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Lillie and Boots: Rescued from Squalid House

by Janet Drazek

Lillie and Boots are two beautiful, affectionate, gentle young cats who came from a home that was neglectful to the point of abuse. They were living in a single room with their five kittens. Their owner apparently never cleaned and didn't provide enough food for the cats. The

room was utterly filthy, and the cats were malnourished, covered with feces and crawling with fleas. For a mama cat—a naturally

clean and fastidious young lady—to try to raise a young family in that kind of squalor . . . well, it was just plain horrible. And because Lillie (top photo) was trying to nurse five hungry babies, she was the most malnourished of them all.

When PAW found out about the situation, thanks to a kind and concerned neighbor, we knew we had to act, even though we had no foster homes available. So we asked the neighbor to bring the whole family to our vet hospital to be checked out. Soon the two cats were on the mend and were putting on some much-needed weight.

Lillie and Boots are now living in boarding until a foster home becomes available. It's not exactly a luxury suite, but it's clean and quiet, and they get plenty of food and water. However, they would love to be in a foster home—or better yet, adopted! If you are interested in giving a home to Lillie and Boots, please call the PAW line, visit www.paw-rescue.org to fill out an application, or email paw_cats@yahoo.com.



PAW's Human and Animal Humane Educators Visit Local Schools

by Susan Tipton



Mittens the Miracle Cat and Spottie the friendly black dog presented a seminar on Responsible Pet

Ownership to

61 seventh-graders at the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda on April 26th. The animals were assisted by their guardians, Rosemary Witcoff and Susan Tipton, respectively.

PAW planned this session to help the students:

- (1) learn what a responsible pet owner does,
- (2) understand that it's up to people to teach their dogs and cats good behavior, and
- (3) see how they can be influential in encouraging others to respect living beings and to become aware

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of the need to spay and neuter.

Adding their creativity to the session, the students conducted a raffle to determine which ones would assist the presenters. Short content presentations, questions from the audience and contact with the animals for all participants who wanted it made the hour-long session seem quite short. The theme of the session was "Adopt for Life!"

With the guidance of their teacher, Iris Rainone, a PAW adopter and longtime supporter of animal rescue efforts, the compassionate and enterprising young women also planned a bake sale to benefit the animals in PAW's care.

Ms. Rainone has organized other activities focusing on animal care and related issues. The next learning session will be a presentation on dog obedience training to be conducted by a locally-based training school.

As our beloved late volunteer Debbie Breuer often said, "Education is the answer." We greatly appreciate the enthusiasm and concern demonstrated by the Stone Ridge girls and the dedication to humane education modeled by Iris Rainone.

PHOTOS (front page):

Top photo: Mittens and Rosemary showed seventh grade students how to handle a cat appropriately.

Lower photo: Two students greeted Spottie when she arrived.

If you'd like to arrange a free Responsible Pet Ownership/Humane Education session for your group, contact PAW.

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help PAW save lives!
Please remember PAW at
enrollment time.***

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**.
- **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: dogs@paw-rescue.org. Other addresses are listed on the website.

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Second PAW Prints in the Park: A Fun Day and a Fundraising Success!

by Amy Bleich



It was a day of fun for everyone! Sunday, June 4, at Whitmarsh Park in Bowie, MD, saw our second annual Paw Prints in the Park for friends, alumni and volunteers of the Partnership for Animal Welfare. The beautiful sunny weather matched the mood of the day as we greeted two- and four-legged friends.

Louie from Bowie, mascot of the Bowie Baysox, was on hand to say hello to everyone and we proudly marched with the PAW Banner through the lovely wooded trails. Some folks continued onto a longer, two mile trail, while others partook of the delicious selection of baked goods and snacks donated by PAW supporters. Everyone enjoyed the silent auction, and we once again had special contests for cats and dogs.



The afternoon's entertainment was provided by special guests from Appalachian Air Canines, who wowed us all with their Frisbee feats. With many of their dogs having been rescues themselves, the demonstration was extra sweet.



Everyone who attended left with a smile, and PAW earned over \$3,000 from the event. Hope to see you all next year!!



PHOTOS:

Top left: Plenty of cool water was provided for the dogs, and at least one of them decided to jump right in and take a dip!

Middle left: Louie from Bowie, the Baysox mascot, enjoyed meeting other furry friends.

Bottom left: Like Louie from Bowie, some dogs dressed up for the event. This fellow came dressed as Superman.

Top right: Participants enjoying the walk.

Bottom right: Participants gathered around the registration table to sign up for the dog walk and the contests.

Special Donations...

