



# PAW Shakes

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## Huckleberry: A Life Well Lived Rescued Dog Gave Back to the Community

By Linda Coleman



The PAW write-up said, "Life started out hard for Curtis. Found as a stray, this 2-year-old appears to have had no one to look after him or show him love his whole life. He has old scars around his face attesting to his previous rugged existence."

Curtis was a dog of no discernable breed.

Listed as a "dachshund mix," he was sort of shepherd-y along the back, with short legs, a basenji head and a bark that owed

something to beagle ancestors. A few other breeds may have been consulted at some point in his construction.

In addition to the scars on his face and front legs, he was missing half an ear.

What do you name a dog like that?



I called him "Huckleberry," after Mark Twain's fictional hero, whose life also started out hard. Huckleberry the dog quickly showed more adaptability than his human namesake. He recognized my female terrier as the boss dog and put his mind to mastering his obedience lessons, coming in first in his class. He was so amiable, so ready to meet any new friend, and so delighted to get attention that he soon became a regular part of PAW's Responsible Pet Ownership (RPO) and "Success with Your New Dog"

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### ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL:

## PAW-Prints in the Park Reunion & Fundraiser!

Sunday June 5, 2005,  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Rain or Shine

Whitemarsh Park  
Pavilion  
Bowie, Maryland

*Sponsor Ginkgo, our walk mascot!*



Calling all PAW Alumni, Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers! Come join us for our first **PAW-Prints in the Park** reunion and fundraiser! This event will be a fun time for PAW adopters, volunteers, foster families and friends to come together with their four legged and furry companions to celebrate their pets' second chance at life, all the while sharing sloppy kisses, tail wags, and head butts.

Well-behaved pets on a leash are eagerly welcome, but you don't have to have a pet with you to partake in the fun activities. And yes, because most of our purr-fect feline companions would prefer to remain at home snoozing on their favorite bed (or sofa), cat owners can join in the fun and celebration too with a special kitty picture contest!

#### **The event will include:**

- A parade of lucky animal companions who have a new leash on life
- Sponsored Walk on a beautiful 1/2 mile wooded nature trail
- Silent Auction of donated items for people and pets
- Demonstrations and Pet Contests
- Bake Sale, Pet Photos

All proceeds from PAW-Prints in the Park will directly help current PAW animals that are awaiting their own chance at a lifelong home. By joining PAW in this fundraiser, we thank you and your animal companion for making a difference in the lives of other homeless animals that need a loving and stable home. **Details on PAW-Prints in the Park appear on our website at <http://www.paw-rescue.org>** and a sponsorship sheet for the walk can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

## Huckleberry, continued....

outreach programs.

RPO workshops are presentations to groups of children or adults (more often children) about being a good pet owner: what pets need in order to thrive, how to provide them with a good home, their social and physical requirements and (for dogs) the importance of training. We talk to children about how to deal with dogs they don't know, why they shouldn't tease animals, leaving fenced dogs alone, and making sure a dog with its owner is friendly before trying to pet it. Huckleberry, along with Bear, Zack, and many other PAW dog volunteers, modeled his collar, ID tags, and seat belt harness, showed off his obedience skills, and demonstrated the fine arts of being groomed and petted.



RPO sessions usually end with a chance for children to practice what they've learned about approaching and petting dogs. Huck and his fellow canine volunteers stood calmly while small children approached one by one and asked the owner, "Is your dog friendly?" and "May I pet your dog?" Some days the dogs were petted by over 100 children—especially if you count all the times a child who'd petted a dog got right back in line for a second turn. I can't speak for the other dogs, but I do know that we never found the end of Huck's readiness to be petted. He was always ready for more, and he especially loved kids.

"Success" workshops are designed to help new and prospective dog owners prepare for their new canine family member. Here too, Huck modeled collar, ID, grooming, obedience, and, as always, pettability.

Like his adopted sister Lacey, Huck passed the temperament test to qualify as a volunteer for Pets on Wheels of Prince George's County. For many years, he visited Collington Episcopal Life Care Center every Sunday afternoon to interact with residents. While Lacey showed off her toy-catching skills, Huck's specialty was simply being petted, offering a bit of affection and entertainment to people who no longer keep pets of their own.

For a dog with such an unpromising start in life, Huck did well. More importantly, he also did good.

Huckleberry died of lung cancer on April 15<sup>th</sup>, but will not soon be forgotten by his friends at PAW, his family, and all the community members whose lives he touched.

### PHOTOS:

**This page:** A formal portrait of Huckleberry by Cramer Photography.

**Page one, top photo:** Wearing the harness with bow that signals he is "on the job," Huckleberry shows off his Pets on Wheels technique at a visit to a senior center. **Page one, lower photo:** Huckleberry relaxes at home with his "sister," Lacey, who also does RPO and Pets on Wheels work.

