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A HEALING FIX FOR BLONDIE



Blondie before adoption

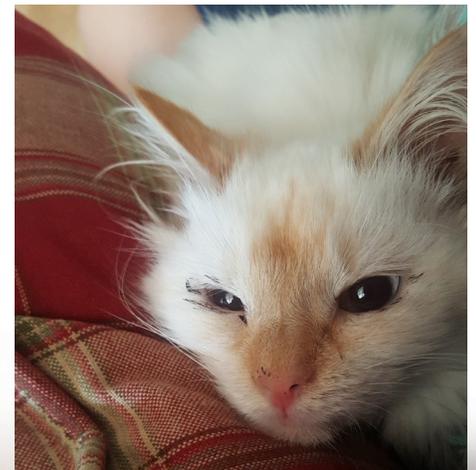
Blondie's life started out rough, and we will never know exactly what happened, but we rest assured that she received the second chance she deserved. You are the reason we are able to care for animals like Blondie, who require specialized medical care. PAWS Humane rescued her, but you saved her. To save more animals like Blondie, please find the inserted envelope.

We don't know what caused Blondie's badly broken leg, but she was so injured that she could not move at all.

It was painful to see, and you could tell this sweet girl was in agony.

We pulled Blondie from a local animal control so she could receive the specialized care she so desperately needed. When our veterinarians examined her, they realized her leg was beyond repair and made the tough decision to amputate. Blondie became a tripod, and it took her a bit of time to adjust. She struggled to regain her confidence. Not to mention, she was just a four-month-old kitten. She longed for love, attention, and a mother. Thankfully, Blondie did not stay at the shelter long. She was adopted into her forever home in April, and has been thriving ever since. Blondie now sleeps safe and sound

in the comfort of her parents' bed at night. She has a human sister who she loves deeply, and she enjoys her company while she eats dinner every day. Blondie's new parents tell us she is treated like a princess and carried around like a baby. This is all we could ever hope for our sweet girl or any of our orphans.



Blondie after adoption





BOBBI YEO

CEO PAWS HUMANE

Those of us who work in animal sheltering see the heartbreak of owners surrendering their pets almost daily. While it is easy to become angry with owners, nine times out of ten, they have already exhausted all practical options to keep their pets.

It takes a toll on our intake and front desk staff members to counsel a distraught owner and to watch a confused pet left behind as the owner walks out the door. All staff members at PAWS Humane get involved and we do what we can to help these animals adjust to their new circumstances and find them loving homes as quickly as possible.

The good news is that animals have a truly amazing capacity to adapt. While there is usually an adjustment period, they go on to become full-fledged members of their new families. These beautiful beings teach us forgiveness and resilience and we have much to learn from them.

When I first entered this field, it upset me when owners relinquished their pets. I have never found it necessary to do this and lacked empathy for anyone in this position. At the time, I worked for a high-intake shelter and was aghast at the overwhelming amount of lost and unwanted pets.

I was new at this, so I watched other staff members with a year or two under their animal sheltering belts. I saw them treat owners with respect by listening to their stories. Where appropriate, they tried to help owners find solutions to retain their pets. Owner retention counseling is an important component of the **No-Kill** equation.

The sad fact is that by the time owners have made the very emotional decision to relinquish a pet, it can be hard for them to walk it back and rethink their options. It is simply too painful.

Whenever possible, PAWS Humane will help with medical care, behavior issues and pet food. We partner with Animal SOS to provide containment solutions, pet deposits and short-term boarding and foster care. Animal sheltering is about people as much as it is about animals.

Nothing is perfect, but with a little creative problem solving and by working together, we can help more animals stay out of shelters and at home with the families who love them.



