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Carole Michales

President, Board of Directors

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## *Adoptable Dogs*



**Meet River - Absolute Joy!** This charming pocket pittie captured our hearts the moment he arrived at PAWS from AHS Newark, where he was discovered as a stray. Despite his challenging past, River's resilience shines through. Thanks to the care and dedication of his fosterer, Juliet, he's transformed into a happy, healthy pup. River has gained weight, is working on visual commands, and formed a special bond with his foster sister, Daisy. He loves little dogs, big dogs, and is good with her cat as well! Juliet raves about his gentle demeanor, impeccable manners, intelligence and desire for learning commands, and unwavering affection for both humans and animals. River's playful spirit and love for cuddles make him an absolute joy to be around. Despite being deaf, he's proving to be a quick learner, excelling in potty training and responding beautifully to sign language. River's magnetic personality has charmed everyone he meets, and he's now ready to

embark on his next adventure: finding a loving forever home where he'll continue to spread happiness and bring endless smiles.

**Meet Josie - sweet beauty!** We pulled beautiful Josie from a crowded shelter where she had been sitting past the stray hold without anyone coming to look for her. Josie was very timid initially, but sweet. Now she is excited to see all of us daily, and loves to go for walks. She stays right by your side on a walk. Josie had come to us with a skin infection for which she was treated, and she seems to be feeling and looking much better. Josie is about 1-2 years old, currently 53 lbs. She is long and lean, with beautiful black and white markings. She is gentle as well. She is a little wary of strangers and may bark, but once she knows they are okay, she is friendly. Once she bonds with you, she will be your little shadow, and loves the feeling of safety with her person(s). She is food-motivated and sits nicely for treats. Josie is eager to learn, knows basic commands and will make a loyal companion.







**Meet Otis - lovable senior.** Otis is looking for a single person or couple to love him and let him live out his senior years in peace. He doesn't hear well, and his old legs are stiff, but he's always ready and willing to go (especially if enticed by treats)! He loves car rides, naps and just hanging out. He gets along with most other dogs, but he's not looking for a playmate at his age. A bit of a curmudgeon, Otis is a self-described introvert and would rather retire to his crate or private room for a nap than host a social gathering/entertain guests. He is selective about who he welcomes into his inner circle and would be comfortable in a one- or two-person, low traffic home. He would enjoy a private yard and when in the mood can go for very short, slow walks around the block to cast judgement on the neighbors and their landscaping choices. He REALLY wants to be adopted, so if you love older, lovable dogs who just want to be accepted for who they are, please consider Otis.

**Meet Kiki - lovable & sweet.** Kiki came to PAWS after being overlooked in a large city shelter for almost a year. She is beautiful, large, classic black & white velvet MooMoo cow and always ready to go with a wagging tail. Kiki got to spend time in a great foster home with Courtney @smartpawdogtraining. Kiki was able to decompress and relax outside of the kennel environment. She has been known to try to relive her old party girl ways and pop pills or steal food when kennel life isn't enough (lock your medicine cabinet!) but was very fulfilled being in a home and part of a family. She is housebroken, loves to snuggle and enjoys her training sessions (training = treats!). She enjoys walking with calm kennel friends she knows and will abide by the "stranger danger" rule with dogs she doesn't know. She loves her walks and is so excited initially she wants to play with the leash like an overgrown puppy...but often this big ole girl runs out of steam after she finishes her business, changes her mind and turns to head for home. She's about 8 years old, very food motivated, and though she can take treats gently, an adult home or teens and up is preferable because she is a big blue ribbon bovine beauty. We all LOVE this girl. Kiki is spayed, fully vetted and would LOVE to find a loving home with large dog experience where she can have people she can love and live a great life.





