



PAW Shakes

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No dog left behind

By Danny Morse

“We’re moving and it’s just too much trouble . . . blah, blah, blah.” This is a common excuse for giving up a dog. I suppose we could have used this excuse to justify abandoning Leah, the PAW dog we adopted about 5 years ago. After all, we weren’t just moving across town or across the country, we were moving to Accra, Ghana. My wife is a Foreign Service Officer with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and she was being sent to Accra for a 2-year assignment. So we not only had to get Leah to Ghana, we also had to get her back to the U.S. again. Nonetheless, leaving her behind never crossed our minds.

The process of shipping Leah to Accra was pretty complicated but we received excellent guidance from the State Department and everything went smoothly (well, almost everything). We got all the required vaccinations and blood tests; we got an APHIS-accredited veterinarian to issue a health certificate (APHIS is the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service); we got APHIS to approve the health certificate; and we got an import permit from the Ghanaian authorities. We used a State Department-recommended vet office with a lot of experience in the process of getting pets overseas and they were able to do the blood tests and issue the health certificate. The final approval of the health certificate required a trip to Annapolis, which was not far from our home near Washington D.C. Fortunately, I was able to do this just before the USDA office moved to Richmond! The State Department took care of getting the import permit and it was waiting for us when we arrived at the Accra airport. The most nerve-racking aspect of the process was the timing. The health certificate had to be issued and approved within 10 days of the flight. Importantly, Ghana did not require the health certificate to be approved by APHIS in order to issue the import permit. Otherwise, the permit could not have been obtained in time.

Leah had never spent a significant amount of time in a



Danny and Leah (right) with petsitter Simon and Leah’s friends.

crate and she was going to have to spend about 16 hours in one. During the month before the trip, we did our best to acclimate her to the crate but we could not predict how she would handle the long flight. Another concern was the temperature. It was July and the airline would not accept a dog if the temperature was above 85 degrees at either end of the trip.

On the day of the flight, I was a nervous wreck. My wife had gone to Ghana several months ahead of me so I was on my own. There were no direct flights to Accra from Washington D.C., so to avoid a plane change, I rented a car and drove Leah to New York’s JFK airport. The weather forecast suggested that the temperature would be below

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85 degrees for both our departure from New York and our arrival in Accra, but it was going to be close! As I wheeled Leah in her cart from the rental car return area at JFK to the terminal, it was a hot (above 85 degrees) and noisy afternoon, and a couple of Delta employees looked at me as if I was crazy. One even said “You don’t think that dog will be able to fly today, do you?” Sure enough, when I finally made it to the terminal, a Delta official told me it was too hot for Leah to fly! She didn’t seem to understand that our flight was later in the evening, by which time it would be cool enough. At that point, I was at the end of my rope and pretty much lost it. But then an angel appeared in the form of a Delta employee who happened to be from Ghana. She told me

not to worry and that she would take care of it. I waited nervously for about 15 minutes and was finally told that Leah would be able to go. I took her to the cargo area where the crate was inspected and then I had to leave her. As I walked away, Leah cried and barked but she stopped once I was out of sight. At the gate, I watched anxiously as the luggage was being loaded onto the plane, hoping to see Leah being carried aboard. I never saw her, but before I got on the plane, the man who had loaded her in the animal cargo compartment came and told me that she was fine. In fact, he said, she was amazingly quiet and relaxed. At last, I could breathe! I was still worried about the long flight but the worst was over. When Leah was finally brought into the Accra terminal,

she looked great and barked with joy when she saw me. Amazingly, she had not had any accidents during the entire 16 hours! I told her that she had done a *lot* better than I had and she looked at me as if to say “No worries.”

We have been in Accra for a year now and we have never regretted bringing Leah here. We could not imagine life without her. She has loved the new sights, sounds, and smells, and she can’t get enough of chasing lizards and barking at chickens and goats. She also has two doggy pals who live in our compound. While Leah had no problem adapting to her new environment, she has really helped us by making our house in Accra feel like home. Moving with a dog is *never* too much trouble!

Get prepared before disaster strikes!

