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Walk Your Dog? There's an App for That!

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walk for a dog

Walk For a Dog App is a new fundraiser that we are now participating in. It tracks our "active walkers" (those who check-in and walk at least once a week) and gives the rescue money based on how many walkers we have. It is a free app on smartphones and is simple to use. Simply search for "wooftrax" in the App Store and download the Walk For a Dog app. Then select "PAWS Animal Rescue" as your organization. And that's it! Check-in every time you walk your furry friends and the app keeps track of your total walks, mileage, even maps your walk. The more walkers, the more the Rescue receives.



Super Turnout for Souper Supper

PAWS Animal Rescue held its first Souper Supper event on Friday, March 4, at the American Legion, serving about 75 to 90 people. We raised \$790 in donations and collected \$51 from T-shirt and dog biscuit sales. An additional outcome is we were able to finalize a cat adoption to a local family who has been looking for a buddy for a cat they rescued last year. Thank you for all your support!

April is National Volunteer Month!

PAWS Animal Rescue would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers for all they do for our animals!



Nellie's Story

NELLIE CAME TO THE SHELTER OCT. 13, 2015. She seemed like such a happy and social girl when I met her at the pound. Nellie was an instant hit with the volunteers that care for our dogs. She was amazing, always happy and bouncing around. Until we noticed that she often favored her back, left leg after a short time running and playing with the other dogs. We had noticed right away that she seemed to have missing nails on two toes. But it appeared that they were just starting to grow back. We thought that could be causing the pain that made her not use the leg.

On Nov. 2 when she went in for her spay, we asked the doctors to check on her foot. We weren't happy with the first diagnosis and quickly decided that a second opinion was needed. We are all grateful for that appointment. The second doctor sedated her to x-ray the foot. She believes that Nellie probably caught her foot at an early age, breaking the two middle toes and tearing out the nails. There was a lot of scare tissue in the area, and it appeared that the two toes were fused together. We were quoted approximately \$350. to

remove the scare tissue, repair what could be, and possible amputation of part of the toes. We scheduled the surgery for December 1st to ensure that Nellie had a comfortable life when the right family

found her. The surgery was very lengthy and took far more time than the doctor had anticipated. Nellie came through with flying colors. Everyone was excited for her future.

Recovery was probably harder for her foster mom than for Nellie. She is a smart girl. She always managed to wrangle out of her "cone of shame" or eat it. Each time she got the cone off, she'd bite, chew and lick at the bandaged foot. That caused some serious worry for her foster mom. We didn't want her to damage the repairs that had been done. With some imagination, they were able to rig up an e-collar that Nellie couldn't destroy, get out of, or manage to get her mouth on the foot. Then the real healing began.

The doctor gave her the all clear and Nellie was ready for a forever home. We were contacted by a former foster family as they'd had a rough 2015 with the death of multiple pets due to old age. Their home was too quiet with just the cats so they needed to add a dog to their home. Nellie loves everyone and soon was loving Gary and Genny McMath. On Jan. 28, 2016, she became a permanent member of the family. Nellie would still hold the leg up on occasions. Sometimes a change of environment will make pets forget that they don't like to walk on that leg. Our hope was that a forever home would make her forget the previous pain in her foot.

Nellie has adjusted well to her forever home. Only one accident in the house and her family knows that she didn't know how to tell them she needed out and they didn't know that she was trying to tell them. Most of the time Nellie uses the injured foot. They said it seems to be cold sensitive as she doesn't like to walk on the snow. Nellie knows her spot and will go lay down when told to. Gary is



Above: Pictured, left to right, are Adam, Nellie, Gary and Yoggie. Yoggie and Nellie became fast friends.

working on learning to shake. She is very smart.

When asked about their favorite thing about Nellie, the list is long. They said that Nellie is attentive and loving. That she is so lovable and follows them. When they are in different rooms, Nellie will lay between the rooms so she can keep watch on both of them. She sits in the recliner with them. Nellie rides good in the car. Instead of watching out the window at what is going by, she stares at her people. Watching over them and will whimper when they get out of the car without her. Nellie made the 500-mile trip to visit their son, and has stayed with friends when Gary and Genny went out of town once. They also loved Nellie.

Their least favorite thing about Nellie is that she becomes so excited that she jumps at them and jumps at visitors. They plan to attend an obedience class this summer to learn more about ways to teach her not to jump.



Above: Genny and Nellie traveling to see Adam.



