

On the Road to Recovery

For so long, Buddy experienced a life of hardship and became all too familiar with being on the street. At just eight weeks old, Buddy and his siblings were found discarded in a box on the side of the road. Knowing their best chance at survival would be with around-the-clock care, our foster program got right to work and found temporary homes for the puppies to grow in. After a rough start to life, Buddy was adopted into what we hoped would be a carefree life. Just months after being adopted, Buddy was hit by a car and again, faced a new road to recovery.

Time was of the essence when we received the call, and it was in Buddy's best interest to be returned to us for medical treatment. No matter what happens in life, we always welcome our adopted animals back with open arms. Buddy was suffering agonizing pain from a shattered leg, broken pelvis, and his tail was rotting away. It is difficult to see any animal in pain, but when you



are as sweet as Buddy, the suffering breaks your heart.

Our team of veterinary partners assisted in providing emergency lifesaving care that unfortunately resulted in Buddy having his rear leg and a portion of his tail amputated. Even while in foster care recovering, his partial tail does



not stop him from wagging any chance he gets. One day soon, Buddy will have the chance to find another happy ending in a loving forever home. Because of your ongoing and generous support for animals like Buddy, we can continue saving the lives of homeless animals in need.

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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Today, we need your help.

There is a mental health crisis among veterinarians, and the rate at which our veterinary colleagues, peers, classmates, and friends are being taken by suicide is staggering.

Research has continued to show that veterinarians are more than 3.5 times as likely to commit suicide than the general population. Veterinarians are consistently sitting at the top of the list of professions in the entire United States for most suicides per year. This number is not slowing down, but continues to roll and gain speed like a boulder down an insurmountable mountain of unattainable expectations from owners, the community, and ourselves. It's an unclimbable hill of patient morbidity and mortality, an unimaginable weight of debt, an unlivable work-"life" balance, and unrealistic professional demands that far surpass any human's emotional limits, resulting in one of the highest rates of compassion fatigue.

So, why do veterinarians commit suicide?

-  Educational Debt
-  Cost of Care
-  Emotional Burnout & Compassion Fatigue
-  Owner Expectations & Work-Life Balance



Please be kind to your veterinary team, whether it be at Paws Humane or any other veterinary clinic. Our Veterinarians, Dr. White, Dr. Mathews, and Dr. Seifert, and the entire team at Paws Humane, only want the best for you and your pet. Read more about this crisis and what you can do to help by visiting pawshumane.org/not-one-more-vet.

Tricia

Tricia Montgomery
Chief Executive Officer
Paws Humane Society




Calendar of Events

Dog's Day Out

Monday-Saturday
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
at Paws Humane

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!

Stay Connected

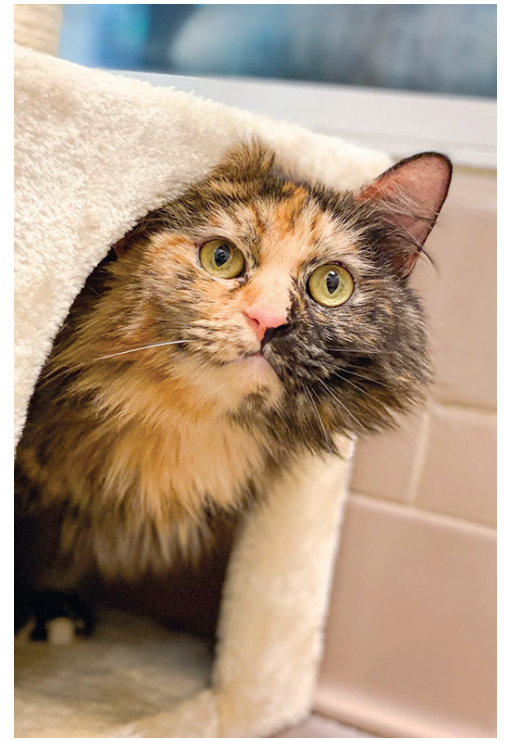
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Mission

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.



Positively Perfect

There is no greater gift than the love of a cat. Adoptable Topaz is around three years old, seven pounds of pure love, and a professional lap warmer. Although she is a bit shy at first, she is quite perfect in the fine art of friendship. Adopted once before and returned after her owners went through a divorce, she finds herself homeless yet again. Upon intake, we discovered Topaz was Feline Immunodeficiency Virus positive

(FIV+) and needing her rear leg amputated after an old injury did not heal correctly. FIV is an autoimmune disease that only affects cats, meaning a cat-free home is ideal for Topaz. While adjusting to her new normal as a three-legged feline, Topaz hopes people will see past her differences to her loving heart.

As Topaz waits for her family to come along to love her

unconditionally, the staff and volunteers at Paws Humane will shower this sweet girl with all the love, attention, and lap time she wants. Caring for a pet with special needs may take less time or money than you think and the life you'll save is priceless. Being FIV+ doesn't matter to her; being loved does. FIV+ cats are positively adoptable and with the proper care can live a happy, healthy life for many years.

Leaving a Legacy

Planned gifts are a powerful way to help Paws Humane Society continue our mission to rescue and adopt homeless animals long into the future. Planned gifts can be bequests in a Will, Retirement Plan Designations, Life Insurance Gifts, and more. All gifts are different, but share the unique characteristic that they allow you to ultimately donate more to help save the lives of animals. Planned gifts will allow you to enjoy specific tax advantages, so we recommend discussing your plan with your personal financial advisor. The process is simple and has 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.

For more information, email our CEO, Tricia Montgomery, at pmontgomery@pawshumane.org.

Paintings and a Purpose

When Brenda adopted Lana from us in 2011, she didn't realize how much one rescue pup would change her life. Shortly after adoption, Brenda, who suffers from seizures, decided to have Lana trained as a seizure alert dog. Brenda and Lana finding each other provided a better quality of life for both. Lana was no longer homeless, and Brenda's life changed forever. With Lana's support, Brenda was able to safely obtain her driver's license again and regain her freedom. In seeing how much Lana changed Brenda's life, an artist friend of hers offered to paint a portrait of Lana, and instead of paying for the piece, he requested a donation be made to an organization that makes a difference in the community.



Brenda chose Paws Humane!
We truly believe Brenda and Lana were brought together to heal one another. Adoption can't change the past, but it can rewrite the future!

Shelter 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)
- Large/XL KONG Toys
- Peanut Butter
- Dog Collars
- Medium/Large Dog Harnesses
- Puppy or Kitten Milk Replacer Formula
- Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- Puppy Training Pads

The full wish list can be found at pawshumane.org/ways-to-give.

Healthcare Workers Get a Dose of Furry Therapy

At Piedmont Columbus Regional Northside, foster puppies and kittens had an important mission, to bring smiles and comfort to healthcare workers. When Piedmont asked about the possibility of bringing animals to comfort their staff, it didn't take long for us to gather the sweetest furry faces for the perfect prescription.

COVID-19 has taken a mental and emotional toll on healthcare workers, so our foster program stepped right in to boost the spirits of doctors, nurses, and medical staff on the frontlines. At Paws Humane, we believe



that animals help people heal. They reduce depression, loneliness, and anxiety. Animals are so much more than just our



tail-wagging fluffy friends. They are a vital part of health and are clearly, just what the doctor ordered.