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Fiesta Fun!

ONCE AGAIN THE EXCELLENT VOLUNTEERS put on a fantastic meal that raised lots of money to support our homeless pets. Younger and older folks came out to enjoy a meal they didn't have to cook.

This event raised about \$1,000 to benefit our animals.

Volunteers greeted and served those that came out for the event.

One of our volunteers celebrated a milestone birthday at the event. We won't say which milestone, but it starts with 4. Those present were able to enjoy a slice of



birthday cake in addition to the wonderful homemade desserts prepared by our volunteers.



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Color Run Was Lots of Fun!

The Second Annual 5K Color Run held April 30 sponsored by Anytime Fitness was a successful fundraiser for Paws. The weather was much cooler than last year.

Volunteers at Paws decided to piggyback the Color Run with a hot dog feed at the Legion Cabin. Everyone present enjoyed the company, food and fellowship!

Thanks again to Anytime Fitness for holding this on our behalf. Over \$4,000 was raised by the Color Run with an additional \$500 from the hot dog feed.



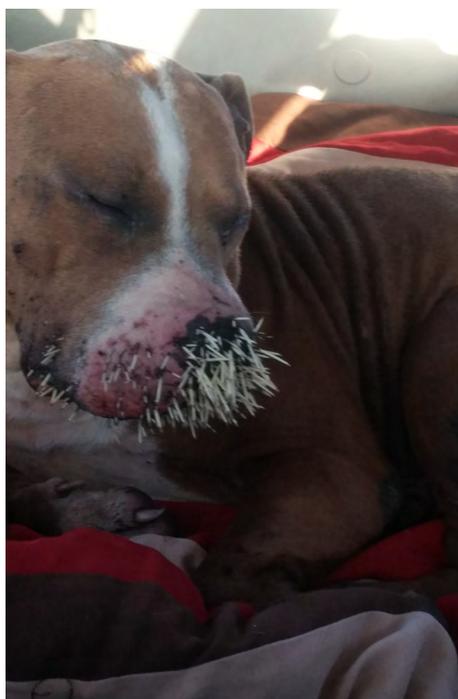
Rescuing Rumor

HELLO, I'M RUMOR. I CAME TO PAWS through the request of another rescue outside the Pierre area. They were not able to financially care for me the way they knew I would need to be treated.

Two PAWS volunteers came and picked me up and took me immediately to the vet. They gave me something and I went fast to sleep. They had to sedate me in order to move me from the vehicle to the surgical room at the Animal Clinic. I was in a lot of pain.

A nice doctor, Dr. Fischer, spent the next three hours pulling the quills out of my muzzle, neck and chest. Quills had also penetrated my left eyeball. It isn't known at this time if I will be able to see out of my left eye again. It is her opinion that I have been walking around with these quills for up to two weeks.

And if this wasn't enough for me to deal with, I also had double ear infections and both ear drums were punctured. They will heal and I should be able to hear out



of both ears. I was also littered with ticks, which the two volunteers pulled off me, while the doctor worked on the quills. I was given oral antibiotics, plus eye and ear drops. I was settled into a foster home and slept for most of the next three days. I woke up long enough to eat and drink.

I finally came around on the fourth day and went outside to explore my surroundings and relieve myself. The nice foster mom gave me lots of hugs. She was worried about me the whole time. I am also about 15 pounds underweight. I'm eating very well so I can gain back my weight.

I have a bumpy road ahead, but with additional love and attention, I should make a good recovery.

Once I have healed well enough and have gained some weight, I will join the other dogs at the shelter.

My medical bills will be considerably higher than for the other animals at the shelter. If you would like to donate to-

I have a bumpy road ahead, but with additional love and attention, I should make a good recovery.

ward my Vet care, please address and mail your checks to:

**PAWS Animal Rescue
PO Box 954
Pierre, SD 57501**

You can also drop them off at the shelter at 1530 Lowell Ave. (behind Wal-Mart) or go to our home page at pet-s4adoption.org and donate through our website.

Thank you, Rumor



Volunteer Spotlight: **Brenda Manning**

“One Weimaraner Short of a Crazy Dog Lady”

Paws Animal Rescue is happy to promote Brenda Manning in our volunteer spotlight! It was hard for her to not add more and more. Animal rescue doesn't end and there are so many thoughts. So many stories to tell.

