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## HOUND DOGS EVEN ELVIS WOULD LOVE

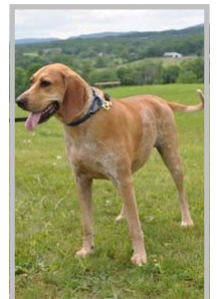
By Rene Guntkowski



Listen up! I'm **Copper**. I'm a five year old Red Bone Coonhound mix. I love going for walks and tracking varmints. Sometimes, I get a little carried away when I'm "hunting," but I really want to catch something! I like other dogs, but I need to be in a house with older children or no children. Don't worry about my energy when I'm outside. I know how to relax

at the end of the day. They take good care of me at the Center, but there's too much excitement here for me. I want to be with my person and learn new things, like training commands and leash manners. I also want to be busy! I promise that if you take me home, I will serenade you with my hound dog yowl whenever you come home. Thank you very much!

Helloooooo! I'm **Hunter**, and I'm a Coonhound mix like **Copper**. Everyone seems to think I have a cool speckled coat, but I'm just happy when they use that as an excuse to scratch my back. What can I say? I have a lot of back to scratch, and I don't have hands! I know I could stand to lose a few pounds, but I also have a naturally big frame. Don't worry though. I'm two years old, so I am done growing up. I am a friendly hound who likes all kinds of people, kids, and other dogs. Sometimes I forget that I am a big strong dog and can be shy around pushier dogs. I am house and crate-trained and I have a beautiful voice. Some say it is even better than my friend **Copper's** voice.

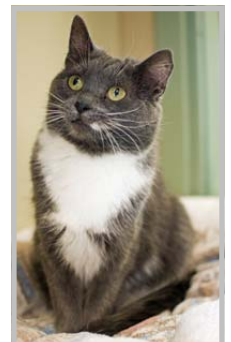


## OH MANDY, YOU GIVE WITHOUT TAKING

By Kathe Craig

Okay, so maybe song writers English and Kerr weren't thinking of our **Mandy** when they wrote the lyrics to the Barry Manilow song. And maybe the Jonas brothers didn't have her in mind when they wrote that "...**Mandy** always knows." But it's hard not to sing when you're with this sweetie. Let's let her speak—softly—for herself.

"Come closer. Closer. You may not be able to hear me unless you're close. I have sort of a tiny voice. One of the volunteers always says, 'We have to get you a real voice, **Mandy**.' But I know she is teasing. She likes me. I kinda like her, too. I like all the volunteers as long they move slowly and use "inside voices" like mine. The other day I jumped into a volunteer's arms. She was scared, I think. I let her hold me for a bit so she calmed down. I let her think I was the one who was scared, though. They like that. Makes them feel needed, which, of course, they are! I'd be best in a house with no small children. They tend to move fast and not use "inside voices." But I share a colony room with two other lady cats and a "gentleman friend." We get along just fine. My former foster mom even had two big, gentle dogs and we were friends. Won't you come meet me? You'll be glad you did."



Watch for this symbol, indicating a cat that qualifies for the Tailgate Promotion on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Read more about it in on Page 3 of this issue. **Mandy qualifies!**

## CENTRE COUNTY PAWS

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State College, PA  
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## Adoption Center Hours

Saturday & Sunday

11 AM—4 PM

Monday

5:30 PM—7 PM

TUESDAY

11 AM—2 PM

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of PAWS,

Cherish—it's another word for foster. So are nurture, nourish and shelter. Our wonderful foster families do all of that and more when they provide temporary homes for some of our PAWS animals. Their love and care help prepare puppies, kittens, cats and dogs for life in forever homes. They observe their animals' behavior and health and provide us with valuable insights to help us in our search for their perfect human matches.

Without the help of their Foster Dad, for instance, we'd never know what terrific acrobats the Eagles Nest Kittens are. He was able to show us some of their special tricks when he brought them in for their weekend at the Center.

