



# PAW Shakes

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## First PAW-Prints in the Park Reunion A Success!

by Amy Bleich

On a delightfully pleasant Sunday afternoon, 100 humans and animals joined together in Bowie, Maryland for the first annual PAW-Prints in the Park.



Sunday, June 5, 2005 found many of our former foster pets, along with their families, friends and other PAW volunteers sharing stories and walking together behind our PAW banner along

the lovely wooded trails in Whitemarsh Park. We were joined by Bowie Baysox mascot Louie from Bowie, who greeted animals and people alike and posed

for photographs. We were also joined by Officer Lisa Reichart of the Maryland Transportation Authority and



her dog Molly. Lisa gave the crowd an educational

demonstration, showing the dedication and skill of Molly in identifying substances by smell. We also had a bake sale and a silent auction to help raise much-needed funds. A great time was had by two- and four-footed friends alike, and it was wonderful to see all the pets who came back to visit to show us volunteers some truly happy endings. Please plan on joining us again next year!



### Photos:

Above left: Participants gather before the walk. Lower left: Walkers along the trail. Above right: Members of Bleich family meet the Bowie Baysox mascot, Louie from Bowie. Lower right: PAW volunteer Melissa Arnold walked adoptable PAW dog Joni to help give her some publicity and attention.

**NEW United Way/ CFC  
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*Our designation number has changed;  
Please make a note of it!*

*Dog Coordinator: pending appointment  
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Volunteer Coordinator: Kathleen Krebs*

## Contact PAW

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](http://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](mailto:paw_cats@yahoo.com). For dog questions: [dogs@paw-rescue.org](mailto:dogs@paw-rescue.org). Other addresses are listed on the website.

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# Adopters Say...

## Banjo Played on Her Heartstrings

*By Karen Frank*

"What do you want for your birthday?"

That annual question from my husband, Don, had special significance last winter given that my upcoming birthday was one that ended in a zero.

"I'll think about it," I responded.

For two and a half years our family had experienced the joys and delights of having a dog in our home. However, I was beginning to think that Percy, our Black Lab, could use a playmate. Even on gorgeous, sunny days, he looked so lonely in the back yard – peering in the porch window as if to ask if we would come out to play with him. When he was inside he'd get bored, and shoes and stuffed animals and other objects would find their way into his mouth. Some of the books and articles I had recently been reading about dogs indicated that the best thing you can do for a dog – especially an active one – is get him or her a buddy. They are pack animals, after all.

"I know what I want for my birthday, Honey. I want a second dog."

Silence.

Now, mind you, this is the man who, prior to our marriage, had owned two Irish Setters in a home with three young children. I didn't think this would have to be a hard sell. The boys were older now and were always eager to help with caring for and playing with Percy. And, Don couldn't deny that Percy would certainly benefit from a playmate.

"OK," he finally said one day (after weeks of laying out all of my arguments). "We can look for a second dog."

With child-like, uncontrollable excitement, I began checking the web sites of various animal adoption organizations. I identified several that seemed to be right for our family, and planned to attend some adoption shows at local pet stores.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Don, Percy and I eagerly went to a PAW adoption show at the Beltsville PETCO, web print-outs in hand. But, the first dog we saw – right by the front door – was not one I had remembered seeing on the web site. He seemed to be a terrier mix – black with a white chest and just one white paw.

"His name is Banjo," said the volunteer handling him. "He's about six months old and just became available for adoption and had his picture taken today."

"Banjo, you are a cutie," I said as I petted and he wagged.

“He’s been shot twice,” added the volunteer, much to my horror. “Once in the rear left leg and once in the mouth. See? He’s missing his bottom right teeth from where the bullet was lodged.”

It was hard to believe that such a lively, friendly, adorable pup would have endured such injury and trauma in his young life. It was even harder to believe that someone would so meanly or carelessly do such a thing to a dog. As we visited with the other dogs at the show, my mind and eyes kept going back to Banjo, and I knew that he had to join our family.

According to Joyce Richardson, Banjo’s foster mom and the business manager at College Park Animal Hospital, Banjo was brought to the hospital in October of last year by a concerned citizen who had found him at a shelter in West Virginia. The severity of Banjo’s injuries had made it likely that the shelter would have to put him down very soon.

