



PAW Shakes

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PAW Prints in the Park 2008

Sunday, June 1, was a gorgeous day for the two and four footed friends alike who joined us at our fourth annual Paw Prints in the Park event at Whitmarsh Park. Happy PAW alumni touched noses with their PAW friends still awaiting homes as everyone enjoyed the different walks through the woods together. Everyone appreciated the informative and entertaining first aid demo given by Wendy Hall, DVM.



Other events included a bake sale, silent auction, pet trick and pet photo contests, and an agility course that was open to all participants. Dogs from age two to eight-

een tested their skills and "competed". As always, it was wonderful for our volunteers to see how our prior charges, who often come to us neglected and in need of TLC, have thrived in the homes of PAW adopters. Thanks to all the volunteers and to all of our supporters who made this day so special for all!



The PAW 2009 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.

ENTERTAINMENT 2009 BOOK TIME!



It's a Win/Win - You win with up to 50% savings on fun for your whole family! Your community wins because proceeds from each book purchased go to help a great local cause, the Partnership for Animal Welfare.

Entertainment Books are filled with 50%, buy-one, get-one-free and other discounts on restaurants, movies, sporting events and more. Books are available for MD/DC, VA/DC, Baltimore and many other areas around the country. They make great holiday gifts. And they are just \$25!

Buy online at <http://www.entertainment.com/support> and enter account number #528609. Note that our price is the discounted price, and PAW gets a donation for every book purchased!

If you prefer to buy direct from PAW, or you have any questions, please contact David at (301) 613-2252 or send an email to [David](mailto:David@d.mendick@verizon.net) at d.mendick@verizon.net for more information.

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 pawdogs@yahoo.com, or for cats, contact paw_cats@yahoo.com.

Dog Tip: Holiday Pet Safety Checklist

By Robin Tierney

You can help keep pets safe during the holiday season by following the tips below. For other important, timely tips for cold weather protection, traveling with pets and safety issues, as well as behavior guidance, go to www.paw-rescue.org and click the Dog Tips link.

- Many holiday plants can lead to health problems in dogs and cats. Among the plants to keep out of reach are holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies.
- Snow globes often contain antifreeze, which is poisonous to pets.
- Pine needles, when ingested, can puncture holes in a pet's intestine. So keep pet areas clear of pine needles.
- The extra cords and plugs of holiday lights and other fixtures can look like chew toys to pets. Tape down or cover cords to help avoid shocks, burns or other serious injuries. Unplug lights when you are not home.
- Anchor Christmas tree to the ceiling with a string to keep it from falling on pets.
- Do not let pets drink the holiday tree water. Some may contain fertilizers, and stagnant tree water can harbor bacteria. Check labels for tree water preservatives and artificial snow, and buy only those that are nontoxic. Some folks use screens around trees to block access to electrical cords and gifts.
- Very important: do not put aspirin in the water (some folks do this thinking it will keep the tree or plant more vigorous). If a pet ingests the aspirin-laced water, his health or even life can be at risk.
- Keep other ornaments out of reach of pets. Ingestion of any ornament, which might look like toys to pets, can result in life-threatening emergencies. Even ornaments made from dried food can lead to ailments. And remember, shards from broken glass ornaments can injure paws, mouths and other parts of the body.

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It's Basket Bingo Time!



Next PAW Basket Bingo is Sunday, November 2nd

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 2nd, 2008.
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, call 410-833-0122, or 301-261-7178. or email: amy.bleich@verizon.net.

See you there!

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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: pawdogs@yahoo.com. Other addresses are listed on the website.

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Your workplace contributions help us save lives!

Nikki

Janis Duzak adopted Nikki a long time ago (before we kept good records!) She adopted Nikki from our PAW foster Rosemary Watton, a wonderful foster of many small dogs. Sadly, Rosemary passed away last year.

