

# PAW PRINTS

People Helping Animals, Animals Helping People

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## Mission

To enrich the lives of both animals and people as a solution-based community resource for animal welfare by providing high-volume and high-quality spay and neuter, rescue and adoption services, volunteer opportunities, outreach and education

## Vision

To be the regional leader for animal welfare in adoption, spay and neuter, outreach, and education to ultimately create a **No-Kill** community.



## THE “NO-KILL” MOVEMENT

Referred to as the “father” of the no-kill movement, animal welfare activist Ed Duvin wrote groundbreaking articles challenging the “business as usual” mentality of the animal welfare movement in the 1980s and 1990s.

Ed Duvin believed we could do better than the status quo, which at that time consisted of 80% - 90% euthanasia rates in animal control facilities. He challenged boards of directors and shelter workers in nonprofit animal welfare organizations to, “hold themselves accountable for meeting demanding performance standards that preserve life-not destroy it.”

Duvin’s ideas were revolutionary at the time and began a new wave of thinking that continues to this day in the mission and vision of organizations like PAWS Humane.

We have been true to our vision to make PAWS Humane “the regional leader for animal welfare in adoption, spay/neuter, outreach and education to ultimately create a no-kill community.” We operate the only high-volume low-cost spay/neuter clinic in our region providing over **7,300** surgeries per year.

Our Pets for Life community outreach program got off to a great start last year providing free rabies vaccines to over 400 dogs and 1,200 free spay/neuter surgeries to pets in underserved neighborhoods. Spay/neuter is the single most important element of the “**No-Kill Equation.**” It is the key to reduced animal intakes which in turn reduces euthanasia rates in animal control facilities.

The actual results in Columbus, Georgia have been nothing short of astonishing. In years past, Columbus Animal Care and Control took in almost 8,000 animals annually. This year we estimate that number will be less than 4,500. Where the euthanasia rate in 2009 was 80%, as of June, 2016 that rate is down to **17%**.

Our adoption numbers are higher than they have ever been. We don’t just house our adoptable dogs and cats. We enrich their lives. Children volunteer at PAWS Humane through our PAWS to Read program. Athletes and hikers sign up for Running Buddies taking our high energy dogs on fun outings. Our team of Volunteer Dog Trainers teach our animals the good manners that will help ensure successful adoptions.

The good news is that what we are doing is working. Live release rates for Columbus Animal Care and Control have risen from 20% to **83%** in just six years. High-volume spay/neuter has everything to do with reducing birthrates which in turn reduces intakes.

Please remember when you support PAWS Humane you are supporting the wellbeing of companion animals in our community.

-**Bobbi Yeo, CEO**

## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NO-KILL EQUATION?

1. A Trap, neuter, release program for free-living cats.
2. High-volume, low-cost spay/neuter
3. Working with rescue groups
4. A foster care program
5. Comprehensive adoption programs
6. Pet retention efforts
7. Medical & behavioral rehabilitation
8. Public relations/community involvement
9. Working with volunteers
10. Progressive field services & proactive redemptions
11. A compassionate director



# MEET MAXIMUS

## PAWS HUMANE'S ROCK STAR

### Board of Directors

*Tom Moore— President*

*Lori Turner—  
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*Brian Waters*

*Bobbi Yeo— CEO*

*Drale Short— Ex-Officio*

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### Shelter Hours

#### Adoption Hours

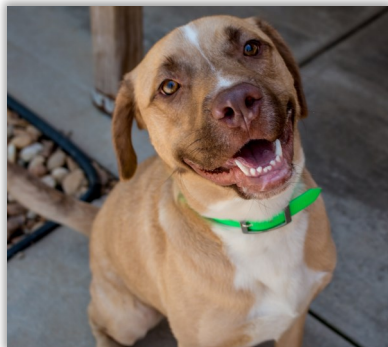
Monday-Friday  
10am - 6pm

Saturday  
10am - 5pm

Sunday  
12pm - 5pm

#### Clinic Hours

Monday-Friday  
7:30am - 6pm



Let me take a minute to tell you about our boy Maximus. He is without a doubt the most adventurous dog to ever stay at Paws. Maximus has a truly one of a kind personality that makes it impossible not to fall in love with him.

