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We Love Visitors!

Paws Humane Society

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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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/neuter, rescue and adoption services, volunteer opportunities, outreach, and education.

Vision

To be the regional leader for animal welfare in adoption, spay/neuter, outreach, and education to ultimately create a No Kill Community.

Overflowing with Kittens

In the midst of the global pandemic our world has faced, animal welfare organizations have had to rally volunteers, staff, and supporters as the thought of halting our lifesaving mission, even for one day, is unimaginable. Columbus, Georgia, has continued to prove that if we work as a team, we can end the unnecessary suffering of homeless animals and carry on thriving as a No-Kill community.

One of the busiest times of the year for animal shelters spans from around March-October and is deemed Kitten Season. During this time, we see an influx of neonatal and baby kittens at our shelter. Of

the hundreds of “bottle babies” we save in a year, a few recent additions at Paws Humane Society include Lotus, Aurora, Marshmallow, Daisy, and Dandelion.

This litter of five colorful kittens found themselves in a hopeless situation, uncertain of where their Mom was or where their next meal would come from. Lifesaving, around-the-clock care was crucial for survival, and that’s when one dedicated foster parent saved their lives and brought them to Paws. Growing healthier and more beautiful every day, these kittens will go on to live a wonderful, enriched life in a loving home.



Sadly, we see so many more cases just like this, where kittens are abandoned, surrendered, or even dumped on our doorstep in unthinkable conditions. No matter what the case, the volunteers and staff of Paws are dedicated to saving the lives of our tiny friends. Your generosity continues to make this possible.

A Message from Tricia Montgomery

There’s no denying it. We live in a different world than the one we lived in just months ago. Business as we know it, including our adoptions, has changed. However, we believe for the better.

In early April, at the height of the COVID crisis, we began our adoptions by appointment; we found the number of adoptions remained the same, while returns of animals sharply decreased. Why? We believe we were able to spend more quality time with applicants, giving us the ability to better match a family with their furever friend. We found that we were able to understand their lifestyle and their needs and match that with a pet that is right for them. We found the ability to create quality communications, creating lasting relationships and

homes. We now have moved this practice into today.

If we are finding the beauty and the goodness throughout the past crisis – by spending more time, imagine what else we can find out?

Remember we can never stop learning and “finding out”, it is our attitude we choose that can make the task easier or more difficult.

The good thing is your attitude is a choice.

When you can’t see the sunshine, be the sunshine.



Tricia Montgomery
Chief Executive Officer
Paws Humane Society



I Like Big Dogs and I Cannot Lie

Being a big dog certainly paid off for this 84-pound Rhodesian Ridgeback. This big guy goes by the name Major and finally found his forever home in April with the Vice President of Paws Board of Directors, Kristen Archer. Kristen was looking for a large dog who would get along with Ms. Darcy, her other senior rescue from Paws, to make her family complete – Major was just the guy for the job. Kristen has been a dedicated board member at Paws for 3 years, not only giving of her time and monetary support but also of her love and compassion for the animals that come through our doors.



Two Years is Too Long

Once a stray wandering the streets of the Chattahoochee Valley, long-term resident Titus had a brief stay at Animal Control before making his way to Paws, where he has been in and out of the shelter for more than two years.

Titus is your typical four-year-old household dog – full of love, has a passion for all toys, and craves attention and affection from his people. His love for outdoors and adventures seems to make him an ideal adoption candidate, but unfortunately, he continues to find himself in Room 2 on the Paws Adoption Floor.

While our animals are showered with love and enrichment during their stay at the shelter, nothing is comparable to life in a home. When days become weeks and weeks become years, dogs like Titus feel lonely and wonder if their time for a second chance will ever come.

This spunky, goofy, resilient shelter dog would thrive in an active family



who has a love for taking trips and seeking all life has to offer. One day soon, with your help, Titus will finally find his second chance and be welcomed into a loving forever home. If you’d like to meet Titus, please visit us during our hours of operation or call the Adoption Center at 706-565-0035 for more information.

From Abandoned to Adored

PUP-DATE! Cooper left a lasting impression on the staff and volunteers at Paws, along with the Columbus community. Cooper was one of two dogs who were abandoned in the Paws driveway and left to fend for themselves. We were able to catch one of the pups quickly, but Cooper proved to be much sneakier than we anticipated. After days of running up and down Milgen Road and all through Cooper Creek Park (hint, the name Cooper) and hours of staff, volunteers, and kind citizens searching, we finally were able to catch Cooper and bring him to safety! Needless to say, he is living his BEST life now in his forever home. Cooper's family said he enjoys trips to Lowes and when he



isn't playing, he loves to be held. After a few days on the run, we are excited Cooper finally settled down and is enjoying the snuggles from his new family!

Thank You to Our Supporters

Today we find ourselves with a renewed sense of gratitude. We are grateful for our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and donors. We are incredibly blessed to care for these animals on a daily basis.

I am in awe and eternally grateful for the people who care about Paws and those we serve. We do what we love and we love what we do, it is our life, it is our passion, it is our calling, and that in turn, spills out into everything we do, every day of our lives.

I wonder if you say thank you too much, or, if anyone ever says thank you enough...acknowledging the small and large things that friends, family, and people we don't even know do that makes us realize how blessed we really are.

In recent months, we have seen small and large acts of kindness. From our fosters, who opened their hearts and homes during our clear the shelter adoption event, to the hundreds of people that donated food, blankets, litter, and supplies, people are always wanting to do more for us, our pets, and our people.

There are thousands of reasons to say thank you to you, and to everyone who supports Paws; we could not do what we do without you.

Wishing you kindness and love, Tricia.

Become a "Furever Friend"

What will your legacy be? Pets leave such lasting imprints on our hearts – what if you had the chance to leave the same imprint on theirs? The decision to include Paws in your will and estate planning ensures that you leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Imagine a future without animal homelessness, in which all animals find a loving home.

Become a "Furever Friend" by including Paws in your estate plans. To find out more about leaving a gift of any size in your will to the most vulnerable animals in the Chattahoochee Valley, contact Director of Development, Nicole Schiff at 706-987-8376.

Wish List

- Purina One Smartblend, Chicken and Rice (red bag, dog food)
- Purina One Smartblend Healthy Puppy Formula (red bag)
- Purina One Tender Selects Blend (teal bag, cat food)
- Purina One Healthy Kitten (teal bag)
- Cat litter (non-clumping)
- Peanut butter
- Large/XL KONG toys
- Dog collar
- Medium/large dog harness
- Puppy or kitten milk replacer formula
- Puppy training pads