



# Paws Place Newsletter

## One Big Happy Family



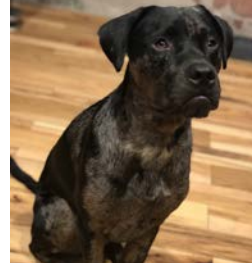
**Penny (Pia)**



**Tucker (Slugger)**



**Yaya**



**Blue (Oreo)**



**S'mores (Smalls)**

In the Summer 2020, Pia (Now Penny) was rescued with her four pups. When they arrived at Paws Place, her pups were only days old, weighing less than two pounds each and Penny tested positive for heart worms. After getting all the love, attention, and medical care they needed all five dogs were adopted in the Fall. So, where are they now? We have those answers for you!

The happy mom, **Penny**, absolutely loves her toys and even sleeps with them! Her favorite activities include giving kisses, snoring loudly while she naps, being persistent when she wants to play, and eating anything anytime. **Oreo** (now Blue) enjoys going to Carolina Beach State Park and the dog park at Long Leaf, although his adopter is not sure who he loves more, the dogs or the people! **Slugger** (Now Tucker) still loves laying at the water bowl, just like he did at Paws Place. His favorite activity is tug of war and weighing in at 84 pounds we have a feeling Tucker wins a lot! **Smalls** (now S'mores) loves going to the dog park, playing brain games, and tug of war! She enjoys her play dates with her siblings and hopes they can get together again soon.



**Yaya** loves to go on walks, play fetch, and steal her human brother's stuffed toys! Yaya would tell you her big brother is "sharing", but we know better! The three words that best describe Yaya now are very sweet, playful, and sometimes timid.

The furry family still meets for quarterly play dates and call themselves 'The Sandlot Pups'. The last play date was in June 2021 to celebrate the four pups birthdays and all the adopters hope to be able to get together again soon! We have a feeling all five dogs are very spoiled and loved!

## Esme--You can't put a price on love

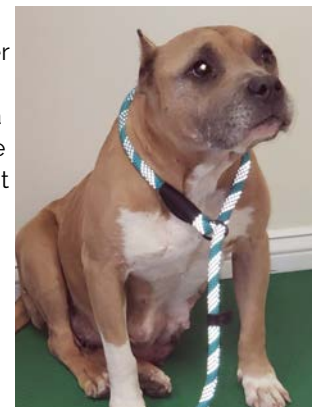
When we welcomed Esme, we knew she needed our help. We just didn't realize how extensive her issues were. Esme had a severe leg injury which is why we were contacted by the county shelter. Once we got her to a vet, we learned that she had more health issues to tackle. We had already started our journey with her so we weren't about to give up. Esme had multiple mammary tumors and we were told that she needed a total mastectomy as soon as possible. Our bill for this surgery including her spay was over \$1600. We gave her some time to recuperate and then scheduled the repair for her ACL injury which cost \$982. Throughout this entire process, her tail never stopped wagging. She knew that she was being taken care of.



Esme at home

This young lady was only five years old. She had so much love to give, and we were her only hope. While she was recovering from her surgeries, she had a family that was very interested in adopting her. We thought it was best for her to go home with her family for her last health challenge - her heartworm treatment.

Our total cost to help Esme was over \$3000, but she was worth it and this recent update from her family says it all. "Esme is doing so well. She's our best friend and a very loyal (and funny) companion. We live for her walks, her snores, her dancing, and her hilarious growls when the food isn't being served fast enough." Updates don't get much better than this!



Esme on arrival

## Joys of Adopting Senior Dogs, by Cheryl and Mike Cummings

When asked to write why we adopt senior dogs – the very first thing that comes to mind is their openness and willingness to accept new humans into their lives. Sure, new puppies are great but require more time in training and adjustment – give us a senior dog anytime – they adapt quickly and learn the rhythms of the home – knowing when to eat, sleep, walk and repeat. Most come already potty trained with basic commands – sit, stay, etc. We have had the pleasure and privilege of caring for three – Marco (also a Paws Place dog), whom we lost to cancer before adopting Buddy (aka Sanford) and Lily (aka Grandma Fancy) who were brought to Paws Place separately as surrenders from Bladen County.