The staff often jokes about what career he would have if he were human and these are just a few suggestions. Pro Rugby player, Extreme Sports enthusiast, Mt. Kilimanjaro guide, or American Ninja Warrior Champion. Maximus has a fierce love of life that is contagious. He makes you want to get outside and play as joyfully as he does.

Maximus has come a long way in his **205** day stay with us here at Paws. He came to us as a stray from Animal Care & Control in January 2016. He was a little wild and with absolutely no manners. Our great Volunteer Dog Trainers have seen great success with Maximus in his training. He now knows sit, down, leave it, stay, and look. Maximus thrives on using his quick intelligence and thirst for life to excel at his training.



Maximus is waiting patiently on his best friend to come find him so the adventures can begin. Will that be you? Whoever Maximus chooses as his partner in life will be lucky indeed. This handsome boy deserves the best in life from his family because he will give you in return nothing less than 110% of himself. Come see the exciting Maximus today and have the pleasure of meeting one awesome dog.



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MAX OR TO BECOME HIS NEW HOME,  
CONTACT KATI MORRELL AT 706-660-5920  
OR KMORRELL@PAWSHUMANE.ORG**





# PROTECT THE PAWS

## IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOU, IT'S TOO HOT FOR THEM!

Summertime is in full swing and everyone knows summer in Georgia is HOT! Whether it's over exhausting or having a heat stroke, dogs face all kinds of dangers when the temperature rises. But many don't realize that a gruesome danger is right beneath Fido's feet.

Whether on an asphalt road, concrete sidewalk, or a brick path, dog owners should be aware that surface temperatures can be many degrees above the ambient air temperature. Asphalt temperatures can be high enough to literally fry an egg. Sizzling hot pavement can cause painful blisters and burns to our pups' feet.

### What can I do to prevent damage to my pup's feet?

- If the pavement is too hot, walk your dog early in the morning and late in the day so that surfaces will be cooler.
- Walk your dog in grassy areas.
- When it's not so hot outside, walk your dog as often as possible on cement to build up calluses on his pads. They act as an insulator providing another few degrees of protection and helps prevent blisters.

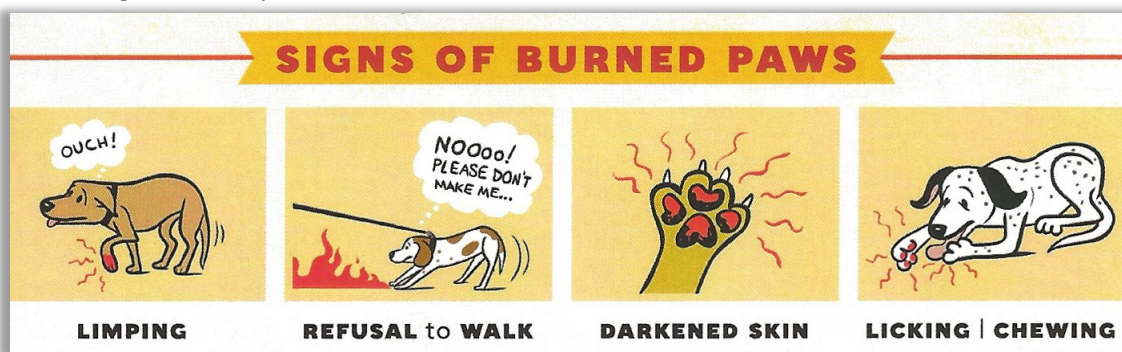
### How do I know if the pavement is too hot?

Fortunately there is a way to test to see if the surface is too hot for a walk. Place the back of your hand on the surface. If you can't keep it here for 5 seconds, it is too hot for the dog's feet.

### What do I do if my dog's feet get a burn or blister?

If a dog experiences a burn or blister several steps should be taken to prevent injury. Dog paws are also very prone to infection so immediate response is critical if you detect any burns or cuts.

- Wash the dog's paw with antibacterial soap or dilute Dawn and pat dry with a soft towel.
- Clean the burns immediately. You can use betadine or an antiseptic spray (one with a pain reliever is best).
- Apply antibiotic ointment over the damaged area and wrap with gauze then pull a sock up over the foot and leg to prevent the dog from chewing at the wrap.



