



# 2024 Year End Newsletter



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## PAWS PLACE: A SAFE HAVEN FOR SHY DOGS

by Amy Poore & Lisa Addertion

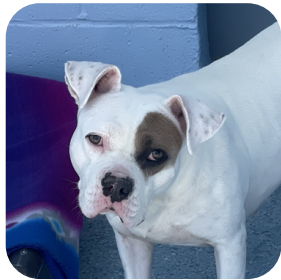
At Paws Place, we believe every dog deserves a chance, especially those that are nervous or shy. Meet Cinnamon, Halo, Wren, Kitty, and Ivy – five lovable dogs in need of extra attention. While they may not initially rush to greet you, or you may not be able to pet or hug them right away, their unique personalities will shine through once they feel safe.

Often seen running and barking in their kennels or quietly shaking in the corner, these dogs are often overlooked due to their initial behavior. At Paws Place, we take the time to build trust, starting with gentle interactions like sitting with them, singing, or reading aloud. Our staff provides specialized support in a calm environment and daily socialization is a key part of our approach.

Adopting a shy dog requires patience and understanding to build trust. But the rewards will far outweigh the effort in time! Providing a safe space, giving them time to adjust to their new environment, and starting with short, positive and consistent interactions are just a few ways that you can begin to build trust. Once you have their trust, you will be rewarded with the love and loyalty they have been wanting to give all along!



**Cinnamon**



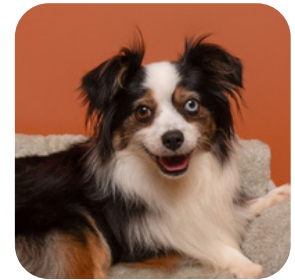
**Halo**



**Wren**



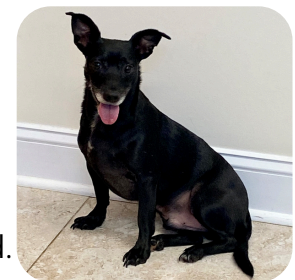
**Kitty**



**Ivy**

Paws Place has adopted many shy dogs to loving families who were willing to provide their patience and love. There is no better feeling at Paws Place than when we receive an update showing the progress these sweet dogs make once they are home and living their best life safe and secure. Take for example Davey, who broke the hearts of his potential adopters to see how extremely fearful he was when they first saw him at Paws Place. But Davey's adoptive family knew with patience, love and letting him overcome his fears at his own pace that they could help him thrive. Davey's family says he shows them how happy he is and has become a much more confident dog. We are thrilled they looked beyond his shyness and gave Davey a chance to thrive!

If you are considering adding a furry friend to your family, please think about adopting a shy dog. With patience and love, you will discover a loyal companion who will enrich your life in ways you never imagined!



**Davey**

### 5 Reasons to Adopt A Shy Dog:

1. Leads to loyal companionship and deep connection, once trust is established.
2. Provides calm companionship, typically a less active lifestyle required.
3. Quirky personalities are endearing and will put a smile in your heart.
4. Gives a loving home to a dog that may struggle to find one.
5. Watching them gain confidence and live their best lives will provide a heartwarming experience like no other!

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DOGS, WHY AND HOW I VOLUNTEER

by Hannah Holt

As a recent retiree, I knew I wanted to use my time in ways to give back to my community. Volunteering with Paws Place has been an incredibly rewarding and heartwarming experience, driven by a deep passion for animals and a commitment to making a positive impact on dogs' lives. At the core of my decision to volunteer with Paws Place is my profound love for animals, especially dogs. My memories from childhood are filled with the love I gave and received from the dogs our family had. Each brought me joy, loyalty and unconditional love.

As fate would have it, I partnered with someone who has an even deeper commitment and love for animals. We have rescued, fostered and provided care to countless dogs through our 35 years together. We often watch our 2 rescues play, sleep, cuddle and our hearts are filled knowing their lives are profoundly changed by organizations like Paws Place who gave them respite until we could be united. When I visit Paws Place and see the love and care each dog is given,



Hannah & Margo

I am reminded of why I volunteer and how important each volunteer is. No act of volunteerism at Paws Place is insignificant.

Every dog at Paws Place has a unique personality, story and set of quirks.