You've been involved with the rescue for many years; how did you become involved in animal advocacy?

Brenda: I have loved animals my entire life and helped them anyway I could. They have no voice; we are the only ones that can put ourselves out there to make a difference! Children who are abused/neglected have a chance that a teacher, friend, or other person can hopefully catch on that they need help and intervene. An animal does not have the same access to people. They cannot tell their story. Do not turn a blind eye!

What do you find most challenging about volunteering at Paws?

Brenda: Wishing I had more time. I am always torn between being on the computer doing FB posts, putting dogs/cats on Keloland classifieds, writing grants or do I go to the shelter and help wherever I can?

What do you wish other people knew about Paws?

Brenda: How much work, time, and effort it takes to save animals. Every dollar counts for donations. It is so expensive to take care of all the homeless pets. The total commitment shown by all of the volunteers.

What would you say are some of the guiding principles of Paws?

Brenda: Spay and Neuter. We do not want to add to the pet overpopulation problem. Paws tries its best to find the very best homes possible for the homeless dogs/cats. Making sure every homeless pet gets the very best medical care possible and are up-to-date with vaccinations. Advocates for humane treatment of pets – not left in a vehicle when it is warm outside, have access to clean fresh water, have shelter, fed every day with palatable food, not kept confined all the time, exercise, medical care and loved every day. Your pet is part of your family; treat it as such or even better?

What's your personal philosophy on what should be done about overpopulation?

Brenda: Spay and Neuter the pets. I would love to see an ordinance for mandatory spaying/neutering unless you are a “real” breeder. Not a puppy mill or just saying you are to bypass the laws. Puppy mills should be banned. There are so many homeless pets being euthanized that there is



Dog Pile: Top dog is Penny, middle dog is Blaze and bottom dog is Diesel the Dane.

no need for puppy mills. I equate them to animal torture. And, people that have not been in the trenches saving animals have no idea. You should adopt, not shop for a pet!

When your friends/family find out that you volunteer with Paws what do they say or ask?

Most all of my friends are in the dog world. It is just a given that we are all supporting a rescue. We are always brainstorming ways to work together and how we can support each other to get more animals placed in loving forever homes. One of my very good friends whom I love dearly is Lacey Boxley who is head of Hopeless to Homes Animal Rescue. Lacey and the President of Paws, Brian Watterson, recently worked together for an event at Fetch. I was there with my weimaraner bus supporting both rescues, Fetch, weimaraners and brought out my recently adopted 10 year old to promote adoption of senior pets. Working together benefits everyone!



We Value our Volunteers cont.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

Brenda: I am in the background constantly fighting for animals. The outcome of this work will be here long after I am gone.

I worked on making animal cruelty a felony since the first time it was presented in the Legislature.

I was in the initial meetings with the representative from the Humane Society of the United States at that time, the state veterinarian, a representative from the Governor's office, etc. I worked on it every year in the background.

I am constantly writing letters to my district's legislative representatives and senator as well as writing to South Dakota's two senators and one representative.

I also help friends write their letters as requested.

I have started to work on more state laws that govern puppy mills. You will see

that brought up again in the next legislative session. We are even looking at getting a billboard up promoting it.

Many people call me about animal neglect and are afraid to call their local law enforcement. I make those contacts for them. And, if nothing is done, I have on occasion, had to forward the information to the State Veterinarian.

I do the Facebook posts for three different rescues. I want to be the person that my dogs think I am. I want them to always be proud of me.

My husband is Kyle Manning and all of our dogs are rescues. They are all fixed. Any weimaraner we have placed for someone, has been fixed and we have not taken a penny from any adopter. We have footed all the medical bills ourselves. We totally believe in giving back.

What's it like to be a volunteer?

Brenda: Nothing is more rewarding

than knowing you made a difference in an animal's life. Just like giving a gift to someone, it feels so good. So much better than receiving a gift.

What would you tell someone who is thinking of donating or volunteering their time and talents?

Brenda: Well what took so long? Let's go girlfriend!

Do you have a favorite memory or story about PAWS?