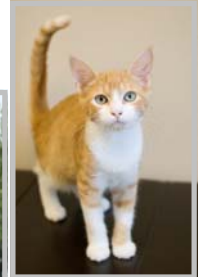
Thanks to foster families like those who cherish the acrobatic Eagles Nest Kittens and Bailey, a five-year old neutered lab/spaniel mix who would love to climb onto your lap, PAWS is able to help more animals. At times, there are between 100-200 cats and 20-30 dogs waiting to become PAWS animals. With foster homes, we can help more of those animals sooner.

We need foster families all year round, but as the holidays approach, we will need even more. We try to get as many of our cats and dogs into homes for the holidays so we can give them, as well as all our dedicated volunteers, a much deserved break. Some holiday foster families like having their foster animals so much, they decide to remain foster families until that bittersweet day that their furry foster kids go to their permanent homes.

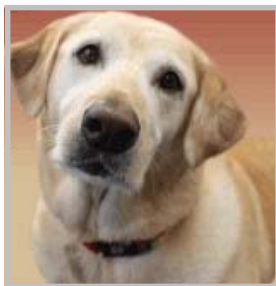
PAWS works with foster families to match animals to their homes and ensure the arrangement works for everyone. PAWS provides the food and vet care. Foster families provide love, nurturing, and all the comforts of home. For more information on becoming a foster family, please visit our foster home page: <http://www.centrecountypaws.org/foster> or call the Center at (814) 237-8722 and leave a message. One of our foster care coordinators will be happy to contact you.

Thank you for your continuing support of PAWS!

Linette Courtney  
President



## ROYALTY AT THE 6TH ANNUAL FUR BALL



You are cordially invited to join **Centre County PAWS for the 6th Annual Fur Ball on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at Centre Hills Country Club.** Cocktails are at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30 pm, followed by dancing. The cost is \$125 per person. Dress is black tie optional. It promises to be a lot of fun! All proceeds benefit Centre County PAWS.

The Honoree for this year's Fur Ball is Princess, the Centre County Courthouse Canine. Princess and her Mom and handler, Faith Burger work together to assist the Centre County District Attorney's Office in the prosecution of child abuse cases. You can learn more about the amazing work that Princess is doing for the children who need her at <http://www.centrecountypaws.org/furball/princess.cfm>.

If you would like to attend, you can pay online by credit card using PayPal, a global leader in online payment services. You can use PayPal even if you don't have a PayPal account. See <http://www.centrecountypaws.org/furball>. Or call the Center to order your tickets.

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## CAT AND DOG WISH LIST

The cats and dogs at PAWS have a few wishes...

- **Royal Canin** dry food for cats, kittens, dogs & puppies
- Any brand canned food for cats, kittens, dogs & puppies
- Triple antibiotic ointment (Like Neosporin)
- Puzzle toys for dogs
- Pet Armor Plus—all sizes for dogs & cats
- Trash bags (13, 33 and 55 gallon)
- Paper towels
- Drop your ink cartridges at PAWS—we "cash" them in for office supplies

## VOLUNTEER VOICE— FROM PAWS VOLUNTEERS TO YOU

By Bonnie and Bob Barry

We began as volunteers for PAWS in 1994 because of our love of animals. At that time, animals were shown in our homes by appointment or at Wiscoy. Our first job with PAWS was to foster kittens. We love kittens and had two of our own at the time. This way we could foster the kittens, love them and then get them adopted.



We were on the board of PAWS with Bob as Treasurer and eventually, President. Next we fostered some dogs. In this way we felt the cats and dogs were given a good, loving, normal life until their forever home came along. We helped get the new Center built and currently help with spay/neuter clinics, special events like the dog walk, foster animals, cleaning in the cat and dog areas, acting as escort monitors and adoption counselors, front desk volunteers and search team members. We also conduct volunteer training for PAWS and are members of the Education and Public Out Reach Committee. For that, we go to many groups and talk about responsible pet ownership and other topics.