## 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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## Beau's New Leash on Life

By Amy Bleich

In 1996, a young white dog was found chained outdoors in the sweltering heat of the summer. He had escaped the broken-down fence that encompassed the yard one too many times, landing in the next yard, entangled in his chain. It was not enough to hang himself—yet. He was hungry and lonely. A cruelty call came in to the Prince George's SPCA and PAW member Joan Marshall was sent to evaluate. "I can still picture it as it was. When I got there, the man who turned him over to me said as I was leaving, 'Oh, please feed him, he hasn't eaten since the day before yesterday.'"

Beau, as he came to be called, was taken to a local vet in dismal shape. His ears were so fly-bitten that they were thin enough to be translucent. But luck was on his side— instead of being yet another unwanted animal ending his life in a shelter, he was taken to foster mom Karen Malone. His sweet demeanor allowed him to fit in so well with the other dogs that he changed his status from "foster dog" to "permanent resident" in short order. Nine years later, the only remnants of his prior life are the fly-strike scars on his velvety ears.

Beau has learned to smile (literally) and learned how to play. He is often seen running around with his squeaky toys. On the command "go get your ball," he will eagerly run to find it and "fetch" with his human mom. "He brings a lot of joy to me and is always the first one to befriend another dog. His tail is always wagging and reminds me of a periscope when he circles the bed getting ready to settle for the night," says Karen fondly. Beau is a sweet, friendly, lovable dog who brings



happiness to all who meet him. He is why PAW exists—animal by animal, we make a difference.

### PHOTOS:

**Top photo:** Beau shows one of his favorite toys to a visitor.

**Bottom photo:** Beau (in the middle) is shown with his friends Bandit (left) and Chess (right). Bandit and Chess were both adopted from PAW as well.

## RPO Brings Responsible Pet Ownership to the Classroom

by Robin Tierney

PAW presented an RPO (Responsible Pet Ownership)/ Humane Education session to 63 young women ages 12 to 13 at the Stone Ridge School in Rockville in April of 2005. The volunteer presenters, Rosemary Witcoff, Susan Tipton and Robin Tierney, were accompanied by RPO animals Mittens (Rosemary's delightful adopted cat) and Spottie (Susan's equally delightful adopted mixed Spaniel). The students were very intelligent and participated quite a bit in the presentation. The Stone Ridge teacher who arranged the session was Iris Rainone, a PAW adopter and supporter. See her note below.



### Iris Rainone writes:

*Thank you and your companions very, very much. Your presentation was informative, warm, and fun. The animals were so polite and charming--exquisite ambassadors to promote adoption. You all were wonderful! I can't wait to go home and kiss my adopted PAW dog Henry and my adopted cats, Jane and Ingrid.*  
*Gratefully, Iris*

To learn more about PAW's RPO/Humane Education program: [http://www.paw-rescue.org/rpo\\_intro.html](http://www.paw-rescue.org/rpo_intro.html)

**Photos:** Students visit with Mittens, Rosemary's RPO cat.

## Special Donations...

### *In Memory of Pets*

In memory of **Sherlock Moore**, by Mary, Richard, John & Brian, Robert & Leigh Anna, Rachel & Brian, and Mike & Kelly

In memory of **Penny**, by Barbara and Henry Haurand

In memory of **Mattie, Ali, & Indy Robinson**, by their loving family

In memory of **Kate and Andy Goldfarb**, by Karen Malone

In memory of **Gizmo (Mo Mo)**, by Jessica Friedman

In memory of **Emily, Margie, Ruthie**, by Joyce Petruzzelli

In memory of **Dusty, PAW cat adopted and loved by Janet Isman & Greg Chisolm**, by Amy Bleich

In memory of **Cody Barth**, by Ellen Oberholtzer

In memory of **Cassie**, by Laurie Checco

In memory of **Buddy**, by Claire Mansberg

In memory of **Bernadette**, by the Paoletti family

In memory of **all the kittens and cats that have come into my life and for all the joy and love they gave**, by Linda Ward

### *In Honor of Pets*

In honor of **TRMM, Mattie, and Norman**, by Laurie Daddino

In honor of **Snead Bailey**, by Jill Baxter

In honor of **Picnic**, by Claire Mansberg

In honor of **my dog, Minnie**, by Barbara Patala

In honor of **Misty Neilson**, by Jill Baxter

In honor of **Kisu, Kaki, Kiera, & Kittles**, by Miriam Yarmolinsky & Bob Devine

In honor of **GW**, by the Kutlins

In honor of **Deno**, by Tony and Linda Moringello

In honor of **Clarisse**, by Jason Evans

### *In Memory of People*

In memory of **Mom & Dad, who instilled a love of animals, especially family pets**, by Judith Smith

In loving memory of **M.R. & C.R. Saul**, by Lauren Saul

In memory of **Walter Bleich**, by Danny Morse

### *In Honor of People*

In honor of **Sarah Hinkle**, by Robert Weinzimer  
In honor of **Iris Rainone's birthday**, by Dorothee Riederer

In honor of **Carin 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.**

## 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 kenneled 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).

