

Remarkable Transformations

By Bob Klein, with Tracy Crotty and Julie Marks

his is the story of four dogs whose lives were a misery and of how love, care in a safe environment, and rescue groups to look after them turned their lives into a joy. One of them, David, I fostered then adopted several years ago, and the other three were PAW foster dogs.



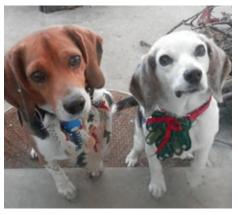
Amos takes a stroll

David was a cocker spaniel who spent his first 12 years in a rabbit hutch as a puppy-mill stud. I was fostering PAW dogs at the time and a cocker adoption volunteer with ties to PAW, who knew that my wife and I took in difficult dogs, convinced me to bring David into my house. How could I *not* help him? He was allowed out of his puppy-mill cage occasionally to help make more puppy-mill cocker spaniels. He was dumped by the puppy mill when his eye became ulcerated and they couldn't be bothered with treating him. Imagine the pain.

Luckily David was scooped up by a rescue group, and he came to me-minus an eye. He was afraid of everything. The first week or so at my home he stayed hidden in his crate with the door open. We decided to close the crate door after coaxing him out to encourage him to interact with us and the other resident dogs. He slowly came around, acclimating to scary things like that green spiky stuff that grows in the yard and the dreaded steps. And suddenly, it seemed, he turned into a puppy! Little David was now looking for trouble: shoes, trash cans . . . anything he discovered, culminating in his chewing through my printer cable. I wasn't happy about the cable, but I just had to love seeing him act like a real dog – a youngster even. David only lived about a year, but I like to think it was the best year of his life.

PAW very recently had three dogs in our ranks who had endured horrible neglect. Amos had more medical problems than can be described in this account. He obviously had little to no medical care or nurturing. Mr. Pie and Banjo were taken from a home as cruelty cases. They were living in a barn when Animal Control found them. The older male, Mr. Pie, was somehow stuck to a dog house and couldn't move.

I fostered Mr. Pie, and he spent the first two weeks at our house hiding and trying to stay out of the way. He slowly gained confidence, which accelerated



Banjo and Mr. Pie, paws in sync

into his charging around with the other dogs. But then, Mr. Pie got into everything. As with David, no unguarded shoe was safe, and trash cans were among his favorite targets. When he chewed through a lamp electrical cord (with hardly any teeth) I knew that he, too, had regressed to puppyhood.

I told this story to the volunteers who fostered Banjo and Amos-because it was a funny, touching story, and, lo and behold, both fosters had similar stories about their hard-luck pups. Banjo's foster said, "I'm having a similar experience with Banjo. He's getting into things. Yesterday he got into a small space and tried to chew a cord that was close by. He picks up things he shouldn't and chews on them. He loves running around chasing after my dogs." Amos's foster had these comments: "He plays nonstop with all the dog toys and balls he can get hold of, and he'll go into the kitchen and grab

water bottles with his mouth. When he's outside, he goes to the recycling bin and grabs empty cans and bottles and walks around with them."

These four dogs from soul-crushing environments have gone through remarkable transformations. However, these changes didn't occur overnight. It took them a while to realize that where they were living was safe. In each case, there were other dogs in the house. I have no doubt that these terrified dogs took their cues from the other dogs, as if the others were saying, "It's okay—no one's going to hurt you," or "Let's go out in the yard," or "It's dinner time!" By following the other dogs' leads, Amos, Mr. Pie, and Banjo started running with the pack and doing the things young dogs naturally do. They were finally having all the good puppy times they were deprived of in their earlier lives of neglect and abuse. There is a wonderful conclusion to this story. Banjo and Mr. Pie have been adopted into the same forever home. Their new mom says that they follow each other around, coming more and more out of their shells, and leading the good, carefree life that all dogs deserve. Amos has been adopted into a home that his foster mom was delighted with, and she says Amos is much loved in his new happily-everafter paradise.



Happy Endings

One of our favorite parts of being a PAW volunteer is helping the animals find their forever homes. We love hearing happy stories from adopters and wanted to share some here.