By Amy Bleich

In the Baltimore/Washington area, we have been subjected to many different kinds of disasters — hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, and terrorism, so every family should have a disaster plan, and this needs to include their pets. In the past, authorities advised people to leave their pets behind, but this is no longer the case. Most local jurisdictions have current plans in place for emergency shelters that include accommodations for animals. If it is not safe for you and your human family, it is not safe for your pet.

For starters, every family should have a “To Go” bag, already packed and in an easily accessible area, perhaps in a closet by the front door. For animals, this should contain, at a minimum: basic first aid items, which can be assembled separately or purchased as a pet first aid kit, flashlight,

batteries, water, food for at least 3 days, copies of vet/shot records, an information sheet with pictures of the animals in case they get separated from their people, medications, collar/leash/harness, litter/litterpan/scoop, no spill dishes, and trash bags. It is also a good idea to have a pre-signed authorization letter to allow a responsible party to seek veterinary care for your animals in case you are not home when an emergency occurs. You should also have pet carriers and crates easily accessible if needed on short notice. All animals must always wear identification tags and should be microchipped.

In the event a disaster occurs when you are away from home, make sure you have stickers on your doors/win-

dows to alert responders to the fact that there are animals in your house, and how many of each type are there. Find a neighbor who would be available to help with your pets if necessary — they need to have a key to your home, know your animals well enough to be comfortable tending to them and removing them if necessary; they should also know how to reach you and what your plans are for evacua-



Loki and his “to go” bag.

tion, as well as where your “To Go” supplies are kept.

Develop an evacuation plan now. If you need to leave your house, find friends/family who would take you and your pets, and leave this information in the house in case people need to contact you. Try to find somewhere outside of your immediate area that would accept your entire family if you needed to evacuate. Check out the plans that your county has for emergency sheltering.

Leave while the going is good. Don't wait until the last minute — if a disaster is pending, get out of harm's way with your pets as soon as possible.

There are many good resources to help you with details of your disaster plans, including:

FEMA:

<http://www.ready.gov/caring-animals>

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS):

http://www.humanesociety.org/about/departments/disaster_preparedness.html

American Red Cross:

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/pet-safety>

There are also some great training classes available (for instance, many different organizations offer Pet First Aid). There are also CERT teams (Community Emergency Response Teams) in most counties that provide training for human and animal preparedness. Check out the many resources that are available to you, before an emergency happens. Being prepared now can provide peace of mind to you and security for your animals when the unexpected happens.

Afternoon of Fun at PAW Prints in the Park 2013!

By Liz Dietz

On Sunday, May 5, 2013, PAW held its 8th annual outdoor get-together, PAW Prints in the Park. Volunteers, adoptive families, and other friends of PAW gathered with their dogs at beautiful Whitemarsh Park in Bowie, MD to catch up with one another, eat a picnic lunch, and enjoy the natural surroundings. Since volunteers and adopters are located throughout the Washington DC–suburban Maryland area, PAW Prints has become an important event for keeping members of the PAW family in touch with one another and it was great to see some of the new volunteers, along with many PAW veterans.

Our volunteers are always delighted to see how the animals they cared for and their adoptive families are doing. Several new and long-time adopters came out this year — in fact, one sweet dog who was adopted from PAW in 1998 came with her mom, and is still doing great!

This year's event was held in early May, and the weather was pleasant and about 65 degrees — the coolest



Wendy Hall demonstrates paw bandaging technique on “patient” Molly.

PAW Prints event on record! While some would have liked it a bit warmer, there were no complaints from the dogs, who thoroughly enjoyed rolling on their backs in the open air, playing, getting petted, snoozing, and taking long walks with their people. Along one of the park's best trails, bowls of fresh water had been set out, and these doubled as trail markers for the dog handlers.

There were three special demos at this year's event. Lisa Pfeiffer gave a

demonstration on enjoying safe and fun outdoor activities with her adopted blind dog, Zina. It was amazing and

heartwarming to see the deep bond that these two have developed. (Also see the Summer 2012 *PAW Shakes* article on Zina at http://www.paw-rescue.org/PawNewsletter/PAWNewsltr_Sum12.pdf.)