DONATION INFORMATION

Monetary donations may be sent to:

Paws Animal Rescue
PO Box 954
Pierre, SD 57501-0954

Donate via our web site:

Go to pets4adoption.org and click on Donate

Donations may be dropped off at 1530 N Lowell Avenue (behind Wal-Mart):

- Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Call 223-CATS and arrangements will be made for another drop off time or to pick up your donation.

Donation items we are always in need of:

BioSpot (all canine sizes)
Cat Toys
Cat Treats
Dog Toys and Treats for Hardy Chewers
Dog Shampoo (tearless) and Conditioner
Frontline for Puppies (8 weeks to 6 months)
Clumping Litter
Purina Cat and Kitten Food
Rawhide Chews
Cleaning Supplies
Canned dog food
Any adult or puppy food with meat as the first ingredient
Bleach
Clorox Wipes
Dish Soap
Dryer Sheets
Febreeze Fabric Freshener
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Pine Sol
Spot Cleaner for Upholstery
Tall Garbage Bags
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Toilet Paper

We Value our Volunteers

Volunteer Spotlight: Melita Hauge and Bonnie Stroh

Melita Hauge

has been with the shelter for countless years and currently serves on the board. Additionally, she handles dog adoptions, canine volunteer schedule, coordinates community events and fundraisers and



Melita Hauge



Bonnie Stroh

covers a large majority of the open hours in the dog room.

Bonnie Stroh has been with the shelter for many years as well and has served on the board in the past. Currently, she covers open hours in the cat rooms, assists with cleaning and medication administration for the cats and also coordinates the cat volunteer schedule.

Thank you, ladies, and all of our volunteers for your commitment to PAWS! Our mission would not be possible without you!

Upcoming Events

April 15-29

Online Facebook Auction. Please submit donated items by April 7; bidding begins April 15. Like our page on Facebook (Paws Animal Rescue), view and bid on items and support your local shelter!

April 30

Anytime Fitness Color Run followed by fundraiser luncheon at the Legion Cabin

May 9

Fiesta Supper at the Legion Cabin

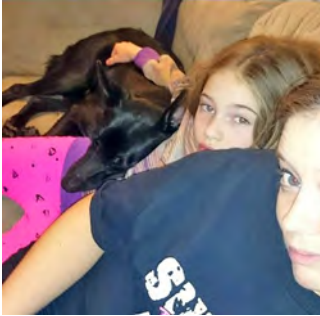
Watch for more information to come on these events



Pup Dates

Magnum (now Rookie):

The family that adopted Magnum shared some Christmas pics with us – thought it would be nice to share. He looks like he is loving life!!!

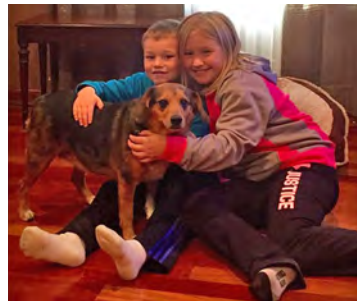


Lucy (now Luna):

She's doing great! In the past few weeks, she's been to both the Black Hills and Sioux Falls. She even hiked Harney Peak with us



at Thanksgiving. She loves peanut butter, belly rubs, sleeping on the couch and playing fetch in the snow.



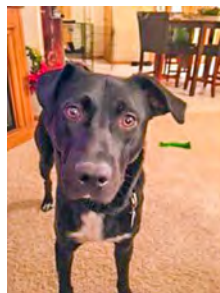
Ruby:

Hello! Thanks for checking in. She's doing great!! She's the sweetest dog. She spent a lot of time outside today, so she's a tired girl tonight. She has the run of the house. She's had no accidents and stays out of trouble most of the time. She sleeps with our son at night. She's really quite the guard dog!!



Blondie (now Gigi):

Thank you so much for your inquiry about Blondie, or as we call her, Gigi. She has had a busy couple of years. In December of 2012, Gigi moved into her new home and met her new family, including her kitty brothers and sisters. In the summer of 2014, she was the star of our wedding (see pic). Things were getting cramped at our house in Pierre, so we moved to Ft. Pierre in May of 2015. Now Gigi has lots of room play. She looks forward to her daily walks on the bike path that runs behind our house and going to the river (see pic). My husband recently retired in October, so she gets lots of naps in during the day. All-in-all, I think she's a pretty happy girl. We are so grateful to Paws for rescuing Gigi. Also, please thank the family that took care of her before she came to us. We couldn't imagine our lives without her.



