



PAW Shakes

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Ivy's Story

Anyone who has ridden the highways in the DC/MD area knows how scary they can be. Imagine the fear of a dog, who, by abandonment or malicious intent, finds herself amidst traffic, watching the whizzing cars until one actually hits her. That



was what happened to Ivy, a beautiful chocolate-brown mixed breed. Her story could have ended tragically on 495, but thanks to some good Samaritans, the severely injured dog was rushed to our friends at College Park Animal Hospital.

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The PAW 2008 Adopted Pets calendar is almost here!

This calendar showcases just a few of the "happy endings" that PAW is all about. Order yours today! Calendars are \$15 each and can be obtained at our shows and events, or email amy.bleich@verizon.net.



Next PAW Basket Bingo is Sunday, November 4th

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, November 4th, 2007.

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



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Demi Needs a Loving Home

Demi came to PAW in 2002 as a stray, weakened and emaciated after months of living on the streets. She was suffering an infectious disease acquired from

tick bites and a serious autoimmune condition. After blood transfusions and weeks of intensive vet care, Demi regained her health and was adopted into a home where she has been a



beloved pet. Unfortunately, though, her family is experiencing some major changes that have made it impossible for them to give Demi the care & attention she requires.

Now approximately 11 years old, Demi is still lively and in generally good health but has lost most of her vision. She also has some issues with other dogs, though it is possible that she might be able to share a home with another non-dominant dog. This sweet girl is now looking for her really "forever home". If you might be interested in adopting or fostering Demi, please contact Vicky Balenger at 301-415-3869 or e-mail vbalenger@yahoo.com.

United Way Number: #8156
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Your workplace contributions
help us save lives!

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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Ivy's Story, cont'd

The dog's major organs appeared to be sound, and though the surgeries to repair her were expensive, her prognosis for full recovery was good.

Enter the Partnership for Animal Welfare—after this sweet girl was ascertained unowned, PAW took ownership, dubbed her Ivy, and made sure she got the care she needed. After surgery to close the gaping wound in her side, she went to a foster home to recover. Not surprisingly, she appeared to be traumatized by her ordeal and was skittish, but with the love and kindness of PAW volunteers (and some of their own pets), Ivy began to regain her health, her strength, and her trust. Once she was clearly recovered, she was spayed and now awaits a special family who will give her what all PAW animals need and deserve—a forever home where she will be safe and loved.



Ivy is ready for her forever home.

Helping to save Ivy and other dogs and cats in hopeless situations is what PAW is all about! For more information about Ivy and our other PAW animals, or how you can help by fostering or volunteering, please visit our website, e-mail us at pawrescue@comcast.net or call 301-572-4PAW (301-572-4729).

Raising Funds can be Fun!

There are many ways we can raise money to pay the medical bills for dogs like Ivy. For example, last month, one of our yard sales yielded over \$400 in just one morning! It's always fun when our members get together, and the time spent on the behind-the-scenes activities to collect items and publicize the sale was well worth it. In addition to the money raised at the sale, several people expressed interest in coming to future PAW events, and two customers even came back with more items to sell!

Ready to have fun raising funds? Here are some suggestions for easy, fun activities that anyone can do to help—see page 6 for even more details:

Take the Cake—At an upcoming church, school or neighborhood event, set up a table with baked goods and don't worry about pricing them—just ask for donations as we've found that generosity nearly always exceeds our expectations.

Re-Cycle for Cash—Check with local businesses about picking up their used printer cartridges to send in for our recycling program to benefit PAW.

E-Yard Sales—We're always appreciative when our members buy or sell their items on eBay and earmark the profits to PAW.

Corporate Cooperation—In a couple of months, many employers will be heading up their annual United Way payroll campaign. Please tell your co-workers about our organization.

Host an Event—Perhaps your school would host a musical event or other program to benefit PAW. Not only will we receive funds, it is a great opportunity to get the word out about our work and our animals.

These are just a few ideas—if you have your own or would like any additional information, please contact the fundraising coordinator at pawrescue@comcast.net and let's put smiles on all our animals.

2007 Paw Prints in the Park a Great Success

On a gorgeous sunny June day, PAW alumni, family, and friends gathered for our third annual Paw Prints in the Park event at Whitemarsh Park in Bowie, MD. PAW volunteers were able to meet and greet dogs who are now much loved members of families, and cat owners and other PAW friends who came to gather to support PAW and have an enjoyable day out. Everyone enjoyed the walk in the woods to show support for the PAW cause, while games and contests for our four legged friends were so much fun. There were demon-



strations—basic first aid for animals by volunteer and veterinarian Wendy Hall, Flyball by 4 Dog Night, and Freestyle by Chesa-

peake Rock 'n Rover. Dog Caricatures by Big Heads and Little Bodies, plus a bake sale, silent auction, walk donations and the sale of PAW goodies allowed us to raise over \$3,000 dollars while enjoying a day out in the park with our furry friends.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and those who participated - we look ahead to announcing the date for our 2008 event!



