



2023 Year End Newsletter



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YEAR OF THE TRI-PAW by Andrea Bigler

Every year we get urgent calls from animal shelters about dogs who have experienced a traumatic event and need surgical intervention. Our intake team never hesitates to take on these emergency cases, but when it comes to extremity trauma, sometimes we can fix a broken leg and unfortunately sometimes we cannot. These are heartbreaking decisions, but we want the dogs to have the best quality of life which means some dogs must become tri-paws.

This year we have had four tri-paw dogs: Beau, Benny, Neo, and Summer. Our team members will never forget the first time they saw each dogs' sorrowful face clearly saying they were not only hurting from their broken bones, but also from a broken spirit. We love on them hard that first day and after each surgery, the tri-paws go to one of our amazing fosters who help heal each dog's wounds and spirits. It never takes long for our tri-paws to get back on their feet and realize how loved they are. Once each dog is healed, it's time to get adopted!



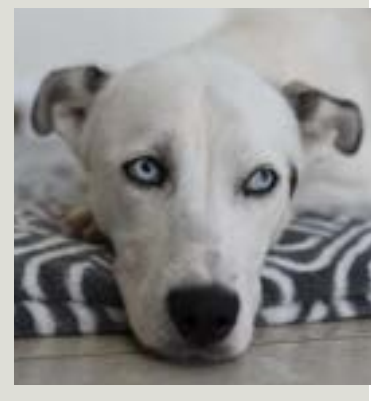
Beau



Benny



Neo



Summer

Beau and Benny were adopted earlier this year. Benny, now Horry, did not stay long at Paws Place. He was adopted only 2 months after he arrived and his new parents say he is very happy he has a big brother to learn from. The two play all day and Horry has no idea he only has three legs, running like the wind. His family loves him so much and said their favorite thing about adopting a tri-paw is that it is a new adventure every day.

Beau, now Louie B, had a little different journey. He spent over 8 months at Paws Place and this sensitive hound may have waited a bit longer than we expected, but his new home said he fits perfectly into their pack. His mom said he is the best kind of weird since he loves to sleep under the covers with his head out like a human; plays fetch by himself throwing his toys into the air; and screams to try and match his brother Ranger's howl. Louie's mom said her favorite thing about adopting a tri-paw is watching how resilient Louie is and how fast he runs with just three legs.

This leaves Neo and Summer as our last two tri-paws of the year. They both arrived at Paws Place in September and are currently available for adoption. Neo is a sweet 3-year-old Husky mix who loves treats, going on walks, and enjoys cuddles. Summer is an active 1-year-old Husky mix who is affectionate, loves exploring, and is dog friendly. One thing we have learned over the years is tri-paws are some of the most resilient dogs and are so appreciative to get a second chance at life and love. It's time for Neo and Summer to get their second chance and find their forever families too.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DOGS, Why and How I Volunteer by Dr Evans

What warms your heart? Maybe it's a beautiful sunset, or an unexpected rainbow or maybe it is a litter of bouncing puppies. That feeling, that is the feeling I get when I volunteer. Volunteering at Paws Place fills my soul with gratitude to be a part of that unconditional loving relationship people have with dogs. Volunteering with Paws Place has not only fulfilled me personally but professionally as well. As a retired Veterinarian, I was looking for a place to volunteer and offer my professional knowledge and skills. Interestingly, once I stopped "looking", I found Paws Place. I went to Paws Place to donate some towels and blankets. While there, I toured the beautiful and well designed facility and knew this was a special place. Friendly people and happy dogs.

I inquired about their veterinary care and in particular, "in house" veterinary care, and well, here I am so happy to able to use my medical knowledge and skills to help keep the dogs healthy to aid in successful adoptions. The standard of care at Paws Place is outstanding and helps keep my skills sharp. Health exams, vaccinations, routine diagnostics and any needed medical treatments are all a part of care provided for the dogs.

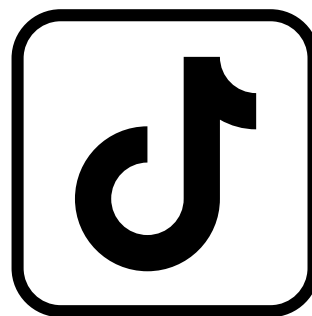
One of the best things about being a Veterinarian is educating others about their pets. Everyone at Paws Place is very engaged in the process of learning and doing what is best for the dogs. I enjoy the challenge of questions that are asked and interesting conversations that arise. Everyone is very compassionate and the atmosphere is very positive. I am honored to be part of such a dedicated team and outstanding organization.

Often people see volunteering as "giving back" but I also see it as what can I be a part of. Being part of the greater good for dogs in need is what warms my heart. There is nothing better than knowing a dog is adopted and will be loved forever. Everyone can play a role and be a part in helping the dogs at Paws Place find a forever home. Just follow your heart.