“We were horrified that he had been shot,” Joyce said as she remembered Banjo being brought to College Park. “His jaw was horribly infected and his leg had been broken. We thought we were going to have to amputate it.”

But as the staff of the College Park Animal Hospital continued to monitor Banjo’s progress, it became clear that this resilient little dog was going to come through this ordeal. He ate with no problem and never stopped using his wounded leg. The staff decided to leave the bullet in his leg since he seemed to be healing well. With antibiotics and lots of love, Banjo was as good as new (except for the missing teeth) in four months.

When Don, Percy and I returned home from the PAW adoption show that Saturday in January after running a few more errands, there was already a message in our voice mail from a PAW volunteer saying they wanted to set up a home visit with Banjo. My excitement peaked again, and I could hardly wait until Tuesday’s visit.

Gloria brought Banjo to the house once everyone was home from work and school, and the kids fell in love with Banjo just as Don and I had. Just as importantly, Percy and Banjo played wonderfully in the back yard and seemed to become fast friends. After about 45 minutes, Gloria told us that she thought we were a great family for Banjo and she could leave him with us that afternoon!



“He looks just like a Disney dog,” said another customer at the pet store that evening as Banjo and I stocked up on a crate, toys, dog food dishes, a leash, and more. Banjo’s darling little face and friendly personality have put smiles on the faces of family, friends and strangers in the seven months that he’s been in our home.

But, not only is Banjo cute, he’s very smart. In the Spring, he completed the Basic Obedience Class at the Canine Training Association in Beltsville, earning a Fourth Place ribbon from among 16 other dogs.

I have learned that the only thing more delightful in a home than one dog is a home with two dogs. Immediately, Banjo’s presence in our home calmed Percy down and made him more contented.

“We now have half the dog for twice the dog,” my once-skeptical husband observed within the first week.

Our family – Percy included – looks forward to many years of fun and love with Banjo. We are so happy that, through the help of PAW, we could give this great puppy a



chance at a full life, even though his had to start out so painfully. And, I’m happy, too, that Banjo helped take the sting out of my life’s milestone of turning 40.

## Still Doing Well, Three Years Later

*Adopter Barbara Bloom writes:*

Below is a photo of Maggie, formerly a PAW puppy. Maggie will be four in October. I first saw her at Petsmart in Rockville. It was love at first sight. I first fostered her, a sick puppy well under a year old. She is great friends with my three cats and my

son's two Samoyeds. She loves to retrieve any kind of ball; she'll want you to throw it all day long. Here is a photo of her now. Thank you.



## Rose Settles Into the Bunch

*The Hodges family sent a photo of their adopted dog, Rose, with their three other family dogs. They wrote:*

Dear Friends,

Just a short note to tell you that Rose has settled in just fine and to thank you for the wonderful works each and every one of you perform to secure adoptions. You are truly a network of angels.

Love and puppy kisses,  
Ted, Fran, Molly, Chloe, Etta Mae, and Rose

## The Writer's Dog

by Michael Courlander

In his later days, my father, the author of more than 30 books, needed three things to write. First, he needed his vintage 1940 Royal typewriter. (He had tried a new model and even a word processor, but only the Royal seemed to contain the words and phrases that suited him.) Secondly, he needed his tri-color pen to edit his text. (The color used depended on his mood. Red meant he was very serious about the edit.) And finally, he needed the companionship of his best friend, his ever loyal, loving, mixed Shepherd, Sandy.

Sandy was absolutely the greatest dog. She was intelligent, playful, affectionate, well-behaved, and extraordinarily sensitive. Perhaps it was her sensitivity that told her that she had to be at my father's side while he banged away, two-finger style, at his typewriter.

My father was a man of habit. Every morning, he would stumble into the kitchen—he always stumbled until he'd had his first cup of coffee—and would fix himself a breakfast of corn flakes, freshly squeezed orange juice, and most importantly, coffee. As he sat at the kitchen table, Sandy would rest her head on his lap waiting for a periodic dog cookie to come her way. In the most gentle manner, she would take the biscuit, lie down on the rug, and chew it down, savoring every bite. As soon as she was finished, her head was back in Dad's lap.

Usually about mid-morning, Dad was ready to write. As he sat down at his typewriter, Sandy would lie down on the rug beside him. Periodically, Dad would take a

break and speak endearing words to Sandy. Or Sandy would decide to try her luck by resting her head on his lap to see if he had any more dog cookies. Usually, he did.