From the energetic puppies to the wise senior dogs, each interaction is a reminder of the impact we can have on the lives of these animals, even just for a moment.

I support Paws Place with my time and financial resources because I believe it is our responsibility to stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

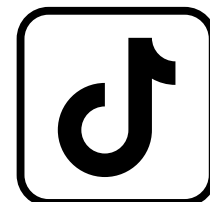
***"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."***

***-DeAnn Hollis***

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## WHY I WORK HERE by Hayley Urbanek

I was, unfortunately, born a dog person in a family of cat people. I grew up with two cats who I loved very much, but I wanted a dog. After 8 years of growing tired of my constant nagging did my parents cave and let us start our search for our first dog. We visited a shelter that was permanently closing due to lack of funding; the dogs who couldn't find homes or rescues were to be euthanized. That's when we met Ginger.

Though we couldn't save all the dogs, we did save Ginger. She wasn't an easy dog at first, but she was the best dog we could've asked for. She showed me what it meant to never take life, or dogs, for granted. She gave us unconditional love and taught me more about life than any person ever could. When Ginger passed away, it felt as though I lost a sibling, but I also remember feeling so grateful to have known and loved her. The world still feels wrong without her in it, but I couldn't imagine what the world would be like, or what I would be like, if Ginger was never a part of my story.

My drive to save animals precedes Ginger, but through my position at Paws Place, I am able to pay forward everything Ginger has taught me and make sure that her unconditional love never goes to waste.

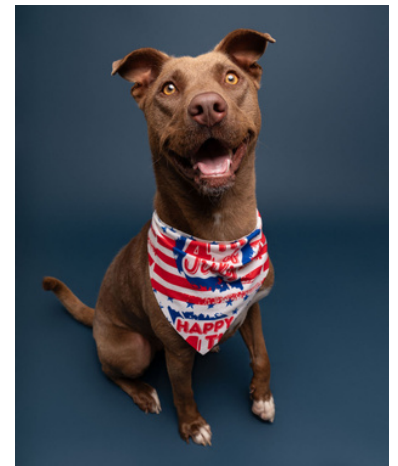
Ginger taught me that humans truly don't deserve dogs, but dogs do deserve for us humans to step up and help them whenever and however we can, as their quality of life greatly depends on us. Because of my position at Paws Place, I am able to give back to dogs as much as they've given to me. I feel as though I've found my "why" since working at Paws Place, and I couldn't be happier to do what I do!



**Hayley & Smuckers**

## HELP MOCHA FIND HER FOREVER HOME

Meet Mocha. Mocha has been at Paws Place for over a year now. Don't get me wrong....she is treated fantastic by our staff and volunteers but she sure would love a furever home. She's about 48 lbs, 1 1/2 years old and is what we call a "Free Spirit". She beats to the rhythm of her own drum. This causes her to be better suited for a family who doesn't have small children, because sometimes she forgets that she is not the size of a small, newborn puppy. She enjoys playing but sometimes forgets to play "carefully". She just gets so excited to be with people showering her with love and attention. She does enjoy going on walks, but also delights in running and playing freely in a fenced in back yard. If you think you have the love to provide Mocha with a home, please come by the kennel and meet this sweet girl.



**Mocha**

# 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](http://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.

## Upcoming events

- 1 November - 15 December -- Java Dog Coffee House Food Drive
- 18 November - 20 December -- Kyle Mitchell Donation Drive
- 23 November -- Lala & Elm Sassy Saturday
- 3 December -- Giving Tuesday
- 8 December 2024 -- Hoplite Irish Pub's 4th Annual Fundraiser for Paws Place
- 14 December 2024 -- Meet & Greet at Aunt Kerry's Pet Stop
- 8 March 2025 -- Raise the Ruff Casino Night at the Hotel Ballast in Wilmington
- 22 September 2025 -- 12th Annual Golf Outing (Tentative date)

**Thank you for  
25 years!**



## Our Quality of Care is Unique

- \$40,000 Emergency Surgeries
- \$35,000 Specialty Surgeries
- \$17,000 Prescription Dog Food
- \$15,000 Xrays/Special Tests
- \$15,000 Dog Food
- \$14,000 Kennel Supplies
- \$14,000 Vet Exams
- \$12,000 OTC Medications
- \$12,000 Spay/Neuter
- \$12,000 Heartworm Treatment
- \$9,000 Preventative Medications
- \$4,000 Fecal Exams
- \$4,000 Flee & Tick Prevention
- \$4,000 Prescription Medications
- \$4,000 Pawsmobile Van
- \$3,000 Heartworm Tests