In Honor of People

In honor of Diane Heim and Red, by June Heim
In honor of Janet Drazek and Emily Wirsing, for all they do for the cats, by Suzanne Mattingly
In honor of Janet Drazek for letting us be Smokey's forever Mom & Dad, by Steve & Carla Virtue
In honor of Joseph Lubin, by Lori Lubin
In honor of Robert Thompson, Sr., by Diana Dembeck

In Memory of People

In memory of animal lover Renee Longmire, by Karen Drake
In memory of Belle Sussman, by Robin Sussman
In memory of Sherrae Maillet, by Pat Maslin

In Honor of Pets

In honor of Curly, the miniature poodle, by Elizabeth Seastrum
In honor of my PAW dog, Annie, by Nancy Galloway
In honor of Tasha, by Daniel Riazzi

In Memory of Pets

In memory of Barnaby, beloved dog of Marla Rosenthal, by her parents
In memory of Coco, by Marla & Gary Allentuck
In memory of Coco, fostered by Becky Soubra, by Amy Bleich
In memory of Dusty, Kitt's loyal Border Collie, by Cheryl Camillo
In memory of Ginger & Tasha, by Dan Riazzi
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In memory of Hope, fostered by Ginnie Maurer, by Amy Bleich
In memory of Kathleen Summers' foster dog, Teddy Robbie, by Amy Bleich
In memory of Leah and Sugar, good friends to Joan Marshall for many years, by Amy Bleich
In memory of Lilah, who has joined her brother Shady over the Rainbow Bridge, by Amy Bleich
In memory of Lulu and Molly, by Cornelia & Peter Gelissen
In memory of Mary Hart's Spud and Ziggy, by Amy Bleich
In memory of Max, by Susan & Rick Szajna
In memory of Patches, by Eugene Stello
In memory of Phoebe, beloved companion of George & Dorothy Elford, by Michael Weiss
In memory of Scooter, our beloved Coonhound, by Sana Petersen
In memory of Simba, by Portia & Ernest Imle, Jane & Mike Schmidt, Cris Imle & Colin Mackenzie, Bill & Sue Imle, Paul & Kathy Imle, Peter & Tracy Imle, and Alfred Millard
In memory of my beloved Sugar, by Bonnie Bezila
In memory of Zeus, loved for 14 years by Janet Isman & Greg Chisolm, by Amy and Rita Bleich

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

In Memory of Pixel

By Lynn Keffler

Despite a heart murmur and other somewhat minor infirmities, Pixel lived contentedly in foster care for a number of years. He was one of a kind, with his funny little gait (the pug dog in



him?) and his tendency to bay at things (definitely the Beagle in him!). Pixel was nothing if not a survivor. His tiny heart showed only slight deterioration over the five years since he was first diagnosed with a murmur; in fact, his latest echocardiogram in March of 2006 showed, in true Pixel fashion,

astoundingly little change from the year before. It seemed that nothing could get the little guy down.

However, shortly after his heart check in March, his health began to fail, due to a tumor. His foster mom reluctantly decided on May 12, 2006, to have Pixel humanely put down. Pixel was a quirky, brave and thoroughly engaging little fellow and his passing is deeply felt by his foster mom and everyone who loved him.

Photo: Pixel (right) playing with Skylar (left)

SPECIAL HOMES NEEDED

CHARIS: Abandoned in a Vacant Apartment

Charis's mother belonged to a couple who didn't get her spayed and then let her go outside, so of course she got pregnant.

A short time later the couple split up. The man moved out and the cat stayed with the woman in her apartment. Some time later the man stopped by the apartment and found that the woman was gone. She had up and left – just moved away, leaving the cat behind with three kittens that were only a few weeks old. The man took the whole family home with him, but he wasn't allowed to keep so many cats in his apartment. He also didn't have time to play with the kittens and handle them and get them really comfortable with people. So Charis and

her sisters were shy and reserved at first when they came to PAW.

Charis has come a long way since then. She still isn't a lap cat, but she likes to sit next to her foster mom on the sofa and get petted. She really loves to play and that has helped to overcome her shyness.



Charis's two sisters, Beatrice and Vela, were adopted years ago, but after all this time Charis is still lingering in her foster home. She's gentle and unaggressive (she always opts for flight over fight), and she's a lovely cat, with

beautiful yellow-green eyes (like peridot), and a ticked coat (bands of white, brown and orange on each hair). But somehow, maybe because she was the shyest of the three sisters, it seems she never made a big impression on people who met her. Or maybe it's just that the perfect adopter hasn't come along yet.

True, it will take a little patience for her to get comfortable in a new home. She will need time to settle in; a confined, unthreatening space to start out with; and a kind and gentle adopter. If you think you might be that adopter, please email PAW_cats@yahoo.com.

