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# The Paws

Newsletter for the Paws Animal Rescue



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## One Step Closer

By Lindy Geraets

Paws Animal Rescue took another step toward a permanent building to house the cats and dogs in our care. Thanks to an additional generous donation from Julia and Scott Jones, Paws purchased a plot of land on May 16, 2011. The plot of land is behind Wal-Mart on Lowell.



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Soon we will embark on an even larger task, to raise money to construct the building. Julia Jones has volunteered to lead a capital campaign to raise funds needed to build our building. Her hope was to make June a "Month for Paws." Due to the Missouri River flooding in our area, we have temporarily postponed the capital campaign while our community has a chance to recover.

That doesn't mean there won't be a campaign. There will be a campaign and we will have a building, it just will be delayed a while longer.

You'll still see us aiming toward our goal. Check out the Cassie Adams Memorial Quilt Raffle on page 4. All of the proceeds from this raffle go toward the Paws Animal Rescue building fund.

Keep watching for updates in coming months. If you want to help us get a jump start, please send your building donations now. We will add them to our current fund and keep building, no pun intended, on top of them!



# Perfect Match for Macee Mae

By Lindy Geraets

Deann and John Nystrom lost their 14 year old Bichon Friese, Andy, in May 2010. Even with two other dogs, Duke, a 4 year old Maltese and Finn, a 1 year old Yorkie, their house felt empty without Andy. They also knew that Finn would eventually move out with their daughter, Kassie, and they wanted a playmate for Duke.

Deann asked a friend of hers who volunteers at Paws Animal Rescue to watch for a dog that might fit their family. In December 2010, Deann received a call from her friend saying Macee Mae might be a good match. Deann says she "hoped she would be the right dog to fit into our family. I went over and met her at her foster home and sure enough she was the one."

After meeting Macee Mae, Deann filled out the adoption form. Her application was reviewed, references called, and 3 days later she was approved for adoption. Deann said the adoption process was easy and she "would do another adoption if we ever were to get another dog."

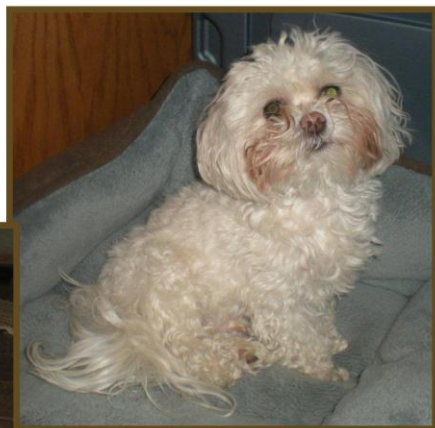


Macee Mae & her new family spend Christmas 2010 together.

Deann is still shocked Macee Mae ended up at the pound. "She is such a loving dog who loves to play and cuddle and be cuddled!! She and the two boys (Duke and Finn) get along great. When our friends come over and meet her, they can't believe that she was ever abandoned as her personality is so wonderful. Her love for life is contagious and you can't help but laugh at some of the pranks she pulls."

Lastly Deann wants to thank Macee Mae's foster parents, Sally and Dan, for the love and care they gave her. "You can sure tell that she was treasured by them. We also want to thank Paws Animal Rescue for the chance to adopt her."

If you or someone you know is interested in adopting, please have them visit our website at [www.pets4adoption.org](http://www.pets4adoption.org), email us at [pets4adoption@yahoo.com](mailto:pets4adoption@yahoo.com), or call 605.223.cats.







## Paws for Appreciation

By Lindy Geraets

Paws Animal Rescue receives support from various businesses in the area. In May, we presented the award to Runnings Farm & Fleet. Runnings is always willing to donate items to homeless animals and we appreciate their continued support.



Kathy Hammond and Lindy Geraets presenting the 2010 Paws for Appreciation award to Runnings Farm & Fleet.

## Dog Days of Summer

By Lindy Geraets



What would summer be without some surprises? For all of Pierre and Ft Pierre this came with news of the Missouri River flood. In the beginning hours, Paws helped find temporary homes for some displaced animals. What we didn't realize at the time is that the entire summer would be affected by the flood.

Paws runs entirely on memberships, adoption fees, grants, and donations. Fundraising is a huge part of our yearly budget and Dog Days of Summer has a great fundraiser for us. We had been planning for a larger Dog Days this year, including an all-day event, band, and beer tent.

*Because Steamboat Park, our event location, is currently under water and will remain under water for a while longer, we have decided to **cancel Dog Days this year.***

We plan to have Dog Days of Summer next year, though. So, mark your calendars and plan to volunteer or spend some time at Dog Days of Summer next year on August 18, 2012.

# Cassie Adams Memorial Quilt Raffle

By Kathy Hammond



Cassie Adams and her mom were regular volunteers at Paws Animal Rescue. Cassie lovingly cared for the cats and eventually adopted Sloane. She seemed to be drawn to the cats who needed special attention. Cassie could often be found in a corner comforting one of the cats who was new and scared of its new home. It was no surprise to anyone that Cassie adopted Sloane, as she was one who needed that special attention Cassie provided.

On November 22, 2009, Cassie left this world. Her mother, Sondra, and some of her friends made this quilt in memory of Cassie. When making the quilt, they decided the quilt should have some special meaning. Sondra has described for us the different symbols, what they mean, and how they relate to Cassie.