The years finally caught up with Sandy. She died at age 15. Dad was devastated. A light seemed to go out of him. He thought of the dog constantly and frequently dreamed about her. While Sandy had lived, Dad had taken several walks a day with her. Now he stayed primarily in his house and yard. And he stopped writing.

"I can't write without Sandy next to me," he told me one day.

Months went by. Dad still didn't write. He rejected the idea of adopting another dog, feeling that to do so would be disloyal to Sandy.

Then, one day, I was visiting, and Dad asked me if I would look out the large, bay window facing his backyard.



"I was noticing," he said, "that I have 11 squirrels that come to eat in our back yard. One of them is black and one has only half a tail. We also have seven doves, about 20 sparrows, and six crows. Along with bird seed, I've been putting out piles of peanuts for the squirrels."

Dad's face was getting more animated than I had seen in some time. He

continued.

"The crows like the peanuts, too. Most people don't like crows, but I have nothing against them. They're entitled to eat, too. And they call to me every morning that I'm late putting out the peanuts."

Dad's entire posture had changed, too, from droopy, to almost energetic.

"And you see that squirrel over there with half a tail? He's sort of an outcast. The other squirrels pick on him a bit. If he's eating near them, they chase him off. But he's made friends with the mateless dove over there. They eat together every morning . . ."

The sparkle was back in Dad's eyes. He hadn't been able to bring himself to adopt another dog. But he had adopted the wildlife in his back yard.

"Oh, by the way," he said, "I'm writing again."

**PHOTO:** Harold Courlander with his dog, Sandy, who was adopted from a shelter.

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## In Memoriam...

### Mark Richman



*This issue of PAW Shakes is dedicated to our good friend and partner in animal rescue, Mark Richman. Mark*

*passed away August 11<sup>th</sup> from complications arising from heart surgery. Mark was unequalled in his passion for animals, and with tremendous zest he advocated for our PAW dogs and cats. He worked tirelessly on behalf of our homeless animals, even while he was ill. Mark was an extremely fine and caring person with great humanitarian values. All of us who knew Mark will miss him tremendously.*

## Special Donations...

### In Memory of Pets

- In memory of **Danish**, loved and missed by Jennifer, by Junia Tomb
- In memory of **Danny**, a brave and loving Collie, by Tony and Karen Buckingham
- In memory of **Darla**, our beloved beagle of 17 years, by Rita and Les Pyenson
- In memory of our sweet dog, **Della**, by Cindy and Garrick Alden
- In memory of **Duffy**, by Joseph Chapdelaine
- In memory of **Kyle**, beloved cat of Marjorie Swett, by Diane and June Heim
- In memory of **Mitzi**, by Eloise Ross Rubincam
- In memory of **Sibull**, a wonderful golden retriever, by Paula Friedman
- In memory of my beloved cat, **Sugar**, by Bonnie Bezila
- In memory of our good doggy-boy, **Sunday**, by Cindy and Garrick Alden

- In memory of **Tabby**, by Trish Grove
- In memory of **Teddi** and our 16 years together, by Marc and Gloria Pound
- In memory of **Teddi**, who was one of a kind, and she will be missed, by Ruth Cottman
- In memory of **Yammer**, by Stephen and Carla Virtue

### In Honor of Pets

- In honor of **Curly**, miniature poodle, by Elizabeth Seastrum
- In honor of **Max**, by Bonnie and Jerry Sharp
- In honor of **Reggie and Nully**, by Marsha Rader
- In honor of **Rhett Butler**, our young rescued beagle, by Rita and Les Pyenson

### In Honor of Both People and Pets

- In honor of the marriage of our daughter, **Lia Dean and Mr. Manu Sareen**, and in memory of their beloved pets, **Jaguar, Pickles, Munchkin, and Poncho**, by Carol and John Dean
- In honor of **Candace Hamner and Roxxy**, by Jackie Moore, Sharan Hendricks, Barbara Oliver, Nicole Gasper, Dean Smith, Sandra Porterfield, and Lori Wroten