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A Big PAW Shakes to the Donors of Silent Auction Items for PAW Prints in the Park!

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Shadow's Story

Audra Collins writes: Over 8 years ago, Shadow came into our life through the internet. I was looking for dog adoption agencies in the Washington DC metro area and I found PAW online. I looked through the pictures of dogs for adoption and instantly fell in love with Shadow, a black lab mix. We made arrangements to meet Shadow and the moment we saw him, I'll never forget locking eyes with my husband and knowing we both thought he was instantly part of our family.



at the door as he proudly shows off how many of his stuffed animals he can get into his mouth at one time! We have been fortunate enough to be able to provide Shadow with extended medical care as he was born with hip dysplasia in both hips and we have been able to get him hip replacement surgery to increase his quality of life through the years. He loves to swim and take walks. And even though Shadow is increasing in age and his body can't keep up with his spirit, his heart and love shine through! I work from home and have often stated he is the best 'co-worker' I have ever had!

Since that time, we have had many wonderful days with Shadow and our family would not be complete without him. He is a loving, gentle soul. Everyone who has met Shadow falls in love with him and we proudly tell them he is a 'rescued' dog!

He loves his stuffed animal buddies, and whenever we come home, he is happily waiting for us

We feel so blessed to have found Shadow and the love he gives us every day! We treasure all the days we have with Shadow and we love him so very much! Words can't even describe the feelings we have for Shadow. He is forever a part of us -- a love without end. We are so very thankful to PAW for rescuing Shadow and providing a home for him within PAW until we could find each other!



Donations in Honor and in Memory...

In Honor of People

In honor of *Ezra Hall*, by *Stephanie Shane*
 In honor of *Shira Beal's 3rd birthday*, by *Wendy & Richard Hall*

In Memory of People

In memory of *John McClain*, by *Marsha Rader*
 In memory of *Shirley Kaslow*, by *the Kaslow Family Charitable Trust*
 In memory of *Ted Hodges*, by *Fran, Molly, Chloe, Etta Mae, and Rose Hodges*
 In memory of *Ted Hodges*, by *Thomas & Barbara Theroux, Eugene & Yvonne Vaughn, Dane & Frances Badman, Laura & Landon Frazier, Susie Hurd*

In Honor of Pets

In honor of *Blacky the cat*, by *Amy Drew*
 In honor of *Curly*, by *Elizabeth Seastrum*
 In honor of *Dudley's rescue*, by *Elizabeth Green*
 In honor of *Hewitt Lemke-Baeten*, by *Theodore & Cynthia Hart, Edwin Baeten, Catherine Kreger, and Fay Brownlow*
 In honor of *Jaws and for his medical care*, by *Liz Dietz and by Marc Kronson*

In Honor of Pets, cont'd

In honor of my little girls, *Keira & Caitlin*, by *Gail Gordon*
 In honor of *Newt & Hobbes*, by *Sally MacArthur*
 In honor of *Scout*, by *John M. Perry*
 In honor of *Suki*, by *Cornelia Gelissen*

In Memory of Pets

In memory of *Babycat, beloved cat of Danny Morse*, by *Rita Bleich, JoAnn Lamp, and Virginia Smith*
 In memory of *Bojangles*, by *Marc Kronson*
 In memory of *Deno, a wonderful PAW dog*, by *Linda & Tony Moringello*
 In memory of *Halley, my beloved*, by *Pamela Libby*
 In memory of *Lindsay*, by *Suzanne Mattingly*
 In memory of *Lulu & Molly*, by *Cornelia Gelissen*
 In memory of *Lulusha*, by *Cornelia Gelissen*
 In memory of *Maggie, from Dr. Robyn Zeiger & Dori Steele*
 In memory of *Sam*, by *Janice Goldblum*
 In memory of *Zachary*, by *Joe & Bonnie Bezila*

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

**Membership/Donation Form for 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: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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

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.

MORE Easy Ways to Help PAW

Make a donation. Your donations enable PAW to continue to rescue, care for, and shelter homeless and abused animals and place them in loving homes. Your contributions have a huge impact on the lives of our animals.

Most of our funds are spent on veterinary care ranging from basic vaccinations to life-saving surgical procedures. We are extremely grateful for your contribution.