Janis writes:

Nikki is in good health and is a very happy little girl. She still plays like there is no tomorrow, but she loves her naps with Mommy also. In fact, she will come

and get me to lie down with her. She has been very happy since we moved to Delaware as there are so many lit-

tle dogs that she has been able to play with and just hang out with. She has not had any bad health problems so far and I plan to keep it that way as best as I can. She has been getting her check ups every year along with her tests and shots. She is a little bit overweight and we are working on that - in fact, she has already lost 1 1/2



pounds. As you know, once you get a certain age, weight comes off a lot slower, but we are aiming for our goal of a 5 pound loss. Nikki is the best dog I could have ever had for my very first dog. She was so easy to train and she just turned out to be the sweetest dog. I am so

thankful that I have her in my life.

Dear PAW,

As I send along this donation to you, I wanted to take a few minutes to update you on Shadow's (Jeanne) progress. I meant to send this a lot earlier, but time does fly by and I've been busy with a small remodel project...not that any remodel project is a small one, and in some ways, I think small ones are a bigger pain than large ones.

In the middle of all this remodeling, which included adding a wheelchair ramp to the deck up to the back door, Shadow ruptured her CCL [cranial cruciate ligament, a stifle/knee injury] while chasing a squirrel. \$3,000 in vet bills later, and four weeks of only on-leash walks, she's doing fine. I'm not sure I'm going to survive another four weeks of only on-leash walks as she's getting much stronger, and trying to drag me around chasing squirrels in the yard. She loves to run, and unfortunately, until she heals completely, she can't. Not sure whether it's harder on her or on me. The wheelchair ramp did come in handy, though, as after she had her surgery I didn't have to carry her up and down the stairs. Harder still for both of us is that we've both been sleeping on the living room floor, so she won't be tempted to jump up on the bed. All the sofas and chairs in the living room are covered with "stuff" so she can't jump up on them. We'll both be glad when we can go back to sleeping in the bed and sitting on the couch.

We'll also be very glad when she can go back to Doggie Day Camp. I've been Day Boarding her occasionally so I can get a break, but she misses going out with her doggie pals. I thought she was going to sit down and cry the other day, when she couldn't follow her buddy Max to Doggie Day Camp, and had to go up to Boarding instead.

Living with Shadow is a constantly changing adventure, but we really love Shadow and we think she loves us too. Thank you for letting us adopt this joyous creature to love and take care of.

