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love to see you!

It's Time Again... For PAW-Prints in the Park! Join us on Sunday, June 4th

by Amy Bleich

Come one, come all to our second annual PAW-Prints in the Park event! On Sunday, June 4, rain or shine, PAW two- and four-legged alumni, friends, supporters, adopters and volunteers will be gathering to meet, greet, and have a great time while supporting the cause. You can also sponsor Maximus (above) or one of his PAW



friends who will be marching as they await adoption.

Nothing can be more heartwarming to our wonderful volunteers than to see their former fosters and charges, who came to the program homeless and often physically and/or emotionally damaged, trotting to our event to visit with their new families. If you are part of a happy

The fun starts at Whitemarsh Park in Bowie, Maryland at 11:00 a.m. with event registration. Like to walk? We have a sponsored walk (see registration form on page 6 of this newsletter)—ask your friends and neighbors to help the cause! There is a beautiful 1/2 mile nature trail that we will walk at noon, and this year, we will have longer trails marked for our more adventurous friends who would like more exercise. Join us in our **WALK/**

parade as we celebrate the animals who have earned new leashes on life thanks to PAW volunteers and supporters.

From 11:30 to 1:30, be sure to visit our **scrumptious bake sale**, and we will run our ever popular **silent auction**, with items ranging from books to event tickets and everything in between. At 1:00 pm we will be treated to a **Frisbee demonstration** from



the wonderfully talented dogs from Appalachian Air Canines. Don't miss it!

Then **sign your talented dog up for competition for Best Costume, Owner/Dog Look alike and Most Talented trick.** We aren't neglecting our feline friends, who may choose to enter our **cat photo contest for Best Costume Kitty, Lazy Cat and Curious Cat.** We will also be visited once again by the **Bowie Baysox Mascot Louie**, who will delight two- and four-legged children alike as he did last year. **For more information and a registration form, please go to page 6.**

Directions to Whitemarsh Park: From 495, take Route 50 East towards Annapolis. Exit at Route 3 North. Continue to light at Route 450 West (Annapolis Road, Texaco on right). Make a U-turn, back-tracking South on Route 3. In 1/4 mile there will be a sign for Whitemarsh: take a right, passing the Sportfit Club on the right. The large pavilion is straight back to the end, on the left. **For more info, visit the PAW website, www.paw-rescue.org.**

In Memory of an Amazing Beagle—Hope *Blossoms*

by Ginnie R. Maurer

I met Hope *Blossoms* on a dark and stormy night in February 2000. Actually, I met only her nose as the rest of her was cocooned in a comforter. I was a PAW volunteer



transporting her to an animal emergency clinic. And that began the story of the amazing Hope *Blossoms*—a tenacious fighter for life who lived up to and beyond her name.

Hope's medical condition was critical and remained so for many weeks. She had diabetes, cataracts, tumors, and heaven knows what else. But with each crisis, she showed us what spirit she had by coming back from the edge. At three years of age, Hopie was far too young to be so afflicted. And PAW was prepared to do whatever the organization could to see that those afflictions did not end her life prematurely.

As she battled, she found love and support by all who met her. She spent her days at Nebel Street Animal Hospital and many nights at the Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic until she was finally stabilized and ready for a foster home. In the months she was at Nebel Street she had three angels who would take her for walks—Nicole Ryder, Barbara Haurand, and Moira Gingery. Hopie was blind but with gentle direction from her buddies, she was able to get some exercise and enjoy the great outdoors.

Following cataract surgery and the implantation of a lens, Hopie was able to see—and did she have a lot to say about the world around her. She howled at everything she saw. She howled at her reflection in the shiny mud flaps of a semi parked near the vet hospital; she howled at passing cars, people, the breeze. She howled.

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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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Adopted Dog Adopts a Kitten

PAW adopter Barbara Bloom writes...

A few people suggested I again write about Maggie, a PAW dog whom I adopted when she was just a few months old...



Maggie adopted Simon immediately and has been cleaning him, carrying him and making strange nurturing sounds. Maggie finally got to be a



'Mom' and Simon loves it. Maggie isn't thrilled to have her continuously wagging tail bitten, but when very provoked by Simon, she will simply bark once and Simon will run away!

