



PAW Shakes

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Annapolis Fundraising Event Helps Support PAW

By Liz Dietz

One evening during our unusually hot summer, PAW was treated to a very cool fundraising event, which was attended by dozens of people and their canine companions. The event, dubbed “Canines and Cocktails,” was one of a series of “Dog-Friendly Fridays” to support good causes in the local area, co-hosted by Paws Pet Boutique—a unique shop in downtown Annapolis—and Loews Annapolis Hotel. PAW is delighted to have been the organization spotlighted on Friday evening, July 23rd.

The get-together was held at the Weather Rail—the covered patio at the Loews Annapolis Hotel—which is a lovely, open-air setting. The hotel staff served hors d’oeuvres and beverages, as pet-loving attendees met and greeted one another, lounged in patio chairs and couches, or sat at tables, always accompanied by their dogs, who were also served tasty treats and, of course, ample amounts of water.

On “stage” there was the best-trick contest, and some awesome tricks were enjoyed by the crowd. And PAW debuted Basil this evening, as PAW volunteer Amy Bleich gave a talk on Basil and the work that PAW does to help homeless animals like him. Basil was a good boy, and he charmed everyone! There

were raffle prizes given away at several points during the event.

Several PAW volunteers and friends of PAW attended the event, and we were able to get our name out to many, many people who love animals and who were previously unaware of PAW’s work in rescue and adoption.

On a special note, we were graced with the attendance of Kumba, one of PAW’s earliest adoptees and today one of its most elderly alumni, a 15-year-old Dane mix, and his doting family, the Connertons. Seeing the obvious love and great care the Connertons have given Kumba all these years was the essence of the evening, and it is the basis for everything we do in PAW. The event was not only a lot of fun for everyone involved; it was a wonderful, enjoyable gathering for heart and soul.

PAW would like to thank Michelle and Larry Kownacki, owners of Paws Pet Boutique and Loew’s Annapolis Hotel for co-hosting the event. Paws Pet Boutique publicized the event to all of its customers and other friends and supporters, and

supplied raffle prizes and prizes for the best dog-trick contest. Lowes Annapolis Hotel provided a wonderful space for the event, served us like royalty, and donated proceeds from the sale of food and drinks to PAW. Thanks also to Lori Gross, owner of Red Leash Pet Photography, who donated her time to take pictures of the event. And many thanks to the following companies and individuals who donated prizes for the silent auction: Trade Winds Island Resorts on St. Pete Beach; The Buttery Restaurant in Lewes, Delaware; Rams



Basil



Kumba

Head, Annapolis; Mike Theuer, pencil portrait artist; Woodhall Wine Cellars; Dogtopia Day Care; Ralph Loren (an individual donor); Nature's Miracle; and Baltimore Coffee and Tea Company, Inc. Finally, a big thank-you also goes out to Vicki Korobkin, PAW's fundraising coordinator, who worked tirelessly with Paws Pet Boutique and Lowes Annapolis Hotel and the many other donor businesses to make the event a resounding success!

A New Life for Lance

Lance, a handsome black lab/collie mix, came to PAW in August 2009. He had a rough start in life, as he had been kept out in the yard and more or less ignored ever since he was a puppy. Later, he was turned out into the street and had to be picked up by Animal Control and so ended up in the shelter. A PAW volunteer spotted him and decided that he deserved a second chance.

And yet, that second chance seemed to be a long time coming. Because he was never properly social-

ized, Lance tended to react aggressively towards other dogs, and because he was a big, dark-colored dog, applications were few and far between. The months went by and Lance's PAW pals began to worry that he might not get adopted.

But over those many months a change was happening. Lance was living in a kennel and the kennel owner, Sandi Pleasant, was working to help him overcome his aggression—he learned to play with other dogs and he became much more mellow.

And then, this October, Rosalind Steere and Kevin Beyer visited a PAW adoption show and recognized Lance for the special and wonderful dog that he had become. They adopted him and took him to their home right on the Chesapeake Bay. Here is what Rosalind wrote after his first week at home:

"Lance (now called Luke) is such a sweetheart, I'm amazed that he wasn't adopted ages ago. He is gentle, very cuddly, calm, smart and even a little



Lance

goofy! There have been no accidents in the house and he obviously enjoys our morning routine of breakfast followed by a long walk. His only bad habits seem to be related to the kitchen (no surprise of course!) and my office trash bin (he has a fondness for paper scraps and tissues).