We continue to volunteer whenever we can as we enjoy working to get our dogs and cats into their forever homes. We really enjoy socializing and giving love and comfort to the PAWS dogs and cats.

**Bob and Bonnie**, as you can tell, are long-time PAWS volunteers. There is no job too large or too small—they are faithful volunteers and have been generously opening their home to foster animals from the beginning. If you want to talk to a foster family about the rewards of fostering, **Bob and Bonnie** can clue you in. As you can see, they have a brood of their own. Meg, their 16 yr. old tuxedo cat wasn't posing for pictures that day. No doubt she was explaining the rules of the house to the latest foster kittens. Thank you, Bonnie and Bob!

By Barb Foley

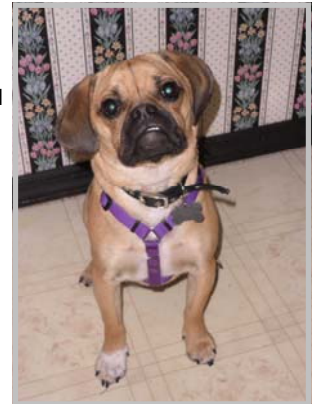
It was like a lot of people that said they can't volunteer at an animal shelter because they'd want to take them all home. Reality is you can't take them all home, but it's like the story about the starfish and the ocean.

The story of the starfish is where a guy is walking along the beach and picks up one starfish at a time and throws them back into the ocean. Someone comes along and says, "I see you out here every morning throwing starfish back into the ocean. Why do you do it? It doesn't matter it's only one starfish." The guy looks at him and says, "It matters to that one."

I know starfish are not dogs and cats, but when you help just one, it matters to that one. And it's all worth it to see the joy they get from seeing you .

**Barb** has been volunteering at PAWS for over a year now. She writes, "Originally I couldn't bring myself to volunteer because as mentioned in my story I wanted to take them all home. I felt sorry for them and was worried that I wouldn't be able to walk away from them in the kennel. Then I decided that was for selfish reasons on my part and chose to put those feelings aside because I figured that they can't take care of themselves and someone has to do it."

She adopted **Rufus**, shown here, from Clearfield SPCA and says, "I don't really think it matters much from which rescue place you get them as long as you adopt." We agree.

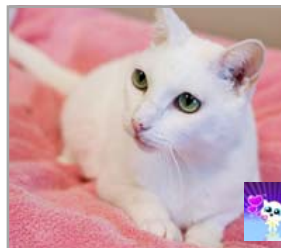


## SECOND ANNUAL TAILGATE—ADOPT A CAT

The 2010 Tailgate was a huge success. Over a single weekend, PAWS was able to place as many cats into their forever homes as they usually do in a month! We'd love to do the same again this year!

The **2011 Tailgate** will take place on the weekend of **October 22-23**. There will be food, fun and a very special cat promotion where adopters can name their own adoption fee from **\$1 to a million for any cat over one-year old!**

Watch for this symbol, indicating a cat that qualifies for the Tailgate Cat Promotion on October. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Handsome **Prince** shown here, **qualifies**.



PAWS will have great long-sleeved tees in solid colors and tie-dye for the Fall.

If you have ideas for new PAWS merchandise or would like to join the Merchandise Committee, contact Sabrina Chapman, Coordinator, at [scc1@psu.edu](mailto:scc1@psu.edu).

## DOOLITTLE PLACE

## WHERE CATS AND DOGS SPEAK UP

I'm **Rudolph**, a big handsome pit bull mix with a heart of gold—even if I do say so myself. Everyone at PAWS loves me. I'm looking to move in with a laid back roomie with no other pets though I'm making progress with other dogs. When I really have to go, I can be a little bit of a challenge on the leash, but I have come a long way from when I first got to PAWS over two years ago. I sit very nicely on command and I also come with free training! If I had my druthers, I would relax on a couch all day long. My new Foster Dad says I'm one of the easiest foster dogs he's ever had and have the potential to become a "perfect gentleman." How about that? He also says I have EXCELLENT house manners. I LOVE this man—that's why I am such a cuddle bug night and day. I love people, especially MY people. I even like the small humans you call children. But I'm big, strong and play hard, so the folks at PAWS only want me to only live with older children—especially if they like couches!