There's always a reason to smile with a house full of animals.

Maggie has always lived with cats who mostly ignored her except to gain warmth at night sleeping against her.

Recently I was given a one-month old, one-pound kitten by a stranger at Petco. I rushed him to my vet who found him negative for Feline Leukemia.



... And a happy ending was had by all! Thanks for sharing your story, Barbara!

Hope Blossoms, cont'd from p. 2...

Once her eyes had healed, Hopie came into my home permanently as a “virtual adoption” foster the summer of 2000. [Editor’s note: “Virtual adoption” pets are dogs or cats who can’t be placed in adoptive homes due to medical conditions, but who are kept permanently in foster homes under PAW’s care.]

Maybe because of her blindness, because of her early years, because of whatever treatment she had received by humans, Hopie didn’t really bond with people or with any other animal. She lived with me for 5 ½ years but never connected with me or my other animals save one cat. Hopie and Prunella Grandiflora would chase each other all over the house—Prunella would initiate play by biting Hopie on her hock and off they would go. When Hopie wouldn’t climb stairs fast enough to suit her, Prunella was right behind her biting her. That always got Hopie up the stairs. Prunella passed away a few months prior to Hopie’s crossing over the Rainbow Bridge. Wonder if she’s still biting her in the hock?

Hopie had two jobs in the house: wash the floors—she could spend hours licking the floors—and howling for food—regardless of the time of day. In her later years, she was my alarm clock as well—as soon as morning dawned, so did Hopie. She had a robust howl for many years but eventually her voice seemed to recede to a gentle “who, who, who” in the morning hours. But it never receded at breakfast and dinner times. Her howl could shatter plexiglass!

Hopie may have had sight in only one eye but she could see all around her where food was concerned. When another dog, Duffy, dropped a treasured morsel of chicken, she went for it. So did Duffy (a 70-pound old English sheepdog/terrier mix). Guess who won! At first I thought Duffy had Hopie’s muzzle in his mouth as they both dove for the food. But no, Hopie had Duffy’s lower jaw in her mouth and she wasn’t letting go. Even as Duffy walked down the deck stairs to the yard, Hopie swung from his lower jaw—nothing was going to get her to part with the possibility of food. I pried them apart, got her in the house, and checked on Duffy, who now had puncture wounds in his mouth and down his neck. Hopie was

known as “vampire” beagle for awhile. Oh, and the morsel of chicken—another dog ate it!

Hopie loved to take long walks. She would bounce along the road and because of her petite size (19 pounds) many people thought she was a puppy. She stayed a puppy for several years. But her medical conditions again intervened and she developed a couple forms of cancer. She had one operation in the spring of 2004 and her recovery was very slow. Another form of cancer appeared later that spring but surgery was out of the question—she would not have survived. However, Hopie didn’t know how sick she was, so she kept right on licking the floors and howling. Eventually, the second tumor went into spontaneous remission! How’s that for a new medical treatment—howl yourself to health!



Hopie loved to sleep. She had an amazing affinity for her bed; and if she found someone in her bed, she never faltered; she never waived. She simply stood by her bed. If it took minutes, hours, months, years—dog years at that—before the interloper moved, she would still stand by her bed. Once in her bed she would sniff all around, checking out the new smells. She would roll around in her bed making sure her smells covered the interloper’s. She would stretch out and then settle in for a long nap. She would sleep contentedly.

Hopie now sleeps permanently—a much deserved rest after all her years of medical mayhem. She has the kind and loving



volunteers at PAW to thank for her life. She has all the donors who gave directly to her and to PAW in general to thank. She has her own indomitable spirit to thank as well. I too have people to thank: To all of you who have

supported me in supporting her, I thank you from the depths of my heart and soul. To all who have cared for her both physically and in your hearts, I thank you deeply. To have known such a magnificent creature has been a gift worth more than gold. To have witnessed such tenacity, perseverance, and, yes, stubbornness (she was a beagle, after all!) has been worth all the shattering howls. The house is far too quiet now. Peace to Hope *Blossoms.* Peace to all of you.

