'm getting better and playing for longer and longer periods of time without him. All I know is that I love him, so why wouldn't I want to know where he is? By the end of the day I'm pretty tired!

Love, Tessa

Online pet pharmacies: be A.W.A.R.E.

“Pet meds at discount prices!”

“No prescription required!”

“Your best source for pet meds!”

If you've ever searched online for prescription pet medicines, you've no doubt seen eye-catching, attention-grabbing claims. They sound convincing in their promises of convenience and lower prices. But are these claims always true?

Internet sites that sell pet drugs can be reputable pharmacies. However, others are fronts for businesses breaking federal, state, and sometimes international laws. Illegal online pharmacies may sell medicines that are counterfeit, outdated, mislabeled, incorrectly formulated, or improperly made or stored. These medicines may not contain the actual drug, may contain contaminants or the incorrect amount of a drug, may not work as well due to age or being stored in conditions that were too hot, cold, or humid, and may not have the proper directions for use.

If you want to purchase your pet's prescription medicines online, you can protect yourself by being online pharmacy A.W.A.R.E.

A—Ask Your Veterinarian. Before you purchase online, talk with your vet. Ask questions like, “Do you trust this Internet pharmacy site?” “Have you ever worked with this pharmacy?”

W—Watch for Red Flags.

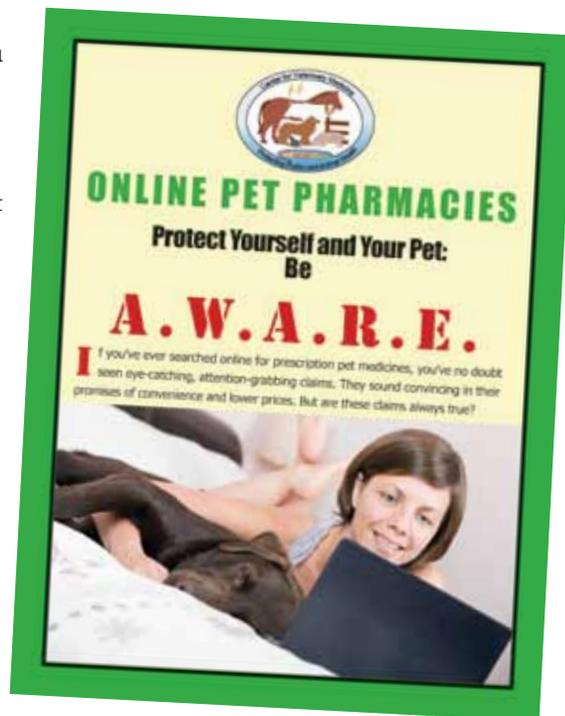
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- site does not require veterinary prescriptions for prescription medicines. Under federal law, a pharmacy can't sell you a veterinary prescription medicine without a valid prescription. Online questionnaires or consults don't take the place of valid

prescriptions and rob both you and your pet of the protection provided by a vet's physical exam.

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- site does not protect your personal information. Make sure the site you use is secure.
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- site ships you medicines that you didn't order or that look very different from what your pet normally takes. Don't give these medicines to your pet! Contact the site immediately!

A—Always Check for Site Accreditation. The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) created a voluntary accreditation program called Vet-VIPPS (Veterinary-Verified Internet



Pharmacy Practice Sites). Vet-VIPPS accredited online pharmacies must meet strict criteria. You can find a Vet-VIPPS pharmacy at www.nabp.net/programs/accreditation/vet-vipps/find-a-vet-vipps-online-pharmacy.

R—Report Problems and Suspicious Online Pet Pharmacies. If your pet has a problem with a medicine purchased online – like a reaction to a medicine or the medicine not working – first contact the medicine's manufacturer. To report problems to the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine, which regulates animal drugs sold in the U.S., call 1-888-FDA-VETS or visit www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm055305.htm.

E—Educate Yourself About Online Pet Pharmacies. Do your homework and be online pet pharmacy A.W.A.R.E. before you purchase your pet's medicines online.

Adapted from an article at www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary

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.

Remy and Siena: double play

By Joy Mara

When my husband, Gerry, and I attended a PAW adoption event in September of 2010, we weren't sure we were ready to adopt another dog. Our much-loved Dalmatian, Chip, had died the previous fall and the experience had left its mark.

But as we moved among the dozen or so dogs, a quiet, retiring (or so it seemed) young Whippet/Coonhound mix grabbed my attention—literally! She grabbed me with her paw whenever I started to move towards another dog. Gerry stayed longest with a Sheltie/Chow mix, whose sad story of life chained to a box and then being aban-



Siena

doned moved him—that and her beautiful face and ladylike (or so it seemed) demeanor. We ultimately decided we couldn't let either of them go, so we adopted them both, and named them Remy and Siena.

