

# 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.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



*Dear Friends,*

It is hard to believe the end of another year is approaching. PAWS Humane has made great strides on behalf of our animals this year, and we couldn't have done it without the overwhelming support we get from the community. Your contributions of money, goods and volunteer services have made it possible for us to:

- Adopt nearly 1,300 pets already this year**, including some long-term residents, placing them into loving, forever homes. Our goal for 2016 is 1,700 adoptions and we feel confident we will reach it.
- Spay or neuter more than 5,400 animals** in Columbus and surrounding areas through our low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter clinic. Our year-end goal for 2016 is 7,300 spays and neuters.
- Host several successful events, like the Come Sit Stay Luncheon; Barks & Blues Festival; and Blessing of the Animals.** These events engage the community and help our animals at the same time.
- Take in 1,360 animals**, 600 of which were rescued from local animal control facilities. Another 760 animals came from owners who could no longer care for them and would likely have taken them to animal control facilities.

We are proud of the life-saving work we do at PAWS Humane. We are grateful for the generosity of people like you, which allows us to offer free and low-cost programs to the underserved in our community.

Please consider giving to PAWS Humane online at [www.pawshumane.org/donate](http://www.pawshumane.org/donate) and remember that your gift makes a difference to every animal we serve.

Thanks for all you do on behalf of the animals,

*Bobbi Yeo*

Bobbi Yeo, CEO

*2016 so far....*

**SPAY/Neuter: 5,460 animals**  
**Wellness Appointments: 1,570 animals**  
**Adoptions: 1285**  
**Intakes: 1365**

*Note: Numbers above are an estimate from the first 9 months in 2016*



# STORIES OF LONG-TERM ORPHANS AT PAWS

## SET FRITOS FREE

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#### Adoptions

706-565-0035

#### Vet Clinic

706-987-8380

### Shelter Hours

#### Adoption Hours

Monday-Friday

10am - 6pm

Saturday

10am - 5pm

Sunday

12pm - 5pm

#### Clinic Hours

Monday-Friday

7:30am - 6pm

Fritos is a loving three-year-old Retriever mix that has fallen victim to something extremely common in animal shelters, showing terribly in her room. Fritos tends to make a bad first impression, and because of this she doesn't get a lot of second dates. When dogs are confined to small spaces where they have no control, they often start to guard it. However, more times than not, when you take the dog out of that place, the behavior is easily corrected. This is the case with Fritos.

We've learned a lot about Fritos in her 197 day stay at PAWS Humane. Here's the truth about our sweet girl. She loves all toys, especially tennis balls. She even enjoys playing catch. Fritos will retrieve the ball, bring it back to you, play with it for a second, and then drop it for you to throw again. This is one of her favorite hobbies. Also, you might say Fri Fri (as we occasionally give our dogs nicknames) is a water dog. She has had a blast this past summer splashing and bobbing for treats in her baby pool.

A happy place for Fritos is when she gets to babysit children. We call her our Au Pair Extraordinaire. Fritos also enjoys walks and giving kisses to her humans. She is a loyal companion and she is desperately trying to find the one person that will give her the chance to show her true personality that you don't get to see through her glass door. As mentioned earlier, Fritos has been homeless for 197 days. That is 197 days too long. PAWS Humane provides a wonderful temporary home, but it just doesn't compare to the real thing.

Will you set Fritos free? Free from the stigma of a barrier aggressive dog. Free from not understanding what a real home is. Free from only interacting with the community through a glass door. If you are thinking about adopting a dog or know someone who is, please tell them about Fri Fri or stop by and meet this cute, slobbery, sweet Brindle baby.



## GREY, AN EXTRA SWEET CAT



Hello my name is Grey and I am looking for a home to call my own. See, I have been at PAWS Humane for over 150 days. I was wanting a vacation but this is getting a little excessive. I do like all the humans that give me attention, which is the best. Humans are great, they pet me, have furniture to climb on, and great window seats to view the world.

