

PAW PRINTS

People Helping Animals, Animals Helping People

THE CHAMPIONS

A STORY OF SECOND CHANCES, REDEMPTION AND HOPE.

In the sixties it was the German shepherd. In the seventies it was the Doberman. In the eighties it was the Rottweiler. At various times throughout our history these were the dog breeds to be feared for their unpredictable and dangerous behavior.

Since the late 1980s it is the “pit bull”, which isn’t a breed, but rather a catch all term for any dog with a blocky head and muscular body. It seems they so terrify us that these dogs have been banned or restricted in 850 U.S. cities.

It wasn’t always this way. Particularly in the first half of the 20th century, the pit bull was the all American dog. They were war heroes, Hollywood stars and protectors of children.

It was not until the late eighties that pit bulls became associated with gangs, drugs and violence and an urban myth began to develop around them. Because of public perception and because a pair of pit bulls will easily produce 10 – 12 puppies in a single litter, they are the dogs most at risk of euthanasia in our nations shelters.

The Pet Coalition of Muscogee and Harris Counties is trying to change all this. Our shelters pull as many pit bull type dogs as we can from local animal control agencies. We offer free spay and neuter surgery to prevent new litters as well as low cost wellness services to help owners maintain their dogs in good health.

On May 12, the Pet Coalition presented a screening of “The Champions”, a movie about the dogs rescued from Michael Vick’s dog fighting compound in 2007. At that time, two national animal welfare groups called for the dogs to be euthanized, believing that fighting dogs could not be rehabilitated.

They were wrong, and that is the story this movie so eloquently tells. Best Friends Animal Society and others rescued these dogs, many of which went on to become trusted family members.

The Pet Coalition is working hard to get the word out that the so-called “pit bull” makes a great family pet. They are loving and loyal and natural born clowns. If you are thinking of adding a new dog to your household, please take some time to get to know this breed.

-Bobbi Yeo, CEO



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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.



TANNERS TALES

FROM A HOARDING HOME TO HEALTHY AND HAPPY

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Vet Clinic

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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

Hello! I would like to introduce you to Tanner who is a three-year-old Terrier/Maltese mix. Tanner was rescued from a hoarding situation and found a safe place with a foster family through PAWS Humane. Tanner has had a rough start in life and would love a chance to be a companion animal in his new forever home.

Tanner loves playing with other dogs, though he prefers small to medium size buddies. Though he would do much better in a home with a furry friend, he will need time and patience as he builds trust with his new humans. He tends to find one special person in the household to form a bond of love and loyalty. Tanner can become protective of his person and will bark at any new people coming onto his property or home. He may run and hide if he feels scared, and will slowly come out to explore the situation after he feels safe.



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
TANNER OR TO BECOME HIS
NEW HOME, CONTACT:
AUTUMN CONNER
706-565-0035 EXT. 218**

Tanner LOVES cheese and will gladly become friends with anyone who is willing to part with such a tasty treat. He enjoys taking long, leisurely baths and cuddles with his person. Tanner definitely loves laps to snuggle in, but he also enjoys relaxing on a comfortable sofa cushion as well. This guy loves his car rides and jumps at the chance to call shot gun!

Tanner has asked PAWS to remind his new family he will need a lot of patience and kindness as he learns to trust his new family. He also wants you to know he would love to have a chance to show you his loving, loyal nature and become a part of YOUR forever family.

Daisy says...Don't Litter



Spay
and
Neuter
your
critter!



"I have been told that I am a small ray of light caught on earth..."

