



Paws Place Newsletter



Finding Love During a Pandemic

We, like everyone else were excited to welcome a New Year in 2020...then it seemed the world halted, medical pandemic reared and with that 2020 brought many unique challenges. We were getting all set for our biggest annual fundraiser on March 14th – Raise the Ruff 2020: Casino Night. On March 12 we had to make the very difficult decision to cancel due to the onslaught of the coronavirus. No one could have ever imagined how this virus would change our community and our world. We were forced to close the kennel to potential adopters and our dogs in residence were suddenly alone.

As an essential business, we restructured our safety protocols and began to welcome visitors under strict guidelines so we could continue to find loving homes for our dogs and rescue those in need. In the midst of the virus, we brought in Katie Bug with her 13 pups all the way from Georgia. We celebrated as they all grew and evolved into their loving, forever homes. But, it became apparent that the isolation of people staying at home increased the demand for dog adoptions. As we got in a rhythm, the pace picked up and we were back to our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and adopt dogs. **At this lonely, confusing time in our world it was through dogs that people found joy and comfort.** We have rescued and adopted 129 dogs since the beginning of the year. Today, we continue to operate under strict guidelines for visitors and welcome all to find your furry family member. **Through it all, Paws Place Dog Rescue was there – where love is waiting.**

The Dog Who Wouldn't Give UP... and Neither Would We!

A one-year-old injured stray came to our attention last October. Paws Place assumed her care and named her Sabrina. Thought to have a broken pelvis, we scheduled her surgery for as soon as possible. However, her injuries were much worse than we thought. She had multiple tail fractures and basically her pelvis was not connected. These injuries can easily cause nerve damage and we knew we had to do everything we could to save her.

Sabrina was in the hospital for a total of 5 weeks before being released into our care. Initial surgeries went well and even though she was walking, she still had significant digestive issues. **But you could see the glow in her eyes that she wanted to be a "dog!"**



We continued to work closely with our vets to monitor everything she ate. If food wasn't staying down, then she couldn't gain the needed weight. With four meals a day, a special concoction and special medicine, little by little improvement came. As each hurdle passed, she was getting closer and closer to being ready for adoption.

It was the end of January when the orthopedist said she could run & play – and she did! After another four weeks, her digestion had improved and so did her incontinence – AND her tail even started to wag!!! Sabrina was ready for adoption by mid-March. Little did we know that Thor's family had been following her story from the very beginning. Thor himself had overcome a traumatic injury and now he was ready for a playmate. Sabrina was adopted in late March 2020 and it was a match made in heaven.

Costs to Care for a Rescued Dog

As you may know, most of our dogs come from county shelters. Some may have come in as strays, others surrendered by owners who couldn't care for them. In all cases, it takes lots of love and money to get these dogs ready for adoption. The love part is easy.

Our Costs

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| \$48 | Vet Exam |
| \$50 | Special Fecal Test |
| \$88 | Blood Test |
| \$188 | Xrays |
| \$500 | Dental Work |
| \$500 | Heartworm Treatment (55lb dog) |
| \$1000 | Hernia Surgery |
| \$1800 | TPLO (Knee) Surgery |

A dog that is healthy and needs nothing but the basics (vaccinations, spay/neuter, microchip, heartworm/lyme/ehrlichia tests, heart worm prevention and flea & tick prevention) will cost approximately \$250.

We take in an average of 10 dogs per month – that's a minimum cost of \$2,500. This does not include room and board or additional monthly preventions the longer the dog stays with us. However, rarely does a dog come to us not needing additional care. Often times they come in with old injuries that have healed improperly, bad skin conditions, or suspicious growths to name a few. So far this year, we have had 18 dogs test positive for heartworms. We don't shy away from the special needs dogs. Diagnosing and providing treatment requires tests and special medications. Here is a list of some of the extraordinary expenses that are becoming the "norm."

We share the stories of our dogs and their successful recovery progress. Without the continued financial support from our followers, we couldn't do what we do to care for our dogs and give them their best shot at life. Please consider becoming a monthly donor in support of our ongoing medical costs. **The dogs of Paws Place thank you!**

Did you know?

A healthy dog costs Paws Place \$250 to get ready for adoption?