I started not feeling good a couple of weeks into my stay with PAWS and they were really on top of trying to figure out why I was not myself. Come to find out I am Diabetic! Who knew! I am 10 years old and I am told I still act like a youngster. My diabetes

does not slow me down at all and I don't even mind getting my shots every day. My human friend will have to be dedicated to my care but with proper monitoring I will live a long happy life!

PAWS Humane has really helped me out and will help my future family also. My adoption fee is waived, my humans will get a glucometer and other supplies to get us started, initial training from the awesome vet staff, the first vial of insulin, and of course me, Grey, as a new best friend. That's a pretty sweet deal! Call and ask about me anytime, I am the cat's MEOW!

# DEALING WITH SEPARATION ANXIETY

BY ROBERTA WRIGHTEN, DVM

## WHAT IS IT?

Separation anxiety is a fairly common medical behavior disorder in dogs that requires a diagnosis by a veterinarian. Because dogs are social animals, some cannot adapt to being left at home alone, away from their “pack” and can become destructive. Signs include inappropriate urination or defecation, vocalizing, chewing, digging, pacing, or trying to escape.

No one knows conclusively what causes separation anxiety, though loss of an important person in a dog’s life, abandonment, abrupt change in schedule, or moving have been suggested as possible contributing factors.

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

If you suspect that your pet has separation anxiety, you should have him/her seen by your veterinarian to rule out medical or other causes for his signs. Urinary or fecal incontinence can be caused by a number of issues, destructive behavior could be caused by boredom or simply because your pet is young and needs to be taught what is appropriate and what isn’t.

Separation anxiety can be treated with behavioral counterconditioning and desensitization. Before beginning a behavioral program, you should consult with your veterinarian or a certified behaviorist. The biggest aspect to this treatment is that it will take time. Teaching your dog to enjoy, or at least tolerate, spending time alone, will be a slow, gradual process. More severe cases of separation anxiety may require medical therapy. Anti-anxiety medication can help a dog tolerate some level of isolation without experiencing anxiety. It can also make treatment progress more quickly. Most dogs need a combination of medication and behavior modification.

## WHAT NOT TO DO:

Do not scold or punish your dog. Anxious behaviors are not the result of disobedience or spite. They are distress responses! Your dog displays anxious behaviors when left alone because he’s upset and trying to cope with a great deal of stress. If you punish him, he may become even more upset and the problem could get much worse.



## MAKE HALLOWEEN SAFE FOR YOUR PETS

-  Don't feed your pets Halloween candy, especially if it contains chocolate or xylitol (a common sugar substitute found in sugar-free candies and gum)
-  Make sure your pet is properly identified (microchip, collar and ID tag) in case s/he escapes through the open door while you're distracted with trick-or-treaters
-  Keep lit candles and jack-o-lanterns out of reach of pets
-  If you plan to put a costume on your pet, make sure it fits properly and is comfortable, doesn't have any pieces that can easily be chewed off, and doesn't interfere with your pet's sight, hearing, breathing, opening its mouth, or moving. Take time to get your pet accustomed to the costume before Halloween, and never leave your pet unsupervised while he/she is wearing a costume
-  Keep glow sticks and glow jewelry away from your pets. Although the liquid in these products isn't likely toxic, it tastes really bad and makes pets salivate excessively and act strangely
-  If your pet is wary of strangers or has a tendency to bite, put him/her in another room during trick-or-treating hours or provide him/her with a safe hiding place
-  Keep your pet inside

In case of an animal-related toxicity, please contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center 1-888-426-4435.

For more tips or advice talk to your veterinarian or visit [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org).

# GET INVOLVED WITH PAWS

HELP TRAIN PAWS DOGS FOR QUICKER ADOPTIONS!



