

THE BARK

Creating Happy Futures



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

By PAWS Board of Directors

We would like to thank everyone who made a difference in an animal's life by providing support to PAWS in 2015. As an all-volunteer, 501(3)(c) charity, PAWS relies solely on fundraising activities, your generous, tax-deductible contributions and the occasional grant.

We strive to provide better lives for local animals by assisting with the cost of spaying and neutering, helping needy pets through our Pet Food Pantry, rescuing, retraining and rehoming shelter dogs through our New Leash on Life Program at a local prison.

PAWS was founded in 1990 by a group of animal lovers concerned for the health and welfare of all animals. PAWS educates the public and strongly believes that education is the key to a healthier animal community.

In 2015, we spayed and neutered 302 cats and dogs, as compared to 71 back in 2007.

November 5, 2015, was the 21st graduation for our New Leash on Life dogs. Since its inception, 72 dogs have gone through this program, finding their forever homes.

Whether you are an individual, a veterinarian, a corporation or a private business, there is a considerable role you can have by partnering with PAWS to save lives. Together, we can assure the cat and dog population in Pamlico County will have a happy future.

Thanks to those who volunteered their time at the PAWS Yard Sale on February 13th. Feel free to join us at our monthly meetings. We welcome new faces and new ideas!



Calendar of Events

March 21
PAWS Meeting

April 16
Dog Parade

May 7
Art on the Neuse

May 21
Furball

July 2
Croaker Festival

Dec 9 & 10
Spirit of Christmas

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YARD SALE

The PAWS Yard Sale was on Saturday, February 13 at the Oriental Woman's Club. Our yard sale is one of our largest money-making events. We want to thank all the volunteers who helped with this event, from pricing items and setting up to selling. We had a lot of fun!

FUN FACT: To show how much PAWS volunteers love animals, we polled 9 volunteers at the yard sale as to how many dogs and cats were family members. The Answer: 31 cats and 16 dogs! That's a lot of love!

EXTRA EXTRA!

If you like shopping online, stop by any of these websites and share your support by choosing PAWS as your non-profit of choice. Each time you make a purchase PAWS will receive money.

www.amazon.com

www.wooftrax.com

www.chewy.com

Sammi and Sofie's Wholesome Dog Treats are available at the Oriental Farmers Market and several local retailers. We receive 10% back.

The Inland Waterway Provision Company in Oriental has PAWS T-Shirts and Sweatshirts for sale.

DOG PARADE

The date for this year's Dog Parade is on April 16. This will be the 11th year for the PAWS Dog Parade. The dogs always have a good time meeting friends, and so do their humans. So come out and share and show off your four-legged family members with others. Details to follow on our website and towndock.net.



SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

The Spay and Neuter Program provides assistance to low-income Pamlico County residents who are financially unable to alter their pets. Applications for vouchers are available at local vets or by calling 252-745-PAWS or at www.pamlicopaws.net. Spaying and neutering is the humane, common-sense way to prevent thousands of unwanted animals from being born or killed. PAWS will be working hard this year fund raising to pay for this worthy cause.

DOG HOUSES



Houses like this have been made and donated by Ron Stevens/PAWS to needy dogs, in the spirit of community service, not for purchase. Ron is to be commended for this effort, as much as the canine recipients appreciate it! He puts the logo on them so people will know that PAWS is responsible.

Thanks Ron!

FOSTERING

By Muffin Schmidt

When people find out I foster animals, almost all respond by saying "I could never do that." What they mean is, they could never love an animal, take it into their home and later give it up for adoption.

Rescuing animals by first fostering them is one of the most gratifying things I've ever done. You get to love, often neglected, abused or abandoned animals as if they're one of your own. This is for a short period of time to help them start healing physically and or mentally. I get to see an animal go from a shelter (the first line of help) to its forever home. This journey brings with it a myriad of emotions-pure joy, excitement and a small amount of sadness. In the end, happiness truly outweighs the sadness.



PAWS has a New Leash on Life Program with a network of volunteers that help to place my fosters in their forever home. I never have to worry that I'll have a foster dog that won't find a home, since we have a 100% adoption rate.



This brings me to one of the perks of being a foster parent, which is being what they call a "foster failure." Yes, on occasion one comes, fits in so well, and I just happen to have space available. I've failed 20% of the time. That's not a bad rate. This arrangement is one of the true win-win situations. If my foster stays, we have a great life together, and if my foster goes on to be adopted, I get to see them live happily ever after.

I consider myself a bridge. I help needy animals get from one place to another.