### In Memory of People

- In memory of **Cayce Parkman**, by Ellen Oberholtzer
- In memory of **Debbie Breuer**, by Sue Miller
- In memory of my wonderful daughter, **Debbie Ditrick Breuer**, by Calvin R. Ditrick
- In memory of **Mark Richman**:
  - His contributions will never be forgotten by the animals he helped, by Susan Flashman and Dick Bissell
  - A fine person and wonderful PAW volunteer, by Kathleen Summers
  - A wonderful and genuine person who had great compassion for animals and people, by Michael and Phyllis Courlander
- In memory of **Mrs. Wilhelmina Minetree**, by the Howard family
- In memory of **Officer Duke G. Aaron III**, by Jennifer Aaron
- In memory of **Rita Hoffman**, by Anne Rand
- In memory of **Rosemary**, by Elizabeth Seastrum

### In Honor of People

- In honor of **Christy Mowbray's birthday**, by Becky Soubra
- In honor of **Denise Machado** for her assistance in fostering and placing Annabel the rabbit, by Suzanne Mattingly
- In honor of **Dr. McMichael and the staff at College Park Animal Hospital**, by Marc and Gloria Pound
- In honor of **Gabi Clark's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday**, by her friends and family
- In honor of **Jackie Threatte** for all her tireless and wonderful efforts, by Mary and Robert Levine
- In honor of **Janet Drazek**, by Stephen and Carla Virtue
- In honor of **Kris Jordan**, Deno's foster mom, by Linda and Tony Morningello
- In honor of the **Staff at the Bureau of Justice Statistics**, by Michael Rand

In honor of **Vivian and Vincent Daddino**, by Laurie Daddino

**PLEASE NOTE: Some gifts may have been received after the deadline for this issue. They will be printed in the next issue. Thank you.**

## *These Pets Need Extra Special Homes*

### *Lily: Wants to be an Only Pet*

PAW is seeking a special home for Lily, who needs to be an only pet. Lily is an 80-pound, 7-year-old black Labrador Retriever mix. Lily has much to recommend her: she's housebroken, doesn't chew, stays off the furniture, and walks well on a leash. Lily's favorite things to do include going for car rides, enjoying long strolls around the neighborhood, and rolling over for belly rubs. Unfortunately she has not been getting enough of these favorite activities lately since PAW has had to keep her in the kennel. We have not been able to find a foster for her due to her need to be the only pet in an adult home. Lily will be the perfect pet for someone who wants a loving companion and appreciates what a great dog she is. If you can help find a foster or adoptive home for Lily, please contact PAW at [dogs@paw-rescue.org](mailto:dogs@paw-rescue.org).



### *Zasu: FIV Positive, with a Positive Attitude*

Looking for a bona fide lap-cat who purrs like chainsaw?

A big-hearted, slightly klutzy (hey, we all have issues) feline who bears a striking resemblance to Shamu the killer whale? If so, Zasu (a.k.a. "The Zozz"), may be just the



cat you've been looking for. Zasu is a robust, super-affectionate 6-year-old female. She was rescued by PAW, along with her kittens, several years ago. She even raised an orphaned kitten along with her own.

Zasu has been a hard-to-place cat because she has tested positive for FIV, which is the feline equivalent of the HIV virus (the virus that causes AIDS in humans). FIV can weaken a cat's immune system over several years, and yet cats who test positive often remain healthy for a long time to come and can live long and productive lives. FIV is not contagious to humans or other species.

Though she's living with three other cats now, Zasu would probably prefer to be an only cat. We've asked her, but she just looks at us with those big green eyes as if to say, "You're the ones with all the cranial capacity, you figure it out..." Zasu currently has a strong constitution and loves life. If you have an empty lap, she'd love to fill it. Contact PAW ([paw\\_cats@yahoo.com](mailto:paw_cats@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## **Little Bites...**

### ***Pet Foster Homes Needed***

The need for dog and cat foster homes is always urgent. Without them, PAW cannot save the lives of dogs and cats who have run out of time at local shelters. Foster pets share your home until they find their "forever families." You provide food, love, and gentle training; PAW provides all necessary medical care, and can loan crates and other supplies.

To read more about fostering for PAW, go to: <http://www.paw-rescue.org/foster.html>.

To discuss fostering a dog, please contact [dogs@paw-rescue.org](mailto:dogs@paw-rescue.org), or for cats, contact [paw\\_cats@yahoo.com](mailto:paw_cats@yahoo.com). Thank you!

