

Defending Those Suffering From Cruelty

During the summer heat in the midst of our busiest season, Paws Humane Society was asked to assist with the rescue, sheltering, and rehoming of 17 dogs on a rural property in Early County, Georgia. Paws joined staff from Atlanta Humane Society and Humane Society of the United States at the property to rescue these dogs from horrific and inadequate living conditions. Most of the dogs were tied to trees by a 2-foot chain, while others lived in small pens. No dog had access to proper food, water, and shelter, and by the looks of it, they had been suffering for far too long.

That day, we saved five dogs from a life of isolation, abandonment, and cruelty, while the partnering organizations saved the rest. Fawn, Hale, Tonto, Hendrix, and Niko were finally safe. Upon arriving at our shelter, each pup received a thorough exam followed by a much-needed bath and an overabundance of TLC. Our veterinarian noted a plethora of issues including severe malnourishment, hair loss, skin issues, heartworm positive, and extreme undersocialization. Fawn's condition was so advanced she was practically feral, scared of everything except the companionship of another dog.

After healing for a few weeks, all five dogs were just about ready to be placed for adoption. Medical issues had cleared up, and they were starting to really love the affection they received.

When their time came to leave the shelter, they were ready. Their families understood what they had been through, and each was dedicated to giving these precious animals the loving home they always deserved. This special group of dogs will always have a place in our heart, and they survived because of you. We are grateful for the outpouring of support which allows us to take on these hoarding case rescues and save lives.





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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.

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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.

Message From the Executive Director

Hurricane Barry

Hurricane season hit early this year, but we were ready. Due to our experience in disaster relief, we have the proper protocols in place to jump into action when tragedy strikes. Tropical Storm Barry was threatening Plaquemines Parish in southern Louisiana, with half of the parish already under mandatory evacuation orders. Though it was expected to be a small storm, due to Louisiana's incredibly low elevation, the threat of floods was ominous.

Our first goal in disaster relief is simple: we want to get into the area before the storm hits and pull out as many animals as possible. These are the pets whose families never claimed them from Animal Control. If we don't rescue them, they will be euthanized to make room for the displaced animals who will be coming to the shelter once the storm subsides. This is the harsh reality of a natural disaster.



When I told staff and volunteers about the request for help, there was no hesitation – we had to help. We left early Friday morning and rescued 50 cats and kittens from Plaquemines Animal Welfare Society. We arrived back at Paws Humane Society around 2 a.m. on Saturday morning where the newly rescued animals were welcomed enthusiastically by our intake team.

It takes a village to be able to successfully assist during a natural disaster. From transport drivers, volunteers, staff, and donors – we would not be able to accomplish this without your help. Thank you to everyone who assisted in our

disaster relief efforts; you are the heroes who make our lifesaving work possible!



Bobbi Yeo

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CEO, Paws Humane Society

Calendar of Events

Dog's Day Out

Dog's Day Out is exactly as the name suggests; spending a few hours with a shelter dog outside of their kennel. This can be anything from grabbing a puppuccino at Starbucks, going on a hike, taking a leisurely stroll at a park, or even a nap at your home. Both you and the dog can enjoy a day of companionship combined with an adventure, a win-win situation for all! Dog's Day Out is offered at Paws Humane Society Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



A Passion Meets Purpose

Mike Mitchum knew something was missing from his life. In February of 2017, he found himself as a 14-year Army Veteran suffering from PTSD. Knowing the impact a dog can have, Mike's therapist recommended he adopt a dog for companionship and healing. On February 3rd, 2017, Nanook changed Mike's life. Nanook is a squeaky toy and fetch-loving, lazy 80 lb Alaskan Malamute. Over the years, Nanook has provided Mike and his family with a joy that can only be described as fate. Because of Nanook's impact on his life, Mike has continued to give back to Paws.

Mike gives to PHS because he is passionate about our Pet Adoptions, Pets for Life Outreach Program, and Affordable Veterinary Services. Mike believes the work that Paws is doing is critical in our community, and he wants to continue to see the impact we have in the area. He also feels "we all need to do more to help these animals and add some joy and happiness to their lives." As we know, pets are loyal and loving companions despite what they've been through. Paws Humane Society is only able to continue our lifesaving mission because of loyal, generous donors, like Mike. Thanks, Mike!

An Iron Will to Find a Forever Home Despite a Devastating Diagnosis

Wandering the streets with no place to call home, Jaxie was found by our partner, Columbus Animal Care and Control, in 2015. Paws Humane Society transferred her into our care where she was quickly adopted and life was good, so it seemed. After 923 days in what Jaxie thought was a forever home, sadly, she found herself back at the shelter.

With her big eyes and beautiful coat, we were sure she'd find a new home; however, things took a turn for the worse when she was diagnosed with diabetes just over a year ago. Living with diabetes is challenging, and unfortunately has played a significant role in Jaxie's chances at adoption. Having to take insulin twice a day and live on a strict diet to accommodate her special health needs is no small undertaking for an adopter.

With resilience and an iron will, Jaxie has not given up hope on finding that perfect home, and neither have we. From lounging around with her cat friends to cuddling with her human friends, Jaxie knows she's got so much love to offer and that one day soon, with your help, she will have someone to call her own. Due to her medical diagnosis, Jaxie is currently living in a foster home while she awaits her forever family. If you'd like to meet Jaxie, please contact our adoptions department at 706-565-0035 or adoptions@pawshumane.org.





SNOWELLE



WENDY



BUDDY

A Heartfelt Thank You

When we say thank you, we hope you understand the depths of which the staff, volunteers, and precious shelter residents truly mean it. Our lifesaving programs still exist because of you.

Your generous support saved Snowelle, a pregnant Great Pyrenees originally surrendered to animal control before PHS rescued her. It also saved Wendy, a community cat who was picked up by Animal Control suffering from a terrible head injury, and through our Paws Community Cat Program, Wendy got the medical attention that saved her life. Your support also saved Buddy, a much-loved pup whose owner was having a hard time providing proper shelter and containment for him, but through our Pets for Life program, we provided Buddy's owner with all the essentials he needs, and Buddy will now get to continue to live life with his best friend. Lastly, your support saved Bunny and Chip, a neonatal puppy and kitten rescued by the Paws Foster Program.

You see, we simply can't do this without you. You directly affect the lives of companion animals right here in the Chattahoochee Valley, and you make all the difference. If you get a chance, please visit us in person, and keep up with us on social media. We want you to see the wonderful work you make possible. Thank you for supporting Paws Humane Society!



CHIP AND BUNNY

Wish List

Shopping online has never been easier. Visit www.pawshumane.org to view our wish list and have items sent directly to our shelter. Remember, if you shop through Amazon Smile and choose Paws Humane Society as your designated charity, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to us!

High Priority Items

- Medium and Large Size Collars
- Dog Treats
- Peanut Butter
- Hot Dogs
- Hard Dog Toys
- Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR)
- Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- Puppy Training Pads



Donating stocks can help save homeless animals... and help you too!

You'll be saving animals' lives, while enjoying the added bonus of receiving tax benefits!

Did you know one way to support Paws Humane Society is through stock gifts? You can help even more animals by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to PHS.

Appreciated securities that you have owned for more than one year can qualify for a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value. And you won't pay capital gains taxes, so you may save even more on taxes. And your gift will keep on giving!

If you wish to make a stock gift to PHS, please consult your tax or financial advisor. If you have questions for us, please contact the Development Department at 706-660-5933 or donations@pawshumane.org. Thank you from all the animals that will be given a second chance!

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