**Buddy & Lilly 2017**

When we put in the applications for both, we were asked if we really wanted both – yes of course! They were obviously a family – same markings, coloring, and size – and we didn't want to separate them.



**Buddy & Lilly at Christmas 2020**

It was difficult loading Buddy into the car on the day we went to pick them up – he kept jumping out as soon as we would get him in – I don't blame him – his last car ride resulting in coming back neutered and uncomfortable. Lily, on the other hand, could not wait to get in the car! I think if anyone opened a car door she would have jumped in for the ride.

Neighbors loved to see them both walking around the neighborhood, being well behaved, mooching treats and were saddened to hear of Buddy's passing, Lily is still prancing around the neighborhood, going on car rides and occasional outings at area parks. The joys of adopting a senior dog are endless, I can go on all day about how they have enriched our lives, but space is limited – so I will end with a quote from Gilda Radner: "I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive."

## Why I Volunteer at Paws Place, by Maryann Minnella

People ask me why I volunteer at Paws Place Dog Rescue. My answer is always the same, "For the Love of Animals." I have had dogs all my life starting at nine months old with my first dog Penny. I have been volunteering at Paws Place since January 2011, sometimes helping kennel employees, doing laundry (which there is always a lot of), even some home inspections to make sure the dogs will be safe and happy in their new homes. But I mostly walk the dogs and foster puppies, hurt dogs, sick dogs and dogs that need a little TLC.... 44 fosters so far. I am often asked "how can you give them back after you have fostered them." I tell them "I am just their temporary guardian until their new mom and dad find them." I saw this little saying many years ago and I now end all my e mails with it...."Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains un-awakened."

So, if you have some time on your hands come to Paws Place and volunteer your time even if it's to just sit with a frightened puppy or brush a senior dog. You will both feel so much better for it.



**Maryann with foster dog Aries**

## Confessions of a Foster Failure, by Robin Arnaud

My name is Nannie (a.k.a. Robin) and I am a "foster failure" times two. Both boys, Duke and Brock, were dogs who needed medical care. Paws Place has quite a few fosters/volunteers who are failures. We use fosters for pups who need minor medical care or if we want to take in a pup who needs us but we don't have the room just yet. Fosters have the dogs for a short term and Paws Place takes care of everything. This is a very rewarding experience for our fosters and the dogs. I recommend it for those who may not be able to adopt but want to help us help them. You will be rewarded with lots of love and kisses. If you are interested in being one of our fosters, please fill out the Foster Application.



**Robin with Duke (L) and Brock (R)**

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- Donations may also be made securely by credit card through our website. Visit [www.PawsPlace.org](http://www.PawsPlace.org) and click the "Donate Now" button on the top right of the home page.

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- Avoid capital gains tax: 15-30% you'd pay if you sold the stock
- Get a bigger deduction by making a pre-tax contribution

Paws Place keeps the money you would have paid the IRS.

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Check with your tax professional if this would be worthwhile for you.

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## Meet Chester

Chester, the handsome hound, is one of over twenty dogs we rescue each year that are infected with heartworms. Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease. It is caused by foot-long worms that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe



lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body. If untreated, their numbers can increase, and dogs have been known to harbor several hundred worms in their bodies. Heartworm disease can affect the dog's health and quality of life long after the parasites are gone too. For this reason, heartworm prevention is by far the best option.

Heartworm preventions typically cost \$6 to \$18 a month depending on your dog's weight. Heartworm treatment, on the other hand, involves a series of injections that are painful and cost anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the weight of your dog and that's not including the testing and medication associated with the treatment.

The American Heartworm Society recommends that you "think 12"--get your pet tested every 12 months for heartworm and give your pet heartworm preventive 12 months a year. Contact your vet today for more information.

So far this year:  
We have treated **22**  
dogs that were  
heartworm positive.

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We're still waiting for you!



**Diesel**



**Jayde**



**Guinness**



**Buster**



**Sheeda**



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