It took a while for everyone to acclimate as both girls had strong fear responses to some things at first. Big boxes scared Siena and leaving the



Remy

house on the leash frightened Remy. On the girls' very first walk, Remy backed out of her harness after hearing a loud noise and ran off into a large park. It's not easy to catch a Whippet! Gerry and Siena did — but Remy escaped from two harnesses a few days later. A "fearful dog" trainer helped both girls (and us) move forward constructively — and Remy now wears three harnesses.

Remarkably soon, both girls became happy, secure, and inseparable. Remy now walks happily most of the time and Siena now investigates all boxes, because lots of them contain food and toys for her. Remy has also turned out to be impish, playful, and a lover of yard time. She has taught Siena to play with toys and enjoy the outdoors. And Siena has turned out to be anything but demure! She howls when she's happy and has become the ultimate cuddler — she's so fluffy, she melts in your arms.

Although you'd never guess it to see Remy's energy, she has been diagnosed with a rare and serious congenital heart defect. She takes multiple medications each day to help her heart and lungs

work less hard. The visits to the cardiologist are a strain on everyone, and they're not always encouraging. The good news is, Remy doesn't know she has a problem and she feels great so far.

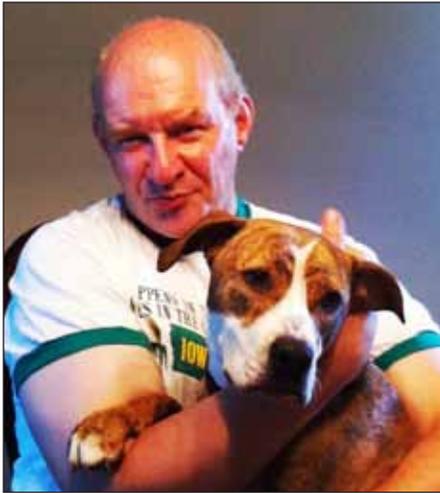
It's now two years and counting since their adoption, and we treasure every day with our two girls. They've taught us long-time dog parents that two dogs are even more fun than one!

Sad note: Shortly after Joy sent the above article, Remy died suddenly but peacefully, as a result of her heart defect. She was her energetic self, right up to the end, and died lying in her sunny window nook, where she always watched the squirrels and birds. As Joy says, "Remy embodied all the reasons people want to live with dogs: she was sweet, loyal, fun-loving, cuddly, impish, and a never-ending source of love, kisses, and laughter."

Bringing Mickey home

By Robert DeKeyser

Early in 2012, a shelter in South Carolina put out a call to rescues; they had three dogs, confiscated from their owner by Animal Control. The older male was a big hound mix, kept chained outside and rarely fed, so that he was terribly emaciated. His offspring, a male and female a little over a year old, were allowed to run loose, so were able to search for food. PAW agreed to take the female, a very sweet-natured girl but with no experience at all of living in a home. We



Mickey

had only had her for a few months when she was adopted by Robert. Here is his description of life with Mickey.

Mickey was a bit apprehensive during her first visit to my house, accompanied by two PAW volunteers. She hesitated to go down the stairs from the living room to the family room, but as soon as she saw the bed I had put there for her, she ran for it and made herself comfortable. I thought that was a good sign. A few days later I took the plunge and brought her home.

The biggest surprise for me was how quickly Mickey learned. Within days she acted like she had been in the house forever. She knew where everything was and knew all the routines. She learned right away she could sit on the old couch, could not jump on the bed, and could sit on the new couch only when I was sitting there myself. Most surprising of all were her language learning skills. My native language is Dutch and that's what I use with Mickey most of the time. She quickly became bilingual, learning the words for "outside," "walk" and "park" in the first couple of weeks. We are now working on Spanish. As you can imagine, the expression "se acabó" ([food] all gone) is not her favorite.

Sometimes it can be a bit disconcerting to see how clever she is. How does she know I plan to take her somewhere in the car today rather than going past

the car to go for a walk in the neighborhood? I am dressed the same way, using the same leash, the same keys... so why does she run to the car door? People at PAW told me she seemed "eager to please," but this was beyond what I could have imagined.

Mickey must be a good 2 years old now, so she is an adolescent in dog years. As adolescents need a lot of exercise to keep out of mischief, I had the yard fenced so I can let her out frequently and play fetch with tennis balls (her favorite game). We also go to the dog park when the weather is fine and I have a bit of time.

She can be very rambunctious, jumping up and down when she sees a rabbit through the living room window and making it very clear to me she needs to get to the yard urgently to chase it. So I am becoming bilingual too. I have learned to distinguish her barks for "neighbor," "rabbit," and "squirrel," and my favorite... the very gentle clipped little barks at night that she uses to tell me it's time to leave the computer alone and go to bed!