He is very sound oriented these days and listens intently to the cries of the bald eagles, the osprey, herons, and crows, as well as the chug of the crab boats. He has tried to chase a couple of herons on the beach and obviously likes the water! He loves all the soft, cozy spots in the house—I am attaching a picture of him trying to fit into the wicker chair in my office!

We are absolutely delighted to have Luke in our family. He has already brought us much joy."

All of us in PAW who came to know Lance well can easily picture him listening to the sounds of birds and boats and relaxing in his new home, loved, cared for, and appreciated—a real "happy ending" to his story.

We would like to thank Sandi of A Pleasant Groom 'n Inn for all the care and work she put in to help Lance and many other PAW dogs get to their forever homes.



Next PAW Basket Bingo is Sunday, March 13th

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—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, handcrafted Longaberger®* basket! Each basket is filled with an assortment of gifts and goodies. Door prizes and special games are also included. Raffle tickets and snacks available for purchase.

WHEN: Sunday, March 13th, 2011. 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, watch the PAW website paw-rescue.org or e-mail: amy.bleich@verizon.net. See you there!

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Could YOU have a happy ending in your future?

Plenty of PAW dogs and cats are still looking for their forever homes. If you or someone you know is looking for just the right pet, come meet our animals at an adoption show or check them out on our website (paw-rescue.org). Here are two of their stories.



Peggy Sue

When members of the public see Peggy Sue at a show they think, “Aw, what a cute little dog.” As a result, PAW gets adoptions applications for her from people living in apartments, elderly couples, and yards with low fences. What people don’t realize is that this cute little girl is one of the most athletic dogs that PAW has ever had. She can climb a 6-foot wire fence in seconds, and will run non-stop for 15 minutes without any apparent effort.

Add to that a very loving nature and a burning curiosity about everything and everyone she sees, and that’s our Peggy Sue. This perfect “pocket-size” chocolate lab will do best in a lively, active home where she will get plenty of exercise and attention. She would make a great jogging buddy, for instance. She also needs a 6-ft wooden privacy fence to keep her safe—nothing else will hold her. It’s not that she will try to run away, but if there is something interesting going on across the street, Miss Peggy Sue will be over the fence and off to investigate.

Peggy Sue is highly intelligent,

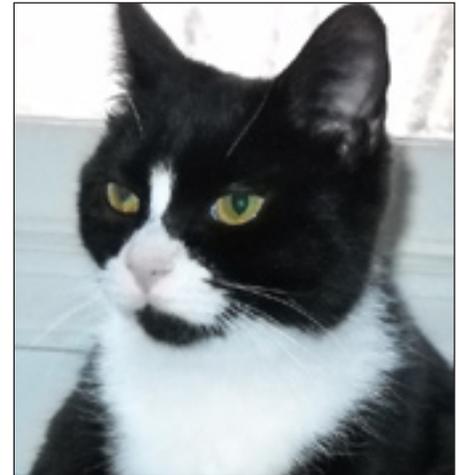
great with other dogs, and with humans of all ages, but not so good with cats. If you or anyone you know would provide a safe and loving home for this little firecracker of a dog, please contact Sue Silver (suesilver2@gmail.com) for more information.

Mandy

Mandy’s story is typical in these difficult economic times. She was noticed wandering around a neighborhood and hanging out on front porches seeking shelter. Obviously tame and friendly, Mandy may have been abandoned when her owners were forced to move. A kind PAW dog volunteer could not stand to see the small, hungry cat left to fend for herself and took her in as a foster.

Mandy is a very sweet and petite black and white kitten. At nine months old and seven pounds, she is fully grown but still kittenish. She is very playful and curious and loves to explore. She is also happy, friendly, and affectionate.

Mandy is a highly adaptable cat who will adjust well to any living situation. She is simply looking for a loving forever home. Mandy currently shares her foster home with a dog and is not at all intimidated.



She is also excellent with children and loves to play with them. If you are interested in providing the loving home that little Miss Mandy deserves, please go to the PAW website for more information: www.paw-rescue.org.

