

# 2022

# IMPACT REPORT





## Triumph Over Adversity

Just as Silent Bob thought his new life was beginning, he was met with a painful injury and the heartbreaking truth he was going to be returned.

At just 7 months old, Silent Bob thought he found his forever home and left Paws Humane hoping for a bright future. Unfortunately, not even a week later, he was returned suffering from a traumatizing and painful leg injury. His femur was completely broken in half!

After courageously fighting through a long road of recovery, Silent Bob's wish for a forever, loving family finally came true! He is now living his best life, enjoying all the treats and chasing all the squirrels to his hearts delight.

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## Rescue Dog to Ultimate Air Dog

The Ultimate Air Dogs (UAD) National Championships, "Ultimate Air Games," were held September 30th - October 3rd at the Wilson County Fairgrounds outside Nashville, TN. 217 dogs from across the United States qualified to compete in the event. Lucy May McDaniel and her Paws Humane Society rescue dog, Chicken, won a National Championship in Junior Handlers with a phenomenal jump of 27'3". The team also placed 5th nationally in the speed swimming competition by swimming 35' in 5.6 seconds. This was only the second official UAD competition for "Team Flying Chicken." They qualified for nationals by winning their first official event in August. During the award ceremony, Ultimate Air Dogs founder Milt Wilcox called out the team as a great example of what rescue dogs are capable of. "This is a rescue dog, folks. A great example that there is no limit to what a rescue dog can do."

Chicken is an 18-month-old German Shorthaired Pointer/Labrador Retriever mix from Paws Humane Society. Her shelter name was "Sunday Oak," because she was tied to a tree, abandoned outside the shelter overnight, and found on a Sunday morning. The foster coordinator put out a plea for an immediate foster need because there was no kennel space, and the McDaniel's picked her up. She loved water and needed an energy outlet, so the team started training with instructor Lori Leonhardt at Harvard's K9 Center, Inc. in Crawford, AL.

Your support not only gave Chicken a forever home, but you also gave her and Lucy May a new passion. Thank you for the impact you have on their lives.

# YOUR **IMPACT** IN 2022



**1,546**

Animals saved  
to date



**312**

Volunteers and fosters



**819**

Dogs saved  
in 2022



**100%**

Live release rate



**681**

Cats saved  
in 2022



**10.5%**

of animals at Paws  
Humane are special needs



**1,020**

Animals fostered



**379**

Dogs transported to  
New York, Pennsylvania  
and Canada



From the introduction of our new Executive Director, Courtney Pierce; rescuing 72 animals from the destructive path of Hurricane Ian; to landing a live interview on the Fox & Friends show: America's Newsroom; 2022 was an exciting year for Paws Humane Society!

# PROGRAMS

**ADOPTION PROGRAM:** Paws Humane's adoption program matches nearly 2,000 homeless animals with new families every year.

**PETS FOR LIFE:** Paws is proud to be

mirroring the Pets for Life model, a program developed by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) that uses innovative outreach strategies to extend animal services, resources, and educational information to underserved communities.

**FOSTER CARE:** Our Foster Care Program is a group of over 130 individual heroes who open their homes to puppies and kittens as well as sick, injured, and behaviorally challenged animals.

**COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM:** Community cats are the un-owned stray or feral cats who live outdoors in our neighborhoods. This program offers a humane, effective way to reduce the number of cats living on our streets by offering free spay/neuter surgery for Muscogee County residents only.

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:** Volunteers play a vital role in enabling Paws Humane to accomplish our mission. A large number of community volunteers as evidenced by the over 90,000 hours of service helps power Paws Humane.

**VETERINARY SERVICES:** The Veterinary Clinic offers low cost animal care including, spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchips, preventative medicine and more.

**SPAY IT FORWARD:** The Spay it Forward Program helps pet owners who otherwise could not afford to spay or neuter their companion animals. Qualifying individuals receive a free spay/neuter surgery and discounted wellness services.

**EMBARKING HOME:** Embarking Home is Paws Humane's pet transport and relocation program. We work to transport them from areas of oversupply and the likelihood of adoption is slim to locations where there are few, if any, similar animals in shelters, increasing the chances of adoption.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PET SUPPORT:** Neighborhood Pet Support is an owner retention program, which focuses on alternatives for families who find themselves in difficult situations that can lead to owners surrendering their pets to a local shelter. Through this program, we are able to identify the underlying causes of owner surrenders and attempt to mitigate the cause by providing services through community program resources.

**PAWS TRAINING ACADEMY:** Paws Training Academy is an affordable resource we provide as a solution to help mitigate owner surrenders. Behavioral concerns don't have to cause stress. We host group-training sessions and private lessons that help strengthen the bond between owners and their pets, ensuring both remain happy and healthy.



# Kindness In Action

## MONTHLY GIVING

Being a Humane Hero monthly supporter means being a part of Paws Humane. Saving lives is at the very core of our mission; however, without our Humane Heroes and their generous support, it would not be possible. Each year, you help save over 15,000 animals. It takes a community. It takes heroes like you. For more information on how you can be the hero in an animal's story, visit [www.pawshumane.org/humanehero](http://www.pawshumane.org/humanehero).

## IN-KIND DONATIONS

Paws Humane is always in need of supplies for our animals as well as to share with pet owners in the community. Currently, we are in need of the following: Peanut Butter (xylitol free), Pill Pockets for dogs, Hotdogs, Training Treats, Chicken/beef broth and more. For more information on in-kind giving or to download our Wish List, visit [www.pawshumane.org/ways-to-give](http://www.pawshumane.org/ways-to-give).

## VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are vital to the work we do and we truly appreciate those who are able to donate their time to help the homeless animals in our community. For more information on how you can make a difference, contact [volunteer@pawshumane.org](mailto:volunteer@pawshumane.org).

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