Benny—loyal and loving friend

By the Lynch family

Benny came to us quite unexpectedly as we were not officially "shopping" for another dog. We had a 10-year-old Sheltie, Daisy, who rather enjoyed being the only child; however, as we browsed the adoptable pet show one dog in the circle was licking all the children's faces. Ben was the skinniest black Lab we'd ever seen. His foster mom suspected he was Lab/Irish Setter, but we realized pretty quickly that Ben had to have Border Collie in there too. He pulled us through the bushes on our first trial walk outside the store and barked loudly at pretty much anything he saw. Nevertheless, we were

sold. Daisy had to accept a new and very rambunctious little brother, whose antics were not well received at first, but in a short while they were snuggling together and walking side by side through the neighborhood.

Ben has a few lifelong habits that no amount of training can alter — he thoroughly enjoys a good dig in the yard, and he can't resist an available trashcan or child's low lying dinner plate, but what a wonderful, gentle boy he is. Ben has watched us marry, have three sons, and adopt another Sheltie sister and brother. He has protected the children when threatened and laid with them when they were ill. He said good-bye to his beloved Daisy (and moped for weeks when she left us), moved in and out of three houses with



Benny

us, and travelled to every beach we have enjoyed as a family. Unfortunately, Benny did not inherit the swimming gene from any Lab ancestor — he has been described as "the only dog who swims the butterfly stroke!"

Ben was 16 years old this past October. He still attempts to guard the house and enjoys watching the boys play outside. His eyes are now bluish brown, his hearing is awful, and his legs are quite wobbly, but his heart is still that of a puppy. Thank you, PAW, for providing us with a friend who has been a loyal and loving member of our family.



Donations in Honor of and In Memory of . . .

In Memory of Person

- In memory of Breanna Gombert, by the South Eastern Sports Car Association (SESCA)
- In memory of Debbie Breuer, by Carol Broadhurst and Sue Miller
- In memory of Dola Marsden, Joy's mom, by Elizabeth Dietz
- In memory of G. Esther Pollack, by Ilene Pollack
- In memory of Janet Wesner, my mother, by Carolyn Jackson
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- In memory of Simon Theriot, by Stacey Elliott
- In memory of the children from Newtown, CT, by Iris Rainone

In Memory of Person and in Honor of Pet

- In memory of Simon Theriot, and in honor of Bailey, by Suzanne Mattingly

In Memory of Pet

- In memory of Annabelle, adopted from PAW almost 16 years ago, by the Kowalewski Family
- In memory of Bear, Gabby, Lena, Rudy, & Magnum, by Rex Korden
- In memory of Beau, by Amy Bleich and Mike Simpson
- In memory of Benjamin & Thomas, by Kenneth R. Smith
- In memory of Bix, Hildi, & Hewitt, by Christine Lemke and Greg Baeten. Our hearts and our house were filled with their love!
- In memory of my beloved dog, Buffy, by Haleh Afshar-Brandau
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- In memory of Casey, by Doris Littman
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- In memory of Cheyenne, by Charles & Charlotte Trainor
- In memory of Cosi, by Julia Marshall
- In memory of Cricket, by Karen Drake
- In memory of Curly, by Elizabeth Seastrum
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- In memory of Dobbi, special friend of Gloria & Marc Pound, by Suzanne Mattingly and by Ruth & Harry Cottman
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- In memory of Frosti & Dobbi, beloved pets of Gloria & Marc Pound, by Bob & Karen Huguley

- In memory of George, by Amy Bleich and Mike Simpson
- In memory of Gunny, by David & Jeanne Rollins
- In memory of Hank, Nancy French's beloved German Shepherd, by Michael Weiss
- In memory of Hewitt, by Grammy Anna & Ben. We'll miss his "in charge" attitude and loving ways. "Mr. Moo" will never be forgotten.
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- In memory of Jack, by Nancy Burkheimer
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- In memory of Luke, aka Man Cat, and Zoe the Toe, by Skye & Daniel Chacon
- In memory of beloved Beagle, Milly, adopted from PAW in 2000, who went over the Rainbow Bridge on October 30, 2012, after a long battle with cancer, by Marsha Rader. She was my first adopted dog and can never be replaced in my heart.
- In loving memory of Milo, by Jon Reel and Michael Timinski
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- In memory of Nora, by Amy Pergosky
- In memory of O Johnnie O, a black Cocker, by Carolyn Jackson
- In memory of our beautiful PAW dog, Tru (formerly Trooper, adopted in January 2003), by Leslie Plant. We miss him.
- In memory of our beloved Duke, adopted from PAW in 1996, by Michael & Dawn Dickerson
- In memory of our dearest Kiku—forever in our hearts, by Gordon & Linda Aoyagi