Bobbi Yeo



BROWN DOG SYNDROME; IT'S A REAL THING, JUST ASK XAVIER

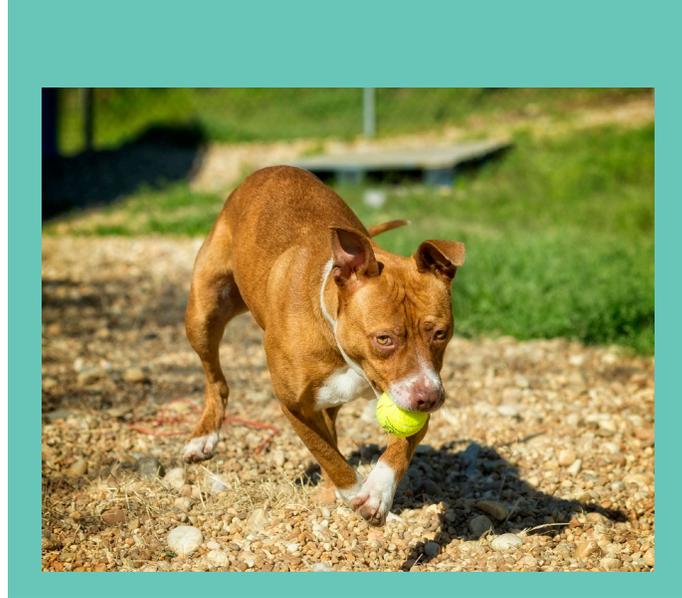
Hi there! My name is Xavier. It's nice to meet you. I am a one-year-old terrier blend. I'm currently living in a room here at PAWS Humane and while its nice and all, it's not home. I haven't been home in a long time.

I would like to go home. I think part of my problem is everyone just glances at me and walks past. I have what the humans call "Brown dog syndrome" and that means I get overlooked for the color of my coat.



I think that's ridiculous since it shouldn't matter what color your coat is, but what is on the inside. No one has taken the time to get to know me as a dog. Not to brag, but I think I am sweet and kind. I love people, toys, walks, sunshine, getting my picture taken, and car rides. What's not to like?

I'm getting really tired of being in the shelter. It gets to you after a while. It's rough living at a shelter as long as I have. It's been more than 90 days. That's a long time to miss out on life. I love to play with toys and cannot



wait to have my very own set of toys to call mine. Humans don't get that I think. Yes, I have water, I have food, and I get toys in the shelter, but none of them are mine. It would be nice to have a home and humans to call my own. I would be the best dog they ever had. I sit to ask for affection and know how to "look". I've been working with the trainers here for a while, so I have a few tricks and some good manners to show off.

I just want a chance. I want someone who's going to love me as much as I love them. I don't think it's much to ask for and certainly not hard to give. I would love to meet you and for you to get to know me. Come see me down at PAWS Humane. I'm here all day!



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VET CLINIC

HOT WEATHER TIPS FOR YOUR PET

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger.

To prevent your pet from overheating, take these simple precautions provided by the ASPCA:

 Make sure pets have plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

 Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.

 Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

 Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog: The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

 Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, it is illegal in several states!

 When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.



NATIONAL CHIP MONTH

May was National Chip Your Pet Month. There are a few misconceptions out there about microchips and we are here to help you separate the myths from the facts.

Myth: A microchip emits a GPS signal.

Fact: *Microchips do not emit any signal and do not act as a GPS system*

Myth: Microchips are difficult to implant and can harm my pet.

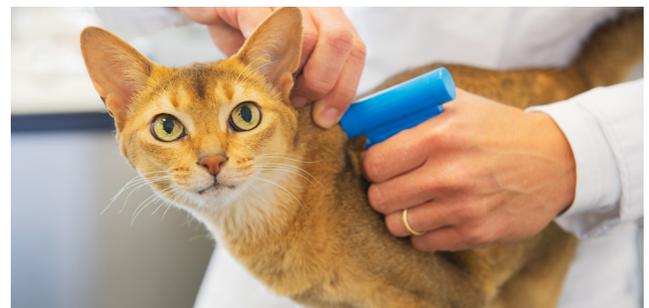
Fact: *Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are safely implanted like a vaccine is administered, by a needle in a fold of skin.*

Myth: Indoor cats don't need microchips

Fact: *Even if you're diligent about keeping your cat safely tucked inside, repairmen or visiting guests may not be as careful. If your indoor pet slips out, having that microchip could bring her back home.*

Myth: My pet's collar tags will be enough to get him safely home.