Watson:

Watson is a black lab mix we had this past summer from mid-April to mid-August; about four months. He was adopted to a woman in the Hills who has a beautiful home that butts up against some national forest. Lots of quiet and many long walks. Heard from his people that he is still doing great. Had a busy Xmas that he wasn't quite sure how to handle but warmed up nicely.

Eddie:

He's doing great! We've been walking everyday and he loves it. He does so good on a leash it's unbelievable, I've never had a dog that walked without pulling. He's getting better with my boyfriend but he's so great with my 2-year-old that I don't mind the barking, but we're still working on it. He loves being outside and I never have to worry about him barking at people or other dogs because he never does that, even on our walks. I love him so much, he's getting pretty spoiled by me:)



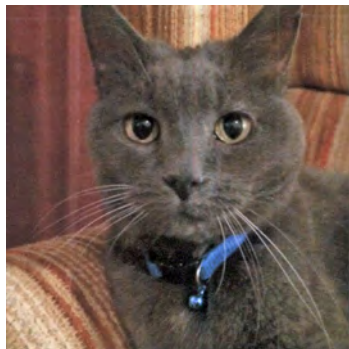
Let's Cats-Up

Rainey (now Rowena):

Dear PAWS Animal Shelter,

I wanted to provide a brief update on a long-time former resident, Rainey. I can say with unreserved certainty that PAW's "little rain cloud" has really become a "ray of sunshine" in my household.

After I adopted Rainey, she was re-Christened "Rowena" and settled into her new apartment home quite readily. Though a little skittish at first, I am thrilled to report some incredible changes in her personality.



- The cat that used to skulk across the floor full of anxiety now plays with her favorite "fish toys", chases ribbons, watches the neighbors from the window and is the undisputed princess of her territory. She is calm and relaxed.

- The cat that isolated herself in corners as PAWS now comes running when I get home at the end of the day, sleeps at the foot of my bed and curls up on the couch when company comes over. She wants to be where the people are and will follow me around the apartment like a shadow.

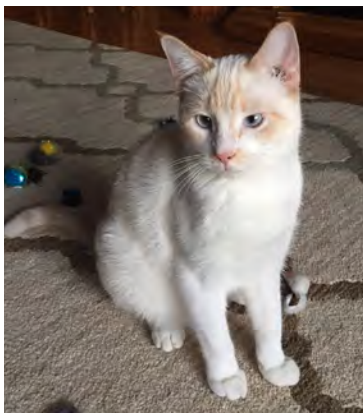
- The cat that growled and hissed at anything that moved is now the epitome of a "purr machine." She chirps when she wants attention (which is adorable) and loves being petted – and I mean LOVES being petted. She loves being brushed, having her belly rubbed, her back scratched and cuddles – she just LOVES human contact.

I do not know what all issues Rowena arrived at PAWs with, but I am so thankful that there was some place for her to be until she could come home with me. Thank you for your support of animals in their journey to their forever homes.

Additional update: She has settled in really well and enjoys being the only feline in the roost. Her personality has really come out and her anxiety is minimal, which is lovely to witness. Good times ahead!!

Kix (now Bucky Barnes):

I have had Bucky at my house several times when Kristina and her boyfriend have been out of town and have had him again for the past several days. He is a wonderful cat. He isn't a year yet, but he has really grown this past month. He is kind of at that awkward teenager age where his body isn't quite proportionate yet and he sometimes runs into things when he is playing. He gets along great with other cats and dogs and has the loudest purr ever. He has a dog brother and a neighbor's dog that he hangs with a lot. I



know Kristina just loves him!

Sahara:

I took this last night – she has taken over the couch or she likes to be in front of the fireplace (imitation one with heat). She's tipped over a few plants and plays in the bathtub a lot – LOL. Have a super weekend and thank you for letting us take her into our family. She LOVES the dog too. Sleeps right beside her at night. HA!!



Julius (now Chester):

Julius is doing great in his new home. He is very playful which his family loves. This last weekend his family had a bunch of people over for the weekend. They thought Julius would be scared and hide but he sat on a chair and took it all in.



Ochie:

Here is a photo of Ochie in her favorite room – Paul's office in the basement. We kept her name but call her Ochie instead of Ocho. In the photo, she is sitting on her new scratching bench, which she is finally starting to use instead of the old sofa in Paul's office. She is doing really well, despite that one of my other girls is still hissing at her. She has a cute little meow, which I never heard at the shelter. She occasionally



plays with toys, which is very funny to watch. She is constantly purring and loves to be petted. She is still not big on being picked up or held. All in all she is doing really well.



Fun Cat Facts for Kids

Check out these fun cat facts for kids. Learn about cats as pets, their unique behavior, how long they sleep and much more.