Brenda: Many years ago in a place far away, I was president for about 2-1/2 years. My good friend, Nanette Dailey, who passed away from cancer was always volunteering with me. It happened to be one of several days we were cleaning out the cat cages and Nanette, who was vertically challenged, always got to do the bottom cages and I always did the top cages.

She was on her hands and knees scooping out a litter box from a bottom cage and I had a litter box from a top cage. Without thinking I had set it on her head and proceeded to clean it out. She, whom I fondly referred to as "The Little General," started hollering at me to get that litter box off of her head.

Like all of our adventures, we looked at each other and started to laugh so hard we had to concentrate on not peeing our pants.

What else would you like to add to the article?

Brenda: No matter whom you are or whatever your physical condition is, there is something YOU can do to help!

And, to those that like to build dog houses or cat houses for outdoors – stop putting the door in the middle! It is very important that animals can get out of the wind which is a constant here in South Dakota. Put the door off to the side and even better yet, have a 3/4-wall partition in the dog/cat house so the animal can go around that to a back room and have no wind on them.

Please ask your friends and family to "Like" us on Facebook!



Volunteer Spotlight: **Mary Creager**

Mary Creager is another volunteer that we are spotlighting in this newsletter.

You've been involved with the rescue for many years; how did you become involved in animal advocacy?

Mary: I became involved with the rescue because my sister, Betty is involved and I started out caring for the foster dogs at her house when I was caring for her dogs. Then one Sunday night she called to see if I'd foster a miniature German Shepherd named Aimee. She got adopted the Wednesday before Christmas 1996. After that I'd get a call to foster a dog that had to be in a home without another dog. The dog we have now was a foster dog first.

What do you find most challenging about volunteering at Paws?

Mary: The part I find most challenging about volunteering at Paws is the dogs that come in who have been abused in some way. Whether malnourished, neglected or treated so badly that they are afraid of people. You have to gain their trust that you aren't going to hurt them.

What do you wish other people knew about Paws?

Mary: What I wish other people knew about Paws is that we are all volunteers. That we are financed by donations. That what we receive when someone adopts an animal from Paws doesn't even cover what we have spent for immunizations, vet care and food.

What would you say are some of the guiding principles of Paws?

Mary: I would say some of the guiding principles of Paws is to give the animals a safe, loving place to live until they find their forever family. To work with the dogs to help them to be adoptable. To educate people about the importance of getting their pets spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted animals.

What's your personal philosophy on what should be done about overpopulation?

Mary: My personal philosophy on what should be done about overpopulation is to teach responsible pet ownership. To get pets spayed/neutered to prevent unwanted animals. Encourage people to adopt a cat or dog who needs a family to love. Shut down all puppy and kitty mills.

When your friends/family find out that you volunteer with Paws what do they say or ask?

Mary: When my friends find out I volunteer at Paws they ask me what I do. Who are the cats or dogs we have. What they need to do to volunteer. If they are unable to volunteer what they can do to help – what we need.



What might someone be surprised to know about

you?

Mary: Someone might be surprised to know I love to go camping. Sleeping in a tent, cooking over a wood fire.

What would you tell someone who is thinking of donating or volunteering their time and talents?

Mary: If someone was thinking about donating or volunteering their time and talents I would tell them it is the most rewarding thing they could do. I can be having a bad day but I go to the shelter to take care of the dogs and they don't care, they're glad to see me and by the time I leave I'm in a much better mood.

Do you have a favorite memory or story about PAWS?

Mary: I have lot of memories and stories about Paws. There are Paulo and Quinn who will always have a special place in my heart. But, we had an overweight dog who didn't want to walk as far as the front of the building when she came in. We worked on getting her weight down some and getting her to go for a walk. One of the ladies who helped with the dogs on the weekend got her to run. By the time she found her forever family she was running about a 1/2 block and back. (I'm not sure who benefited most the dog or the lady, they brought out the best in each other.)

What's it like to be a volunteer?

It is definitely a labor of love.



Above: Pictured is Mary and her beloved foster failure Cody.

Let's Cats-Up

Cricket:

Cricket is doing wonderful. As you can see from the photos, she seems to be right at home!!