As you may already know, PAWS has a Volunteer Dog Training program in place and we are eager to grow that program. Led by our Certified Professional Dog Trainer with over 20 years of experience, Karlene Turkington has helped make this program a success. She teaches our volunteers how to use positive reinforcement training to help our shelter dogs learn basic commands like sit, down, stay, look and leave it. Having our dogs trained in these basic commands makes them more appealing to potential adopters, resulting in shorter length of stays in our shelter. An added bonus is that our Volunteer Dog Trainers (VDT's) learn training skills that they can take home to their own dogs.

To sign up for our upcoming VDT Orientation on October 29th, 2016 – 10am-5pm, please visit <http://bit.ly/VDT-Orientation>

**Please remember, in order to take advantage of this opportunity, volunteers must:**

-  Be at least 18 years old
-  Attend a regular, one hour PAWS Volunteer Orientation **BEFORE** the VDT Orientation (please sign up for this now if you have not already attended one: <http://bit.ly/paws-volunteer>)
-  Attend and pass a full-day training session with our CPDT
-  Be available to work with our dogs a minimum of 2 hours per week
-  Be willing to remain in contact with our CPDT and meet with her if requested

## BECOME AN IN-HOME HERO FOR SOMEONE'S NEW BEST FRIEND

PAWS Humane is always looking for new foster parents to join the "In-Home Hero" program. This program has volunteers in the community that are willing to care for PAWS animals in their home for various reasons from two weeks to a few months depending on the situation. Puppies and Kittens are easier to place in foster homes, as they are in high demand.

Unfortunately, PAWS has been seeing a spike in adult injured and sick animals coming in for the last few months. These dogs and cats need to be in a less stressful environment than the shelter to heal and get the recuperation they require. Some of the animals may need medication that would be provided by PAWS and instructions would be provided by the vet staff.

These adult animals that desperately need an "In-Home Hero" have been through some horrible situations. It takes someone providing patience, compassion and love to give these animals the opportunity to gain their health and confidence back. Do you know someone that loves helping animals and has a compassionate heart? Do you want to help and not know how? Call or email us anytime at 706-987-8376 or [slake@pawshumane.org](mailto:slake@pawshumane.org). We would love to get to know you!

Harrison in foster care due to anxiety.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Blessing of the animals

with Screen on the Green to follow

Our pets are a blessing to us, so join us in blessing them.

Saturday, October 1st, 2016

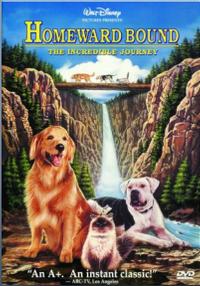
5 p.m. Ceremony begins

8:00 Movie begins

Adoption Special Hours: 12-7 p.m.

After the blessing, have a date night with your furry family! We will be watching Homeward Bound.

Please bring blankets and lawn chairs for the movie! A food truck will be available for snacks during the show.



Scan QR for more info

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"Life's a voyage that's homeward bound."



## Howl-o-ween

Help our orphans trick-or-treat by bringing yummy treats to drop in their treat bucket!



Human treats for **ANYONE** in costume!

Monday, October 31st  
10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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## Pet First Aid & CPR Class

Do you know what to do if your pet is injured or has a medical emergency? Try out this class offered at PAWS Humane by Southeastern Remote Medical Training!

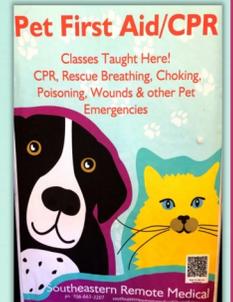
Saturday, October 15 1-4:30 p.m.

\$50.00 & pre-registration is required.

You will receive:

- Course Certificate
- Digital Pet First Aid Manual
- A Lifetime of knowledge to save your pet

To register, please email [southeasternremotemedical@gmail.com](mailto:southeasternremotemedical@gmail.com) or call 706-665-3207.





# 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](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

## We like to be followed!

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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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