Read on and enjoy the wide range of interesting facts about cats and kittens.

Cats are one of, if not the most, popular pet in the world.

- There are more than 500 million domestic cats in the world.
- Cats and humans have been associated for nearly 10,000 years.
- Cats conserve energy by sleeping for an average of 13 to 14 hours a day.
- Cats have flexible bodies and teeth adapted for hunting small animals such as mice and rats.
- A group of cats is called a clowder, a male cat is called a tom, a female cat is called a molly or queen while young cats are called kittens.
- Domestic cats usually weigh around 4 kilograms (8 lb. 13 oz.) to 5 kilograms (11 lb. 0 oz.).
- The heaviest domestic cat on record is 21.297 kilograms (46 lb. 15.2 oz.).
- Cats can be lethal hunters and very sneaky. When they walk, their back paws step almost exactly in the same place as the front paws did beforehand – this keeps noise to a minimum and limits visible tracks.
- Cats have powerful night vision, allowing them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see.
- Cats also have excellent hearing and a powerful sense of smell.
- Older cats can at times act aggressively towards kittens.
- Domestic cats love to play, this is especially true with kittens who love to chase toys and play fight. Play fighting among kittens may be a way for them to practice and learn skills for hunting and fighting.
- On average, cats live for around 12 to 15 years.
- Cats spend a large amount of time licking their coats to keep them clean.

Let's Cats-Up cont.

Veronica:

Veronica is doing great at her new home. We love her so much! She is slowly coming around to the dogs.



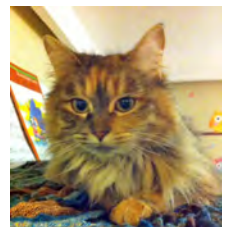
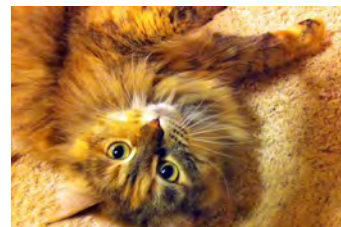
Nikki:

Nikki is being adopted today. She will be joining a family that has a 1-year-old kitten that needs a companion. The family fell in love with Nikki's beautiful green eyes!!!



June:

Here are a few photos of June – she was adopted last winter.



PAWS Aluminum Recycling Trailer

You can now drop off your aluminum cans for recycling at the shelter instead of at the bowling alley.

The recycling program has been a good fundraiser for the shelter and helps cover vaccines, food, spay/neuters, etc.

The trailer is on the north side of the building.

Please tell all your friends it is there!



Memorials and Honors

January

A donation was made by June and Scott Larson in honor of their daughter Sydney's 16th birthday.

Donations were made in memory of Meeshka, dog of Kim Kusser, by: Melita Hauge, Kathy Hammond, Mary Creager, Brian Watterson, Dan and Sally Boyd and Betty Truax.

A donation was made by Jacque Johnson in memory of Fred with the following note: "About 20 years ago on Jan. 19, I adopted a little black and white kitten from PAWS. Although I was told Fred was male, that wasn't the case.....but the name stuck anyway. Today we laid Fred to rest in a beautiful pet cemetery here at Best Friends Animal Society, where I now work. I would like to make this donation in Fred's memory. Thank you for two decades of love."

February

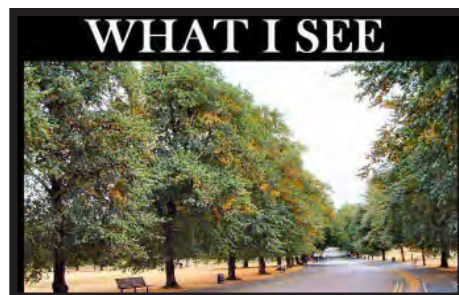
A donation was made by Lon Kightlinger in honor of Jody Rausch.

A donation was made by Mary Wegner.

A donation was made by Kathy and Mark Hammond in memory of Dos, beloved cat of Matt and Lindy Geraets.



Above: The KCCR Farm and Home show, held Feb. 27-28 at the Ramkota in Pierre, was again a great opportunity to showcase our dogs. Pictured is Auggie, a 1-year-old Hound mix, with Paws volunteers that staffed the booth. We made more than \$440 in donations that will help with everyday expenses such as food and vaccines.



WHAT I SEE



WHAT MY DOG SEES

KEEP THOSE RECEIPTS!