### *Free Guidance and Dog Care Tips*

The PAW website contains an extensive collection of free, detailed dog tips on behavior, health, safety, training, problem-solving and other topics helpful to pet owners as well as volunteers working with animals. The index is at: [http://www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/dog\\_tips.html](http://www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/dog_tips.html). And to receive new Dog Tips weekly, email Robin Tierney at: [Tierneydog@yahoo.com](mailto:Tierneydog@yahoo.com).

### *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.

## Adopters Say...

Dear PAW,

*I would like to thank you for giving me a little over one year of joy and a lot of fun. My family adopted Midas around Thanksgiving of*



*2003. My wish had finally come true that November day. When I was about 7 years old we had to put our 13-year-old dog, Sandy, to sleep. My parents said the reason was because she had breathing problems. At that time I did not know how I could live without her. About two years later, we decided we needed another dog. Then we found Midas. He has made a wonderful addition to the Baker family. Please accept this donation and one of my favorite pictures of Midas and me.*

Thank you,

Emily Jean Baker

**Payroll Deduction Helps PAW  
Save Lives...**

**United Way / CFC #9167**

## Plan Ahead...

### Come Play 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! 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 on our website.)

Doors open at 1:00 pm; 1st bingo game begins at 2:00 pm. Admission: \$15 in advance or \$17 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).

Our last bingo helped us earn almost \$3,000 to pay for vet care for our animals. Please help us bring in even more this time, and have a great time playing!

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*The Partnership for Animal Welfare  
invites all our alumni, friends, supporters  
and volunteers to:*

## **PAW-Prints in the Park**

**Sunday, June 5, 2005  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Rain or Shine!  
Whitemarsh Park, Bowie, MD**

Come and WALK, or sponsor **Gingko** (right) or one of his PAW friends awaiting adoption! Also check out our **silent auction, bake sale,** and other events!

**Join us for a day  
of two- and four-  
legged fun!**



### **EVENT SCHEDULE:**

**11:00 am:** Registration for the 1/2 mile WALK on the Whitemarsh Nature Trail

**12:00 pm:** Join us for the WALK/parade to celebrate the animals who have earned new leashes on life thanks to PAW volunteers

**1:00 pm:** Demos and contests, including:

### **CAT PHOTO CONTEST**

Bring pictures of your favorite feline friends for judging by our panel of experts!

**Prizes will be awarded for:**

- **Best costume kitty**
- **Lazy cat**
- **Curious cat**

### **DOG COMPETITION**

Although all of our dogs are winners, prizes will be awarded for:

- **Best costume**
- **Owner/dog look alike**
- **Most talented trick**

**Be sure to visit our SILENT AUCTION AND BAKE SALE** from 11:30 to 1:30; all proceeds to benefit our current PAW animals.

### **PAW-Prints in the Park WALK PRIZES:**

- \$20 donation will receive a stylish royal blue PAW bandanna for you and your pet
- \$50 donation will receive a PAW bandanna and a grey/royal blue PAW T-shirt
- \$100 donation will receive a PAW bandanna, PAW T-shirt, and royal blue PAW leash

Special prize for the top donation collector!

In addition, all WALK registrants will be eligible for **DOOR PRIZES.**

### **Please Note:**

- All animals at the event must have current vaccinations and must be leashed at all times. No female dogs in heat will be allowed.
- Water bowls for dogs and other animals will be provided along the WALK.
- All owners will be required to clean up after their animals. Bags will be provided.
- The covered pavilion and WALK nature trail are in a wooded area for shade.

*Please join us on this beautiful walk and help collect sponsors for this event. If walking, please bring the registration form with you (next page).*



## PAW Shakes to...

- **MULTI-MEDICAL CENTER** and all the other fine businesses that took part in our loose change drive. Arf-ly nice!
- **JOANNE BROWN and TIFFANY CHAIRS**, for collecting coins during our change drive, and **DEANNE McDONALD, KAREN MALONE and SUZANNE ARNOLD** for checking the coin collection cans. 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 promotional spot for PAW in some of their 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 meows!
- **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. Meows and 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!
- **LAST BUT NEVER LEAST**, Maryland-area **PETSMART and PETCO** stores, for hosting our weekly dog and cat adoption shows. Paw shakes and purrs to all.



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