- In memory of Pander, Queen, & Bosc, by Stephanie Myers
- In memory of Rambo, by Mary Minnick
- In memory of Raven, Jinx, & Oscar, faithful companions of Amy Bleich and Mike Simpson, by Dolly & Howard Goldfarb
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- In memory of Ruger, beloved dog of the Lauffer family, by Diana Gough
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- In memory of Shelby, by Janice & Gregory Dunn
- In memory of Shelby, my sister, Jan Dunn's, beloved Border Collie, by Deborah Boettcher
- In memory of Thunder, by Scott Ruth
- In memory of Zion, by Dr. Robyn Zeiger
- In memory of Zoey & Pisho, by Elizabeth Wiggans

In Memory of Pet and in Honor of Person

- In honor of Chris & Greg, and in memory of Hewitt "Hickory Sticks", by Suzanne Mattingly
- In memory of Hilde, and in honor of Lou Montgomery and Sherri Moon, who loved and appreciated Hilde's unique personality, by Gloria Pound
- In memory of PAW dog, Mickie, and in honor of the volunteers and doctors who helped him, by Wendy & Skip Hall

In Honor of Person

- In honor of Al Dyson, by Ken & Cathy Dyson
- In honor of Beverly Freund, by Twyla Henderson and Mike Backenheimer
- In honor of Bob & Nancy Klein, by Sean Foster
- In honor of Cathy Akey, by Denise Robinson
- In honor of Charlie, Lisa, Kile, & Evie Scott, by Hollis & Karl Stauber
- In honor of Donald Lundy, by Anonymous
- In honor of Doug Kuhn and Bill Narrow's wedding, by Bill & Fanah Duffy, Tara Hogan and Simon Burke, Rebecca Poling, and Ellen Foster
- In honor of Dr. Tom McMichael and Dr. Kim Beck at College Park Animal Hospital, for taking great care of Frosti & Dobbi over the years, by Gloria Pound
- In honor of Ellen Kowalski, by Anonymous
- In honor of Jeffrey, by Elizabeth Fisher
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 In honor of Wendy & Skip Hall and family for all they did for Mickie, by Suzanne Mattingly

In Honor of Person and Pet

In honor of Karen & Bob Huguley and Freckles, by Gloria Pound
 In honor of Elyse Hurley and her dog, Marly, by Bonnie Pellicot
 In honor of Jordan and in thanks to Suzanne, by Heather Owens

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In honor of all the dogs that can't find a home or have special needs, by David & Jennifer Moczulski
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 In honor of Bogie & Elsie, by Kevin Chen and Joni Magill
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 In honor of Maddie, by Nancy & Dennis Schiavone
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 In honor of Miss Keira, by Gail Golden
 In honor of Molly, PAW cat, by Wally & Mary Jo Minnick
 In honor of my PAW dog, Billy, by Catherine Stirling

In honor of our "Ms. Lily" who we adopted through PAW, by Jennifer & Alvin Mineart
 In honor of our adopted PAW dog, Tyke, in 2001, by Kathleen Beres and Miller Einsel
 In honor of our beloved doggie, Arwen Evenstar, by Alex Karlin
 In honor of our kitties, Max & Leo, by Marlene Cimons
 In honor of Parker, by Vance Animal Shelter, Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society
 In honor of Peanut Shine, by Diane Shust
 In honor of Peanut, our 12 year old PAW dog, by Lori Lubin
 In honor of Phoebe & Scarlet Hemmis, by Randy Kenyon and Mark Beall
 In honor of Pye, Sassy, & all senior cats, by P.S. & N.J. LeRoy
 In honor of Susie, a PAW rescue, by Jean Polatsek
 In honor of Winter, by Paul Pechacek

PAW Prints in the Park

Come celebrate PAW's rescue work during our 8th annual get-together, "PAW Prints in the Park," at beautiful Whitemarsh Park in Bowie, MD. This event is for PAW adoptive families, volunteers, supporters, and anyone interested in rescue. Because adoption shows can be hectic, this is a chance for everyone involved in rescuing and adopting PAW dogs and cats to relax and enjoy some quality time together. And nothing is more rewarding to our volunteers than to see how our "alumni" and their adoptive families are doing.

So, bring your leashed dogs and enjoy a day in the park! This year's event will be held earlier than usual — in early May instead of mid-June. Be sure to pack a lunch, and a lawn chair if you'd like to sit under the trees instead of in the pavilion. There will be bottled water, soft drinks, snacks, and desserts for sale. PAW merchandise will be available for sale as well. There will be no sponsored dog walk this year, but dog water bowls will be set out at intervals along a trail for those who enjoy a walk in the woods.

We hope to see you at PAW Prints in the Park this year!

Please mark your calendars for: Sunday, May 5th, at Whitemarsh Park in Bowie, Maryland, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2012 PAW Prints in the Park

The following individuals and businesses were generous donors to the 2012 PAW Prints event.

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