Throughout the quilt you will see butterflies. In the Native American culture, butterflies mean transformation from one journey to another. You will see that the pink center consists of butterflies. But butterflies had an even deeper meaning for Cassie and Sondra. Sondra already had a tattoo of a butterfly holding a smaller butterfly. This symbolized the mother and daughter bond they shared. Cassie had wanted a tattoo and they decided that when she turned 18 they would both go in and have a butterfly tattooed on their shoulders. This was Sondra's way of "releasing" Cassie into the adult world.

Sloane, the cat Cassie adopted, was absolutely adored by Cassie. You will see pictures of a black and white cat that looks a lot like Sloane. Animals were a big part of Cassie's life.

She loved the color purple and she loved music. You will find musical notes within the quilt.

The back of the quilt is pretty much made up of doodling. Cassie doodled all the time and Sondra said you couldn't pick up one of her notebooks without it being covered with those doodles.

They chose the water blue as it represents first medicine which means without water we cannot live.

White represents calm.

When they started the quilt, the song "If I Die Young" had just been released. There is a verse that says "Lord, make me a rainbow, I'll shine down on my mother. She'll know I'm safe with you when she stands under my colors". You will see a rainbow in the quilt.

The four corners of the quilt represent a Shoshone emblem. Each of the four quilters made their corner of the quilt as a special tribute to Cassie.

Along with Sondra, those helping with the quilt were January Myers, Monica Hernandez, and Brenda Black. Cassie's family have donated this quilt in memory of Cassie with the request that funds raised go toward the building fund so that some day all abandoned animals will have a place to go to. Cassie, we miss you.

See "What's Happening" on page 5 for raffle details.





# What's Happening?



## July

- Cassie Adams Memorial Quilt Raffle
  - Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10
  - Proceeds go toward the Paws building fund (see article on page 4)
  - Drawing is Thursday, August 25 (do not need to be present to win)
  - Purchase tickets
    - Saturday, July 30 ~ Crazy Days downtown
    - Thursdays ~ Paws building 5:30-7:30pm
    - Saturdays ~ Paws building 11am-2pm
    - Other locations coming ~ watch the website for details
    - Email [pets4adoption@yahoo.com](mailto:pets4adoption@yahoo.com) or call 223.cats
  - We will arrange to meet you
- Crazy Days ~ 30<sup>th</sup>
  - We will be selling "woof" beer floats in front of our building!

## August

- Monthly Meeting ~ 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 7:00pm at the Paws building downtown
- Paws for Art ~ watch the website for details

## September

- Monthly Meeting ~ 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00pm at the Paws building downtown
- Pizza Ranch ~ 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 5-8pm ~ 20% of dine in, delivery, & take out donated to Paws
- Meet & Greet ~ 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 4-6pm at the shelter
- "Woof" Beer Float Sale ~ 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 11am until we run out
- Mexican Fiesta Fundraiser ~ watch the website for details
- 2011 Paws Animal Rescue shirt design revealed. Orders due by the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please help us raise money for the shelter by volunteering, attending the events and participating, and sharing the upcoming events with friends and family.



Available for adoption.  
From top: Bean, Puff Daddy,  
Liam, & Sonni

# Wish List



We are always looking for donated items. Below is a current list of items we need. Thanks in advance!

- |                    |                                    |                 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| - Bleach           | - Cleaning Supplies                | - Rawhide Bones |
| - Cat / Dog Toys   | - Collars / Leashes                | - Trash Bags    |
| - Cat / Dog Treats | - Laundry Detergent / Dryer Sheets | - Y Vacuum Bags |
| - Cat Litter       | - Paper Towels                     |                 |

These items may be dropped off at the downtown shelter Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm or Saturdays 11am-2pm.

# Memorials & Honors



## April

In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson

## May

In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson

In memory of Len Hoskinson, my dear friend and father of Paige Hoskinson-Olson, by Elizabeth Heath

## June

In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson

In memory of my dear mother, Fran Cutler. I miss you so much! Elizabeth Heath

In memory of Opal Flemming from her family.



## Pets to Remember

## April

In memory of Scallion (aka Finley) who spent too short a time in his new home, by Lindy Geraets, Kathy Hammond, Bonnie Stroh, and Molly Jahraus

In memory of Prettie, loved shelter cat, by Lindy Geraets, Kathy Hammond, Molly Jahraus, Cindy Phillips, Alisa DeMers, and Bonnie Stroh

In memory of Poppie, loved shelter cat, by Lindy Geraets, Kathy Hamond, Molly Jahraus, Cindy Phillips, Alisa DeMers, and Bonnie Stroh

In memory of Missy, the beloved dog of Greg and Sandy Shoup, my brother and sister-in-law, by Betty Truax

In memory of Holly, a marvelous yellow Lab who lived down the road from my mom and dad, but called their place home, too. Donna Leslie

To celebrate the life of Jake. Born a Wimaraner, died and integral family member. Grieving parents, Kyle and Brenda Manning.

In memory of our FeeBee. Her short life touched so many hearts. Tim and Elizabeth Heath and kids

## May

In memory of Trixie, a good 'back up' dog and companion. A member of the Hoftiezer family and also loved by many. Trixie is now reunited up above with her original owners, by Amanda Ames

## June

No memorials for June