



A WARREN COUNTY DAY OF GIVING WARRENGIVES

WEDNESDAY MAY 10 2023 6AM - 10PM

One Thousand one hundred fifty six days... 1, 156 days...

On 11/26/19 PAWS rescued me from Page Hollow Rd in Pittsfield, Pa. One might say, that is a long time. We all agree. I hope you can understand that all the dogs living on the property were traumatized and severely fearful of people. There were so many of us it has taken time to rehabilitate each one that has gone into a home. The younger dogs could be adopted quickly, the older ones, like me had more healing to do. Yes, I was one of the infamous 46 dogs that were finally rescued and taken away from the horror we were all forced to live. I was with 24 other dogs in one of the two houses the owner kept us. The other 22 dogs lived next door where the owner lived. We had to fight for food and just plain fight all the time to survive. The scars on my face show the attacks from the other dogs and the fights happened often. The house I was in had no heat and the water came from a hose hooked up to the next-door property. Water was not always clean and available. The living environment one might compare that to a war zone, cold, dirty and dangerous. There were no blankets or bowls for food, feces and urine covered the floors. I don't know what happened to the puppies I had, I guess we will never know. PAWS team had to come twice and spent over 10 hours to take us off the property. We had never been on a leash and would not go to people, even the owner. I was terrified, I did not know what was happening. They had to carry us out one by one. This is where my story begins...

When I arrived at PAWS I was given a clean, safe and warm place to live with enough food and fresh water every day. I needed a safe place to be a dog and PAWS was the best place ever. They even provided me with "extra" training during my long stay. They taught me to walk on a leash, accept petting and gave me treats and toys. I never had those before. I had a difficult time allowing people to pet and touch me. PAWS staff and volunteers socialized and cuddled me and kept showing me what kindness feels like.

More importantly, they took me to the veterinarian several times during my stay at PAWS. Their goal was to get me healthy, physically and mentally. I was examined and spayed at the Kinzua Veterinary Clinic in Warren. I was also treated for ear infections for months. All the doctors, especially Dr. Aimee, made sure that I was given all the medical care that I needed. PAWS paid for all the medical care for all of the dogs rescued that day. The staff updated all of my vaccines, de-wormed me and gave me the medications I needed.

As the days, months and years have gone by, I have learned to trust being touched and that I am finally safe. Although my scars show a difficult past, PAWS has remained committed to finding me a home of my own. Finally on February 28th 2023, the waiting was over. The staff took me to my new home and stayed until I felt comfortable. I now live in Sheffield with Brooke and Barbara, my mom and dad. I go on several walks a day and see a lot of wildlife. There are deer and birds to look at through my big picture window in the living room. I get to sleep on the couch or a bed and have as much food as I want. I am their number one and love every minute with all the attention. Brooke and Barbara say I am their dog, and they love me. I'll tell you that sounds so good and it tickles me inside. Oh, they like it when I especially give them kisses. Thanks to PAWS for giving me time until my new family came. My life has changed forever.



Dora relaxed and comfy in her new home!

Me and my friends at [PAWS](#) want to remind everyone...

Your donation to Warren Gives on May 10th can provide other animals like me, the veterinary care and safe shelter Paws Along The River offers Warren County.

Help keep [PAWS](#) working for the animals and offering animal services to our community for years to come.

[DONATE](#) on May 10th and be our HERO!

Love,

Dora

[Rescue](#)..... [Rehabilitate](#)..... [Match for life!](#)



Protect Your Pet from Being Stolen

The theft of a pet is a heartbreaking event. There are precautions you can take to protect your pet from being stolen.

*Make sure your pet wears a collar and ID at all times. Rabies, license, and ID tags on the collar may deter a thief showing your pet is not a stray.

*Microchips are a great way of ensuring your pet has a permanent ID. If scanned, they will show you as the owner.

*Keep your pet on a leash and under your control. Many pets just wander off and get lost. Do not assume your pet will find his way home.

*Never leave your pet unattended in a parked vehicle or tie them outside while you run inside. Many pets are taken from their own property when they are left unattended.

*Neuter or spay your pet to curb their desire to roam

*Report incidents of pet theft

*Keep a current photo of your pet with an accurate description in writing to help authorities.