Two cats and me

By Jean Newcomb

We're now in our third year together. I scooped up Mac (Malcolm Cedar), a Maine Coon tabby, from PAW two years ago. Along with Connie from another rescue group (who looks just like Mac), we all went home together. And now, we are strangers no more, having forged a unique and quite congenial unit with an occasional uprising that dissipates with no harm done to anyone. Fur flies, but peace



Malcolm Cedar

settles in once compromise is reached and energetic bursts retreat.

Mac had been returned to PAW after an unsuccessful stint with another family who already had a long-established feline member. The bonding did not happen, but coincidentally, because I had tried to adopt him earlier, and he was returned the same time I showed up to see other cats, I had my papers in order. I got a chance to see if our fate was sealed after all. He was going home with me and another tabby that looked just like him. All of us strangers, no one sure what would happen.

Well, so far so good—we're a blended family that was completely unplanned, but we're making progress day by day. Mac likes rough-housing and Connie lets him know when enough is enough. He has learned to temper his enthusiasm for such spontaneous bursts of exuberance, and she makes herself clear when he has crossed the line. They actually seem to



Connie lounging

kiss and make up, head-butting after the fur settles.

Together they play, and they wake me up at the same time in the morning, take bird-watching seriously, visit running water anywhere (bathroom and kitchen sinks, especially the shower), chase one another up and down the stairs, and chirp at squirrels. They let me know their litter box needs attention immediately after use by casting penetrating stares in my direction. Both are crazy for pouncing on light beams from lasers that dance all over. It's convenient that my house is equipped with so many useful perches—chairs, a long couch, tables, benches, chests, a closet of shelves, bookcases unencumbered by stuff, and a loft that was tailor-made for a leaping lord and lady cat of the house. Convenient, too, that I removed my lamps that impeded the flow of furry beings making the rounds.

Mac surprises me often, and he absolutely loves company. No human visitor goes unexplored and he routinely guides all willing fingers toward his ears and throat for a massage. He has taught me that when he places his paw on my chin, he wants my fingers on *his* chin as well. Recently, for the first time, he decided his bed is less desirable than mine, so he climbed under the covers during the worst of this past winter's arctic blast. He spent the night snoring away, and definitely warmer.

I really didn't expect to learn how gregarious a cat can be; I've found no evidence here that cats, by nature, are solitary creatures. We all three agree that we can't wait for spring to appear; even a Maine Coon says the icy cold is best left to the polar bears.

The story of Hope and Tico

By John Moyer

ope came into my life when I wasn't planning to adopt. My son Max (a Jack Russell terrier mix) had recently passed away at 15 years old, and I never could have prepared myself for the intense grief during that time. I couldn't sleep or eat, and the thought of repeating that experience was not even on my radar. I know what you're thinking. It's selfish to not adopt and I would agree with you now, but at the time my heart was completely and unquestionably broken.



BFFs Tico and Hope

Then came Hope—and a divine intervention, of sorts. Hope's original name was Rosie, but I changed her name to Hope because that is what she restored in me on many levels. Hope was on a transport from Kentucky, where she was thought to be a runaway in an area of the state where beagle mixes are abandoned or shot if they don't learn to hunt. After a whole lot of soul searching that afternoon, April 19, 2014, and interpreting the signs that were undeniable, I adopted my Hope.

Unfortunately, Hope was experiencing a high degree of separation distress (a disorder confirmed by my veterinarian). Any loud noises caused severe anxiety. Although I didn't have much information about Hope's background or history, her condition was understandable, given her earlier environment.

I tried everything to increase the quality of her life. To start, I took her to positive obedience training. Then came ThunderShirts, homeopathic treatments, dog-appeasing pheromone diffusers for the wall socket, relaxing music, TV at a low volume, and then fluoxetine, among many other suggestions. I decided to try fluoxetine as one of two last resorts and it seemed to help.

However, a Maltipoo named Tico made the biggest difference in Hope's life. He was rescued by PAW from Prince George's County Animal Services. The first interaction between Tico and Hope was a non-starter. They barely acknowledged each other. Even so, I was approved for a home visit, during which they seemed to enjoy each other's company. Jodi Koehn-Pike and Julie Marks were very insightful and saw a wonderful friendship in the making. They were right!