June Gotowicki

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- Put away toys after children open their gifts. Small plastic pieces and rubber balls are common causes of choking and intestinal blockage in dogs. Ingested plastic or cloth toys must often be removed surgically.
- Avoid toxic decorations. Bubbling lights contain fluid that can be inhaled or ingested, snow sprays and snow flock can cause reactions when inhaled, styrofoam poses a choking hazard, tinsel can cause choking and intestinal obstruction, and water in snow scenes may contain toxic organisms such as Salmonella.
- Keep candles on high shelves. Use fireplace screens to avoid burns.
- Low-tech “stay away” methods: place sticky mats, crunchy aluminum foil or bubblewrap on or around the area; tie balloons around the area; put some pennies in empty plastic drink bottles and balance the bottles on the bottom branches of the holiday tree or plant so that they’ll noisily tip over if a cat or other pet jumps at or on the tree.
- Holiday guests and other activity can be very stressful and even frightening to pets. It can also trigger illness and intestinal upset. Make sure pets have a safe place to retreat in your house. And make sure they are wearing current I.D. in case they escape out a door when guests come and go.
- Reduce stress by keeping feeding and exercise on a regular schedule.
- Always make time to care for your pets. Some folks get lax about walking their dogs, and a few resort to letting pets out on their own. This puts the animal in danger, while also leading to nuisance complaints and dog bite incidents. Remind pet owners not to take a holiday from responsibly caring for their pets.
- When pets are stressed by holiday activity or during travel, they may require more water. Dogs typically pant more when they feel stressed. Keep fresh water available for them to drink.
- Rescue Remedy, a Bach flower essence available in most health food stores, is a natural stress reliever that many folks keep on hand at home and in travel kits. It can often help both people and animals recover from injury, fright, illness, travel fatigue, chocolate ingestion and irritation. Put a few drops in the dog’s water bowl or portable water container. For stressed or injured animals, rub a drop on their ear or put a drop on the towel in their crate or carrier. Flower essences are free of harmful effects and can be used along with conventional medicines. Another safe, nontoxic Rescue Remedy-like product is Animal Emergency Trauma Solution, available from www.greenhopeessences.com, where you can also get Flee Free to combat fleas nontoxically. Other flower essence sources include anaflora.com and perelandra-ltd.com.
- Do not let guests feed your pets human food. There are many holiday foods, including fatty meats, gravies, poultry skin, bones, chocolate and alcohol, that can cause illnesses from vomiting and diarrhea to highly serious pancreatitis and other toxic reactions. In addition, candy wrappers, aluminum foil pieces and ribbons can choke pets.
- Keep pets away from gift packages as well as your gift wrapping area. Ingested string, plastic, cloth and even wrapping paper can lead to intestinal blockage and require surgical removal. And pets have been severely injured by scissors and other items left on floors and tables.
- Keep pets away from the garbage. Use pet-proof containers.
- If you suspect that your pet has eaten something toxic, call your veterinarian and/or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour emergency hotline at 1-888-4-ANI-HELP.
- If your pet ingests glass, broken plastic, staples or other small, sharp objects, call your veterinarian. In the meantime, you can give your dog supplemental fiber in the form of whole wheat or other high-fiber bread, canned pumpkin or Metamucil, any of which can help bulk up the stools the help the foreign material pass through the dog’s digestive system. Dosages depend on the size of the dog. For Metamucil, try a teaspoon for a small dog, a tablespoon for a big dog. For pumpkin, feed one-quarter to two-thirds of a cup. Some folks recommend feeding the dog cotton balls to help pass the foreign objects, but others in the veterinary field caution against this since cotton balls can compound the problem.

PAW Donations

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

- In honor of B. Barbara Hall, by Ron & Noel McPherson
- In honor of Dina Howard for her tireless efforts to save shelter animals, by Amy Pergosky
- In honor of Dr. Barbara Henderson, by Nancey Parker
- In honor of Kylie Novick's 8th birthday, by Catherine Butz, Victoria Marchand, Laura Howell, Adriana Seligman, and other anonymous donors
- In honor of Lauren Rabinovitz receiving her MSW degree from the University of Maryland, by Rita Bleich
- In honor of Nate Allen & Kerrie Smith, by Michael Levy
- In honor of Parker Kenny, by Lisa Novick
- In honor of the graduation of Ilana Judy Bleich from Stedwick Elementary School, by Rita Bleich
- In honor of the high school graduation of Scott R. Chiriboga, by Rita Bleich
- In honor of the wedding of Amy Skowronek & J.D. Forinash, by Daniel Skowronek, June Muncey, Bonnie Staughton, and Joseph Gorman
- In honor of the wedding of Kathleen Summers & Lee Hanewinckel by Jeanne LaPierre & Paul Keary, Suzanne Summers & David LaPierre, Claude Brenner, Becky Soubra, Stephanie Shain & Adam Roberts, Thomas & Carol Garvey, Christy & Fred Donovan, and Dawn Lauer
- In honor of the wedding of PAW volunteers, Kerrie & Nate Allen
- In honor of the wedding of Suzanne Summers & David LaPierre, by Kathleen Summers & Lee Hanewinckel, Jeanne LaPierre & Paul Keary, and by Claude Brenner

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

- In memory of June Hauck, by Kathleen M. Dowd
- In memory of Marion Bures, by Beverly Mattingly
- In memory of my husband, by Margaret Haske
- In memory of Phyllis LaJeanne, by Sally Kos

In memory of Robert L. Flynn from Nancy & Larry Dawes and from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weinreich