For a short time to brighten my person's days."
-Tanner



DR. GOOGLE

WHEN YOU SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T USE GOOGLE IN VET CARE



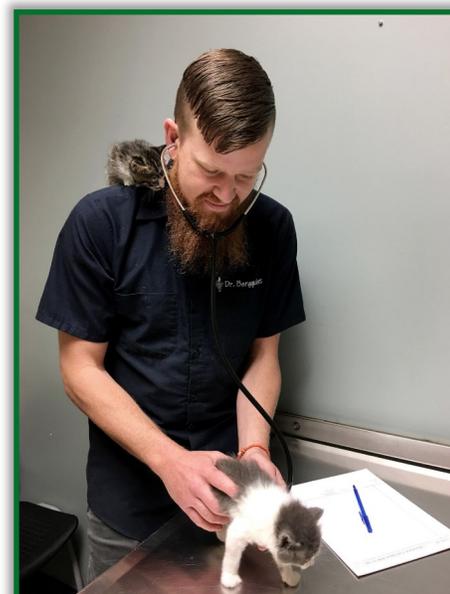
For pet owners, the internet can be an invaluable source of information. There are thousands of sites with information on a variety of topics, ranging from preventative medicine to treatment of diseases. Most of us have used Google at least once to learn more about conditions affecting our pets. While having the answers to your questions at your fingertips sounds like a great thing, it comes with its share of problems.

Can you trust everything that you read online? Many of the “facts” spouted by “experts” are really nothing but opinions or anecdotes from someone who knew someone who had a cousin who had a boyfriend who had a friend who had a dog that had that. A friend of mine once said that the internet was like a giant blank sheet of paper, and anyone can fill it with any amount of nonsense and call them themselves anything they want.

So where can you find reliable information about your pet’s health online? The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends watching for the following red flags when considering the source of online information. These red flags should warn you that a site may not be trustworthy.

- The site tells you that you don't need a prescription for medications like heartworm preventives, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (such as Rimadyl®, Deramaxx®, Previcox® or others), or other drugs for which your veterinarian tells you that you need a prescription.
 - The site (or someone on the site) diagnoses, prescribes medications, or tells you how to treat your pet's condition or problem based on information you provide online, through email or over the phone.
- Note:** there are limited exceptions to this rule. For example, the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** can provide you with recommendations for emergency treatment for animal poisonings, but they may also instruct you to take your pet to your veterinarian for additional evaluation and/or treatment.
- The site is promoting a "homemade" remedy for a pet health problem (such as parvo, heartworm, etc.) and makes statements that the product is more effective than veterinary care.

It is certainly true that online veterinary research can be valuable. By educating pet owners, it empowers them to make better decisions regarding their pets' health. However it must be meaningful and intelligent research from vested resources. Making a diagnosis or deciding on treatment for your pet should never be done strictly based on internet research. Symptoms alone are rarely a basis for a veterinarian's decisions. Diagnosis of any condition requires at minimum a physical examination, and likely includes diagnostic testing such as blood work or radiographs. Your veterinarian, who is familiar with you, your pet and your pet's unique needs is the best source for information and internet research should be seen as a supplement to that information.



**DR. BERGQUIST AND HIS
KITTEN ASSISTANTS.**

FULFILLING OUR OUTREACH MISSION

May/June 2016

FROM PAWS HUMANE'S VERY OWN, ANITRA HOLLEY



Like most Americans in the workforce, I have a fancy title for my position here at PAWS Humane - Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator. When I first saw that title listed on the job board through which I was applying, I wondered why those 2 roles were combined. I thought to myself, "Does PAWS have so few volunteers that they need to throw more duties at the Volunteer Coordinator to justify a full time salary?" But when I sat through my interview, I learned that for PAWS, those 2 roles are legitimately ONE role. Why? Because in animal welfare, community outreach is an ongoing task that relies heavily on the work of faithful volunteers.

Volunteers are willing to make a difference for the pet owners in our community, because it's the pet owners who make the biggest difference for the animals in our community. I guess you could call it the circle of life in animal welfare.

We have several successful programs that involve community outreach at PAWS Humane, such as Humane Education. This program involves staff and volunteers going into local schools to educate young minds on the importance of animal welfare. Another way our volunteers perform community outreach is by working at our offsite adoptions. Volunteers help keep our animals comfortable and happy while potential adopters meet our furry friends. Special events, such as our annual Free Rabies Clinic, oftentimes take large amounts of staff and volunteer efforts. These events usually require volunteers to actually go out into underserved neighborhoods to inform the residents of the low cost veterinary services we offer.