## MEET DR. PETTRY



Dr. Nicky Pettry is the newest member of the Paws Humane Veterinarian team. Nicky was raised in Chester, Va., and then made her way to the South for Vet School. Promoting compassion for all animals is one of her strongest passions, and she found a place at

Paws that fits right in with her ideas. Nicky's love for animals extends all the way to her pack at home with six cats and one dog. Her new family at Paws is excited and eager to see this art loving, cake decorating, green thumb having Veterinarian change the lives of our shelter animals.

**Nicky Pettry, DVM**  
Associate Veterinarian

# VOLUNTEER LEADERS

## HONORING THE LIFELINE OF PAWS HUMANE

Volunteers are the heart of any nonprofit organization and they work tirelessly for nothing in return. That's why it is so important to us to show our volunteers how much they are appreciated. We are so thankful for ALL of our volunteers! This year, it is our pleasure to recognize just a few exceptional leaders who really stand out in a crowd.



### SPOTTED AT...

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH JULY 30TH, 2016

**Lifetime Achievement- Becky Braxton**

**Volunteer of the Year- Tom McDaniel**

**Humane-itarian of the Year- George Hogg**

**Pick of the Litter- David Stricker**

**Volunteer Dog Trainer- Becky Pence**

**The Cat's Meow- Max Anderson**

**Lickety Split Award- Tom Lokey**

**In-Home Hero- Leslie Davis**

**Offsite All-Star- Anahi Rocha**

**Healing Hands- Samantha Special**

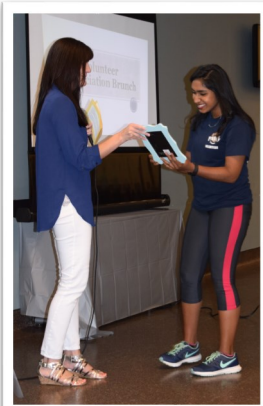
**Most Versatile Player- Mirella McMorran**

**Behind the Scenes- Mary Causey**

**Big Heart Award- Halie Hathaway**

**Friendliest Face at Paws- Liz Jordan**

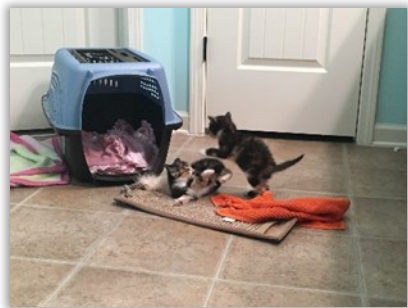
**Capture This Award- Ekta Parab**





# “IN-HOME HEROES”

## TALES OF AN ACCIDENTAL FOSTER MOM



“Foster some kittens” she said...“it will be fun,” she said. “How much trouble could two tiny kittens possibly be? Besides, if you don’t take them, they will be euthanized today,” my sister said. So, that’s how this story started, and let me say that I am so happy I was able to take the two tiny terrors and save them from an unfair fate. But folks, fostering ain’t easy.

“MY TINY TERRORS ARE SECRETLY NINJAS WITH NO REGARD FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.”

Perhaps you should know that while I am an animal lover, I am definitely “team dog.” Cats and me don’t typically get along. Or rather, cats don’t love me. I think it is the fact that we both seem to have “type A” personalities and therefore neither one of us is the calm one in the relationship. However, when my sister asked me to foster two kittens who are not even

a pound each, I had visions of purrs and cuddles from tiny kittens in my head. My first night with the tiny terrors quickly opened my eyes.

When the kittens first arrived at my house, it was late in the evening and their day had been very eventful. I thought that I should welcome them to my home by showing them they are safe and loved. In my mind, the best way to do this was by holding them and offering them some love. Ummm...no. I picked up Lady Di and she quickly scrambled from my grasp, like I was infected with the plague. “Okay,” I thought, “maybe she is just shy.” I went for Princess Kate, and she looked at me like I was the devil himself, and opened her tiny mouth in a silent hiss. We were not off to a good start.

After getting the kittens settled in with food, water, litter, etc., I decided to sit in there with them to give them a chance to calm down and bond with me. Ha! That bonding session turned into a stare off, in which we both just felt jumpy and uncomfortable. Wanting to get my confidence back, I retreated and played with my puppy, someone who likes me and appreciates me.