IN MEMORY OF A PERSON & PETS

In memory of Bob Flynn and his dogs, Missy & Faith, by Jay & Susan Barringer, and by Joan & Jeffrey McKee, and by Julia Presiosi

IN HONOR OF PETS

- In honor of all the dogs that need a home or have special needs, by David Moczulski
- In honor of Axl & Sebastian, by Lawrence Gordon
- In honor of Curly, a miniature poodle, by Elizabeth Seastrum
- In honor of Hampton, adopted from PAW in 1999, by Suzanne & Trey Goulden
- In honor of Hildi, Hewitt, and Bix, by Chris Lemke
- In honor of Keira & Caitlin, by Gail Gordon
- In honor of Lady, Juliet, and June Bug, by Rianon S-P Corley
- In honor of Lady, who we adopted from PAW in November 10, 2007, by Carol & John Anderson
- In honor of Molly, by Cornelia & Peter Gelissen

IN MEMORY OF PETS

- In memory of A.C., adopted from PAW in 2003, by Marcia Miceli
- In memory of Baby I, by Nancy White
- In memory of Beau, by Dr. Robyn Zeiger
- In memory of Danny Boy, by Lori Simmons
- In memory of Deno, our Rottweiler adopted from PAW, by Linda & Tony Moringello
- In memory of Gizzy, by Teri Busch
- In memory of Kiffy, Shoni, and Muffin, by Kim & Frank McClary
- In memory of Lenny Boy, by Vera Green
- In memory of Lulu, by Cornelia & Peter Gelissen
- In memory of Molly, my baby forever, by June S. Raney
- In memory of Molly, who died on September 1, 2007, by Carol & John Anderson
- In memory of my beloved Sugar, by Bonnie Bezila

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IN MEMORY OF PETS

In memory of my dog, Sandi, who died recently,
by Sarah Beacom

In memory of Nutmeg, by Jean Emanuel

In memory of Precious for Karen Haywood, by
James Haywood

In memory of Sadie & Cali, by Phyllis Hutton

In memory of sweet Daisy dog and Mabel cat,
by Susan Crabill

While PAW cats can't attend PAW Prints in the Park, they are there in spirit. Loving owners brought along pictures of their PAW adopted cats and prizes were awarded for Best Costume Kitty, Lazy Cat and Curious Cat.

**SPECIAL WOOFs & WAGS FROM PAW**

Grateful thanks to the following local businesses which have hosted our PAW donation boxes this summer: *A Pleasant Groom N' Inn* in Rockville; *Bradley Food & Beverage* in Bethesda; *7-11* at Rockville Pike & Marinelli Road; and the *Georgetown Square Beer & Wine Shop* in Bethesda. All of the money raised goes toward vet care and other crucial needs while our animals wait for their forever homes.

Sandy Pleasants, owner of *A Pleasant Groom N' Inn* was given a special certificate of appreciation for her significant contributions to PAW: providing direct care for our animals, including "special needs" dogs and cats; helping to recruit PAW fosters and adopters; and assisting with our fundraising efforts.

The Partnership for Animal Welfare is an officially recognized non-profit organization which is funded through donations and adoption fees. Donations are tax-deductible (Tax ID # 52-1979581). If you would like to help, you can do so by donating money, earmarking your charitable donations to PAW, helping with some of our fundraising activities, or donating food, blankets and other supplies.

Membership/Donation Form for Partnership for Animal Welfare, Inc.

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.

PAW Shakes to...

- **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!
- **PAW's FOSTER and ADOPTIVE FAMILIES.** We couldn't save lives without you. Slobbers and slurps!
- 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; the trainers at Dog Sense; Sabine Hentrich of Four Positive Paws; and Lindsey Reese of the Dogwood Acres Canine Academy.** Arfs and wags!
- **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!
- **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, Hocking Veterinary Associates, Kenhaven Animal Hospital, Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic, Negola's Ark Veterinary Hospital, 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!
- **WHOLE PET CENTRAL** in Rockville and **BARK!** in Olney for hosting some of our dog shows.
- **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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