FIONA: "Doesn't Anybody Want Me?"

Cast out of her house when she was still a pup, Fiona and her sister, Alanis, found themselves terrified and abandoned. Fending for themselves, the two hungry, skinny sister pups eventually found themselves at a local animal shelter. But their time was ticking down at the shelter. The workers at the shelter liked the two dogs so much that they begged PAW to take them. Luckily, PAW had room to take two more, and quickly, the PAW volunteers could see how extraordinarily sweet and special the two dogs were. Alanis got adopted quickly, but as sometimes happens, Fiona didn't. Extremely



affectionate, playful, and intelligent, she bonded very strongly with her foster mom and would give her mom lots of hugs and kisses. Fiona also became over-protective of her foster mom, so she has been staying at a board and train facility for training. Fiona is now ready and waiting for her forever home and needs to be in an all adult household with experienced dog owners. If you think you would like more information about this wonderfully sensitive girl, would like to meet her, or would like to adopt her, please email Mike at uncle_bouki@yahoo.com.

KYRIE: A Special Needs Sweetheart



In June, 2005, PAW was asked by a shelter to evaluate a Pomeranian they hoped we would take into our group. Visiting the shelter, we saw little

Kyrie sitting on a towel in a cage on the cement floor. She looked pretty pathetic, but there was nothing wrong with those sparkling eyes that gazed up so endearingly. However, when Kyrie went to stand up, she struggled to raise herself on her hind legs. Even her front legs are bowed somewhat but they appear to be stronger. PAW agreed to take in this little waif, and in spite of everything, she is a most sweet and loveable 7-10 year old spayed female Pomeranian who loves to sit on your lap quietly and go for short (very short) walks.

Kyrie's hind legs were x-rayed and the veterinarian determined that her issues are due to a genetic deformity. Over the next six months, surgeries were performed on both her legs so she could walk again. Kyrie is now available for adoption and wants to have a fenced yard so she can show off her strutting around. Kyrie has had a dental cleaning and now needs someone to keep her teeth brushed once daily. She will also need to have an x-ray of her legs annually to ensure that everything remains intact.

Although she is now moving around quite well, recently Kyrie developed higher than normal liver values and will be on a maintenance of special diet (LD), Sam-e supplement and will require bloodwork every three months. Her special care (medications and food) will cost approximately \$130 a month, and her bloodwork every 3 months will cost about \$360 a year. If you can budget it, she is worth it! She is a bouncy, expressive and happy little Pomeranian.

If you have that home for Kyrie with a fenced yard and lots of love to give, you may be the person she has been looking for. For more information on Kyrie, or any of the other wonderful PAW dogs, contact us at DOGS@paw-rescue.org

Blondie: She Rules the Roost

By Janet Drazek

Blondie originally came from a house with too many animals. The woman who had them realized that she was unable to care for them all properly, and she asked PAW for help, hoping to find them homes in a better situation.



Blondie was a mother when she first came to PAW, and she was nursing a litter of tiny kittens. She was thin and run down, but once the kittens were weaned she soon recovered her health, and before long she was adopted into a permanent home. However, two years later her adopter contacted us with the news that her lifestyle had changed dramatically and she was no longer able to care for Blondie. We were of course very disappointed, especially since there were no foster homes available and we had to board Blondie. But luckily a woman



saw Blondie on our website and contacted us about her. Suzanne came to meet Blondie at an adoption show and was smitten. We arranged a home visit and Blondie seemed to approve of her new domicile, so the adoption was finalized.

That was a year ago now, and Blondie has really blossomed in her new home. Here is an update from Suzanne that makes it pretty clear who is in charge in that family:

"My kitty, Baby, (I renamed her to suit her personality), was brought to my house on July 31 of last year by Janet D. of PAW. I'd seen Baby's picture on the PAW website and she looked so sweet and pretty - which she actually is. She was

scared and hissed and batted at me at first, but I knew she would come around.

"It took a few weeks, but she became much calmer and more accepting. Baby likes to sit on my lap every morning when I'm putting on my makeup, and purr— a lot. When I come home she throws herself on the floor at the top of the stairs and begs me to brush her that moment!! She has a tissue paper bed which I made for her when I discovered her love for tissue paper. It's where she plays with the paper and her toys and 'gets away from it all.' She goes there in the morning after she's eaten her breakfast and relaxes with her snake (she Loooves the snake). [The snake is a catnip cat toy.]"

"At night, she sleeps in the middle of the bed! Her personality is a blend of spirit and affection, although she does want a lot of attention. She gets brushed twice a day!! I love her attitude! We're through the difficult parts, and now get to play and hang out together."