I went in to check on the kittens one more time before I went to bed. Now, it is here that I should tell you that when we got the kittens settled in earlier in the evening, I put them in my very deep garden tub. I thought they would feel safer in an enclosed area and that it would be easier if they were contained. Well, turns out a bathtub is no match for a tiny kitten because when I went in to check on them Lady Di was sitting on the edge of that tub pretty as you please. I stared at her wide-eyed, as she nearly gave me a heart attack, and she stared back at me like I was the biggest idiot in the world. Which, I suppose I was.

Apparently my tiny terrors are also secretly ninjas with no regard for their own safety. Their ninja skills left me shaken and worried. I was convinced that they would fall off of the edge of the tub to their untimely death during the night. Not on my watch tiny terrors! You will not plunge to your death on the day you were rescued! To ease my mind, I placed a body pillow at the bottom of the tub, removed anything that may aide them in their escape plans, and placed the terror back in the tub. I know you are laughing at my naiveté here. Trust me, I have learned much in the last few days. Yep, kittens don’t need a fluffy pillow to land on because they are, in fact, ninjas.

The next morning I opened the door, unsure of what I would find. I had to brace myself against the visions of destruction that were running through my mind. As I slowly opened the door I found two darling kittens curled up together asleep....on the top of their kennel...on the opposite side of the room from the garden tub. Ninjas I tell you! Tiny ninjas!

-Christie Morrell,  
PAWS Foster Mom



Are you my momma?  
Foster Momma that is....



### BECOME AN “IN-HOME” HERO FOR PAWS HUMANE

*A life saving experience for them.*

*A life changing experience for you.*

**CONTACT :**

**FOSTER COORDINATOR**

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# MEET THE TEAM



After living in a handful of cities across the U.S. ranging from the West Coast to the Midwest, Bobbi Yeo brought her passion for animal welfare to Paws Humane and settled in small town Opelika, AL. Her husband and two dogs enjoy hiking, trips to the park and occasional dog diving. Bobbi brings passion and innovation to Paws everyday.

**Bobbi Yeo,**  
**CEO**



Working at Goodwill for most of her adult life, Amy Watson found a love for serving the underserved. When it came time to advance her career, Amy found a place where she could do just that, and it just so happens that community outreach is a part of our mission. Amy is the newest member of the Paws team, but her driven personality and work ethic is contagious.

**Amy Watson,**  
**Director of Finance & Administration**



As a War Eagle graduate and event planning extraordinaire, Casey Smith started her career at a Country Club in Birmingham, AL. Once tying the knot with her college sweetheart, she decided to combine both of her passions, animals and all things events, and go to work at Paws Humane. Casey conveys bright enthusiasm each day at Paws Humane.

**Casey Smith,**  
**Director of Marketing**



For the first ten years of Anitra Holley's adult life, she was a touring Singer/Songwriter. Anitra then worked in big city Atlanta at Egleston Children's Hospital in guest services and pet therapy. After deciding it was time to settle down with her soon to be husband, Anitra moved to Columbus and began working her magic in our volunteer and outreach department.

**Anitra Holley,**  
**Volunteer/Community Outreach Coordinator**



Columbus native Holly Phillips is known at Paws for her honesty and kind heart. There's not much this super lady can't do after being with Paws for almost five years! When it comes to intaking animals and disease control in our building, she is on top of it, and ensures all of our pets are safe and sound at their temporary home.

**Holly Phillips,**  
**Admissions Manager**



Mother of rescue dog Peeta, Kati Morrell moved back to Columbus after spending 13 years working in Interior Design in Atlanta. She joined the Paws team recently and has used her creative mind and caring nature to ensure our orphans are in their forever homes. Her eagerness to handle adoptions and find foster homes is unmatched!

**Kati Morrell,**  
**Adoptions Manager**



After beginning her work at Paws two years ago as an Adoption Counselor, DeAndrea Thomas blossomed a passion for dog training and enrichment. She now focuses her time on improving the lives of the animals while they are in her care. After all, she does love to cook, so making peanut butter kongs and chicken broth treats are right up her alley!