Special Donations...

In Honor of People

In honor of Andrew Levine, by Laura Quinn
 In honor of Brian & Stacy, and in memory of Lucy, by Mark Lozouski
 In honor of Charlotte & Dan Fishman, by Joanne Goldman
 In honor of Diane Heim, by Marjorie Swett
 In honor of Greg & Simone Rones and Penny, by Henry Jacobs
 In honor of Jack & Lesley Montgomery, by Jane Murray
 In honor of Jane Winter Franks, by an anonymous donor
 In honor of Jenny Lynn Thompson, by Alice Thompson
 In honor of Lee Morey for the New Year
 In honor of Patricia Terry, by an anonymous donor
 In honor of Stefani Watterson, by Maria Infante

In Memory of People

In memory of Christine Phillips, by Marjorie Gallagher
 In memory of Clifford Kaslow, by the Kaslow Family Charitable Trust
 In memory of Debbie Breuer, by Ted & Fran Hodges
 In memory of Debbie Ditrack, by Carole Chamberlain
 In memory of Dr. Bruce Morley, DVM, by Bert & Nancy Brown
 In memory of Emma Courlander, by Judy & Roger McClain
 In memory of Fred Kessler, by Gene, Debbie, & Fred Kessler
 In memory of John E. Heaney, by The Institute for Genomic Research, and by Michael Heaney and Robert Fleischmann and Brenda Brickhouse
 In memory of my mother, Carlu C. Monje, by Sandra Monje

In Honor of Pets

In honor of Charlie, in celebration of his coming to live with me, by Rosanne Greco
 In honor of Goldielocks, adopted from PAW 3 years ago, by Colleen Prichard
 In honor of Milo, by Jonathan Reel
 In honor of Peaches, Ernie, Trixie, & Sparkle Bernhard, by June Hanley
 In honor of Rocket and Fiona, by Mary E. Turnbull
 In honor of Rocket, by Rita & Les Pyenson

In Memory of Pets

In memory of Allie, a cat owned by Ann Gumula, by Mary Shine
 In memory of Annie, beloved dog of Leta Menton, by Jacqueline Mickley
 In memory of Becky Soubra's Coco, by Amy & Rita Bleich
 In memory of Bianca, Barbara & Paul Zupnik's beloved Maltese, by Michael Weiss
 In memory of Calley, our beautiful Irish Setter girl, by Larry & Audrey Spivack
 In memory of my sweet foster dog, Coco, by Rebecca Soubra
 In memory of Daisy, adopted from PAW in 1997, by Rhoda & Bruce Bush
 In memory of Deno, our Rottweiler adopted from PAW many years ago, by Linda & Tony Moringello. Your mommy and daddy will love you forever.
 In memory of Dino, by Sheri Bassewitz
 In memory of Drew & Agashi, by Stephanie Yom
 In memory of our cat, Frisbee, by Scott Morris
 In memory of Ginny Maurer's PAW foster, Hope, by Amy & Rita Bleich
 In memory of H.B., Chris Lord's precious kitty, by Judy & Roger McClain
 In memory of Janet Isman & Greg Chism's dog Zeus, by Amy & Rita Bleich

In memory of John Dee, by Lynn Whitman
 In memory of Kelly, by Robyn Zeiger
 In memory of Kiki, beloved cat of Jim T. and Zach H. by Anonymous
 In memory of Kira, by Kathlin Smith
 In memory of Lenny (10/78 - 3/91), by Vera Green
 In memory of Little Girl Cat Snowden, by Beth MacKenzie
 In memory of Lucky, by Judy Fisher
 In memory of Lulu, by Cornelia Gelissen
 In memory of Mary Hart's Spud and Ziggy, by Amy & Rita Bleich
 In memory of Mickey, beloved dog of Debbie, Jerry, Chris & Sean Morley, by Rita Bleich
 In memory of Nicholai and Cinnabar, by Gail Golden
 In memory of Peanut, by Marilyn Meyers
 In memory of Riley, who had a wonderful life with Lynne, Bob, Leah, and Sonja Herman, by Judy & Roger McClain
 In memory of Rochester, by Connie & Joe Gilman
 In memory of Rufio, our wonderful blind collie, by Carol & Bill Edwards
 In memory of Treasure, a very special dog, by Rosary Bovello
 In memory of Tweeka, with love, from Robyn Zeiger & Dori Steele
 In memory of Winky, by Marie Infante
 In memory of Wookie, by Ted & Fran Hodges