Next, PAW foster and veterinarian, Wendy Hall, and a helpful assistant gave a first-aid demo on a very cooperative “patient”, Molly. Wendy showed attendees the various materials that are useful to

have on hand in case you need to treat a wound before getting your pet to the vet. She demonstrated how to use these materials to apply a bandage to your pet and how to watch for swelling from a too-tight bandage. Wendy also showed the group how to take their dog's temperature using a well-lubricated flexible digital thermometer. She explained that having one on hand and knowing your pet's normal temperature are important so you know when it

is high for him or her. She explained that normal temperature for a dog can range from 100–102.5°. This practical demo was very much appreciated, as it's always good to be prepared in case your pet has an accident or becomes ill.

For the third exhibition, we were treated to a K9 Nose Work demonstration by Shelley Namoski, with her dog Pebbles, and PAW volunteer Sharon Kirby, with her dog Rusty. Almost any

dog can get involved with K9 Nose Work, and these talented pups wowed us with the skills they have learned. All three demos were both entertaining and educational. Many thanks to Lisa, Wendy, Shelley, Sharon, and the dogs who participated!

With the sale of PAW merchandise, soft drinks, chips, and baked goods, a mini flea market, and decorative gift baskets and general donations,

this year's PAW Prints brought in about \$900 for our animals! The funds raised are much needed and allow us to continue to save more dogs and cats. Many thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to our sponsors and organizers. Watch the PAW Shakes newsletter and the PAW website next spring for information about our 2014 PAW Prints in the PARK event.

Looking after elderly dogs

By Vicky Balenger

As older dogs start to develop chronic/acute health issues, become less mobile, and also (in our experience) more stubborn, there can be challenges involved in keeping them comfortable and safe. Having recently lost our Lab mix Midnight at 15, and with 12 year-old Denver getting creakier, my husband, Steve, and I have found certain adjustments and accommodations to be important. Here are some examples.

Temperature regulation. All three of the older dogs we've loved and cared for have shown significant negative ef-

fects with the summer heat. Even when only going outside for quick potty breaks, they have appeared weaker and more debilitated...and then bounced back when the weather cooled off. In

Appetite and ability to chew.

addition to keeping the thermostat a little lower, we have given the dogs specially designated canine ice cream and ice chips as needed. The chips seem easier on their teeth than ice cubes, and can quickly help bring the dog out of a panting, overheated state.

Denver, who was always a voracious eater, has become finicky about what he will eat. Treatment for a recently-diagnosed thyroid problem does not seem to be helping as much as we had hoped. So his dog food has to be "enhanced" with cooked chicken or egg, brown rice, oatmeal (rolled oats, not instant which can include salt), and canned pumpkin, canned tuna in water (rinsed well and, drained to remove salt). Thawed frozen vegetables are also good additions, but not sufficient alone. Boiled chicken thighs work well because the dark meat has extra fat and nutrients, and they don't contain the hazardous bone shards that come with chicken legs. Denver is also insisting on moist treats, which are tastier and easier on his teeth than Milkbone-type biscuits.

Traction and stability. One of the most important accommodations that we have made is to add rubber-backed rugs and runners throughout the house, so our elderly dogs are less likely to slip and fall. We learned this the hard way, after Midnight had a couple of falls that left her with painfully splayed-out legs, so that she had to be urgently scooped up and laid down on her side (thankfully she did not sustain any real injuries). Denver is now probably underweight, but remains a barrel-chested dog with rather spindly legs, which are further weakened by muscle atrophy. He has trouble getting up from bare floors — although he still prefers their coolness in summer — and it is an effort to negotiate even the few steps to get in and out of the house. We often slip a small throw rug under his legs to give him something to grip; this works best if he's lying on his side, where the rug will go under all four legs, but one rug under his forward-facing front legs is better than nothing.

We have also used rubber carpet padding or old towels to cover the flagstone steps leading to our backyard, and lay out a towel at the bottom to cushion the impact as his feet land there. Finally, we have found that when there is frailty or hesitation about climbing steps, it has been helpful to put the dog in a leashed harness for extra support and confidence.