Above are photos of my fosters. Jeannie Noel is a hairless Chinese Crested and Cocker Spaniel mix that was a stray wondering around Havelock 3 weeks before Christmas of 2013. She is one of my foster failures.

Tenney and Gibbs were also fosters who found forever homes.

If anyone is considering fostering, I would like to encourage them. Fosters are a very vital and needed part of the animal rescue world. You can only lose your heart to an animal and if worst comes to worst you join the many foster failure families.

A Poem to My Foster Dog

I am the bridge
between what was and what can be.
I am the pathway to a new life.

I am made of mush,
because my heart melted when I saw you,
matted and sore, limping, depressed,
lonely, unwanted, afraid to love.

For one little time you are mine.
I will feed you with my own hand
I will love you with my whole heart
I will make you whole.

I am made of steel,
because when the time comes,
when you are well and sleek,
when your eyes shine, and your tail wags
with joy
then comes the hard part.

I will let you go not without a tear,
but without a regret.
For you are safe forever
a new dog needs me now.

Diane Morgan/1999

NEW LEASH ON LIFE PROGRAM

By Muffin Schmidt

In 2012, PAWS began a "New Leash on Life" (NLOL) dog rescue/training program, partnering with the Pamlico Correctional Institution in Bayboro, North Carolina. PAWS partners with other rescue groups to place dogs into this Program. Including the graduation this March, 139 dogs have been adopted into their forever homes. The Program benefits the inmates as well as the dogs. The inmate trainers learn patience, responsibility and a feeling of accomplishment while becoming experienced dog trainers. These well-behaved companions graduate every eight weeks ready to join new, forever families. Adopting families are able to attend their dog's graduation. Here are our next NLOL dogs in their own words!

Hi there, my name is **Haley** aka Peanut and as you can plainly see I have ears that would make Sister Bertrille of The Flying Nun proud. Weighing a mere 27 lbs. and a young 2 or so years old, we could share a long happy life. A low energy hound mix girl that just wants her forever human to appear, so we can have many adventures together. Now, that I've landed on my feet in the Pamlico New Leash on Life program, my difficult past is just a fading memory and being a true southern lady. My foster dad says I get along well with other dogs and not so well with all cats. **Haley has been sponsored by Dr. Sherri Hicks of Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital. I FOUND A HOME!**



Cole is my name and playing is my game. "Play, play, play all day" is my motto. I'm so glad to be in the New Leash on Life program at Pamlico's Correctional Institution. People have said they think I might be a Sheltie mix which means I'm very smart. I really love kids too. My foster mom says I'm sweet and a love bug. Just a baby at around 5 months old, it will be your job to teach me everything you want me to do. If it sounds like we could be best buddies please fill out an application. Being very treat motivated, I can't wait to show you all the tricks I will have learned. **Cole is sponsored by Delanie Royal (gave PAWS her birthday money) and Ed, Lee & Daisy Duer.**



I'm Scarlet and a sweeter dog you'll never find. I truly love everything and everyone. No one knows exactly what I am, but some seem to think I'm part Labrador, Spaniel, and maybe Terrier. They all say the same thing "whatever she is she got the best of everything". Still a young girl at 11 months old we could have many happy years together. A cuddle bug that would love nothing better than to be your couch potato every night. I'll be waiting patiently. **Scarlet has been sponsored by Ron and Louise Stevens. I FOUND A HOME!**



All NLOL dogs are fully vetted, UTD on vaccines and spayed or neutered. When they graduate from The Pamlico Correctional Institution, they will have 8 weeks of crate and housebreaking training along with some obedience and agility training. Haley and Scarlet have been adopted. If it sounds like Cole and you could be best friends contact Jackie with questions at 252-649-5504 or Penny at 252-249-1543 or go to pamlicopaws.net to fill out an adoption application. All adopting families will be able to attend their doggie's graduation in mid-March.

Haley, Cole and Scarlet thank you!

FURBALL

Come join us for the Furball presented by Passion For Paws sponsored by Lynaire Kennels and Jill's Pet Gallery, benefiting animal welfare non-profits. This year will be PAWS 3rd year to benefit from the semi-formal event to be held on May 21st at the Riverfront Convention Center from 6-11pm. The evening will kick off with the famous VIP (Very Important Pooch) walk on the red carpet of adoptable pets, silent auction, raffle, dinner, and entertainment! Tickets are available soon. Contact Muffin at 249-1715 if you are interested in attending.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER

A friend of PAWS, Jane McMorrow, has donated a beautiful sculpture of a Bob White made from Tupelo wood. This breathtaking piece was carved meticulously by her father, William (Bill) McMorrow. He was a



tool and die maker by trade in New Jersey and started carving birds when he retired at 53. When Jane's mother died he married Audrey and moved to Goldsboro, NC, for a short time, soon moving back to New Jersey. His sculptures won first prize on several occasions.



