

# PAW PRINTS

People Helping Animals, Animals Helping People

"Love of animals is a universal impulse, a common ground on which all of us may meet. By loving and understanding animals, perhaps we humans shall come to understand each other."

— Dr. Louis J. Camuti

## 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.



In 2001, I walked into an adoption event at my local Petco where I bought cat food. Almost instantly, I locked eyes with a seven year old terrier mix named Rocky. It was love at first sight.

This was an era of lengthy adoption applications, home visits, and an agonizing week long waiting period before I could bring Rocky home.

To my delight, he was already house-trained. He quickly learned all the basic etiquette of civilized society such as come, sit, and stay. His resistance to the “down” command was legendary, but I later learned he was simply holding out for the right treat which turned out to be freshly cooked liver.

The breakthrough moment in Rocky’s and my relationship was on a road trip to visit my sister two states away. Rocky loved to travel, and he was my constant companion until he passed away at 14 years old.

November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month. Whether you prefer a dog or a cat, there are a number of reasons to consider an older pet. PAWS has many to choose from. Remember, LOVE is ageless!

- *Bobbi Yeo, CEO*



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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

closed

12p-1p

# PAWS Adoption Central

There are probably many reasons why black animals are the last to be adopted. Many who work in shelters believe it has to do with the fact it's harder for people to read the expressions on the faces of a black cat or dog. Additionally for cats, they carry the baggage of ridiculous superstition and being referred to as bad luck. I'm sure you've heard the expression about not letting a black cat cross your path. All you have to do is take a quick glance at Halloween decorations to see the abundance of scary black cats represented there. Hollywood has also contributed to black cat and black dog



syndrome by usually casting the black cat as a villain and the black dog as the ferocious four-footed devil in disguise. It's certainly an uphill battle for these beautiful creatures.

The animals at PAWS are not

immune to this point of view. A case-in-point was with Mitternacht. She stayed at Paws Humane for 506 days. Through no fault of her own, she was adopted out and returned 5 times. Many excuses have been given for the return of this sweet girl. Most of which can be attributed to the owner and not Mitternacht. After 506 days though, her luck changed. Mitternacht decided after a year and a half of shelter life, enough was enough. She ate a good breakfast, cleaned her coat, and put on her best charms. She didn't have to wait long. Her new mom was here by 10:30am ready to take home a new family member. After spending 20 mins with Mitternacht, her charm won over her new mom. With the prospect of never having to spend another night in the shelter, Mitternacht can finally live the life she has always wanted.



With a special thank you to the Edgewood Presbyterian Church Pumpkin Patch, The Buzz Boutique, and Juice Bar for opening their doors and allowing Mitternacht to pose for photos in hope of finding her forever home!

## Clinic Mews *with Dr. Brendan Bergquist and Dr. Roberta Wrighten*

Many people do not realize that cancer is not just a human condition; it affects our pets as well. Just like with people, the earlier cancer is caught, the better. Symptoms of cancer in dogs and cats can be difficult to recognize because many times cancer symptoms will mimic other diseases or illnesses in our pets. That is why it is so important to take pets for annual physical exams, especially middle-aged to older pets, and to see a veterinarian as soon as possible if any lumps or tumors are seen or felt on your pet's skin.

While the following symptoms are not purely indicative of cancer, if a pet begins to exhibit them, you should visit your veterinarian immediately.

- Bleeding or discharge from any place on the body
- Change in urination or defecation habits
- Sores that do not heal
- Bad smell from the mouth or body
- Difficulty chewing or swallowing
- Loss of energy; reluctance to exercise
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Swellings or lumps that enlarge
- Lameness or stiffness

A complete veterinary examination is recommended for any pet suspected of having cancer, including a thorough physical,

blood work, and urine testing. If possible, needle aspiration of any abnormal swelling or lump should be done to make a preliminary diagnosis. Radiographs (x-rays) and ultrasounds of the abdomen or chest often help to determine whether the cancer has spread to any internal organs. In certain cases, CT scans and MRIs can determine whether cancer has spread to the central nervous system. Definitive diagnosis of any cancer, however, is only possible with tissue biopsy samples evaluated by a veterinary pathologist under a microscope. Results of this biopsy often guide a specific course of therapy and grade or stage the cancer in order to determine your pet's prognosis. Depending on the specific type of cancer, treatment may include surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation.



## Adoptable Critters

### *Lyda*

Lyda is a happy and sweet six year old cat. Lyda was found by Animal Control as a stray and, because of her wonderful personality, she was transferred to PAWS to find a new home. Lyda is a bit shy. But with some love and patience, she should adjust to new people and her new

home very well. She will pick her favorite place where you will usually find her hanging out. She loves toys and treats. She has been spayed, micro-chipped, and is fully vaccinated. If you are looking for your new best friend and would love a sweet girl, then Lyda would be it! Come and meet her today!



### *Bella*

Bella is a beautiful eight year old Labrador Retriever. She was surrendered to PAWS Humane when her owners became too ill to care for her. Bella is an energetic older gal who loves walks and being with her family. She would do best in an active home once she recovers from her heartworm treatment. Bella has been spayed, micro-chipped, vaccinated, and treated for heartworms. Bella needs her forever family and a loving home.

## PAWS - Educating the Youth of the Chattahoochee Valley



Humane Education is one way PAWS Humane reaches its overall mission of being a resource to the community. By educating children of all ages on animal care and bite prevention, we believe we are cultivating understanding, compassion, and empathy within them. The PAWS Humane Education Program fosters respect for all living beings by empowering children.

PAWS presents Humane Education in schools, daycares, churches, libraries, and more. Each Humane Education lesson is age-appropriate and tailored to any specific theme the organization may have going on (community helpers month, career day, etc).

For the younger children, ages 3-6, it is about getting them to relate to the animals by understanding very basic animal needs. For children older than 6, it is all about a more in-depth discussion of animal care, bite prevention, what to do when you lose your dog, or see a stray dog, etc.

Of course, to make the discussion more fun and interesting to the children, we always bring a friendly dog with us. Being able to dress a dog in a coat to demonstrate why pets need coats on when it's cold outside, or letting the dog play with tennis balls to demonstrate why pets need exercise too, just makes the presentation so much fun.

We believe it is important to foster the kindness of each child by reaching youth in or outside of a classroom setting. If you are interested in PAWS making a Humane Education field trip to your school, please contact Casey at 706-987-8373 or [volunteer@pawshumane.org](mailto:volunteer@pawshumane.org).



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February 3, 2016

for the first annual  
**Come. Sit. Stay.**  
A luncheon for PAWS

featuring  
New York Times bestselling author,  
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