Old friends Midnight (top) and Denver

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Interestingly, when Denver has appeared to forget how to make his legs work together, he has caught on again just at the sight of his harness. It seems that his muscle memory might be “jogged” by seeing a piece of gear he has worn on so many walks over the years. Note that websites featur-

ing disabled dog supplies sell harnesses that directly support the back legs, if a conventional harness is inadequate for getting the dog off the floor, walking, or going up and down stairs.

Mobile vets and groomers. These have been indispensable in looking after our older dogs, decreasing the stress

and risk associated with getting them in and out of the car for nail trimming and most of their medical care. Our mobile vet really came through when we needed him, giving Midnight a peaceful ending and leaving us with a paw print cast as a comforting remembrance.



Happy Ending

One of the best parts of being a PAW volunteer is helping our animals find their forever homes. We recently asked an adopter of one of our furry friends how he was doing. We also asked a PAW volunteer to tell us how she got started and why she loves volunteering with PAW.

Our dog Carson

By *Patrick Raymond*

My family adopted our dog, Carson, in January of 2012, when I was 12 years old. Before his arrival, I had begged my parents to get a Golden for a very long time. When I was finally allowed to get a dog, my dad insisted that it should be small. It wasn't my first choice, but I was still excited. I went to see a group of PAW dogs at PetSmart, and there I found a Poodle mix called Carson. When we first saw Carson his hair was shaved which made him look scrawny. He had big brown eyes that had a hint of shyness, but also expressed a desire to be loved. I felt a

connection to him and asked my dad if we could adopt him.

Now, I can't imagine life without Carson. Our house revolves around him. Everyone talks about him like he is the baby of the family. He is so spoiled — he sleeps on my pillow at night and perches in the bay window, waiting for my brother and me to arrive home from school. As soon as we open the door, Carson is ready to play! He loves to run throughout the house with us, hiding and playing fetch. Carson shows so much love and loyalty to all of us; getting him has been the best thing ever! Thank you PAW!

Why volunteer?

By *Karen Huguely*

I always knew I would get involved in volunteering. And I was very certain that at least one of my volunteer efforts would involve animals. Animals, especially dogs, have always been a big part of my life. While growing up, my family and I shared our lives with German Shepherds, but over the years, we've had an assortment of companions — hamsters, ferrets, cats, birds, and horses, to name a few. Each pet was wonderfully unique and special and we loved them all dearly. I knew, however,

that there were many animals that didn't have loving families and that too many were abandoned, mistreated or neglected. They hadn't chosen their fates and were helpless to change them on their own. They deserved the opportunity to be safe and loved and I wanted to help them somehow.

For me, there were two questions I had to answer. With which organization would I volunteer...and when? There are many wonderful rescue groups in the area and they all need help. The answer to my first question became clear in 1998, when my husband and I adopted our Beagle boy, Max, from PAW. It was a wonderful experience and Max was an awesome boy (don't all proud parents say that about their “kids”?). We had other dogs, but Max was our first rescue adoption. It was a great feeling to know that we had saved a life and possibly also created an opportunity for another animal to be rescued. It was at that time that I think PAW became part of my volunteer destiny.

That destiny was reinforced again in 2006 when my parents found a Mom cat and her four kittens hiding under their shed. We didn't know what to do but we were certain that we were



Carson relaxes in his favorite chair.

going to save them. It was late spring and a booming time for kittens. As we started contacting rescues for help, we discovered that most were overflowing and couldn't take in any more animals. It was becoming discouraging. Finally, I made a call to PAW, expecting to be turned away, but the PAW volunteers immediately came to our rescue and helped us while we cared for the kittens. We knew absolutely nothing about cats; neither my mother nor I had ever owned any previously. PAW was so helpful. A couple of the volunteers visited us each week to give us guidance and to take the kittens to the adoption shows. Eventually, when fosters became available, PAW was able to take the kittens. It was tough letting them go after spending so much time with them, but we knew that they were well on their way to finding their forever homes. Once again, it was so satisfying knowing that we had helped to save their lives. And what became of the Mom cat? Well, I'm happy to report that Molly is doing well and

enjoying life as a spoiled rotten feline with my parents!