Yo, Dude or Dudette! Whatcha lookin' at? You eyeballing me? Just joking. I'm **Harry**. You might think a guy like me is kinda' tough, but I am a sweetheart. Really. Oh, I can hold my own, but I also like to sit on laps and purr. I surely do like to purr. And human beds—now those are some comfy furniture.!

I'm pretty good on the computer, though, for some reason, the volunteers working at the computer always find something else for me to do. Don't they know what a great a typist I am?

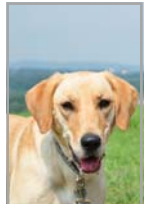
Oh, I love to spend time on the screened-in patio . On the cooler days this spring though, I was driving the volunteers going in and out. So they put is this cool door through the window and I'm learning how to use it all by myself. Have you got a screened-in patio , bed or computer you want to share with me? Come in. We'll talk!



Hello, All! I'm **Shelley**. I used to keep rather a low profile at the Center, which is not a good way to get adopted. Then the PAWS folks decided I should stay at the Center during the week...maybe get used to the place. So now I share one of the Sunrooms with two other gals and two guys. I get along well with my roommates and am becoming more and more comfortable with visitors as time goes on. I may shy away at first, but once I know you're "okay," I'll come around for soft talk and pets. What I REALLY want,

is for someone—maybe you?— to take me home with him or her and love me. believe. Please give me a chance.

After I meet new volunteers at PAWS, I jump up and down like a pogo stick when I see them again. I can't help it—if I know you I probably love you! If I don't know you, have your people contact my people and we'll see what happens. I like other dogs too (as long as they are nice and gentle with me). I don't really trust kids or some guys. I want it to be just me and you...and maybe a Frisbee or tennis ball! I'm always ready to play but you can easily distract me with the promise of a belly rub. With a little training and a person with some patience, we will have an awesome time. I'm really sweet and I know what I like. I would like to come home with you... don't forget I am already house and crate trained! I've earned my name—**Treasure**.



"Hello, all you potential guardians! I'm **Kit** and he's **Leo**. Say 'Hello,' **Leo...Leo?!?**"

"Er—Hello."

"He's a man of few words, but you'll learn to love him. If you have a quiet home with no children and know a thing or two about cats, you're the one for us. Right, **Leo?**"

"Mm-Hm. Right!"

"By the way, I'm the light-colored one. As you can tell, our colors suit us. Tell them why we need a home like that, **Leo.**"

"Um. Well, we were feral and not too trusting of you two-legged creatures."

"But the volunteers were patient with **Leo** and me. Now even his majesty himself ventures off his throne and sometimes even pokes his head out the door."

"Especially if they have some food, huh, **Kit?**"

"You bet, **Leo!** So come meet us. We are indeed a regal pair. So with your love and ours, the royalties will be boundless."

I'm **Maggie**. Who are you? I'd like to get to know you better.

Unfortunately, my family had to move without me and now I am looking for a new forever home.

I am a nice old gal who loves kids, cats, and other dogs. I am house and crate trained and can be home alone with no issues. I recently had a mast cell tumor removed, and I am recovering well. I should get semi-annual checkups at the vet to keep any eye on me so that I stay healthy. Don't you think I am just the cutest thing? Don't you need a sweet companion beagle to keep you company?



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We've got a lot of love to give!



**DOOLITTLE PLACE ANNEX**

Looking for a nice sweet companion? You found me! My name is **Otis** and I'm a gentle 47-pound Beagle with a lot of love to give. I am an older gentleman who gets along with all children, cats and other dogs. I prefer people to be near me at all times because I get anxious when I'm alone and I don't like being in a crate. But I'm house trained and living in a nice foster home. I would really like to have a forever home. Please come meet me. To know me is to love me.