**DeAndrea Thomas,**  
**Animal Care & Facilities Manager**



For 12 years of Leanne Smith's life, she thrived in the Peach City of Atlanta. Once she started having her two precious girls, she knew it was time to move back home to Columbus. Leanne has been with us for over three years, and she brings joy, laughter, and goofiness to not only her rocking Vet Clinic, but to all aspects of the shelter.

**Leanne Smith,**  
**Vet Clinic Manager**



Proud Airforce daughter, Roberta Wrighten, grew up living all over the U.S. After graduating from the University of Alabama, she moved on to pursue her passion of caring for animals by becoming a Vet. Robbi has been with Paws for a year now, and is known for her jokes and hilarious personality as she cares for all animals coming into our shelter.

**Roberta Wrighten, DVM**  
**Lead Spay/Neuter Veterinarian**



# PETS OF THE WEEK

## GREY



**Most endearing bad habit:** Food Burglar.

**Dream job:** Professional Snuggler.

**Most lovable trait:** Easy going like a ragdoll.

**About me:** I'm a calm nine-year-old kitty that still has a lot of youth left in me. I recently found out that I have diabetes, and will need an understanding home that is willing to give me the proper medicine for the remainder of my time. My favorite pastime is snuggling, and I am patiently waiting for you.

**Most endearing bad habit:** Disapproval of humans dressed up in costumes.

**Dream job:** Supermodel.

**Most lovable trait:** I LOVE walking on a leash with my humans. I will keep my family active with my daily walks.

**About me:** I'm a happy almost three-year-old lab/shepherd mix that's looking for a semi active family who enjoys spending quality time with me. I know the sit and down command, but I would like my humans to continue training me, so I can be a very smart boy!

## MOSES



*You can't buy love, but you can rescue it*

## Pet Enrichment

### HOW TO KEEP YOUR PET ENTERTAINED WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

Many pet parents are leading busy lives with work, school and children. Because of this, we are gone for extended periods of time throughout the day, and our pets can become restless and bored. As a result, pets can find themselves getting into trouble by chewing furniture, doors, or other personal belongings. Not only is this frustrating for the owners, but it can also be very dangerous for the animals as it can cause internal blockage if they eat something they aren't suppose to. Here are a few tips to avoid the vet visits and keep your pet entertained at home:

- ⇒ Play classical music or leave on the TV will help keep your pet calm
- ⇒ Take a hollow pet toy, fill it with peanut butter or other tasty flavors, and freeze it. By freezing it, it will last longer.
- ⇒ Find an old ice cube tub, fill it with treats, and freeze water in it. Your pet will have to work hard to get the treats out.
- ⇒ Food puzzles (buy or make)—take empty pizza boxes or toilet paper rolls, fill with different kinds of treats, and your pet will have to figure out how to get the treats out of the puzzle. Just make sure it is challenging!

After using a few of the above methods, your pet will associate you leaving the house with them getting food and treats. They will then be happy to see you leave!

*-DeAndra Thomas, Animal Care and Facilities Manager*



# WISHLIST



July/August 2016

## ITEMS WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

Cats toys

Peanut butter (not crunchy)

Chicken or beef broth

Dog treats

Nylabone dog toys

Bleach (unscented)

40-50 gallon garbage bags

Postage stamps

Dawn liquid dish soap

Cheese sticks

Hot dogs

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHELTER:

Paws Humane relies solely on the generosity of the public to function on a day-to-day basis. Without you, we would not be able to save as many lives as we do.

### 2015

Adoptions 1,731

Vet Clinic

Spay/Neuter 7,358

Wellness Apt. 1,500+

Best Friends Community Cats 2,050

FREE Rabies Vaccination Clinic 435

These numbers are not reachable without YOU. To donate online, please visit [www.pawshumane.org/donate](http://www.pawshumane.org/donate).

If you would like to make a financial contribution via mail, please send to 4900 Milgen Road Columbus Ga. 31907.

## WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF:

Purina one dog chow  
(burgundy bag)

Purina puppy chow (blue bag)

Purina cat chow (blue bag)

Cat litter

*\*Large Kong dog toys*

*\*Large plastic baby pools*

Busy buddy linkables dog toys

Puppy training pads

Training treats— soft bite size

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Tune in every Friday at **10:30 a.m.** as we go LIVE with our K9 & kitty camera to show off our adoptable dogs & cats.

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