Paws Animal Rescue is asking for your Dakotamart receipts. With every \$10,000 we turn in, Dakotamart donates \$100 to the rescue. Your receipts can be dropped off at the shelter during open hours or please feel free to mail them in. This is an ongoing fundraiser so please keep them coming! Thank you for your support and stay warm.



How Can You Tell if Your Pet is In Pain? Listen With Your Eyes

Six months ago I injured my back while attempting to train for a half marathon. I pushed through for a couple of months as I fell further and further behind my training buddies, until finally it occurred to me that needing to stop every couple of minutes to punch my fist into my left hip was probably not a normal thing.

As far as everyone in my everyday life knew, I was fine. I was still working and lifting things as usual, perhaps stepping a bit more carefully on uneven footing and pausing to brace myself before coughing. When I didn't get better after a month of rest I wound up in a physical therapist's office, where she figured out that my entire left pelvic wing was rotated out of whack. After a lot of therapy, ice and Advil, I'm back on track.

I think about this a lot when I'm working with senior pets. One of the most common things people say to us when they bring in older pets is, "Oh, he's just old and slowing down." When we suggest that perhaps there is a painful condition, such as osteoarthritis, the client often replies, "Oh, he's fine – he's not crying."

I would like to state for the record that for all the times I winced as shooting pain went up and down my spine, each gritting of the teeth and slow roll out of bed in the morning while I worked out the kinks in my pelvis, I never once cried out. The times I have cried out in pain? When I

shut my finger in the car door and when I dropped the vacuum on my foot. That is the difference between chronic and acute pain.

Acute pain – that sharp, blast in the face sudden hurt – comes quickly and, usually, hopefully, also departs quickly. Chronic pain is any pain that persists past the normal expected point of inflammation and healing. While that is a somewhat simplistic explanation, it's important to understand that pain is a very complicated phenomenon that involves many different pathways: the initial pain picked up in the periphery by a noxious stimuli, the part of the brain that recognizes the stimulus as pain and the various places along the way where it can get tripped up, triggered or amplified.

How do we know a person is in a state of persistent, low grade, chronic pain? They tell you.

How do we know a pet is in a state of chronic pain? They can't talk, but they can tell us with their behavior.

These subtle indicators, when evaluated objectively and looked at in a sum total, are often striking. A dog who resists climbing stairs, jumping on the bed, tires after a short walk, doesn't want to get up in the morning, those are all strong indicators of potential pain. Cats are even harder to interpret. Sometimes we only get one sign; the cat's no longer on the kitchen counter,

perhaps, or maybe the cat is urinating outside of the litter box because the edges are too high to climb over comfortably.

Why is this important? Because we can help, but only if you "hear" the pets ask.

The American Animal Hospital Association and American Association of Feline Practitioners just released the updated 2015 Pain Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats, the most comprehensive and up-to-date recommendations for practitioners when it comes to recognizing and treating pain. Their No. 1 recommendation? Realizing that behavior changes are a primary indicator of pain in veterinary patients.

There was a time, not too long ago, when pain medications were considered "optional" after a major procedure such as a spay or neuter. We've come a long way since then and we're only getting better. There's no need for a pet to suffer, not with the extensive toolbox all practitioners now have access to.

The best pain control in pets, as in people, comes with multimodal pain management: using more than one approach that addresses pain from multiple fronts. It's good stuff. We're blessed to be able to provide these comforts for our pets.

If your pet has any changes in behavior, from reluctance to eat to a change in exercise tolerance, give your vet a call. We've got lots we can do.

iGIVE

Join in helping Pierre-Fort Pierre Area Humane Society. If you join iGive and shop once before March 31, your cause will earn a \$5 Bonus! Plus, by visiting stores (up to 10 a day) you earn entries for your cause to win some amazing prizes.

To read details about the Surf into Spring contest, use this link: <http://www.igive.com/surfspring>

iGive is a free service where shopping at any of 1,566 stores like Amazon, Travelocity, Overstock and many more, means a donation to your favorite cause. To learn more or sign up now, use this link: <http://www.igive.com/lstro2o>



COLOR RUN

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Saturday, April 30

- Registration/sign-in 9:00am
- Run begins at 10:00am
- Starts and ends in Legion Cabin Parking Lot

10:30am – 12:30pm

Paws will be hosting a hotdog feed
(free will donation) at the Legion Cabin.

Pre-register
at Anytime Fitness
before April 11 to
receive a t-shirt!
\$25

Proceeds go to Paws Animal Rescue.



Contact us at:

Anytime Fitness, 740 E Sioux Ave, 605-224-4011, pierresd@anytimefitness.com