Tico and Hope have grown to respect and care for each other in our little pack. I see the transition take place daily. They accompany me to work at the Humane Society of the United States, where we have a "Pets in the Workplace" policy. I seriously couldn't be prouder of my babies, Tico and Hope! I love them with all my heart. Tico has a lot of confidence and is a comedian. I think those attributes have rubbed off a little on Hope. I think that Tico has learned from Hope too. She still has short terms of anxiety, but Tico comforts her with his companionship, and they truly seem to complete each other.

Thanks to Jodi, Julie, and Bill (Tico's foster dad) for allowing Tico to become a huge part of my family. I couldn't imagine a day without my Tico or Hope.

The life of Riley

By Meghan Sweeney

Riley was two years old, 19 pounds, and feral for half his life when he came into our home. Most people who meet Riley can't believe someone opened their door and purposely let him wander free, out of their homes, and into the wilderness. He was microchipped when PAW found him. PAW called his owner who no longer wanted him. These are the unfortunate circumstances he endured before becoming a member of our family.

The first time we met Riley was in a park behind a strip mall. He chewed on the leash and when his escape attempt failed, tried to drag his foster mom on a nearby foot trail between the neighborhood and



Riley at rest

the shopping center. He was more interested in exploring the unknowns of the path behind us than he was in meeting his new potential family. That was fine by us. We were looking for an athletic dog who would be able to comfortably live with us in an apartment, hike with us, run with us, and take road trips with us in the back of our jeep.

His foster mom explained that Riley was a dog who could easily spend hours watching TV or running long distances, and he'd be just as happy doing either. She told us how sweet he was and how he would often try to cuddle on her lap. She asked us to think him over and let her know if we wanted to proceed with the adoption. I declared him our dog the moment my spouse and I were alone in the car. My spouse, a first-time dog owner, nervously agreed. Riley arrived Memorial Day weekend—one day after we unpacked our new apartment. He was more interested in his new toys than receiving my all-too-eager affection. He growled and snapped at me. His foster mom explained it takes about six weeks for dogs to settle in. I understood where he was coming from. I also did not like to be smothered with affection, particularly by strangers. I was already in love with Riley and knew we were kindred spirits.

My spouse laid out a series of strict ground rules primarily centered on dogs on the furniture. That night as we settled in for bed, my spouse expected to see Riley dutifully asleep on his pillow in the bedroom. Instead, Riley waited beside our bed for his welcome to the land of soft pillows and warm blankets. My spouse turned to me, then to Riley and said, "Just this once," and patted the mattress. Riley has slept with us every night, sleeping everywhere from on our heads to snuggling up next to us on our pillows.

He loves long evenings on the couch, dozing beneath blankets and occasionally sitting with us at the kitchen table when we have company after the food is put away. Riley turned into our best friend and the missing piece of our family. He enjoys car trips with cheesy pop music and long walks in Rock Creek Park. His favorite place is on our lap. If he can't be there, he will settle for lying across our feet. We never expected to have a 30-pound lapdog who hogs all the blankets when we settle in for a movie night. We never expected to have a dog who loves to sleep and cuddle so much that when we wake him up earlier than 6:00 a.m. he refuses to leave the bed and will leave only if we carry him to the front door. But now that we do, I couldn't imagine any other way of life.

Liz Lemon loves life

By Hannah Krug

Three summers ago, following the difficult losses of two pets, my wife and I decided it was time to start looking for a dog again. We knew of PAW thanks to our colleague, Marc Pound, and so we checked out the website. We fell in love with five-and-a-half-year-old black lab Penny as soon as we saw her listing. She was described by her foster mom as "kooky," so we chose an appropriately kooky name for her—Liz Lemon, Tina



Liz soaking up the sun

Fey's character on the TV show *30 Rock* (it's easy to tell who has or has not seen the show, as when people ask her name, there are two reactions: complete confusion or utter delight!).

Liz Lemon has been the perfect addition to our household. She's so excited to play with other dogs on walks that people think she's a puppy; only her grey chin and her occasional hobble give away her age. If she had her way, she'd spend every single minute playing fetch with her trusty tennis ball, as long as there were occasional breaks for food, belly rubs, and squirrel chasing.

