

Thatcher

When Thatcher was surrendered to Paws Humane Society in June, we noticed he was not acting like his normal energetic self. He was very lethargic, was not eating anything and completely unable to stand up. We rushed him to Affordable Veterinary Services, where they confirmed Thatcher had an intestinal blockage caused by a corn cob.

Unbeknownst to us, the corn cob had been there for days and caused a portion of his intestines to become damaged beyond repair. We transferred Thatcher to Smiths Station Animal Hospital for emergency lifesaving surgery where eight inches of dead and damaged intestine were removed from his body.

Just as we never give up on the animals that come into our care, Thatcher never gave up on us. He fought hard through the surgery and recovery. Though Thatcher lost quite a bit of weight during his procedures, we are happy to report that he made a full recovery and was cleared for adoption.

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While he was still in our care, we were able to see him enjoying life in our play yard, basking in the sun, and even playing with his ball again.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue to provide animals like Thatcher with all the care needed for their chance at a forever home.

We Love Visitors!
Paws Humane Society

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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A Message from Tricia Montgomery – No Empty Bowls

The coronavirus pandemic brought a wave of unemployment across the nation leaving many pet owners facing challenges of caring for their pets.

During this time, Paws Humane was proud to offer free dog food assistance and distribution not only to pet owners in the Chattahoochee Valley, but also to shelters in Lee, Russell, Harris, Troup and Meriweather County. The food was a coordinated effort between Landmark by American Journey dog food and from Best Friends Animal Society and their corporate partners.

Across the country, pet food pantries are in addition to the food banks that serve as a lifeline for people living paycheck to paycheck. The pantries have become part of a broader movement among animal welfare organizations, pet lovers and others that aim to reduce the population of animals in shelters by assisting pet owners before they resort to giving up their companions.

The need has been so strong that we realize providing these Pet Food Pantries is necessary, whether or not we have to buy the pet food or rely on donations. Our result has been a shift in focus to finding donations, instead of new homes, for pets in the community.

Pets and people belong together; pet food pantries help create a safety net for pets and their owners, and just because someone can't afford a specific quality of care doesn't mean they don't belong together.

PAWS PET PANTRY

1,148
owners

donated food, toys and other supplies to the PAWS pantry

1,289
animals

benefited from the donations

72,500
lbs. of food

were collected from generous donors

14 rescue
groups

benefited from the donations and supplies

No matter what your paycheck or lack thereof, the bond between a person and a pet is still the same.

Paws Humane remains committed to the residents of Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley facing food insecurity for their pets.

Tricia Montgomery
Chief Executive Officer
Paws Humane Society

Calendar of Events



November 7, 2020
Flat Rock Park

Big Dog Running Company's Tails on the Trails Benefiting Paws Humane Society



December 31, 2020
Columbus Convention and Trade Center

Columbus Convention and Trade Center's New Year's Eve Black Cat Ball Benefiting Paws Humane Society

Visit pawshumane.org for more details



A Tri-Pawd with a Spicy Personality

Sriracha's story is a testament to the rough and heartbreaking side of rescue. This six-week-old warrior, whom we named Sriracha for his fiery will to survive, experienced unimaginable pain and hardship before arriving at Paws Humane.

Sriracha was found struggling to carry his tiny, wounded body across the road. Thankfully, a Good Samaritan saw him and made the immediate decision to rescue him. Sriracha was brought to us in critical condition, and we knew we only had moments to act. The staff at Paws Humane Veterinary Clinic didn't waste a second and began providing Sriracha with the treatment necessary to save his life. Sriracha's front right limb was almost completely severed, hanging on only by a small piece of skin, and he had sustained trauma to his mouth. He needed extensive care, medical treatment, a leg amputation and a lot of love.

Sriracha's spicy personality showed us he was a fighter and willing to pull through, despite the immeasurable pain. After everything he endured, the least we could do was promise him that we would be right by his side — cheering him on and supporting his every move on the road to recovery.

When Sriracha was cleared for adoption, he hit the jackpot when it comes to forever families. Sriracha is now safe, loved, and living the dream with his new family who loves his spicy personality.

Sriracha was one of many injured kittens who came into our care during what we felt was a never-ending kitten season. Thanks to your support, we never give up on these animals. You are the heroes who make our life-saving work possible!

Time is Money

Our lifesaving mission would not be possible if not for the individuals in our community who dedicate their time, talents and energy to Paws Humane through volunteering. Lauralin Innis is a prime example of the dedication needed to continue our mission. It could be transporting an injured animal for an x-ray, cuddling scared puppies, to doing laundry and disinfecting our veterinary clinic. No matter the task, she shows up with a smile and makes sure the job's done. Without individuals like her and so many other wonderful volunteers who donated their valuable time, we would not be able to save more than 2,000 animals per year.



Thank You to Our Supporters

We would like to extend our gratitude to the following organizations for providing us with much-needed grant funding in the first half of 2020. Without their funding and support, we would not be able to continue our lifesaving mission. On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers and animals, we thank you!

**Elinor Patterson Baker Trust
through HSUS**

Jim Parker Charitable Trust



**Maddie's
Fund**



**SAVE
THEM
ALL**



BISSELL PET FOUNDATION®
Until every pet has a home.

Worth the Wait

An animal shelter is no place to call home, and one Paws Humane alum knew that feeling all too well. Titus' love for outdoors and adventures seemed to make him an ideal adoption candidate, but unfortunately, he continued to find himself in Room 2 on the Paws Humane Adoption Floor. That was, until one life-changing day when the perfect "Dog Dad" stopped by the shelter.

After meeting several dogs, Titus' new Dad knew their connection was special and he couldn't leave the shelter without him. As Titus is adjusting to the luxuries that come with a forever home, his dad says he is a great dog who deserves the world.

We may never understand why a spunky, goofy, amazing dog like



Titus was homeless for more than two years, but it is beautiful adoption stories like this that encourage us to continue fighting for our lifesaving mission. Titus is now living the life he always deserved!

Stock, Bonds or Mutual Funds

A gift of appreciated securities like stocks, bonds or mutual funds can be a great way to support our mission and save more animals in the Chattahoochee Valley.

When you transfer ownership of securities to Paws Humane, you will receive a charitable deduction for the full market value and incur no capital gains tax subject to IRS deductible limitations. The process is simple and can have a major impact on the animals in our care.

We encourage you to alert us in advance with the details of your appreciated gift so we can properly acknowledge your donation. Electronic security transfers do not necessarily provide us with your information.

For more information, please contact your stock advisor, mutual fund company or email our CEO, Tricia Montgomery, at pmontgomery@pawshumane.org.