More PAW dogs and cats waiting to meet you!



More 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.



Baron

Baron has a widespread fan club of hard-working PAW volunteers who made sure he found just the right home. His new family, the Cuddingtons, are big fans too.

Our family was looking for a dog. We knew that we wanted to adopt from a shelter; we like the idea of giving a surrendered dog another chance. We first saw Baron (formerly Aaron) on the PAW website and went to meet him at a PAW adoption event. He was very hot and tired from all the excitement of the day, and frankly, didn't really want to visit with us. But there was something about him that made my husband take to him immediately. Our three boys liked him, but they wanted to think about it. We went home and talked about it and decided to get to know him a bit more. The PAW folks were wonderful. They kept in contact with us, and even brought Baron out to our house for our next meeting with him. That sealed the deal. Everyone was smitten. We went ahead with adoption and Baron quickly made himself part of the family.

He loves to go with us wherever we go for car rides, walks, anywhere. He has gone camping with us and ended up sleeping in my sleeping bag with me. (He decided that he was cold and that it would be much warmer inside the sleeping bag with me.) He has play dates with his doggie friends and even had a sleep over with one of them when we had to go

somewhere and he couldn't go with us. At night, he loves to sleep on our one son's bed and in the morning will lick him continually in the face to get him up. (It saves me from having to wake our son up.) He has also claimed the ottoman in the living room as his. When he's not playing with the boys or his doggie friends, that's where you can find him on his ottoman, napping or just keeping an eye on everything. Baron has found his forever home with us and we couldn't be happier.

Smokey Bear

After the Gardners had their beloved German shepherd/Chow put to sleep, Joan said "no more dogs, it's just too painful." But then she found Smokey Bear...

I don't know what made me look at the PAW website but there he was... a gorgeous black coat, about 3 years old and such a handsome face. His description was so sweet. It said, "He is gentle with children and, being eye-level with babies in strollers, will often

give them a big kiss. This lump of love is ready to lumber into the forever home he so deserves." The fact that he was either "lost or abandoned" touched my heart. I wanted him so badly.

I immediately filled out an application and delivered it to where he was going to be shown that same weekend. It was love at first sight! Then I found out that there were six applications in line for him. My hopes were dimmed but I didn't give up.

The weeks went by too slowly as we waited for a home visit from Sue, Jodi, and Smokey Bear. He appeared to be quite at home during his visit and my excitement knew no bounds. Another slow week went by until we got the much anticipated call. . . he was ours.

Smokey Bear has been with us now for two years and we don't know how we lived without him. He has the most beautiful manners. He was 90 pounds when he came to us and has gained a veterinarian-approved 22 pounds. He is a big boy and will very gently place his paws on my husband's chest. Smokey Bear is very protective of our doors if he is inside but polite and friendly outside. He is my constant companion. Just perfect.

We live on 8 acres and Smokey gets a walk with my husband around the property line once or twice a day. I take him on a 2 mile walk in a neighborhood close by and feel so safe with him along. His impressive size and glossy black coat get many compliments. He loves his two [canine] sisters, and Molly and Abby lick his face in silent adoration.

We often tell him how much he is loved and that he is our forever partner. I know he understands.

Curly



Curley

Betsy and Carl Seastrum sent PAW a generous donation in memory of their beloved PAW dog, Curly. They included this note about how he touched their lives.

Curly was our “happiness pill” for nearly eleven years. When we got him in August 1999 from PAW, he was a bundle of energy and needed lots of training and obedience work. He learned fast, however, and, after some one-on-one lessons, we found a great dog-training class that we attended weekly for several years. That helped Curly a lot with dog socialization, as well as with his basic commands. (He was already 2 to 4 years old when we got him from PAW and lacked any training.) Curly’s (and our) improved dog skills really paid off when, about 5 years after we got him, we downsized from our house and moved to a condo, which had strict pet rules. Curly proved to be exemplary in his manners and came to be loved by many at our complex—both human and dog residents. We gave him five walks a day from the condo, so he was well known and seen by many. He is deeply missed.

We remain grateful both to PAW and Rosemary Watton, who fostered Curly the summer of 1999, for giving us, and so many others, so much love, fun, and pleasure.