She and our eight-year-old tabby Simba bonded very quickly and have become the best of friends. I'll often come home from work to find that they've spent the day snuggling on the couch together. When we last moved apartments, we kept Simba behind until the moving company finished. Liz Lemon became more agitated than we'd ever seen her, and we didn't figure out why until she finally calmed down once we went back to the old place and retrieved Simba. She thought she had lost her brother! We always try to make their vet appointments together, as each is so much more relaxed when the other is around.

We are so thankful to PAW for rescuing Liz Lemon from the shelter, fostering her, and helping us find her. We had suffered two pet traumas within nine months of each other, so we thought it would be just us and Simba for a while, but she came to us at the perfect time and has been the perfect dog. She's playful, loyal, and sweet as can be to humans and pets alike. We'll be forever grateful for the PAW volunteers who made this happen.

Ziggy—meant to be

By Maria Aguiar



Ziggy walking in blossoms

e's cute! He's friendly! He's smart! These are the words to describe our dog. He came into our lives at just the right time. The stars aligned for him to be ours. For a long time, our daughter had asked for a dog, but we never had one because we worked long hours and sometimes traveled. Instead, we always dog-sat for our friends' dogs, especially my neighbor's dog. This dog was half ours, half theirs. One year I dog-sat her for the entire summer. After she went home, I missed having a dog in my life, so I talked to my family and we decided to adopt a dog.

We came across the picture of an adorable dog on the PAW website and I immediately loved him. His sad eyes caught my attention. We applied for him and then had a home visit from his foster mom. When he arrived with his foster mom at our house, he was like a toddler-wandering, exploring, discovering-yet always coming back to his foster mom to give kisses. I knew this was our dog! Coincidentally, the day of that visit was our daughter's birthday and his foster mom's birthday. It was a day of celebration! I had a house full of guests and everybody petted the dog. We loved him, but we knew that it was a big decision and we needed to be certain.

I prayed for a sign that *this* dog was meant to be *our* dog and that we could give him a happy life. A little later, my daughter's boyfriend came by the house with some flowers, and as I was arranging them in a vase, I found the card with an image of a painting by the Spanish painter Miro. The painting was from his series *Constellations* and was called "Figures and Dog in Front of the Sun." For me, it was just the sign I needed!

We prepared the house for our dog and bought everything needed

to bring him home. The day he came to us, he cried for a few hours after his foster parents left— but then, he sat next to my daughter and chose her as the love of his life. Of course, he loves all of us but the way he looks at my daughter is special. From that moment, he was ours. Our beloved dog was now part of the family.

We named him Ziggy and we kept his PAW name Peanut as his middle name because it is part of his history. He soon adapted perfectly to our schedule. He chose a red armchair in our living room to be his observation post of the neighborhood. He loves looking out the window (I say it's his TV). He loves going on walks with his dad, mom, and sister. His favorite toy is a lamb and his favorite spot to take a nap is under the guest-bedroom bed. I tell everybody that he is my son. I joke that he has the same color eyes as his sister's.

Our lives have been full of kisses, barks, love, and laughter since he arrived. I now know the real love a dog can give and receive. As the saying goes, "If you want to know love, adopt a dog." How true! I tell everybody "Your life is better with a dog by your side. Adopt one!" Thank you, PAW, for giving my family this dog!

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- In memory of Fernando, beloved cat of Brian and Glenn, by Diana Gough



By Amy Bleich

L ong-time PAW volunteer Mary Janicke did anything and everything she could for our organization. She was a fundraiser, weekly adoption-show transporter, foster, dog walker, Board member, and host of yard sales, among many other things. When she started with PAW, she was already in her 70's and still working, but she was able to



drive for PAW transports and volunteer.

Mary loved all the animals but was especially fond of big dogs. She was amazingly kind and giving, but what always struck me was her strength, dedication, and resolve. Mary could handle and walk some of the big guys, which required a lot of physical strength. She helped with basket bingo events and worked the PAW booth at Bowie Baysox baseball games in the heat and on her feet for hours on end. Remarkable. Few her age have the life force to give so much, for so long, even if they *do* have the resolve.

Yes, the past few years she had stopped driving her beloved Mustang and couldn't join us to volunteer, but she was nearing 90 and had been helping out at least weekly well into her 80s. How special is that? Everyone, please lift a glass to Mary. Many, many, PAW animals were waiting to see her last August at the Rainbow Bridge.

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- In memory of graceful Jasper, by Diana J. Watson
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