**Meet Zoey**, a beautiful 2-year-old German Shepherd/Rottie/Lab mix. She is a loving, energetic, and loyal companion that is eager to learn and please her family. She deserves her forever home. She would do best in a home with no other pets and no small children. Zoey would prefer an active lifestyle as she loves to go on walks and playing fetch is her favorite!! Although she is an active dog, Zoey loves to cuddle on the couch for hours. She is housebroken and crate trained. She is extremely intelligent and loving. She will be your shadow if you let her. Zoey has been professionally trained and did amazing learning all her commands and how to be well-behaved in a home. We do recommend a home experienced with her breeds specifically Rottweiler and German Shepherd as she is inclined to be protective of her loved ones. **BIG DOG EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

active girl had been picked up as a stray, extremely thin and suffering from a painful ear infection. She is now happily living in a great foster home with Rich, and he reports that she is a great girl, very happy to be in a home. Sweet, responsive, housebroken and lovable, Bella will make a great companion for someone. She bonds quickly to her person and loves being a stage 5 clinger but also gives space and quiet time. Bella is a little brown and white velvet cow who would love nothing more than a pasture to call her own, (no matter how many times we tell her it's called a yard ☺). She would be happy to provide her services to keep your yard squirrel free in exchange for lots of fun playtime chasing after balls/toys with you. She has great energy to match an active person that enjoys long walks before retiring to the couch for quality time with her favorite person (you!)







**Meet Starla - great girl!** Beautiful Starla is a Pittie Pie with a passion for fashion!! Whether wearing a onesie jammie set or a stylish unicorn rain coat this girl knows how to turn heads! How can a girl with such style remain overlooked?! She has been with us for some time and we all love this big strong girl. Starla had entropion, a condition where her eyelids were growing into her eyes and causing her pain and discomfort. Thanks to @RBARI in Oakland, her surgery was sponsored for both spay and eyes, and she looks and feels great. Starla is about 6 years old, friendly & sweet and she makes new men in her life work for her love. She walks well on leash, like to keep her yard clear of small furry creatures (squirrels beware!) and knows some basic commands. She is very food motivated and takes treats gently. She makes the best snorty sounds like a big velvet piggy and keeps us all laughing. During her stay with us, Starla has made several dog friends and is a great pack walker. She has been very tolerant of some of the younger, exuberant dogs once she knows them as long as they don't get slobber on her outfit

(she's good at doing that herself ☺). She would love a quiet, adult family that will give her a good balance of play time, couch time, a reasonable monthly allowance to buy cool outfits and treats.

**Meet Petey**, a very handsome and affectionate three-legged 5-year-old male neutered pit bull, with a heart of gold! His story is upsetting because it is hard to imagine that this sweet boy, who adores human company and is so eager to please, has been confined to a kennel for the past 4 years. Petey was found as a stray by animal control as a young dog. Petey was emaciated, with a hind leg that was so severely injured that it required amputation. Thanks to the vet hospital that brought him in, he was spared euthanasia and received the necessary care. Despite this, his journey to find a loving home hit roadblocks. He next went to a boarding facility without much exposure to potential adopters, and Petey remained unclaimed. With the closure of this facility, Petey faces an uncertain future once again. The stress of confinement is taking a toll—he gets so excited to go on his walks, but returning to his kennel is hard for him. While Petey is fantastic with adults, he would thrive in a pet-free environment without young children. He craves an active owner who enjoys walks and can dedicate time to his continued training. Although he's made impressive strides in leash manners, his strength sometimes gets the better of him, needing ongoing work in this area. He's up-to-date on vaccinations, heartworm tested, dewormed, neutered, and microchipped. As you can tell from his pictures, Petey's



eyes are so expressive; and communicate his deep longing for a place to call his own—a fenced in yard to frolic in and someone to shower him with love! It's awe-inspiring how, despite all the hardship he has been through, he is still so trusting and sweet. We have met Petey and want to help find him a great home. He will be a great companion!



