



**Humane Society**

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **The future of Paws Humane Society is in jeopardy due to a lack of funding...We need your help!**

Columbus, GA July 29, 2022 – in today’s complicated world, animal service organizations such as Paws Humane Society are facing unprecedented challenges. During the pandemic, Paws Humane was fortunate to have a plethora of fosters, volunteers and adopters. Yet, animal shelters across the country were unable to provide essential services to their communities as many areas of outreach were forced to cease. We are now feeling the post pandemic results of the gap in services along with extra demands from today’s economics.

Columbus Animal Care and Control is on the verge of having to euthanize for space. Intake is endless. Paws Humane is struggling to continue with the costs associated with the demand for services.

**Due to the overwhelming need in the community, Paws Humane continues to step up to help, and now, we need your help!**

With the rising costs of gas, medical supplies, and pet supplies, YOU are needed if we are going to be able to sustain the way we operate and the services we provide. Services such as saving pets from CACC in order to prevent euthanizing for space. Outreach programs for the underserved neighborhoods to keep pets in the homes. Maintaining our low costs spay/neuter services through our veterinary clinic or transporting dogs all the way to Canada, to create room for more homeless animals here at home.

**At the current rate of expenditures and with the amount of average monthly donations, we have approximately six months left before services and programs are discontinued.**

We do have a disaster plan in place, which would drastically cut the services we provide; ultimately leading to the euthanizing of more dogs and cats from CACC and setting us back on years’ worth of progress we have made in the community. Not to mention, the catastrophic effects it would have on the people we serve in the community as well as the emotional devastation it would have on the Paws’ staff, knowing all the hard work they have done could now be undone.

Please help today, to better their tomorrow!

**About Paws Humane Society**

Founded in 2009, Paws Humane Society is a private 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of both animals and people as a solution-based community resource for animal services. Its roots date back to 1969 when Colonel Syd Sacerdote established the first animal shelter in Muscogee County called the Muscogee County Humane Society. In 1999, a group of animal advocates dedicated to animal services created PAWS Columbus. Ten years later, these two groups merged together forming Paws Humane, Inc. also known as Paws Humane Society. Paws Humane is not a United Way agency and we rely solely on the generous support from foundations and individuals within the community.