New Van: Our 2010 van is getting rusty and has nearly 100,000 miles under it's wheels. We are looking to fundraise for the remaining \$20,000 to purchase a new one. Thanks to the Community Foundation of Warren, Betts Foundation for their generous gifts toward our dream of a new van. If you want to help, please contact our office at 814-726-1961



Keep Your Pet Safe

ASPCA Animal Poison control Center Releases List of Top Ten Hazards for Pets

Poison Control (may have a consultation fee) (888) 426-4435

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| Human Medications | Insecticides | Veterinary Medications |
| Plants | Rodenticides | Household Cleaners |
| Chocolate | Chemical Hazards | Physical Hazards |
| Home Improvement products | | |



Poison Safety Kit: Fresh Bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% , can of soft dog or cat food, turkey baster, saline eye solution, artificial tear gel, dawn dish soap, rubber gloves, tweezers, muzzle, pet carrier

Emergency Veterinarian Contact Number Erie Emergency Veterinary Clinic (814) 866-5920

Choose PAWS on May 10th for Warren Gives so we can provide the medical care they need.

Pet Cremation Services Available at PAWS

PAWS offers the public private pet cremation services for your pet. We are proud of this valuable service for our community. Please call 814-726-1961 for more information or go to www.PawsAlongtheRiver.org and visit “end of life” services for more information.



Dog Obedience Classes

(both in person and online for your convenience)

In person call 814-726-1961 • Online: <https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/PARHSTraining>



TNR Stray Cats : an alternative

The word is spreading! TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return) is becoming a new practice in the feline communities across the country. The idea is to spay/neuter the strays and return them to where they came from and let them live their lives. Because of this message, part of the feline campaign is rethinking how to deal with free-roaming cats.

A stray cat has shown up at your home. What do you do? PAWS is spreading the word of this much used practice across the U.S. There were months last summer and fall that we had no room to accept stray cats. All the shelters in our area were full. TNR is an alternative to helping a stray in your neighborhood. You would assume responsibility for spaying and neutering. Is this something you may consider?

TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) means you set up a colony of cats that do not re-produce. The cats who live there are spayed and neutered. They do not allow other cats come into their area. There is much controversy over this method of practice and it comes with a commitment from neighbors alike. Prior to committing to this practice, we suggest you research how to set up a cat colony with TNR. The alternative is trying to find shelters who will have room to accept them.

PAWS resources have been stretched the past few years, we are now trying to give alternatives to trapping and bringing strays to PAWS. Many cats in the shelters stay for months and sometimes years waiting for a home. PAWS has 43 cat cages at our location. We are not able to house all the cats that our community reproduces. Yes, our community must spay and neuter their cats and not allow them to roam and breed. **Spay and Neuter your cat and keep them safe inside.**

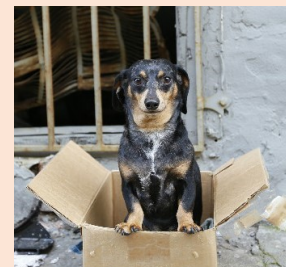
Top 10 Ways YOU can prevent Animal Cruelty

You can help make a difference to prevent animal cruelty in our community!

Be aware. Look out for animals in your neighborhood and watch for signs of neglect.

Learn to recognize the signs of cruelty.

- *Tick and flea infestations
- *Patches of missing hair or thin, ribs showing
- *Animals who are limping or have wounds
- *Owner being physically abusive
- *Animals kept outside without shelter or chained



Rescue..... Rehabilitate..... Match for life!



Adopt Local



Adding a New Pet to Your Family? Spend Just One Day with US!

You hear ads all the time to eat local, shop local, and support local businesses as a way of reaching out to keep YOUR community strong and alive. Well, we are adding **ADOPT LOCAL!** Yes, if you are adopting a new pet, take the time to see what is right in your own back yard.

So much has been written and misunderstood about our adoption process. See for yourself how simple and satisfying our process can be. Be your own judge and enjoy the process with us. We actually have achieved a **97%** success rate of our pets finding permanent homes.

We take the time to help you find your **"MATCH"** by getting to know what you are looking for, your preferences, your lifestyle, and your household so that we may guide you in choosing your new pet. We work hands on with our pets daily and know their personality and preferences to make the best match for you and them.

We offer a free pet visit and send home everything you need to "try out the new pet". You can't judge a pet by a photo or a visit at a shelter, any shelter, but we do more by offering you time to get to know a pet in your home with your family. If it doesn't work out, that is OK we learn from the experience and find you a better match while taking your feedback and fine tuning what that animal needs differently for the next home visit with a family.



Adopt senior dogs & cats.

Having aged like fine wine & ripened fruit, their sweet love will feed your soul!



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Beetle



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Shorty

Choose PAWS on May 10th for Warren Gives so we can provide the medical care they need.