I prefer people to be near me at all times because I get anxious when I'm alone and I don't like being in a crate. But I'm house trained and living in a nice foster home. I would really like to have a forever home. Please come meet me. To know me is to love me.

Hello, Folks! My name is **Laramie**. Aren't I just the most handsome guy you ever saw? Did you know that most orange tabbies are male? They call us "ginger" in the UK and we're quite popular there.



But I make my home here in the US. In fact, like my brother **Bailey**, I was named for US mountains. Cool, huh?

I'm a little on the shy side, but, over time, my foster family has me thinking that humans might be okay.

Maybe even dogs. I'm already cool with other cats.

If you have trouble finding my food dish, I'll be happy to show you the way. And it might also be the way to my heart—well, that a laser pointer and some petting.

My name is **Bailey** and I'm 5 years old. As you can see, I'm **Bailey the Dog**. Can't believe a cat has my name. Gees!



I'm a great boy and I love my walks. I also like to carry a ball in my mouth and find interesting smells on the ground. I'm part lab and part spaniel. I have been neutered, but I will have to be the only pet in your home. I am house-trained and crate-trained. I also come with free training!

I have very soft hair and I love to cuddle—the perfect combination. Come see for yourself just how soft and cuddly I am.



I can be a rough and tumble kind of guy, and I like my toys. My name is **Roscoe** and I'm chocolate lab who's almost 7 years old. I live with a few other dudes (dogs) and we all have a lot of fun. I do well alone at home and would do well while your away at work. I'm house broken and don't even need to be crated. I love to play ball, take rides in cars, and snuggle. I can get possessive over my stuff sometimes, so I need a person who will give me some space and training. I'm a dog's dog, so I'm best off without younger children. If you're looking for a buddy to pal around with, I am looking forward to hanging out with you.



Yo, Bailey the Dog, take a chill pill! I think they can tell us apart. I'm **Bailey the Cat** and proud of it. Like my brother **Laramie**, I can be a bit shy at first, but once I warm up, look out! I have a lot of kitten in me. I love to run and play. I will jump into your lap, but would rather you didn't try to hold me. I'm afraid you'll put me in a carrier. I like my foster family dogs, but am not too wild when they make a lot of noise or chase me. But I don't think that's unusual for a cat. Come meet me and my brother **Laramie** soon. You'll be glad you did.

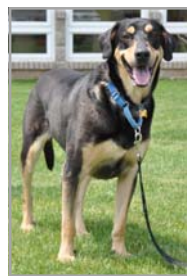


I was all skin and bones and had very irritated skin when I first arrived a PAWS. I didn't have a lot of self-confidence then either. But look at me now! I've come a long way, Baby. I'm happy, healthy and feeling great. All it took was the right kind of food (no grains for me!). I am almost a new dog. I love

**SPONSOR A PAWS ANIMAL**

Your \$25 tax-deductible donation will enable us to continue providing quality shelter and medical care to pets while they await adoption. Your name, or the names of your family and friends, will be displayed under the photograph of your chosen feline or canine—or if you prefer, you may remain anonymous. Be a hero! Help us help cats and dogs in need of loving homes by sponsoring one of the members of *Doolittle Place* or a pet on the adoption pages on our website, like **Junior**, the Shih Tzu or **Shamrock** the Cat.

other dogs and have a great time playing with my foster mom's dog. I am well behaved and house and crate-trained. I would be a great family dog because I also love children. I can even sit and shake if you want. Come let me entertain you some Sunday!



Nice to meet you! I'm a 90 pound lab and hound mix named **Bruno**. I get along almost anywhere. I am calm and sweet and I even know a few tricks. I am 7 years old, and I am house and crate-trained. Since I'm so big, I will do best with older children. I also like other dogs, but may be a little too rough for some cats. Everyone seems to love my dimples and when my tongue sticks out. I am just happy when people use that as an excuse to pet me. Right now I am living at a nice foster home, but I would really like to find my forever home. Won't you take me home with you?