Fact: *While an ID tag is a critical first line of defense when your pet is lost, a microchip can't get lost, fall off, or become unreadable.*



Studies show that one out of three pets will get lost in their lifetime and that over 10 million pets are lost or stolen every year. Don't let your pet become a statistic! Microchipping provides permanent identification and significantly increases your chances of being reunited with a lost pet.

PAWS HUMANE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR, 2017

National Volunteer Week was recognized this year April 23-29, and the City of Columbus celebrated Citywide Volunteer Week April 16-22. Each year, Tri-Community Directors of Volunteer Services holds a luncheon to recognize outstanding volunteers and volunteer programs in the tri-community area.



We are proud to announce that PAWS Humane was awarded the **Organization of the Year Award** for our diverse volunteer program and the valuable services our volunteers provide to PAWS and our community at large. Congratulations to our wonderful volunteers!



PAWS Humane's mission statement is "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/neuter,

rescue and adoption services, volunteer opportunities, outreach, and education," and we could not fulfill our mission without the support of our community and our amazing volunteers. Over the last year, our volunteer program has grown from approximately 800 active volunteers to almost 1300 volunteers, ages 16 and up. These volunteers have the opportunity to help PAWS in many ways, such as cleaning, basic animal care (feeding, watering, bathing, etc), dog walking, assist in playgroups, vet clinic assistance, administrative help, Volunteer Dog Training team, Dog's Day Out program, in-home foster

care, offsite events, Humane Education at local schools, provide tours of our facility for various children's groups, help run free rabies clinics, canvass neighborhoods to offer free services and food for pet owners living under the poverty level, and much more.

PAWS also offers volunteer opportunities for children under the age of 16 through a program called PAWS to Read. Children and their parents can come to the shelter and read to our orphans during regular business hours. Not only does this help children who have anxiety reading aloud, but it also helps to socialize our orphans, resulting in quicker adoptions.

In partnership with Animal SOS, PAWS is currently in the process of starting a pet food pantry for families going through hard financial times. Volunteers will play a large role in helping collect pet food donations from generous community members to donate to our underserved pet owners. By doing this, we will help keep more pets in loving homes and off the streets.

As you can see, PAWS Humane is not only a safe haven for homeless animals, we are also a resource to the community on a daily basis. We proudly stand by our motto, "People helping animals, animals helping people." And we couldn't do it without our volunteers. Thank you ALL!



THE IDEAL FOSTER PARENT

You don't have to be Superman or Wonder Woman to be a great foster parent for PAWS Humane. You just have to have a willing spirit and a caring heart.



Hardly any of our fosters have a background in veterinary medicine, but most have had pets of their own at some point in their lives, and they simply want to make a difference any way they can. That's why we value our foster parents so much and appreciate their dedication to our shelter orphans.

Here are some ways you can be the ideal foster parent...

Make a commitment - When you decide to become a foster parent, you are making a commitment. Be sure to weigh the pros and cons and really give some thought to whether you can spend the time to foster an animal at this time in your life. If you can't, it's okay! Wait until the time is right and all parties involved will benefit.

Give yourself a break - Fostering is not always easy, but it can be so rewarding. The puppy kisses and playful kittens always leave our foster parents wanting more,



but they can also be exhausting. Take a break in between fostering to relax for a couple of weeks and catch up on your own routine. You will know when the time is right to take on more foster pets.

Communicate - Communication with our Foster Coordinator is key. When our babies are in a foster's care, we are entrusting their lives to them. This doesn't mean that every medical case has a happy ending, but it does mean that we choose fosters who will do their very best to care for our babies in the most loving way they can. We also know our foster parents will keep us posted on changes in health, mood, or eating habits.