S'more:

Just wanted to let you know that S'more is doing fantastic. As you can see, he is loving his forever home. We love him so much - he has definitely completed our family. Thank you guys so much.

A volunteer also spoke with S'more's new owner and this is what she had to say: S'more and the dog get along and rub up against each other. S'more really likes her husband and when he goes to lay down on the couch, S'more lays on his stomach and sleeps! S'more rules the house and walked in like he belonged there.... wasn't afraid and didn't hide at all.



"A Street Cat Named Bob"

A book review by Diane Siebersma

I thought that I was familiar with all of the famous Internet cat stars, but I didn't know about a ginger cat named Bob. That is, until I found a book about him at the library. The name of the book is, "A Street Cat Named Bob." I checked it out because I like stories about animal rescues. Maybe you would like it as well?

James Bowen was a recovering drug addict surviving by playing his guitar on the streets of London for gratuities. He was stabilized on methadone and no longer living on the streets but not really moving forward with his life.

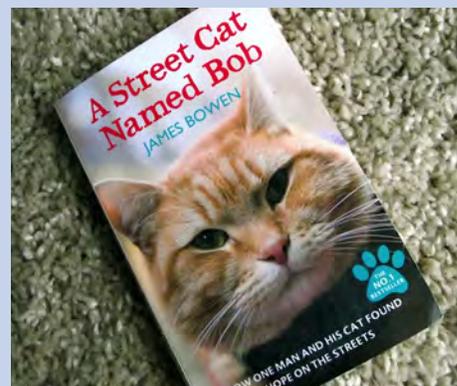
Then, an injured stray ginger cat appeared on his doorstep.

He hesitated to take this cat in because he had a hard time just taking care of himself. Eventually, the cat let him know that he was staying and James gradually realized that he now owned a cat.

The cat soon proved as essential to James as James was to the cat. Unbelievably the cat followed him to work through busy downtown London where he would curl up and sleep in his guitar case or just endear himself to the busy pedestrians heading home or to work. James was used to being met with indifference and often hostility as someone who worked on the street. Things changed when he started to bring his charismatic cat. People became more friendly to him, and everyone loved Bob the cat.

As time goes on James's life gradually improves. He takes the final steps to get off drugs completely. One day he even realizes that his cat is an international celebrity.

Many people had posted pictures and videos of James and Bob performing on the street. (He was told that Bob was very popular in Spain.) You can go to the Internet and watch the videos. Of course, eventually he was approached to write this book about the big changes that Bob made in his life. Now he is the author of a best selling book and seems to be doing very well.



Pup Dates

Scout:

A few pictures from the weekend. My husband took the one of them laying on the same bed this morning after I left for work!!



argue over who gets to walk her, feed her and who she loves more! Ha!

Karlee:

She is doing well. Still a puppy and making a mess of things at times. Doesn't like when we leave for work but that is to be expected. I will need to bring her by sometime.



Capone (now Captain):

Hi, good to hear from you. We did change his name to "Captain" which he has learned very well. He is doing wonderful and is working out great!!!! He was just what we wanted "except for the shedding" but he is such a great dog that it is ok. He is such a very loving dog and we treat him the same. When we got him it was over two weeks before he had an accident of going in the house, but kept working with him and that only lasted around a week after that and he got everything figured out and has not made any type of mess for several months now. He is very playful at times and loves to play. Such a very happy dog. I am so glad we made the choice of looking into him when I seen the pic on your site. I cannot tell you enough how wonderful he fits in and is liked here in our family. Thank you so much!



Abbey:

We like the name so didn't even consider changing it. :) Abbey is doing great and fitting in well. We are enjoying having a four-legged friend around again and she seems to like it here also. She likes to be near one of us all the time and even helps tuck the kids in at night. :) The kids

Aurora (now Roxy):