**Meet Rosie - great with kids!** Rosie is a 3-year-old, 85-pound gentle giant red nose American pitbull terrier. She is up to date on all of her shots and spayed. She has been with her family for three years and seen them through two new babies and two older children. She is a family dog who loves people and children. Rosie loves to run and play, but also loves to just hang around and watch tv (especially 101 Dalmatians) with the kids. Rosie is house trained and command trained, however she is very dog reactive despite having been to formal training. Rosie has become aggressive to other dogs on walks, so she would need to be the only princess in the house. Her owners are devastated that they need to rehome her due to this issue because they have 2 babies in a stroller and cannot manage the walks safely for Rosie. They also do not have a proper backyard which has also increased the challenge of getting Rosie out to use the bathroom and exercised. Rosie has some allergies which are under control and can be further discussed upon inquiries. Rosie deserves a home where she is loved, cared for and

number one with people who have patience, and a backyard for her to get outside and play. She deserves a home where she can live and be happy. Although she is loved so very much, they can no longer provide her with basic daily exercise. They are hoping to rehome this gentle giant Rosie, to the right people who will love her unconditionally and have the right conditions for her to live her best life. They know Rosie will not do well in a shelter, even a no kill, because of her dog reactivity and are desperately trying to find her a foster/new home instead of putting her in a situation in which she will just deteriorate. Please contact us if you can foster or adopt Rosie!

If you're interested in any of our dogs, please complete our application at <https://www.pawsmontclair.org/dogs.html> .

## *Adoptable Cats*

**Meet Dharma and Greg** are a dynamic duo who are ready for their forever home! They will need someone with patience, as they start out shy but they may very well end up as cuddlers with enough



time. In the meantime, they will entertain you with their antics! Both are fixed and up to date on shots. 1 to 1 1/2 years old. Dharma is missing one eye, but that doesn't slow her down.

**Meet sweet Jewel** who was found riding in a car engine. We don't know where she originated from, but when we had her examined, we found that she had already been spayed and even ear tipped, so she could have been part of a trap, neuter and release program. She was tested and vaccinated and given a clean bill of health. We also had her vaccinated. She is estimated to be a young adult, maybe 2-3 years old. Jewel is so grateful to be safe and sound in her foster home. She is the sweetest kitty, well behaved and affectionate. She gets along well with the foster's small dog. We are not sure how she would be around other cats. If you decide to bring Jewel into your home and heart, you will not be disappointed!







**Meet Papas!** Papas was a stray cat that was hanging around the neighborhood for a while. He is estimated to be around 4 or 5 years old. He seems to have been tossed out at some point because he is friendly. The finder/feeder brought him in and asked us for help. After examination and testing, Papas was found to be FIV+, has some irregularities with his kidney function and also a heart murmur. He also had a blood parasite which caused him to be anemic and he went through treatment for that. After a month of intensive care, he gained weight, his kidneys normalized for the most part and he was cleared of the parasite and red blood cells elevated. He also had an EKG and is on one pill for his heart condition. We keep him on a kidney diet and supplements

to support him and he gets his heart pill every day. Papas has been in a room alone through all of this so we don't know how he would do around other cats. He also will need an EKG every year to track his heart condition. We are looking for a permanent foster or adopter for this sweet fellow who deserves the loving comforts in a home. We will continue to provide the medical care for Papas if you decide to take him into your heart and home.

**Meet TC,** a special-needs, 6-year-old, beautiful petite cat with the prettiest golden eyes. She is quiet, a little shy, moderately playful, and a very easy, mellow girl. She is spayed, vetted, and she does not have front claws. Sadly, she is FIV + and has a congenital deformity of both rear legs that is not easily operable and been evaluated medically and they could not find any pain. She gets around with no problem despite her distorted walk, has no issues at all using her litter box, and it doesn't stop her from playing! TC likes petting and will roll around in front of you, smush her head in the palm of your hand, but doesn't always like her back petted. PLEASE don't let any of this stop you! She is a sweet girl and just wants a loving home to relax in. TC's elderly



owner has medical issues that are interfering with their ability to keep TC safe so we are seeking a home that will accept her for who she is. She has never been around other animals so not sure how she would do. She is fully vetted, spayed, litter box trained. Pet insurance active and will be paid for TC entire life.