So now I knew exactly where I was going to volunteer. I just needed to determine the right time to do it. I was worried that I wouldn't be able to offer much. If I wasn't able to foster animals, what else could I do? I didn't have any special skills or talents. How much available time did I have? With an unpredictable job schedule and family obligations, I was afraid I couldn't be consistent. I struggled with the uncertainty and indecision for a long time. Then, one day, I read an article in Paw Shakes about walking rescue dogs. It sounded perfect. I thought I might be able to make it work with my schedule. It was a small first step but it was a start. I went to PAW's website and found the location of their next volunteer orientation.

That was over 1-1/2 years ago. Since then, I have played with and walked many dogs. I have so many wonderful memories of each of the canines I've met. How could I ever forget Tripp's

joyful exuberance or Sheldon's and Rupert's lovable goofiness? And then there are the great memories of Gigi, Molly, Happy, Hershey, Mazy, Winter, Denver, Rocco.....the list goes on and on. Each one has entertained me and touched me and I feel extremely honored and lucky to have been able to spend time with them. An especially unexpected joy came one day when I met, and ultimately fell in love with, a speckled girl named Freckles. She is now a beloved member of our family. Seeing her joy as we play outside, and her excitement each time she greets my husband and I, reminds me of all the reasons I volunteer for PAW.

Volunteering is so easy and rewarding. Pet fostering, exercise, and socialization are always in great demand, but there are many other ways to help. Do you enjoy meeting people or hosting? If so, then participating in adoption shows and fundraisers might work for you. Or maybe you enjoy photography, videography, or writing. There's a need for those talents as well. There are countless numbers of ways to help PAW in their mission. In my short tenure as a volunteer, I've walked dogs, assisted at fundraisers, participated at adoption shows, hung flyers, and helped with other administrative functions. I can't think of a better way to spend my free time and only wish I had taken that first small step earlier. Being part of a team that helps loving, deserving animals find their perfect families is the best feeling in the world! It doesn't matter how much time you can invest, or what service you provide. Nothing is too small or insignificant. . . It ALL matters. . . and it all begins with that first small step.

To rephrase a popular commercial:

Cost to volunteer: \$0.00

Time investment in volunteering:

As little or as much as you desire

Personal fulfillment and sense of purpose: PRICELESS!

ANNOUNCING THE 2014 PAW PETS CALENDAR— YOUR PHOTOS WANTED!

Think your PAW pet ought to be in pictures?

PAW is seeking photos of adopted PAW cats and dogs for our annual PAW Calendar for 2014.

Snap away and send via e-mail to amy.bleich@verizon.net

Photos need to be submitted by 9/30/13.

But don't wait—get them in now!



Send us your high resolution photo via e-mail (around 2 MB size preferable). Only one submission for each adopted PAW pet. Plus, for those with multiple PAW pets, you get an extra submission for a group shot. Hint: dogs with cats and holiday/theme photos are especially welcome!

Please include your name, PAW pet name, and year adopted. Only the adopted family can submit photos. We request permission to be able to use your photos for the calendar, our website, newsletter, or other PAW media. So get out there and start snapping away—we know there are lots of happy cats and dogs we'd love to showcase.



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In remembrance of Linda Bren

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to one of PAW's most devoted members, Linda Bren, on July 31st, 2013, after a long battle with Leukemia. Linda joined PAW in 2005, having previously worked with other rescue organizations, including Lab Rescue. While with PAW, Linda fostered many dogs in need of love and care and found them wonderful forever homes. Those who needed her most and touched her heart in a special way she adopted herself. When the treatments for Leukemia failed her, she asked to come home from the hospital to be close to her beloved Bingo and Doogie.

Linda had many friends among the PAW volunteers and we greatly miss her cheerful and caring presence.



Linda at an adoption show with PAW dogs Cheyenne and Lakota.



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