If you think being a volunteer at PAWS is more than meets the eye, you are RIGHT! Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization and the reason we are able to fulfill our outreach mission. After all, our goal is to create a No Kill Community, and thanks to our amazing volunteers, we are well on our way!

If you would like to become a PAWS Humane volunteer, please visit our website at www.pawshumane.org and sign up for the next available Volunteer Orientation, or call us at 706-565-0035.

-Anitra Holley, Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator

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

DELPHINE



Most endearing bad habit: My love for nature keeps me at the *purrfect* balance of being an indoor/outdoor cat.

Dream job: Pageant judge.

Most lovable trait: Sleeping with my mouth open.

About me: I am a sweet two-year-old female calico who loves to keep to myself and do my own thing. I prefer a family that will allow me to be both indoor and outdoor, but will also shower me with lots of love.

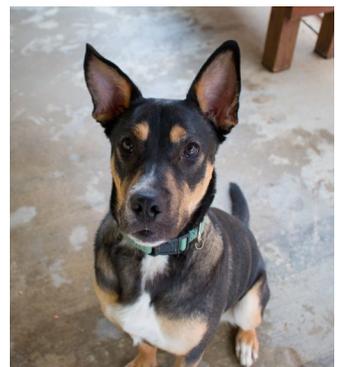
Most endearing bad habit: Independently mischievous.

Dream job: Doggy daycare CEO

Most lovable trait: Willingness to obey commands even amongst chaos.

About me: I'm a one-year-old shepherd/hound mix that prefers to always have a playmate. I am looking for a cat free family that enjoys practicing my commands daily.

MARNI



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAWS

SAVE THE DATE

FOR OUR



06.26.2016 2 - 6 PM

presented by:

Paws Humane

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MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS - DRINKS - SILENT AUCTION - TOURS - PLAYFUL PUPS - PURRING KITTIES

- ADULT & FAMILY FUN -

Note from the Vet..

HOW TO PREVENT HEAT STROKE IN MY PET?

Dogs do not release heat the same way that we do. They pant to cool themselves and if the air surrounding them is not considerably cooler than their body temperature, heat stroke can occur. Heat stroke is caused by failure of the body's temperature-regulating mechanism when exposed to excessively high temperature and can lead to irreversible organ damage or death. Below are steps to prevent it:

- ⇒ On hot, humid days, keep your pets indoors, except to eliminate. If they must be outside, provide plenty of shade and fresh water. Make sure that your pet can't spill their water or use several bowls in different places.
- ⇒ Never leave a pet unattended in a parked car, even for "just a minute." On a sunny day with temperatures at or above 70° F the temperature inside a car can quickly soar to 140°F. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help.
- ⇒ Limit outdoor activity to the early morning and late evening, when temperatures are somewhat lower.
- ⇒ Carry water with you when walking your dog.
- ⇒ Keep in mind that some dogs are more susceptible to heat stroke than others, including very young or very old dogs, obese dogs, or dogs with very thick fur.
- ⇒ Notice any heavy panting, loss of energy, weakness, stumbling, reddened gums, or excessive drooling as these are signs that your dog is overheating.

If your pet seems to suffer from the heat, remove him from the hot area immediately and give some fresh water. If he doesn't recover quickly take him to your veterinarian. On the way to the vet, you can place cool wet towels over the back of his neck, under the forelimbs, and in the groin area. **DO NOT SUBMERGE YOUR DOG IN COLD WATER.** Cooling too quickly can cause fatal complications.

-Roberta Wrighten, DVM



TUNE IN EVERY FRIDAY AT **10:30 A.M.** AS WE GO **LIVE** WITH OUR K9 & KITTY CAMERA TO SHOW OFF OUR ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS.

Caption This Contest Winner Di Kel!



"What do you mean you want a non shedding, child friendly, cat friendly, house trained, cuddly, easy going, low energy, low maintenance, low cost puppy? Go to Toys R Us, they have the perfect stuffed animal for you there!"

-Di Kel



WISHLIST



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.

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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