Dr Evans & Coal

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WHY I WORK HERE by Bailey Hasemann

I have wanted to save animals ever since I was a kid. I couldn't bear seeing pets left outside in the rain or cold. My mom even tells a story about how when I was six or seven, I wanted to bring a full grown cow inside the house because I was so upset it was outside in the snow.

Through high school and my early college years I explored other career paths, However, I was always drawn back to working with animals. After adopting my first two dogs in Hawaii, it clicked that rescuing animals was what I was born to do. I started volunteering at a small shelter in Hawaii and when I moved to North Carolina I knew I had to find another rescue to help out at. When I found out Paws Place was hiring, it seemed too good to be true. I never considered that you could be an employee at a rescue, and my dream job was sitting right in front of me. After my working interview, I anxiously checked my phone until I saw the call, and the rest is history. Under the mentorship of Lisa and all of those that came before me, I've gained incredible experience and have been a part of the highest highs and the lowest lows. There's nothing better than seeing a puppy connect with their perfect family or seeing a dog play for the first time after emergency surgery.

My job is making sure every dog in our care has a dry, comfortable, safe place to sleep at night. I feed and medicate them, make sure they're walked and get attention every day, and treat them as if they're my own dogs. I laugh when they play and worry when they get sick. I celebrate when they get adopted, and my heart constantly aches for our long term residents.

Paws Place has shown me that it is possible to make my dream a reality. It's given me the opportunity to meet amazing people, take care of hundreds of dogs over the last few years, and learn many valuable lessons first hand. Paws Place blessed me with my dog Echo, and I was lucky enough to spend Greta's last few months with her at my house. Most of all, Paws Place has given me the opportunity to save animals and live up to my full potential. They say "it takes a village" and I'm so proud to be a part of this village.

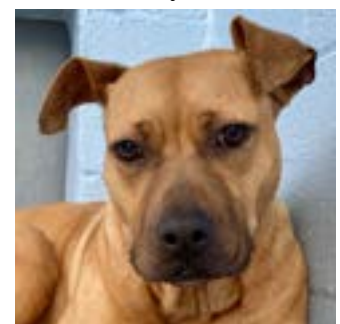


Bailey & Phoenix

HELP CINNAMON FIND HER FOREVER HOME

Cinnamon here - you know, the 3 year old Mixed Breed Terrier & Pit Bull who sometimes hides in the corner when you come to visit. I have an anniversary coming up, but it's not the kind that warrants celebration. This December will mark 1 year since since my arrival to Paws Place. Don't get me wrong, the humans here are fantastic. They have been working with me daily on my shy and timid ways.

But I really think that having a forever home will help me open up a bit more. Due to my cautious nature, I do prefer to be the only pup in the home. The humans here at Paws Place do not believe I was socialized much. And, my emotional scars run pretty deep. So I am looking for someone who is oh so patient and will allow me to settle in at my own pace. I know there is a snuggle bug in me somewhere; you just have to dig a little deep to let it out. And I know there is love in the world, and that my person is out there somewhere. Until then, I will continue to wait patiently for you. Please come by and visit me. It may take me some time but I will eventually let you into my circle of trust.



Cinnamon

Your generous donations help us provide a home and medical care for each dog until we find their forever home.

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.

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- 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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Upcoming events

1 November - 15 December -- Java Dog Coffee House Food Drive

18 - 19 November -- Lala & Elm Sassy Saturday

28 November -- Giving Tuesday

23 December -- Perry's Emporium 12 Days of Giving

27 January 2024 -- Adoption Event at Edward Teach Brewing 12-4pm

9 March 2024 -- Raise the Ruff Casino Night at the Hotel Ballast in Wilmington

23 September 2024 -- 10th Annual Golf Outing (Tentative date)

We're turning 25 next year!

Help us celebrate!



Our Quality of Care is Unique

Our dogs have a quality of life here because we do prolong their lives. Our dogs are sheltered in a spacious, climate-controlled facility with lots of room for play. Every dog is fully vetted before it gets adopted and we do not shy away from bringing in dogs with medical needs or even puppies on the way! We test all of them for heartworms and parasites, and we address any medical conditions that need to be addressed prior to adoption. We make decisions regarding the care of our dogs just like we would our own family dog. Before going home, a Paws Place dog is brought up to date on vaccinations, spayed or neutered, microchipped, started on heartworm prevention, and shown tons of love.

This level of care does not come cheap. We spend \$1000 a month to house and care for a dog. Multiply that by the number of dogs we rescue each month, coupled with their length of stay, it adds up to alot!

As of 10/31/2023
We have rescued 82 dogs,
found loving homes for 81 and
treated 12 dogs for heart worm
disease

We're Available



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Mixed Breed /
Terrier



Gouda
Mixed Breed /
Hound Dog



Mork
Mixed Breed /
Hound Dog

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