I have renamed her to Roxy. She is doing spectacular! She is goofy and high-energy and very loving. Her favorite spot to hang out is under my bed and she loves Loves LOVES balls and sticks. She is a little destructive towards stuffed toys...but she has only ever gotten in trouble once for getting into my stuff. She is a tad strong-willed



so training is sometimes a little difficult; we are currently working on not jumping up when people come to visit. Roxy has been an absolute joy to me. She makes me laugh and she's a great cuddler. I take her pretty much everywhere with me. We've gone fishing a few times but just yesterday was her first experience of playing in the water. It was adorable. :) I took her in for her spay in April. She is all healed up from that and very healthy. I've attached a few pics. It's hard to get her to stay still...she's a bit of a wiggler. Look at those ears!!! :)

Moglie (now Hoenir):

Dave still loves him like mad...they have only had one um...incident. Moglie is now known as Hoenir. He is named after a Norse God. He is now coming to classes and doing pretty well, he's still a laid back dude and we are slowly bringing him into the fold with all of the other dogs in training. The incident was that Dave went to Menards and he tore a screen to get out of the house but Dave was home very shortly and after a mild panic about not seeing him in the house, he noticed the big lug sunning himself in the backyard. Lesson learned and they have been doing well ever since.



Watson:

Watson was adopted last fall. Here's a pic of him with his humans' grandson....sneaking in a little kiss.



Simple Hacks for Common Pet Issues

WHETHER WORKING, AT HOME OR ON-the-go, most of us are constantly trying to cram in everything that we need to do – wishing there was another hour in the day. It's natural to seek out the easiest, fastest way to accomplish a task, and when it comes to our pets, it's no different.

We rounded up some of our favorite ideas for simplifying some of the daily ins-and-outs of pet parenthood.

Eating:

- **For dogs who inhale their food, try serving meals in a muffin tin.** Increased brain and paw power are needed to earn their supper. For extra credit, cover a few of the cups with cut-in-half tennis balls to make things more difficult. You can also put a tennis ball in the food bowl with the kibble – another easy way to make your dog work for food.

- **Bad doggie breath?** Sprinkle a bit of fresh parsley on top of the food for better smelling canine kisses.

- **Feed your pooch on a doggie dining room table.** Elevated bowls assist with better digestion and put less strain on the neck. Take a small table (such as



the Ikea Lack, just \$10) and cut holes in the top to fit the bowls, allowing them to rest flush with the surface. Be sure to keep them on the edge within your dog's reach. For a quicker hack, switch to elevated food bowls.

- **Indulge a picky eater or senior pet.** Add warm water or chicken broth to kibble and soften for about 15 minutes. This also helps your dog stay hydrated.

- **Chicken soup for the soul.** If your dog isn't feeling well, add some low-sodium chicken broth to his drinking water. Even better, warm up a cup or so (depending on your dog's size) of organic bone broth and let him lap it up.

Cleaning:

- **Got fur?** Rubber squeegees miraculously attract stubborn pet hair, making them great tools for gathering and removing fur from carpet and other surfaces. For clothing and hard-to-clean upholstery, slip on a dampened rubber glove and run your hand over the surface to pick up your pet's lasting furry impressions.

- **Pick up poop for pennies.** Disposable diaper bags are often less expensive than doggie bags. (And if you already have a baby, that's one less thing on your grocery list!)

- **Remove urine smell like a pro.** Create a mixture with half vinegar and half baking soda. Then soak up urine with a paper towel, spray the stain with the mixture, and let it soak in for ten minutes. Absorb excess moisture with a dry paper towel, sprinkle the spot with baking soda, let it dry, then vacuum. Keep pets



away while you work – baking soda can be harmful to dogs.

For tough stains, mix vinegar, water, and baking soda together to scrub away dirt and strong odors.

Playing:

- **Reduce, Recycle, and Play!** Take an empty plastic bottle, stick it in an old sock, and make a knot at the end to create an instant crinkle toy.

- **Limited play time?** Bring your game of fetch to the hills. Even a small incline will force your dog to work harder and expend more energy in a shorter amount of time.

Accessorizing:

- **Technical support.** No pockets in your running shorts? No problem. Attach your keys to your dog's collar for hands free, safe transport.

- **Re-purpose old clothes into pet clothes.** Use sweater sleeves, socks, and t-shirts to create adorable outfits and tiny, trendy clothes for your small four-legged friend.

Safety:

- **Be safe when out on adventures.** Carry a carabineer to make securing your dog easier – without having to release him from his leash. You can also use a giant carabineer to hold multiple leashes at the same time. This makes it less likely for dogs to get tangled up.