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

United Way/ CFC Number: #8156
Your workplace contributions really do make a difference! Please remember PAW at open enrollment time.

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: amyb@radix.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-Prints in the Park
Sunday, June 4, 2006
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Whitemarsh Park, Bowie, MD

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:

FRISBEE DEMONSTRATION featuring the talented dogs from Appalachian Air Canines.

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.

Please Note:

- All animals at the event must have current vaccinations and must be leashed at all times. No 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.

CAN'T COME BUT STILL WANT TO HELP? Send your registration form (at right) and collected monies directly to **PAW, P. O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.**

Adoptable PAW dogs will be happy to walk for you.

Please join us on this beautiful walk and help collect sponsors for this event. If walking, please bring this signed registration form with you:

PAW-Prints in the Park
WALK Registration Form

Sunday, June 4, 2006,
Whitemarsh Park, Bowie, MD
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Walker Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____
 Pet's Name if walking _____
 Total Pledges _____
 Total Collected _____

Waiver: In consideration of my signing this agreement, I hereby for myself, my heirs and administrators assume all risks which might be associated with the walk. I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against the organizers and all others connected with this event, their representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me as a result of taking part in the walk and any related activities

Signature _____ Date _____
 If under 18, guardian's signature _____

Name of Sponsor:	Donation Amount:

Please copy this page as needed for additional sponsors.

Total Collected: _____

To qualify for WALK prizes, all monies must be turned in on the day of the event. Make checks payable to the **Partnership for Animal Welfare**. Donations are tax-deductible.

PAW Shakes to...

- **LIZ DIETZ** for her constant and devoted attention to a myriad of PAW-related tasks
- **STEVE AND LYNN POMPONI** of **JUST DOGS GOURMET** for donating 60 pounds of gourmet dog biscuits to our foster and kenneled dogs. Slurps!
- **ELIZABETH ST. JOHN** of **ST JOHN'S GOOD CITIZEN DOG TRAINING**, for providing a very helpful evaluation of one of our dogs. Paw shakes!
- **LARRY TANNER** for his reliable, responsive, and invaluable help behind the scenes. Wags!
- **UNITED WAY AND COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS** who donate to PAW through workplace payroll deduction programs. Your generosity week after week keeps PAW going strong.
- **PRESTON COUNTRY CLUB FOR PETS**, for boarding some of our homeless pets at reduced rates. Wags and woofs!
- **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. Bow wows!
- **WUSA TV'S PETLINE 9** for featuring an adoptable PAW dog periodically on a live TV spot on the Saturday morning news.
- **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.** We couldn't save lives without you. Slobbers and 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.

Membership/Donation Form

Partnership for Animal Welfare, Inc., P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768

www.paw-rescue.org 301-572-4PAW

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: _____

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

A person: _____ A pet: _____

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

Total Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Special Home Needed: SLIM

Do you appreciate the golden oldies? Do you think some things just get better with age?

Well, then maybe you would appreciate Slim.



This 14-year-old Shepherd mix, adopted from a shelter over 10 years ago, was returned to the place from which she was adopted. The shelter, which had placed her as a young dog, was not able to place a now elderly dog. And Slim, who has spent her entire life being part of a family, was confused and dejected.

With no time left at the shelter, we decided to give this gentle, loving girl a second chance.

Slim currently has no known major health issues and has been checked by our vets. If you are looking for a mature lady who seems to be good with other gentle animals and all people, please consider giving Slim a place to live out her golden years. For more information on Slim, or any of the other wonderful PAW dogs, contact us at DOGS@paw-rescue.org.

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, 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.



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