PAW® Basket Bingo Sunday, November 5th

WHAT: Play bingo and win a valuable Longaberger® basket! Each basket is filled with an assortment of gifts. Door prizes and special games round out the fun. Home-made baked goods and refreshments will be available for purchase, and beginners are always welcome.

WHERE: The Bowie Elks Lodge, 1506 Defense Highway, Gambrills, Maryland (see the map link on our website at www.paw-rescue.org).

WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 5th, 2006. Other dates to be announced on our website. Doors open at 1:00 pm; 1st bingo game begins at 2:00 pm.

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

For more information, please see the PAW website or email: amy.bleich@verizon.net. See you there!

**Longaberger® and the other basket and collection names are the property of the Longaberger® company. This fundraiser is in no way connected with or sponsored by the Longaberger® Company.*

PAW Shakes to...

- **HEIDI SCHADLER and LISA SCHEFFENACKER** for their early morning appearances with our dogs, cats, and bunnies on Channel 9's Petline 9.
- Special thanks to **SUZANNE MATTINGLY**, who makes major contributions in so many areas: medical coordinator; fostering (dogs & cats!); and helping the dog coordinator manage dog shows, adoptions and intakes. Purrs and arfs.
- Wags to **LIZ MARSDEN** of The Logical Dog (thelogicaldog.com) and **SABINA HENTRICH** of Four Positive Paws (fourpositivepaws.com) for being such good resources for our dog fosters and buddies. Tail wags!
- **FEDEX KINKO'S OFFICE AND PRINT SERVICES**, Rockville, MD, for providing free color copies of some of our adoptable dog fliers. Woofs!
- **JUST DOGS! GOURMET** in White Flint mall, Rockville, MD for donating free dog treats.
- **DOGWOOD ACRES, REISTERTOWN BOARDING KENNEL** and **PRESTON COUNTRY CLUB FOR PETS**, for boarding some of our homeless pets at reduced rates and giving them extra special attention. Wags, woofs and wiggles!
- **THE POTOMAC ALMANAC** for featuring an adoptable PAW dog and cat every week in their paper. Paw shakes and tail wags!
- **GAZETTE NEWSPAPERS** for featuring a promotional spot for PAW in some of their weekly editions. Meows and woofs!
- **PRINTING IMAGES of Rockville**, for printing this newsletter at reduced cost. Purrs!
- **WUSA TV'S PETLINE 9** for featuring an adoptable PAW dog periodically on a live TV spot on the Saturday morning news. Bow wows!
- **PAW's MEMBERS and DONORS**, including those who give through the United Way Campaign and other office giving programs. We couldn't save lives without you. Slobbers and slurps!
- **VETERINARIANS AND STAFF at Beltway Referral Associates, Beltsville Veterinary Hospital, 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 PAW's homeless dogs and cats. Woofs and wags!
- **PAW's FOSTER and ADOPTIVE FAMILIES** for taking dogs and cats into their homes and showing them what love is really all about!
- **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.

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 \$_____

I enclose an additional donation **in memory of:**

A person: _____ A pet: _____

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Volunteer: I am willing to help in the following capacity:

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Little Bites...

NEW PAW Pet Photo Contest!

THINK YOUR PAW PET OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES? PAW IS SEEKING PHOTOS OF ADOPTED PAW ANIMALS FOR OUR FIRST PAW CALENDAR, FOR 2007. SNAP AWAY AND SEND VIA EMAIL TO AMY.BLEICH@VERIZON.NET OR TO:

PAW, ATTN: AMY- PET PHOTOS

P.O. BOX 1074, GREENBELT, MD 20768.

PHOTOS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY 10/1/06. BUT DON'T WAIT—GET THEM IN NOW!

AN IMPARTIAL COMMITTEE OF JUDGES WILL SELECT 13-14 PHOTOS. THOSE SELECTED WILL RECEIVE A FREE CALENDAR. CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. OF COURSE, ALL OF OUR ALUMNI ARE WINNERS—SO WE REQUEST PERMISSION TO BE ABLE TO USE YOUR PHOTOS FOR EITHER THE CALENDAR, OUR WEBSITE, OR OUR NEWSLETTER.

SO GET OUT THERE AND START SNAPPING AWAY—WE HAVE LOTS OF HAPPY CATS AND DOGS WE'D LOVE TO SHOWCASE!



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TO READ MORE ABOUT FOSTERING FOR PAW, GO TO: [HTTP://WWW.PAW-RESCUE.ORG/FOOSTER.HTML](http://www.paw-rescue.org/fooster.html).

TO DISCUSS FOSTERING A DOG, PLEASE CONTACT DOGS@PAW-RESCUE.ORG, OR FOR CATS, CONTACT 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. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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