Like I said, you don't have to be perfect to be the ideal foster parent. You just have to care.

If you would like to apply to become a PAWS Humane foster parent, please contact Anitra Holley at foster@pawshumane.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COLUMBUS CRAFT BEER BASH

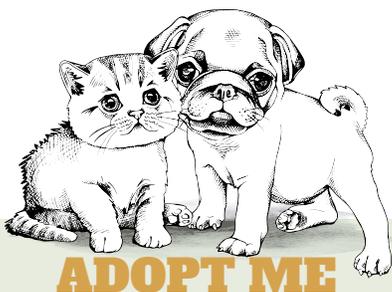


Cerrone's Brick Oven Pizzeria and Columbus Beverage SuperStore present the First Columbus Craft Beer Bash. A celebration of GA beer, local music, and food.

Details:

- Saturday, June 24
12pm-5pm
- At Chattahoochee Harley Davidson
- Tickets: \$35
(\$45 after June 11th)
Available through...
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2951508

A portion of proceeds will benefit Paws Humane



BARKS AND BLUES FESTIVAL

PAWS Humane is gearing up for the second annual Barks and Blues Festival. We will have food vendors including Scotty Dogs, Countrys BBQ, Shaved Ice and Planet Pops. Also, we will have a kid zone for the children including Corta Tennis Courts for free play, Face Painting, Crazy Hair and more. Saturday afternoon kicks off at 1 p.m. with live music including **Skyler Saufley, Tracy Stephens featuring Kurt Richardson, Crossroad Disciples, and the Neal Lucas Band.** We will also have plenty of playful pups and purring kitties for adoption. AND you can take advantage of our Name Your Own Price adoption special for that one day only. We will have limited seating for the music, so feel free to bring your lawn chairs and blankets!



The Neal Lucas Band

Details:

- The **FREE** 2017 Barks and Blues Festival will take place Saturday, June 10th 1-6 p.m.
- at PAWS Humane 4900 Milgen Road, Columbus GA.

We are working with businesses near our facility and Cooper Creek Park to provide parking and it is also allowed along Milgen Road (parallel style). Signs will be placed in designated parking areas.

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This event would not be possible without the generous support from our Gold Level Sponsor, TSYS.



ADVANCED CANINE FIRST AID CLASSES

PAWS Humane is partnering with Southeastern Remote Medical Training to offer an advanced Pet First Aid Class. The class will cover 30 emergency topics with lots of hands-on practice!



Details:

- Two sessions to choose from: June 24th or July 22nd.
- Class time is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Community Room at PAWS Humane.
- Class fee is \$120.00 with a portion of the proceeds donated to PAWS Humane.

Pre-registration is required with a \$20.00 deposit to reserve your seat and purchase supplies. The balance of \$100.00 can be paid up front or at class time.

Seats are VERY limited so reserve your spot today by calling 706-665-3207 or emailing southeasternremotemedical@gmail.com.



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Vet Clinic (706) 987-8380

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ITEMS WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF

- Purina one dog chow (burgundy bag)
- Purina puppy chow (blue bag)
- Purina cat chow (blue bag)
- Cat Litter
- Large Kong dog toys
- Peanut butter
- Dog and cat treats
- Chicken or beef broth
- Wet kitten food

2016 NUMBERS

- **Adoptions: 1,755**
- **Vet Clinic**
 - **Spay/Neuter: 7,001**
 - **Wellness Appointments: 1,600**
 - **Best Friends Community Cats: 1,399**
 - **Heartworm Treatments: 283**
- **Humane Education: 3,000+ children**
- **Community Outreach: 3,500+ people**

*Thanks to our supporters in 2016, PAWS Humane helped more than 10,000 animals and more than 6,500 adults and children. These numbers are not attainable without YOU!

Please help us save more lives by becoming a monthly donor. Simply go to www.pawshumane.org/donate.

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