Bill unexpectedly passed away in June of last year leaving many unfinished works of art. Jane, also an artist, is currently trying to complete some of his work.



"I recall one of my last visits with Dad. We went out to his workshop to get something, and he turned to an owl on the bench and said, 'I will be back to finish you soon.' He never made it. My Dad never sold a bird for profit. He would give them as gifts, donate profits to his church or offer them to a rescue organization to raffle off. In this spirit, all proceeds from bird sales will be donated to a local charity, PAWS. They rescue dogs from shelters, bring them into the New Leash on Life Program where they are specially trained by inmates. They have graduated some of the most amazing best friends. This program benefits both mankind and his best friend. I think Dad would approve!"

This beautiful piece is for sale and can be seen at The Village Gallery, 300 Hodges St, Oriental, NC, between March 1st and May 1st. All proceeds will benefit PAWS. Thanks Jane!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

We had a warm day dishing up chili on December 12th for those with the Christmas spirit. We want to thank everyone who brought crocs full of delicious chili. Fund raising included donations for the chili and sales from T-shirts, sweatshirts, jewelry and greeting cards.



You don't have to wait until an event to purchase PAWS shirts. You can go anytime to the Inland Waterway Provision Company in Oriental.



If you are looking for jewelry as a gift, call Roz Kutchins at 252-349-0466. She donates her beautiful jewelry to PAWS, like the zipper pull shown here to the right with the PAW and glass bead.



If you are looking for greeting cards or prints made from original watercolors, please call Lynn Hines at 252-571-0188. Proceeds go to PAWS.



PAWS would like to thank Diane Miller, Oriental Town Manager, for letting PAWS, once again, use the porch at Town Hall.

CAT CORNER

PAWS would like to send a big THANK YOU to our local vets, Dr. Dorothy Dimond/Oriental Pet Clinic and Dr. Sheri Hicks/Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital for participating in a very successful spay and neuter clinic for cats this past fall. 110 cats were altered. This raised our total for 2015 to an all-time high of about 320 financially-assisted spay/neuters.

PAWS is sponsoring a free spaying and neutering cat clinic. This is only for low income folks in Pamlico County. All cats must be in a carrier. Owners must provide proof of rabies or the rabies vaccine is \$10 at time of surgery. Only 2 cats per household. Call Dr. Hicks at Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital at 252-249-2149 or Dr. Dimond at Oriental Pet Clinic at 249-2775 for an appointment. According to the ASPCA, a pair of cats can produce 2 or more litters per year which can result in 400,000 cats in 7 years! Let your friends know they can make donations so we can continue to do more free clinics to control the over-population of cats in Pamlico County.

Craven Pamlico Animal Services Center, 1639 Old Airport Rd., New Bern, NC, 252- 637-4606 is always willing to help evaluate their cats if someone is looking to adopt. During the kitten season, they'll have kittens as well.

Remember, if it is too cold for you it is probably too cold for your pet, so keep your pets inside. If you leave your car outside, bang on your hood or honk your horn. Feral cats can crawl under your hood to find a warm place to sleep. <https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/Cold-weather-pet-safety.aspx>

THE BARK

By Lynn Hines

This is our first publication of *The Bark*. We hope you enjoy reading about this very active organization and the impact PAWS has on the quality of life of our animals in Pamlico County.



If you have a story about your rescue animal, including New Leash on Life dogs, we want to hear about it. Feel free to send pictures too to thepawsbark@gmail.com.

Here is my story. I have three rescue black American Short Hair cats. One I named Pyewacket, after a cat in the movie *Bell, Book and Candle*. I found Pyewacket stuck in a grate on a sidewalk one morning going to work. She was only 4 weeks old. I worked at a bank in Cincinnati at that time, so Pye spent the day walking all over my desk which my customers found amusing. I had a radio on my desk which she hid behind, popping her head up all through the day, like she was playing hide and go seek. She is now a very affectionate 7 year old who keeps me busy playing hide and go seek.



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PAWS is a North Carolina 501(3)(c) non-profit organization striving to provide a better life for local animals. We are always needing volunteers. Meetings usually are 4:00 p.m., the 3rd Monday of the month, at the Oriental Town Hall.

MEMBERSHIP: \$20 individual & \$25 family Membership applications are available on our website.
Online donations are welcome on our website too.

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