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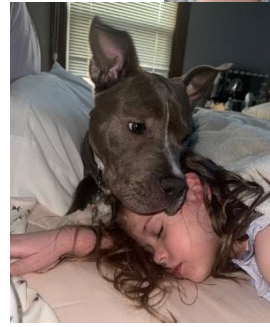
## *Happy Tails – Adopted*



It's not every day that we get an inquiry about one of our dogs that is so definitive as was the case with Jade for "Maisie," now "Rogue." Jade just knew Maisie was the dog she wanted to adopt. She had lost her last dog to illness and Maisie just called to her. She filled out the app asap, Gail, our adoptions counselor, her app was approved and the next day she came to meet Maisie and take her home. Her 4-year-old daughter and Maisie connected and an immediate bond was formed. This is one of the sweetest adoptions ever – young Rogue has a friend for life in her young human companion.



PAWS had pulled Rogue from an inner-city shelter where she landed after being found as a stray in pretty rough shape, but this little dog was as loving and family-oriented as they come. So happy forever-after to Rogue and her happy family!



**Rocky** We were contacted by Christine of Wise Canine Training, who has fostered many, many dogs for us in the past ten years. Her neighbor's mother, a senior who had fallen, needed to rehome her small Pomeranian, Rocky. The family was unable to take Rocky permanently, but they were happy to hold him until a suitable new home was found. Christine was amazing as usual with her help and between the family and Christine, a wonderful new home was chosen for Rocky. The new family had previous experience with the breed and were so excited to welcome Rocky into their home.

**Hailey** It doesn't get much better than this! PAWS pulled Hailey, a 13-year-old dog, from [AHS-Newark Branch](#) just yesterday. Hailey had landed at AHS after her owner passed away. Rescue coordinator [Sherri Powell Laraway](#), who has an especially soft heart for the seniors, notified us about her and we pulled her. And then, a call came into Sherri from a couple who were interested in Hailey. Since she was now with PAWS, they submitted an application to us. We contacted them immediately, *and what we learned was astonishing... Susan and Bill had known Hailey since she was a pup -- turns out they had been a part of a group of dog lovers that included Hailey's owner, who would regularly meet up at their local dog park. When they found out about Hailey's owner's passing, they tried to find where she had gone -- they got conflicting stories from some sources but they finally found out she had been taken to the Newark shelter, and Sherri then directed them to PAWS.*



They wanted to adopt her so she could live out her golden years with them! ...When they came to pick up Hailey, all three of them were visibly excited -- the connection was amazing! Hailey realized who they were, and watching it unfold was one of those joyful moments that you wish would happen for every rescue animal. Unfortunately, many times, family members won't even take a dog who is left after the death of another family member. But here, these wonderful people stepped up - actually searched to find and take in Hailey. Report from first night in new home: "Hailey enjoyed her dinner, a nice bath, and is snoring on the couch next to Susan." Happy life Hailey! Thank you to Susan and Bill, and to Sherri for always helping these animals!

**Tommy (formerly Tito)** was found by partiers under an overpass in Newark one night at about 2am. He



was tied to a pole with some food and a bowl on a sub-freezing night. Rescuer Yasmin was called; she, in turn, called the Newark police who are always helpful to her in these situations, and even brought Tito a blanket to keep warm while transport was arranged. Seeing Yasmin's post, one of our fosterers contacted Carole at PAWS to see if we could take him into her home, which, of course, we did. Tito was so friendly and so happy to be in a warm home, met Juliet's resident dogs after we had him vetted and neutered, and soon, Gina and Ryan contacted us with an application and hopes to adopt! Turns out Gina's sister, Julia, was a former PAWS adopter – small world – and off Tito, renamed Tommy, went to his new home. He is thriving and loving life like never before with this awesome couple.