What I Love Most About Volunteering at Paws Place

by: Crystal Moore

I've always been a dog lover. I learned at a young age how faithful, grateful and unconditionally loving my furry companions could be given some time, patience and loads of love. In 2002, when our 13-year old Lab passed away, my husband and I were devastated. The loss of our Mandy left a hole in our hearts. Six months after Mandy's passing, I took a ride to Paws Place, just felt a pressing need to once again be in a dog's fun-loving presence. My heart literally leapt when, upon arrival, I was greeted by a chorus of woofs and howls! I stayed for awhile to give cuddles and treats to the pups. It felt like a little slice of heaven being in their company that day. **I was hooked!**

Since then, I've become a regular volunteer at Paws Place. It's my go-to in good times and bad. Simply spending time with the fur kids or helping with daily tasks has never failed to bring joy to my heart.

Getting to know individual dogs, building their trust and helping them find their forever homes is indeed a beautiful sight to witness. My husband and I have adopted, loved and said goodbye to several beloved dogs over the years. Though it's never easy letting them go, we simply couldn't imagine being a family without fur kids. I still volunteer at Paws Place and Reilly Jean, a Lab mix, is our most recent adoptee. Have to say, we are completely smitten with her!

Friends ask, "How can one continue to volunteer, meet the dogs and get attached only to watch them go"? **My answer is always the same. A dog's love is unconditional and I am simply grateful to be in their presence.** Therefore, as long as I am able and GOD is willing, I shall volunteer.



We cannot provide homes and medical care for these dogs without the help of our generous donors.

To continue supporting Paws Place, you can make a donation online or by check.

- To make a contribution by check, please use the enclosed envelope. Please be sure to include your mailing address.
- Donations may also be made securely by credit card through our website. Visit www.PawsPlace.org and click the "Donate Now" button on the top right of the home page.

All donations will be acknowledged in writing.

- I want to become a Paws Place Partner and pledge a monthly donation of \$_____ to support Paws Place Dog Rescue. (Please provide your mailing address.)
- Enclosed is my one-time donation of \$_____ towards finding these rescue dogs a forever home.

If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a pet or loved one, please be sure to provide the name and address of where you would like the acknowledgment sent.

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Meet Danny

He's a two-year old, Bassett mix. Danny is a love bug. Something else you should know about Danny—he has heartworms. **Danny is one of about twenty dogs we rescue each year that are infected with heartworms.**



We treat every dog that comes to our facility if they have heartworm disease. These treatments take a long time, cost about \$500 and are stressful to the dog.

What are heartworms? They are a parasite that are transmitted from one infected animal to another by mosquitos.

Heartworm disease is completely preventable, but that depends on you. Remember the rule of 12. Have your dog checked by your vet every 12 months and give your dog a heartworm preventative medication 12 months each year. Don't forget! Mark your calendar or put a reminder in your phone.

So far this year:
We have rescued **18** dogs that were heartworm positive.

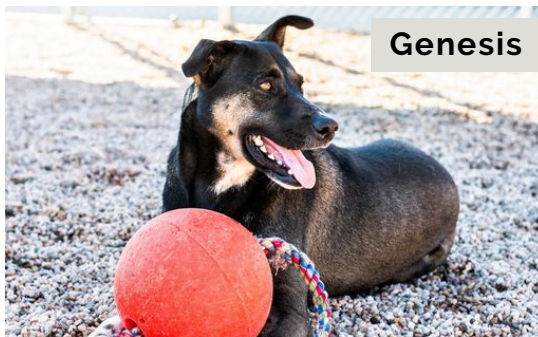
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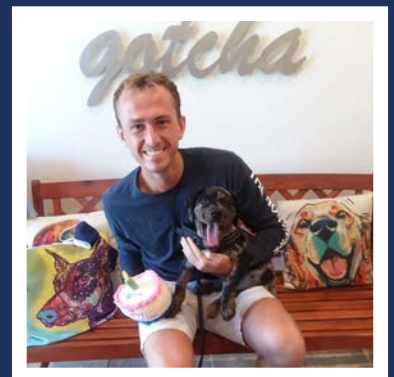
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