## KIDS SAY—AND DO—THE DARNDDEST THINGS

### Eagle Scout's Project Benefits PAWS

PAWS wants to say a huge thank you and congratulations to **Tyler Mondock**, who chose PAWS to do his Eagle Scout project. He took on the task of building and installing four benches, one pooper scooper station and two "Dog Trail" signs at PAWS. He held several fundraisers to raise money for the project. Congrats and thanks again Tyler—great work!!

Here is **Tyler** sitting on one of the benches in front of the scooper station. Very popular with the dog walkers and potential adopters who "take to the trail."



Have you done a project to benefit PAWS, have a story about your cat or dog you'd like to share? We'd love to read it.

Send your stories or pictures to [newsletter@centrecountypaws.org](mailto:newsletter@centrecountypaws.org).

### Helping PAWS Help Cats



**Lisa Bahr** presented **Rachel Harris** and **Melody Sharp** with a certificate for their help with the June Cat Promotion. They met with the cat team to discuss ideas for the event. Then they tie-died all the tee shirts for the event and made goodie bags, for children.



The PAWS Reading Companions Program allows parents to bring their children to PAWS where they can read to the wonderful cats and dogs. They read, spend time with furry friends and learn about responsible pet ownership at the same time. But don't take it from us. Let, **Kathleen Billet** (Age 12) tell you about her experience.



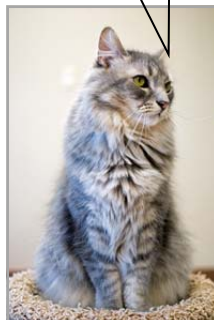
Reading to the dogs is fun. They are good listeners. The dogs like when you talk to them and it gives them special attention. I feel good about volunteering at PAWS, because I like giving the dogs some fun and helping out. Last week I read to Dexter. He is a good listener. I really enjoy reading to them. The

dogs need time out of their kennel and this is another way to do so. They need lots of special attention while they are waiting for their new families to find them. It encourages me to read.

**Kathleen**, if you are ever around and looking for a reading buddy, I'm game. Ask for **Buddy**—the handsome one.



Psst, **Kathleen**, my name is **William** and I'd love to hear you read some time.



"You cannot look at a sleeping cat and feel tense."

**Jane Pauley**



**KIDS SAY—AND DO—THE DARNDDEST THINGS**

*Bam-Bam Helps Me Fill a Hole in My Heart*

By Emily Cutter



In November 2010, I adopted a new kitten from PAWS named **Bam-Bam**. He was a rebound from a cat that had passed a month earlier. He filled that hole in my heart. He was the first non-black kitten I've ever had.

His stripes stood out to me. Every chance he gets, he's bouncing off the walls playing with my dog, Coco, or my other cat, Lily. His eyes grow big at the sight of string or a feather. But, at the end of the day, he curls up on the end of bed and falls asleep.

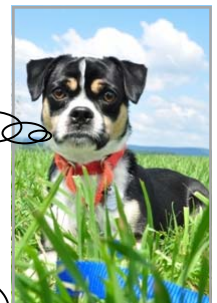
**Centre County PAWS**  
**BIRTHDAY PARTIES**  
 For children turning five to ten years old and up to ten guests.

Looking for a place to hold your child's birthday party? How about having it at Centre County PAWS?

- Our birthday parties are for children turning five to ten years old.
- We can accommodate up to 10 guests.
- We provide a party room, a tour of the PAWS Center, fun games and responsible pet ownership education.
- You provide food for your guests and donations from our most current needs list.

For available dates, more information and our needs list, please send an email to [education@centrecountypaws.org](mailto:education@centrecountypaws.org) or call (814) 237-8722 and leave a message in Mailbox #6.

Birthday? Cake? Tell them **Jack**—that's me—sent you. I can help with the cake!



Down, **Jack**. Down. Everyone knows cake is safer with a cat like me—**Whitey's** the name. Birthdays are my game





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
 Looking for fun ways to help the animals? Mark these events on your calendar. For more information on any of these events, check our website at [www.centrecountypaws.org](http://www.centrecountypaws.org).