**Charlie:** We are thrilled to announce that Charlie, an exceptional dog, has been adopted! PAWS had rescued Charlie from an inner-city shelter in 2021 and he was adopted into a wonderful home. Sadly, the



owner passed away. Now, Charlie has a new life and lots to look forward to with his new person,

Corey, who came to meet Charlie after reading his bio online. Corey was looking to adopt a senior, and at eight years old, Charlie is the perfect combination of great energy and love of chilling out. We wish them a wonderful life!

**Cocoa** (Not a happy tail but worth mentioning) 💔 We lost a wonderful dog recently. Coco, a 9-yr-old senior pittie, was with us only a short time, and we were not expecting this outcome. ...We pulled Coco from [AHS-Newark Branch](#) in January when [Sherri Powell Laraway](#) contacted us asking if we could pull this sweet senior, and letting us know that she had a potential foster who wanted to help. When PAWS spoke with [Natasha Tavahen McCracken](#) we knew this would be a perfect foster home for Coco. And after she met the whole family, it was obvious she would be staying with them.



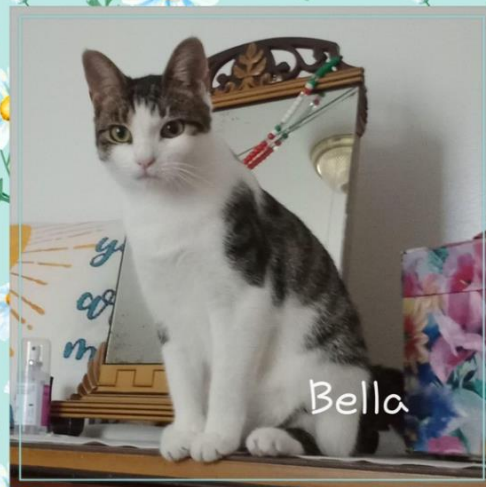
Coco was one of those amazing, calm, funny, sweet seniors who, no matter what went before in her life, settled into her new home without a hitch. The family dog, welcomed her happily, and the two young children were so sweet to her, and she loved them. Immediately, she became a part of their family. We knew she had some health issues which we addressed and treated, but the years of neglect had already caused internal issues that were not evident until it was too late for us to treat. We take these seniors into our

rescue as often as we can because they have been cast off like trash, often having medical issues as many seniors do. And so many times we are able to have them treated and they enjoy more happy years. But in cases like Coco's, the damage has been done. To give them love and care in their last days is something we are grateful to be able to do, through fosters like Natasha and others who selflessly take these amazing seniors into their homes and hearts. And thank you to our supporters, whose help makes a huge difference in the care we can provide these precious souls.

Rest in peach beautiful Coco. You are forever in our hearts. ❤️



# Happy Cat Tails: Adopted!





## News & Events

On June 8, we held our **PAWS for the Cause Walkathon**, which raised over \$11,700 of much needed funds to support of animals! The in-person walkers enjoyed a beautiful relaxed day at Edgemont Memorial Park in Montclair. Those who wanted to walk but were unavailable to come in person on June 8, signed up for a virtual walk, which they completed at their convenience.



A big THANK-YOU to our business sponsors for this event: [West Caldwell Animal Hospital](#), [Gearty & McIntyre, LLP](#), [Morris Animal Inn](#), [Smart Paws Dog Training](#), [Bristol Private Wealth Management of Raymond James](#), [Stirling Smiles](#), [Shelter Helpers on Wheels](#), [The Total Workout](#), and [L&B Healthy Pet Markets](#).



And of course, a big THANK-YOU to our Walker-Fundraisers, as well as all who supported them.

