



FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK, MAY 6, 2016 (ANAHI ROCHA, PATRICK, & DAVID STRICKER)



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Best Volunteers Around

Anitra Holley

Biased? Maybe, but it's pretty clear we have some amazing volunteers here at PAWS Humane! As you know, I am new to my position as Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator...10 weeks in, to be exact. But at the end of my first week of employment at PAWS, I knew without a doubt we have the best volunteers in town. I know this because I have been a volunteer myself for many years, both at home and abroad.

I have learned that feeling appreciated as a volunteer is sometimes not a reality, but a little thanks can go a long way. My time serving in third world countries taught me the most valuable lesson of all...be grateful for what I have, whether it's a little or a lot.



(Adoptions at Sarrell Dental Grand Opening)

Volunteerism has taught me many things about servanthood and life in general. It has taught me that serving others doesn't always provide material rewards, but the spiritual and emotional rewards are abundant.

The staff at PAWS wants every volunteer to know that, although we may not show it often enough, we are immensely grateful for your service and dedication to our shelter babies! We truly mean it when we say, "We can't do it without you." From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

"Volunteers do not have more time – they just have more heart."
-Anonymous

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A Look Back

The month of May was packed with fun events! Here's a look back:

Puppies on Campus - May 3rd

Finals week at Columbus State University is no joke and PAWS wanted to help students relieve a little stress during their lunch break. We decided to host a pet therapy session involving a few of our furry friends currently residing at the shelter. Not only did this provide stress relief for hardworking CSU students, but it also gave our pups the chance to get away from shelter life for a while and get showered with affection! It was a win/win situation for everyone involved!



Career Day at Phenix City Elementary - May 11th

There's no better site than watching a child and a dog interact. All that unconditional love and innocence is just amazing! But what about over 400 children and a dog interacting? Even better! That's what PAWS Volunteer, Laurie Mix, and our sweet Moses did last month and they were a HIT! While Anitra educated the children on career options in animal welfare, Moses visited with the students for some one-on-one belly rubs. AND, he was rewarded with his very own Starbucks "Puppaccino" afterwards. I'd say Moses (and the students) had a pretty great day!

held in beautiful Uptown Columbus on Broadway and is a great way to get our animals seen by the community. If you haven't signed up for this offsite event, I encourage you to give it a try!



The Champions - May 12th

If you haven't heard of The Pet Coalition of Muscogee and Harris Counties, then listen up! This is a wonderful group of compassionate animal advocates that brings together several area shelters for a common goal – to create a No-Kill Columbus. PAWS Humane is a proud member of this group and we joined forces to help bring *The Champions* - a documentary of the pit bulls rescued from Michael Vick's dog fighting compound in 2007 – to Carmike 15 Cinemas right here in Columbus. The event included pit bull adoptions and lots of community outreach to advocate for this sweet, beautiful breed. If you haven't seen the movie, we highly recommend it. Grab your tissues first!



First Friday Art Walk - May 6th

First Friday Art Walks are held...you guessed it...the first Friday evening of every month, 4:30-9:00. You can usually catch our Adoptions Manager, Kati Morrell, and our CEO, Bobbi Yeo, along with lots of wonderful PAWS Volunteers in front of Outdoor World showing off our sweet orphans. The event is

Deep Clean- May 14th & 15th

Our amazing Sanitation Manager, DeAndra Thomas, led our staff and volunteers in a heavy-duty deep cleaning weekend and boy, are we impressed?!?! The garage, food storage room and kitchen all received a good spring cleaning. Thank you to ALL who participated! Be on the lookout for future Deep Clean Weekends involving the vet clinic, adoption floor, and outdoors in front of our building.

IN THE NEWS

JUNE 1, 2016



Last summer, the Springer Theatre Academy implemented a new feature within the program, one that enlisted many of the philosophies taught at the Academy. That feature was community service outreach. This summer each session will learn about volunteer opportunities from local service organizations and complete a project to benefit each organization.



Humane Education – Partnering with our Community

Springer Theater Academy Adopts PAWS Humane

Our first two-week session students are taking on PAWS Humane. Anitra Holley, Volunteer & Community Outreach Coordinator for PAWS, and her furry friend, Moses, stopped by the Springer Theatre Academy this morning. Anitra informed us all about PAWS Humane, what they do for area pets, and what volunteer opportunities they have available. Moses is just one of the many adoptable pets in need of good homes at PAWS, located at 4900 Milgen Road in Columbus.



Over the next two weeks, the Springer Theatre Academy will be collecting items on PAWS Humane's Wish List to donate to the organization. For a list of needed items, click [here](#). If you would like to donate on behalf of

The Springer Theatre Academy, please drop off your items to our Academy office located at 103 10th Street. For more information on PAWS Humane, visit their website: <http://www.pawshumane.org/>.



UPDATE

As of June 8th, Springer Theatre Academy students raised **127 items** from PAWS wish list and personally delivered them to the shelter! THANK YOU Springer Theatre Academy!!!

If you are interested in helping with our Humane Education outings, email Anitra at volunteer@pawshumane.org.

Introducing our very first....



Barks & Blues Festival
June 26th, 2016

6.26.2016 2-6 P.M.
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WE NEED YOU

We Need All Hands on Deck!!!

We want to make this event a HUGE success and we can't do it without our amazing volunteers! Just imagine how many people we can reach with an event this fun and exciting! Our vision for the festival is to bring the people of Columbus, GA through our front doors to show them ALL the wonderful services we provide for our community. Not only do we provide shelter, food, water and love to our sweet orphans, we also provide low cost spay/neuter and wellness services to the public, dog training for our dogs and adopted alumni, volunteer opportunities, educational opportunities and more.

How you can help...

-  Pass out flyers to local businesses
-  Share flyer and event information on social media
<https://www.facebook.com/events/521712271349812/>
-  Sign up to work the day of the event (email me)
-  Sign up to help clean the facility before and after event
-  Invite friends and family to attend
-  Be there!!!!

Just a sampling of who will be there....

Food Trucks



Neal Lucas



Local Radio Talent





Mark your calendars...



Mondays are our day for adoptions at PetSmart! 2-6pm

The more volunteers we have, the more dogs we can take...

The more dogs we take, the more homes we can find...

The more homes we find, the closer we come to creating a "No-Kill Columbus".

Market

Saturday, June 11th, 9am-12pm

PAWS has been invited to Market Days in beautiful Uptown Columbus for the Non-Profit Expo.

We will be hosting adoptions and will need your help with this event.



Saturday, June 18th, 10am-2pm

Midland Tractor Supply will be hosting Purina Days and PAWS has been invited!

We will be doing adoptions at this event, as well as recruiting volunteers.

Come out and experience this exciting event with us!

Sign up for these events by emailing Anitra at volunteer@pawshumane.org

We need you



Each and every one of our volunteers is special to us here at PAWS Humane. We strive to let you know how much we appreciate you on a daily basis, but we are only human and we fall short. When in doubt about the difference you make in our community and our world, just remember who you do it for.



You do it for those sweet, furry faces you see when you walk through our doors. You do it for the unconditional love they provide. You do it as an outlet for the love inside your heart. You do it to set an example for others. You do it because every animal deserves a loving home. You do it because it's the right thing to do.

From all our sweet orphans and from every staff member at PAWS,

thank you!
SO VERY MUCH