Macey

Jen Murphy adopted Macey from PAW in 1999, and lost her in July 2010. The day after Macey’s death, Jen wrote a reflection on “Macey Waggentail” that she shared with us.

The story starts in 1999, when I learned of a rescue group called the Partnership for Animal Welfare. I saw a picture of Macey online and her horrific story. During Hurricane Floyd, she was abandoned by her owners, tied to her doghouse in an area of flooding. I was told she waited on top of her doghouse until animal control rescued her. I went and visited her the next weekend at the Petco in Laurel, MD, and she was so scared, she just hid underneath the chair of her handler. But her eyes were so sweet and I just knew this was the dog for me!

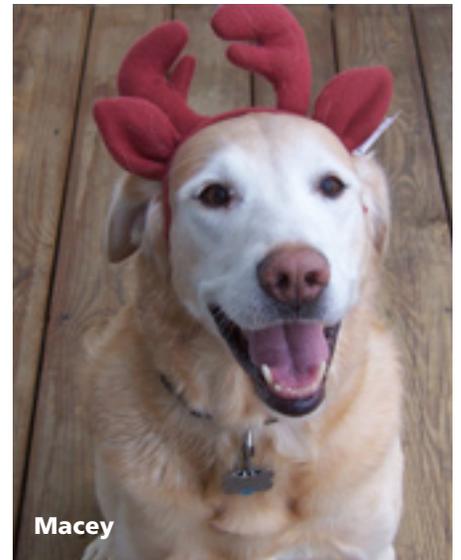
When I adopted her, Macey was so scared and timid that you could literally hold a handful of fresh turkey in front of her and, while drooling, she still wouldn’t take it out of your hand. Well, 10 years later, if you put turkey in front of Macey, you better be quick with your hands, or she might take your fingers too.

Macey’s life (and mine) was about love, and how love can overcome any hardships. It was clear Macey had been abused and severely neglected. It took time and patience, and slow steps along the way. I used to have to pick her up to put her on my bed for cuddle time. Walks were SO difficult as every little thing startled her. She had two major instances of running away because she was so scared. The first one lasted only 5 or 6 hours, but the second one lasted 5 cold and long days—but I’ll save the “prodigal puppy” story for another note.

What can you say about Macey? She greeted me at the door every time I came home—including just an hour before her death. She has been the most consistent thing in my life for the last 11 years. She was love. She was smiles. She was comfort. And she was lots and lots of hair—

that dog shed like a beast! In 2005 we adopted Max because we knew Macey loved other dogs, and you could not have asked for a better pair. Max with all his neuroses accepted Macey’s passive alpha dog nature, and they had a beautiful friendship—better and closer than I ever could have expected.

In the last few years, Macey suffered from neurological issues that were never fully diagnosed. She also suffered weakening in her hind legs, which is common in older dogs. And to top it off, she suffered from laryngeal paralysis. Macey benefited from a regular regimen of doggie acupuncture. You couldn’t have asked for a better patient. As long as I brought treats, she laid there unfazed



Macey

at the needles. These efforts really kept Macey happy and healthy. She adjusted so well to her limited hind leg ability, even through all those blizzards this past winter.

Yesterday, July 28, was really like any other day. Macey begged for some cheese while I was making lunch (and of course she got some). I had to run some errands in the evening, but we were all home around 9 p.m. Soon after that, she appeared to have a small seizure (which she had twice before) that caused her to fall, and her breathing just couldn’t

recover. We were very blessed to all be with her in her last moments. Macey gave me a very great gift of choosing her own time to die and waiting for all of us to be there with her. It still came as quite a shock—really, she had been doing fine lately and we didn't have any indication that she was so close to the end—but having said that, I also

get to be so thankful that Macey really got to stay active up until her last day. Isn't that something we would want for anyone—canine or other?

I'm writing this note really for those who "get it." Who get that losing a pet is losing a little bit of your heart and soul. I'm grieving. I'm sitting with the loss and sadness, because to rush

through it or avoid would simply not be fair to Macey. But I rejoice as well in all the love and memories we shared.

I love you, Macey. Thank you for all you taught me about love and how it can transform a life. There will never be another Macey Waggentail.



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For more information: visit our website at www.paw-rescue.org.

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