If you haven't made a donation and are considering doing so, note that Partnership for Animal Welfare is an officially recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit charity and donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be made online at our website at www.paw-rescue.org (a secure and privacy-protected website) or mailed to: Partnership for Animal Welfare, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Other ways you can help PAW raise money include:

- **Shopping online at your favorite stores.** Whenever you shop online, whether it's for books, pet food, clothes, or even office supplies, a portion of your purchase price can be donated to PAW at no cost to you. Just go to www.igive.com or www.greatergood.com and designate Partnership for Animal Welfare (Greenbelt, MD) as the charity of your choice. Then shop at hundreds of major retailers knowing that up to 15% of each purchase will be donated to PAW.
- **Shopping at PAW's MissionFish site on eBay.** Visit http://www.missionfish.org/NPMMF/nphomepage.jsp?NP_ID=15333. You can also donate items in clean and working condition to PAW for posting on Ebay. Contact Krissy at paw.dog@gmail.com.
- **Helping the environment.** When you send in your used cartridges and digital cell phones (postage free) to our recycling program, PAW receives \$3 for each item. Just drop your used cartridges and digital cell phones in the pre-addressed, pre-paid bags that are available at most PAW adoption events or by contacting pawrescue@comcast.net.

Spreading the word about responsible pet ownership. You can help spread the word about responsible pet ownership every time you drive your vehicle by sporting a Spay/Neuter license plate. 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 to PAW at **PAW Pet License Plates**, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768. We will send you a signed application. Complete the application and sent it to the MVA (address is on the back of application) together with \$25. MVA will send you your new plates.

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- **Naming a PAW pet.** Honor a special friend or pet with a \$25 contribution to the PAW medical fund at PAW Name-a-Pet, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768. PAW will name one of the newcomers using the name you submitted.
- **Donating a portion of your Ebay sale to PAW.** If you sell items on Ebay, you can donate a portion of your sales to PAW. Sign up for a MissionFish Sellers account by visiting: http://www.missionfish.org/seller_regintro.jsp. Post your items on Ebay just like you normally would, but when you get to the "Pictures and Details" page, make sure you select your donation percentage and select Partnership for Animal Welfare (Greenbelt, MD) as the designated charity.
- **Adopt virtually to help a special needs pet.** If you can't take home one of our animals, become a virtual adopter. Your virtual adoption will enable PAW to provide care to one of our special needs animals. Print out the virtual adoption form on the Virtual Adoption web page at www.paw-rescue.org/VA/va_intro.html, and then send in the completed form with your donation. Our virtual adoption certificates make great birthday and holiday gifts.

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 discuss fostering a dog, please contact dogs@paw-rescue.org, or for cats, contact paw_cats@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Pet Buddies

DOG BUDDIES NEEDED! Because we have only a limited number of foster homes, many of our dogs stay in kennels while waiting to be adopted. Volunteers are relied upon to help exercise and socialize these dogs, as kennel staff can not give them much individual attention beyond meeting their basic needs. If you're interested in walking dogs at the Preston kennel in Columbia, please contact Gloria Pound at k9pawpal@yahoo.com. For the Pleasants kennel in Rockville, please contact Lou Montgomery at 301 520-4305 (cell) or dogfanatic@gmail.com. For the Reisterstown Kennel, please contact Lisa Astrin at las-trin818@aol.com.

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- We are very grateful to the following trainers who have provided invaluable assistance with some of our most challenging dogs: **George Cockrell of Companions Dog Training, LLC**; **Sabine Henrich of Four Positive Paws**; and **Lindsey Reese of the Dogwood Acres Canine Academy**. Arfs and wags!
- **ANNA's ARK, DOGWOOD ACRES, REISTER-TOWN BOARDING KENNEL, PLEASANT GROOM 'N INN, DOGWOOD ACRES, and THE PRESTON COUNTY CLUB FOR PETS** for boarding some of our homeless pets at reduced rates and giving them extra special attention. Woofs and wiggles!
- **THE POTOMAC ALMANAC** for featuring an adoptable PAW dog and cat every week in their paper. Purrs and tail wags!
- **GAZETTE NEWSPAPERS** for featuring a promotional spot for PAW in some of their weekly editions. Meows and woofs!
- **PAW's ADOPTION SHOW HELPERS, DRIVERS, and FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS** for sacrificing their weekend hours to help keep our group going from week to week. Meows!
- **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, Hocking Veterinary Associates, Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic, VCA Veterinary Referral Associates, and Watkins Park Animal Medical Center** for providing reduced-cost vet care to PAW's homeless dogs and cats. Woofs and wags!
- **PRINTING IMAGES of Rockville**, for printing this newsletter at reduced cost. Bow wows!
- **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.



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