

## Meet **Beanie**

**Sweet pup Beanie was barely surviving life as a stray when she was found with gaping wounds covering all four legs and her fragile body wasted away to practically nothing from chronic starvation. Beanie tested positive for Heartworm disease, and needed every ounce of strength she had to fight.**

Beanie was picked up by animal control officers after she was noticed wandering around on her own. Beanie was in horrific condition, and we knew right away she needed immediate medical care so we decided to take her in. Beanie came to us emaciated with open wounds on all four legs. This poor girl was in incredible pain, and could barely keep her head up she was so weak. Beanie barely even noticed the pangs of hunger anymore as the feeling of starvation had become quite familiar to her. Her body had wasted away to almost nothing, and she was skin and bones when she was found.

We don't know how Beanie sustained her injuries, but any of the wounds could have cost her a limb had they become severely infected. As if her condition wasn't bad enough, Beanie also tested positive for Heartworm Disease. Although easily preventable with the proper medication, Heartworm can be fatal if left untreated. Beanie would have died of heart failure as parasitic worms crowded the chambers of her heart. Despite her pain and suffering, Beanie has remained the sweetest and most lovable girl.

Beanie's leg wounds were cleaned and dressed by our vet, and she received regular wound care until fully healed. After receiving a course of antibiotics to prevent any potential infections and pain management, Beanie is now in the care of an amazing foster who is helping her gain weight and confidence back. Beanie has made tremendous progress because of your generosity and support!





# Directors Letter

Paws Humane Society has always been widely thought of as an amazing adoption center. While we are proud of all the animals we have saved over the last 14 years and will continue to be there when needed, we recognized that in order to make a true impact

on our community, we need to also be working with the other end of the leash. Paws Humane is now focusing on proactive, life-saving programs that keep pets and people together and out of the shelter system.

Life circumstances can change in an instant. People going through hardships may find it difficult to keep their pets. Without help, they may feel that the best choice is to

surrender their pet to find a family that can provide all that they need. We understand how difficult these choices can be. With our resources and programs, we are giving the community new choices and alternatives. Paws humane provides access to affordable veterinary medical care and spay/neuter assistance, free pet food and supplies, free spay/neuter for all community cats living in Muscogee County, low-cost dog training services, and when all else fails and you still need to re-home your pet, we can provide re-homing assistance so they never have to come into a shelter.

To find out more information, visit [pawshumane.org](http://pawshumane.org)

Courtney Pierce  
Executive Director

## Because You Gave



**Veterinary Clinic 324** rabies vaccines were administered free of charge during our March clinic event.

**Adoptions 182** animals have been adopted since January.



**Community Cats 278** spay-neuter surgeries since January and 32 medical interventions.



## Community Partner Spotlight

Thank you to our local and national community partners who make the programs and services of Paws Humane possible! One of those local partners is Main Event Tattoo located at 3709 Gentian Blvd, Suite 13, Columbus, GA 31907. Each month, they do an in-kind fundraiser for the animals at Paws Humane!





# Volunteer Spotlight

## Jean Cassell

Volunteers are vital to the work we do and we truly appreciate those who are able to donate their time to help the homeless pets in our community. One such volunteer has made a lasting impact at Paws Humane and in the countless lives of animals she has helped save. Jean is one of our most dedicated volunteers at Paws Humane Society and has a loving heart for our feline friends. Jean has been volunteering for our Community Cat Program for 5 ½ years, selflessly giving over 4,000 hours of volunteer service. Day in and day out Jean is dedicated to ensuring the un-owned stray or feral cats who live outdoors in our neighborhoods are humanely trapped to be brought into our facility to be spay-neutered, vaccinated, and released back into the community. Thank you, Jean and all volunteers for your dedicated service to the people and pets at Paws Humane Society! To find out more about our Community Cat Program, visit [pawshumane.org/services/community-cat-program](http://pawshumane.org/services/community-cat-program)



# Barks & Blues Music Festival

May 20, 2023 | 3-10pm  
Woodruff Park, Columbus, GA

Join us for our Sixth Annual Barks & Blues Music Festival. We are excited for the festivities, which include great music from five local and regional bands, fun entertainment, food and beverages, arts and craft vendors, and a kids zone!

**Slippery When Wet – The Ultimate Bon Jovi Tribute** was formed in 2003 by Jason Morey after answering many inquiries of “Are you Jon Bon Jovi?” Most notably comedian Dave Chappelle invited Jason backstage following one of his comedy shows thinking that he was the New Jersey icon. It was then that Jason knew he had to take advantage of the resemblance. Slippery When Wet has played over 1600 shows throughout the U.S. alone and has traveled to Africa, Mexico, Singapore, Puerto Rico, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. They have headlined over 60 cruises on the Royal Caribbean cruise line and played the pre-game of Super Bowl 48 in East Rutherford NJ. The band’s shows are the most attended and highest-grossing of any Bon Jovi Tribute in the country.

Visit [barksandblues.com](http://barksandblues.com) to find out more!





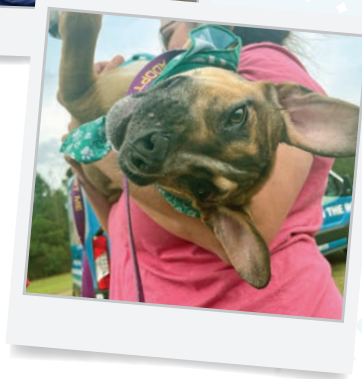
# How You Can Help

Approximately 6.3 million companion animals enter US animal shelters nationwide every year. It's time to make pets and their people a priority. Together we can. Together we will. Together we are Paws Humane.

## Top Volunteer Needs

### Volunteer For An Offsite Event

Fun, exciting, and making a difference at the same time! We are always looking for energetic volunteers to help at our offsite events such as an adoption event at Omaha Brewing, Chattabrewchee Southern Brewhouse, and PetSmart, or participate in our annual Barks & Blues Music Festival!



## Urgent Needs

Currently, we are in need of:

- Wet cat food
- Cat litter (non-clumping)
- Tuna in water
- Peanut Butter
- Hot dogs



## Ways to Give

There are so many ways to donate to help homeless animals through Paws Humane Society. Of course, you can always give through the more traditional ways such as monetary and in-kind giving, but have you ever considered giving a tribute gift to honor or remember that special person or pet that has touched your life? Maybe you would like to “set it and forget it” and become a monthly giver by joining our Humane Heroes giving program. You might even have an unused car that has become a yard ornament, we’ll take that too. You could also give to Paws Humane through stocks, mutual funds, and donor-advised funds as well, making a lasting impact for years to come.

No matter the form of giving, know that we are thankful for every gift and without YOU, the stories of surviving, rescuing, and overcoming would not be possible!

For more information on how you can give, visit [pawshumane.org/ways-to-give](http://pawshumane.org/ways-to-give)



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