- **October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.**
- **October 1st:** 6th Annual Fur Ball @ Centre Hills Country Club, Cocktails @ 6:30 p.m.; dinner @ 7:30 p.m.
- **October 2nd:** Car Wash to benefit PAWS SNAP @ Advance Auto; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **October 22nd & 23rd:** Second Annual Tailgate: Name-Your-Fee Cat Promotion—cats ≥ one year-old @ the Center 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Various Dates:** Keep checking the website for additional volunteer training sessions as well as details about all the PAWS happenings at the Center and beyond!

**PIANO LESSONS IN YOUR HOME**  
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## COUPLE DONATES TO PAWS ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

JP Mayes and his wife Karen decided to make a donation to Centre County PAWS instead of giving favors to their guests on their wedding day.

Jonathan said it was Karen's idea since their beloved dog couldn't be at their wedding.

Karen & Jonathan, the cats, dogs and human of PAWS want to send you a big thank you and best wishes in your life together. Dogs don't care that much about weddings, but they do so like all their humans together!



Weyonne & Holly show their appreciation to Karen & Jonathan



IN LIEU OF FAVORS A DONATION TO THE

*Centre County PAWS, Inc.*

HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SHARE THIS DAY WITH US IN SPIRIT.

PAWS (Promotion of Animal Welfare and Safety) is an organization of volunteers in Centre County, Pennsylvania, committed to providing humane solutions to our area's pet overpopulation.

In order to care for these homeless cats and dogs and to promote responsible pet ownership, PAWS maintains a non-euthanasia animal shelter and administers a spay-neuter assistance program, an educational outreach program, and emergency medical aid funding.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR LIVES AND JOINING US ON OUR WEDDING DAY.

*Karen & Jonathan*



JUNE 4, 2011



Tuxie & Meghann say "Thank you, Jonathan & Karen"



## VOLUNTEERING YOUR WAY

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## TITO'S HAPPY ENDING

By Melissa Doberstein

I always loved pets. Growing up, I had a wonderful dog and in graduate school I had a cat. Luckily, my husband had the same love of Siberian Huskies. **Charlie**, our first Husky, had been a part of our lives for five years along with two cats, **Max** and **Pepper** (recently we had to say goodbye to our beloved **Max**). Last summer, my husband looked on the PAWS website for a Siberian Husky so **Charlie** could have a friend. We knew about the six Huskies who came into PAWS. On the website, there was a specific Husky we wanted, but we were told this one we had our eyes on did not get along with cats. Then we were asked if we would foster **Tito**, one of the six Huskies that were taken in by PAWS. When we first met him, he was shy, scared and skinny, but I knew there was something special about him.

When we first brought him home, he immediately sat next to me on the couch and followed me around the house. Later that day, **Charlie** and **Tito** were side by side with each other on our bed!

We worked with him, got him on a schedule and after about two weeks, he was eating and playing. So, we decided to foster him until he was adopted. Every



Sunday when we brought him to PAWS, I did not want anyone to come in to meet him; I did not want to let him go! After a couple of months he was sitting, wagging his tail all the time and **Charlie** and **Tito** were connected. I couldn't bear to let him go so he officially became part of the family. I can't imagine our family without him. I am amazed by how far he has come. This fearful and scared dog now howls along with **Charlie**, loves to be petted, loves to eat and is so happy. He is very loving and I can tell that he is so happy to have a family.

I was initially a little nervous taking in **Tito**. He was so timid and fearful of men. You can tell he did not have a good life before coming to PAWS. My husband and I have worked with him over the last six months since he really did not know how to be a pet. But it has been worth it to have such a loving dog and a friend for **Charlie** and **Pepper**. It's amazing how much love and energy **Tito** has added to the house. It's also rewarding to know that with a little love and dedication, **Tito** is the loving and playful dog he was meant to be.

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