

2023 IMPACT REPORT





A Tale of Courage

Your gifts inspire hope and provide strength for animals like Maddox. His story began in 2019, a bright-eyed puppy filled with hope and potential. Adopted from Paws, his initial path took a dark turn. Recently, at just 4 years old, Maddox found himself surrendered to our facility, bearing both physical and emotional scars from a past of neglect and abuse. Underweight and marked by urine burns on his legs from days spent confined to a crate, he faced a long road to recovery.

We swiftly placed Maddox in a loving foster home dedicated to his healing journey. Round-the-clock care, nourishment, and unwavering love transformed him. After months of courage and recovery, Maddox embarked on the next chapter—his journey to a forever home in NY.

Today, Maddox not only thrives but basks in the love he always deserved. His uplifting tale is a testament to the incredible transformation that unfolds when resilience meets compassion.



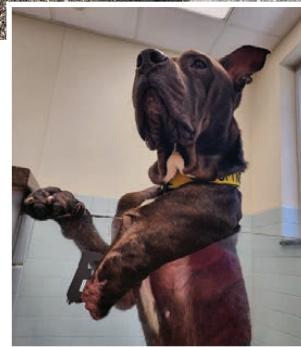
Love at First Sight

Your gifts make transformative stories like Raider's happen. He was found wandering Shaw High School's grounds. Severely underweight, grappling with a skin condition, and missing part of his left front leg, Raider's resilience touched hearts. Your compassionate gifts allow Paws to provide nutrition and life-giving supplies to devoted foster families who become lifelines for animals like Raider.

A family in Pennsylvania, captivated by Raider's spirit while visiting Columbus, fell in love with him. They knew that he had to be a part of their family. With the support of Paws, a dedicated foster family, and the generosity of our Foster Director, a seamless transport brought Raider to his new home in Pennsylvania at 1:30 am.

Now a vibrant 72-pound bundle of love, Raider's tripod status doesn't limit his enthusiasm. In a remarkable turn, Eddie's Wheels donated a wheelchair, ensuring Raider's long-term well-being and expanding his horizons.

Raider has become an integral part of his family and a source of joy for all. His story highlights the incredible impact of resilience, love, and community support, proving that with these forces, Raider can conquer anything. Thanks for making moments like this possible!



YOUR **IMPACT** IN 2023



8,955

Spay/neuter
surgeries through
our Vet Clinic



381

Volunteers and fosters



310

Dogs saved
in 2023



3,891

Households provided food
through Outreach



582

Cats saved
in 2023



1,874

Community cats spayed/
neutered and vaccinated



831

Animals fostered



255

Dogs transported to our
Northern Partners

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 our volunteers log yearly powers 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 Humanes 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, we save the lives of over 15,000 animals. With your help, we can continue to save even more. It takes a community. It takes heroes like you. For more information on how you can be the hero in every animal's story, visit www.pawshumane.org/humanehero.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Paws Humane is always in need of supplies for our animals as well as to give out to 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.

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 the community. For more information on how you can make a difference, contact volunteer@pawshumane.org.



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