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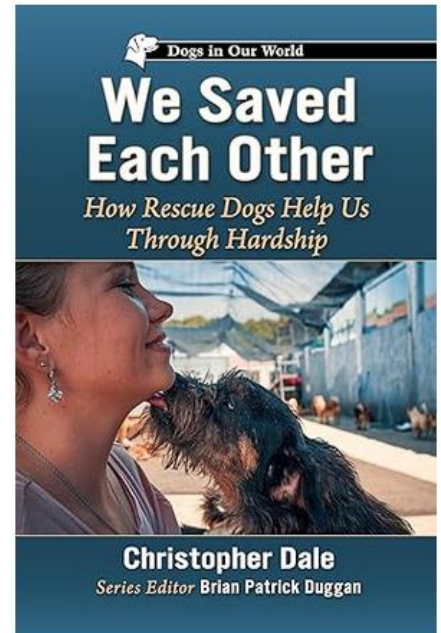
In March, Rachel from [Wine and Design Montclair](#) and Jessica from [We are Montclair](#) teamed up to host an event in support of both Multiple Sclerosis Awareness month and PAWS. We had so much fun painting our customized versions of “Good Day for a Walk,” and PAWS received a check for 40% of the proceeds.



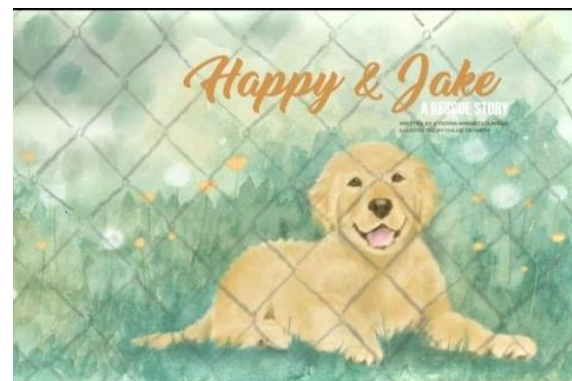
*Check out these books by local authors.*

Little Falls author Christopher Dale has written a new book about the impact rescue dogs have on people struggling with everything from addiction and mental illness to trauma and grief. *We Saved Each Other: How Rescue Dogs Help Us Through Hardship* includes profiles of several rescue dog adopters, and profiles the Puerto Rico-based rescue organization, The Sato Project, that brought him his beloved dog, Vector.

The book explores the above-and-beyond value rescue dogs bring to humans at our most vulnerable. Alternating between memoir and rescue dog owner profiles, the collection intimately binds together shelter dogs, mental health and human relationships, exploring the tangible benefits salvaged dogs bring to us damaged humans.



Enjoy a dog storybook by Montclair author, Cynthia Ambartsoumean. She has written a rescue storybook, and is donating a portion of the proceeds to PAWS. Cynthia works for [Rocklin Opticians](#) in Montclair. Rocklin has books available for sale in the store.

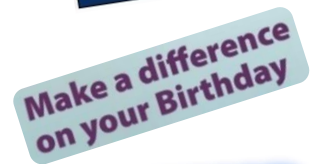




## Ways to Support Our Work

Our veterinary and sheltering expenses surpass what we receive in fees, so we rely on donations. *Every donation – big or small – helps us save lives. There are many ways to give.*

- Purchase supplies for us from **our wish lists** at [our website](#) or [Chewy](#).
- [Become a monthly donor](#)
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- **Set up an online PAWS fundraiser for your birthday.**
- Donate in memory of a beloved pet to our [rainbow bridge memorial](#)
- Include PAWS in your estate plans
- Join our volunteer fundraising team—[communications@pawsmontclair.org](mailto:communications@pawsmontclair.org)
- Participate in cash for critters recycling



### \$\$ CASH FOR CRITTERS \$\$

Collect empty ink jet and laser cartridges, and old cell phones. PAWS will be paid up to \$4 (\$2 for most ink jets). Based on styles, PAWS will be paid \$1 - \$12 for laser cartridges. Please, no already recycled cartridges.

We have a drop off point in Verona.

Bin at the Verona Community Center.  
880 Bloomfield Ave, Verona, NJ 07044 [map](#)

Please email [info@pawsmontclair.org](mailto:info@pawsmontclair.org) to arrange a special pickup.

And there's always good old fashion checks in the mail...

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