### ***Volunteers Wanted***

PAW always needs new volunteers to help with pet adoption shows, fundraisers, exercising and visiting with kennel dogs, and many other activities. For more information or to sign up for an orientation session, please contact Kathleen Krebs at [krebs-paw@comcast.net](mailto:krebs-paw@comcast.net).

### ***Spay/Neuter License Plates***

You can help spread the word about responsible pet ownership every time you drive your vehicle by sporting a Spay/Neuter license plate. The attractive plates picture a dog and cat with the message "Spay and Neuter." You don't have to wait until your tags are due to make the change. Just send

your name with a request for an application and \$25.00 to PAW. We will send you a signed application. Complete the application and send it to the MVA (address is on back of application) together with \$25.00. They will send your new plates. It is an easy way to give to the animals and send a message at the same time.

## PAW Shakes to...

- **VICKY BALENGER**, for pitching in as PAW show coordinator and for all her continued efforts on behalf of the PAW animals. Woofs!
- **THE GOLDFARB FAMILY** for their superhuman efforts in BaySox event fundraising. Purrs and belly rubs!
- **ThyCa: THYROID CANCER SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATION** ([www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)) for supporting our special outreach project. Tail wags!
- The fine youths of the **JEWISH YOUTH PHILANTHROPY INSTITUTE** for their generous contribution to PAW. Purrs and licks!
- **THE POTOMAC ALMANAC** for featuring an adoptable PAW dog and cat every week in their paper. Paw shakes and tail wags!
- **PRESTON COUNTRY CLUB FOR PETS**, for boarding some of our homeless pets at reduced rates. Wags!
- **GAZETTE NEWSPAPERS** for featuring a

weekly editions. Meows and woofs!

- **PAW's FOSTER FAMILIES**, who open their homes seven days a week to give PAW's dogs and cats a second chance at happiness. We couldn't save lives without you. Arfs and purrs!
- **BELTSVILLE VETERINARY HOSPITAL** for helping PAW's cat volunteers with a litter of sick kittens, and for ongoing kitty help and support. Head butts!
- **VETERINARIANS AND STAFF at Beltway Referral Associates, Chesapeake Veterinary Cardiology Associates, College Park Animal Hospital, Family Veterinary Clinic, Gaithersburg Animal Hospital, Hyattsville Animal Hospital, Kenhaven Animal Hospital, Laurel Park Animal Hospital, Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic, Nebel Street Animal Hospital, St. Charles Animal Hospital, St. Leonard Animal Hospital, VCA Veterinary Referral Associates, Watkins Park Animal Medical Center, and Wheaton Animal Hospital** for providing reduced-cost vet care to so many of PAW's homeless dogs and cats. Wags!
- **PRINTING IMAGES of Rockville**, for printing this newsletter at reduced cost. Bow wows!
- **WUSA TV'S PETLINE 9** for featuring an adoptable PAW dog periodically on a live TV spot on the Saturday morning news. Slurps!

### Membership/Donation Form

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#### PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY:

\_\_\_ **Membership:**  **Single** (\$25)  **Family** (\$45)

\_\_\_ **Renewal:** Please check here if this is a renewal membership.

\_\_\_ **Additional donation:** I am enclosing an additional gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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A person: \_\_\_\_\_ A pet: \_\_\_\_\_

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A person: \_\_\_\_\_ A pet: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make checks payable to the Partnership for Animal Welfare and mail to the address above. The animals thank you.*

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**PETSMART and PETCO** stores, for hosting our weekly dog and cat adoption shows. Paw shakes and purrs to all.

## ***PAW Basket Bingo Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>!***

**PAW's Basket Bingo fundraisers are a great way to have fun and help the animals at the same time.**

**Never played before? It's easy; complete instructions will be provided to all**



**participants. 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 available for purchase.

**WHEN:** Our next Bingo is scheduled for **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005**. Other dates will be announced on our website: [www.paw-rescue.org](http://www.paw-rescue.org).

**WHERE:** The Bowie Elks Lodge  
Bowie, Maryland (directions will be provided on our website prior to the event)

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

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

Donations are always appreciated to help fill the baskets with goodies. For more information, please see the PAW website or email: [amyb@radix.net](mailto:amyb@radix.net). Bingos have been a primary fundraiser for PAW. Please help us bring in even more this time. See you there!

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