**AVERAGE  
YEARLY  
COSTS**

As of 10/31/2024

**We have rescued 71 dogs,  
found loving homes for 76  
and treated 7 dogs for  
heart worm disease**

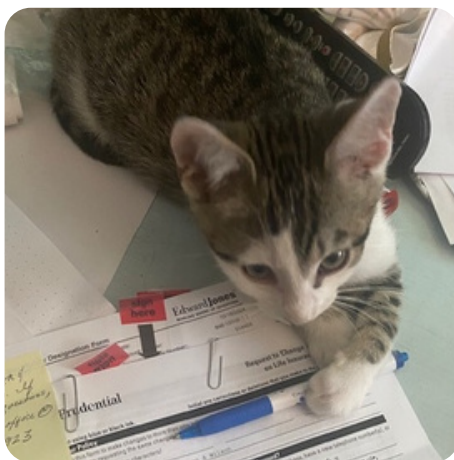
## A 70 YEAR FURMANC & NO END IN SIGHT...

by Susan Wilson

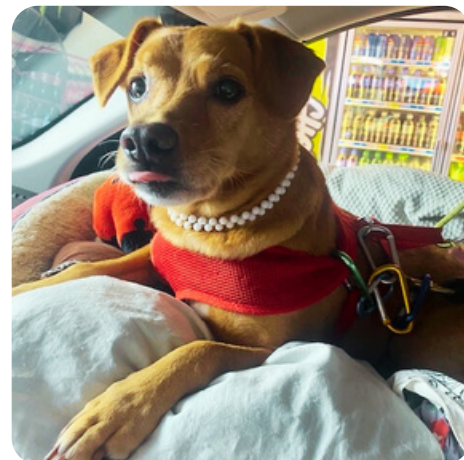
We all exist on a narrow beam of light, between the past & future. Lit by rays of memories, sparked with hopes and dreams of joy and fulfillment. Both arrived in my 3rd year, when Brownie was born in 1954 on Grandfather's farm . This shepherd/collie wonder boy became for me, what thousands before him had been -my best friend. Brownie was Rin-Tin-Tin, Old Yeller & Lassie rolled into one. We spent the nascent years (17) of our lives together- exploring, working, learning, playing, resting. Anyone reading this is surely a Dog Lover. No need to expound upon the depth of the bond that grows. Doggies continued to arrive as strays, rescues, gifts...all needing that one thing: LOVE. Since the first animal cruelty case was tried in England in 1822, of a beaten & starved donkey, the plight of companion animals has steadily improved. Enormous amounts of work are yet to be done.



**Brownie**



**Barry**



**Sally**

Havens such as Paws Place, now 25 years' caring & thousands of happy "tails", are building momentum in the mission: ZERO cruelty or neglect of animals. I can't remember my very first encounter with Paws Place...it has been over 20 years. But I do remember my delight discovering its existence and in being able to assist with their mission. It is central to my existence, doing all I can to help people who daily perform the hard & rewarding work of dog rescue.\* I do it for the desperate need that exists & to honor the incredible furry beings that have so enriched my life. Including my current incredible best buddy, "Sally," an adored Paws Place alum. Momentously, a passport to the future exists for us all. Please take a bit of time to bequeath a gift of life & health for animals- still yet unborn. Every day now, having recently signed (w/"Barry" as witness) a covenant to aid Paws Place in my absence, my heart is extra glad & content. Any gift you make will glitter in the eyes of a doggie saved tomorrow & beyond.

***"Love is anterior to life, Posterior to death, Initial of Creation & the Exponent of Breath"***

**-Emily Dickinson**

As we celebrate Giving Tuesday December 3rd, please consider planned giving. It can make a lasting impact. Susan's planned giving exemplifies the difference a planned gift can make on future generations. We encourage you to speak to your attorney or financial advisor about planned giving.

***"Let him who would move the world, first move himself."***

**- Socrates**

\* Did we mention Susan loves cats too?



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