Interested in volunteering?
 Contact Barbi Zingone
 at 814-726-1961



At Paws, our **volunteers** are simply the best of the best! They make it possible for our shelter animals to receive that extra special touch they are all so deserving of. They give their time unconditionally through many avenues of help and support. To name a few, Dog Walking, Cat & Kitty Cuddling, Our Paws & Shop Thrift Store, Paws Enrichment Program, Baking for Events and helping at Fundraisers. Volunteering connects you to others, is wonderful for your mind and body, and brings fun and fulfillment to your life! Paw's hope is for passionate, committed, and dedicated volunteers to enrich the lives of the shelter animals before finding their forever homes! Magic happens when people's interests are in alignment with an organization's needs!



Carolyn Smith— Thrift Store



Suky Bancroft
 Kitty-Cudler
 with Theodore

Did you know:
 Your donations to
 Paws & Shop
 Directly impact the
 animals at the
 shelter?
 Proceeds help
 with medications,
 food, and many
 other necessities.



Krystal Silas
 Kitty Cuddler
 with Monty



How can you help?



Pretty Please?

Help Fill our Empty Shelves

Enrichment Supplies: Chicken or Beef Broth, Peanut Butter, Medium Dog Biscuits, Toilet Paper rolls, Small Bites dog food, hot dogs.

Animal Care Supplies: Dish and Laundry Soap, Odoban, Comet, Scrubbing Bubbles, Hand Soap.

Bird Seed, Feliway refills for relaxation, Canned Dog and Cat Food, Copy Paper.

Thrift Boutique: Clean out your closets for unwanted clothing, start a box of household items around the house you don't use any longer, gently used pet toys and beds.



Leave Your "Print" on the World

Make a difference today! We all know the importance of having a will, but did you know there are other options if you want to leave a significant gift to the animals through your estate?

You can:

- *Donate real estate and other types of personal property.
- *Establish a charitable gift annuity that will provide supplemental income to you as well as provide for homeless animals.
- *Create a trust to benefit the animals.
- *Designate PAWS as the beneficiary of a retirement plan.
- *Use highly appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds and avoid capital gains taxes.
- *Name PAWS as a full or partial beneficiary on your a life insurance policy.

Go to www.PawsAlongTheRiver.org for more Gift Planning ideas.

Recycling Makes Cents for the Animals

Turn your unwanted aluminum cans into \$ for the homeless and neglected animals in Warren County

PAWS has been recycling for the animals for nearly 20 years. Thank you to those who donate their aluminum cans to PAWS. Simply drop **your bagged aluminum cans** in our recycle bin at the end of our parking lot. Our gate opens at 8 am Monday -Saturday and 9 am Sunday. Our volunteers and staff hand sort each piece of recycling dropped off. **We can only accept bagged cans or bagged plastic 5 cent bottles.** These help PAWS. **We cannot take: *garbage * dog and cat food cans *crushed cans or * non-refundable plastic bottles *Glass Bottles*** as they must be taken by our staff to the Pittsfield Waste Management plant for disposal. This costs PAWS time and gas to dispose of the items we cannot recycle.



****Sign up to be a sorter or a transport.****

Choose PAWS on May 10th for Warren Gives so we can provide the medical care they need.

HAPPY FUR-EVER HOMES ARE WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!

Just a Few of the Life Matches



Thanksgiving dinner
at the shelter was
one of our favorite
days this year!



Rescue.....

Rehabilitate.....

Match for life!

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
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Warren, PA
Permit No. 115

Adopt a Senior Dog



Rescue..... Rehabilitate.....

Match for life!



NEED A GIFT?

Memorials & Thrift Shop Gift Certificates

Thinking of honoring that special someone or
in memory or honor of someone?

Paws has the perfect gift for everyone and
it helps support the animal services at PAWS.

Remembering or Honoring a Loved One or Friend

*Sponsor a Kennel (\$20 per month or \$240 per/yr.)

*Memorial or Honorary Donations

*Paws and Shop Gift Certificates

For more information go to
www.PawsAlongtheRiver.org or call 814-726-1961



A RESOURCE FOR ANYTHING PETS...Paws Along The River is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization that was funded in 1930 to help all animals in need in Warren County. We have a rich history we are proud of and wish to keep strong and working for everyone that needs our help. We provide the following quality animal services:

- Animal Care/Protection Education
- Quarantine for Stray Animals that have bitten
- Haven for Stray/Abandoned Animals
- Part-time Cruelty Investigations
- Rescue of Injured Stray Animals
- Assist Local Police Agencies
- Dog Licensing
- Community Service Programs
- Volunteer Programs
- Pet Adoption Center