- **If you don't have a recall word, try drama.** If your dog gets loose, don't chase after her. Rather, fall down and pretend to be hurt, encouraging her to run back to check on you.

Running away, calling happily in an excited voice may also work. Dogs naturally chase things that run away from them, especially if they think it's a game.

- **Calm weather-reactive pets.** It's not just loud noises that upset dogs during storms – many are also bothered by the electric charge in the air. If your dog has storm anxiety, rub a dryer sheet all over him during thunderstorms to remove the static, making him feel better.

- **Stop escape artists in their tracks.** If your small dog can fit through the bars between the fence, or other large spaces, have them wear an inflatable Elizabethan collar to keep him in the yard. (Also wise to use chicken wire to cover up these spaces, to keep your dog in and other animals out.)

- **Lost dog bait.** If your dog has run off, leave something that smells like you – along with some food and water – in the spot he was last seen. Be sure to leave a note with your contact info, so when your dog is drawn to your scent people can let you know.

Living:

- **Keep cool.** Combine any combination of chicken broth, apple slices, peanut butter, and water in an ice cube tray. Freeze, and offer your pup on super hot days.

- **For the overzealous watchdog.** If your dog goes nuts when the doorbell rings, or freaks out when left alone resulting in a scratched up door, there is a solution. Get a piece of plexi-glass cut to size and screw it onto the door, preventing your dog's nails from scratching and destroying the wood.

- **Cat scratch fever.** Cover the areas of your furniture that your cat likes to scratch with clear packing tape. He will not like the way it feels. Be sure there is an enticing alternative – such as a scratching post covered in catnip – and soon he will learn to use this new spot.

- **No muddy paws allowed.** If your kitty is welcome in a room but the puppy is not, use a doggie door made for a small dog. This allows feline freedom while keeping canine boundaries.

- **Grow your space vertically.** Use inexpensive floating shelves to create more areas for your cat to play and relax. You keep your square footage and kitty has more adventures...win-win!

Relaxing:

- **Perfect pet bed for your baby.** Use a crib mattress on the floor with fitted sheets as a dog bed. Great for big dogs, and messes are no problem since unlike regular pet beds, you can easily wash the sheets.

- **Pillowcase bed covers.** For smaller dog beds, use pillowcases as covers. They're easily washable when accidents happen.

- **The relaxing sound of music.** Classical music not only soothes human souls – research reveals that animals benefit, too! Next time you need to leave an anxious pet at home, leave her with some beautiful Bach, melodic Mozart, or chill Chopin to enjoy.

- **Easy everyday spa treatment.** Put a few drops of lavender oil on a bandana and tie it around your stressed out dog's neck. It will calm you both down! You can try other essential oils as well, however avoid using high-phenol oils such as oregano and thyme, especially with cats.

Health:

- **Doggie's little helper.** For pups who can't poop, try a little canned pumpkin. Adding a bit to your dog's food can get things moving, and keeping it up will help her stay regular in the future.

- **No more wrestling with your pet to take pills.** Put a small amount of peanut butter (or unsweetened applesauce) in an ice cube tray. Place the pill(s) on top, covering with more peanut butter. Freeze. Label each one with a toothpick, noting the day and type of medication – an easy way to keep track of dosing.



Grooming:

- **At-home pet-icure.** Regular nail clippers can put pressure on the nail quick, making it uncomfortable for some dogs. Once your pup is used to the sound and feel of the Dremel power tool, many four-leggeds prefer it to regular clippers. Use the sanding drum, checking periodically to be sure it's not building up too much heat.

- **Natural De-tangler.** If your dog has tufts of matted hair, sprinkle baby powder on them and wait a few minutes. Then brush slowly and gently – the hair should separate with ease.

- **Ban on brushing.** If your dog just plain hates getting her teeth brushed, let her do it herself! Squeeze some doggie toothpaste onto a texturized chew toy, bone or rope toy. They can happily gnaw away, while simultaneously brushing their teeth.

- **Proper paw care.** Put Vaseline on paws to protect sensitive pads from snow, ice, cement and other porous debris.

