

ADOPT A SHELTER DOG

Stella is one of the many wonderful dogs at Helping Paws that would love to find her forever home.

October is National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

Meet Stella!

Stella came to Helping Paws in July. She has been eagerly greeting everyone that comes into the main dog kennel in the hopes of finding her forever family. Stella is a beautiful brown and black pointer/hound mix. She loves to play fetch and would love a family to play ball with as the leaves fall. As much as Stella loves to play, she is a calm, quiet girl who would also love to curl up in the front of a warm fire on a cool winter evening.

Stella has watched many dogs come into the shelter and be adopted. She knows that someday (hopefully soon) a family will come in and select her. The team at Helping Paws would greatly like to see Stella be adopted. She has been at Helping Paws too long. Please come and meet Stella soon. She will steal your heart!!

Coming to the Rescue UPDATE

Hope (adopted!) Diamond Spirit(adopted!)
 Last month, the Helping Paws newsletter featured a story about six dogs from a facility in Ohio that was overwhelmed by a hoarding situation. When the dogs arrived at Helping Paws, they were suffering from eye and ear infections as well as secondary skin infections causing them to lose most of their fur. From the beginning, the team at Helping Paws wanted to surround these dogs with a positive attitude. No longer referred to as the "hoarder dogs;" they were promptly dubbed the Ohio-6 including Prince, Diamond, Hope, Spirit, Magic, and Treasure.

The Ohio-6 are much healthier now. Thanks to treatment provided by Helping Paws Veterinary Team including Supervisor, Judy Treptow, the infections are gone, and the fur is growing back. Staff and volunteers also played a part in restoring these dogs to health. They worked with the dogs to provide socialization and helped the dogs learn about pottying outside and walking on a leash. Eager to please, the Ohio-6 made wonderful progress and continue to do so.

We are happy to announce that three of the Ohio-6 have found their "fur-ever" families. Magic, Treasure, and Prince have been adopted.

Magic continues to go by the same name. He was adopted by Dominic and his girlfriend Carla who say he's got a ton of energy. Magic loves to play with tennis balls, go for walks, sniff everything, and chew on toys. He's a little frightened by strange noises and the vacuum cleaner, but getting used to his surroundings more each day. Soon, this little cutie will be participating in puppy training class.

Murphy, formerly known as Treasure, was adopted by Peggy and her daughter Judi. Murphy now has 3 feline siblings, and all seems to be getting along well. Peggy recalls that on the day she brought Murphy home, he sat in her lap and gave a long, deep sigh as if to say, "I'm home." Murphy likes to play ball and stay close to his human mom. "He needs me, and I need him," says Peggy.

George, formerly known as Prince, has been adjusted to his new life from the moment he stepped out of the car claims his proud owner. George lives near a golf course with his humans Karen, John, and Warren. George enjoys bouncing and romping on the fairways. He must love his new happy home because it seems his tail is perpetually wagging.

And then there were three. Diamond, Hope, and Spirit to date are awaiting their "fur-ever" families. However, with their unwavering faith and good charm, it is certain that these darlings will be adopted soon. Please call or visit Helping Paws if you'd like to meet one of the amazing Ohio-6.

NOTE...as we go to press Hope and Spirit were adopted on 10/15! Diamond is hoping for his forever family will come meet him soon!

Panting for Paws

Run, Walk and Show your support for



Helping Paws Annual 5K Walk/Run SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

It's time to sign up for the 9th annual Panting for Paws 5K Run/Walk and 1 MILE Fun Run! A new on-line registration system by Race Roster makes it easier than ever to register, set up teams and fundraising pages, sponsor runners, and make donations.

This fundraising event, which was voted the Best 5K

Experience in McHenry County by the Northwest Herald's 2014 Best of the Fox voters, takes place at Lippold Park in Crystal Lake on Sunday, November 1. The 1 Mile Fun Run begins at 8:30 am with the 5K following at 9 am. On-

Happy Tails

Here are some updates from some of our adopters.

Goldie and her 12 pups

Goldie



Goldie arrived at Helping Paws this summer with a litter of 12 puppies! One by one each adorable puppy was adopted. That just left Goldie to find her forever home. To the rescue was one of our own HP Directors. Goldie (now Tessa) is enjoying her new forever home with her canine and human siblings. Several of her pups are featured below!

Aggie



We adopted "Aggie" on July 18th, 2015. Within 20 minutes of arriving home, we had to take shelter in the basement because the tornado sirens in McHenry went off. Needless to say our puppy, which we named Barley, handled the situation well.

Barley has been a wonderful addition to our family. We have enjoyed her so much these last couple months. Barley loves to play fetch, go for long walks, play with other dogs and she loves people. She is a very happy and healthy puppy! We absolutely adore her!

We took her to puppy obedience training and she completed the 6 week training in early September.

Wrigley



Wrigley (formerly Rusty) is loving his new family of Cubs fans! He has a big sister Hollie and they are playing together well. Wrigley is also attending puppy class and is trying so hard to be a good boy! Wrigley says "Go Cubbies!"

line registration will end at 11 pm on October 29. Race day registration will begin at 7 am at Lippold Park. There are awards for top male and female finisher and the top three in each age group. There will also be vendors and sponsors to talk with, raffles, merchandise and adoptable dogs.

Follow the link on <http://helpingpaws.net/> to show your support and help make this year's event the best yet!

"I Want A Forever Home" Quilt Raffle

There are just a few weeks left to purchase tickets for this beautiful and fun hand-crafted quilt entitled, "I Want A Forever Home." The quilt was created and donated by Mary Lou Harp, one of our wonderful volunteers. The quilt measures 66"x70" and was professionally appraised at \$1,700.

Tickets for the quilt are \$5 each and will be available at the shelter through November 3. You can also purchase raffle tickets at the Panting for Paws event or by contacting Laurie Harp at lharp@sbcglobal.net.

What a wonderful gift to give or keep for yourself!

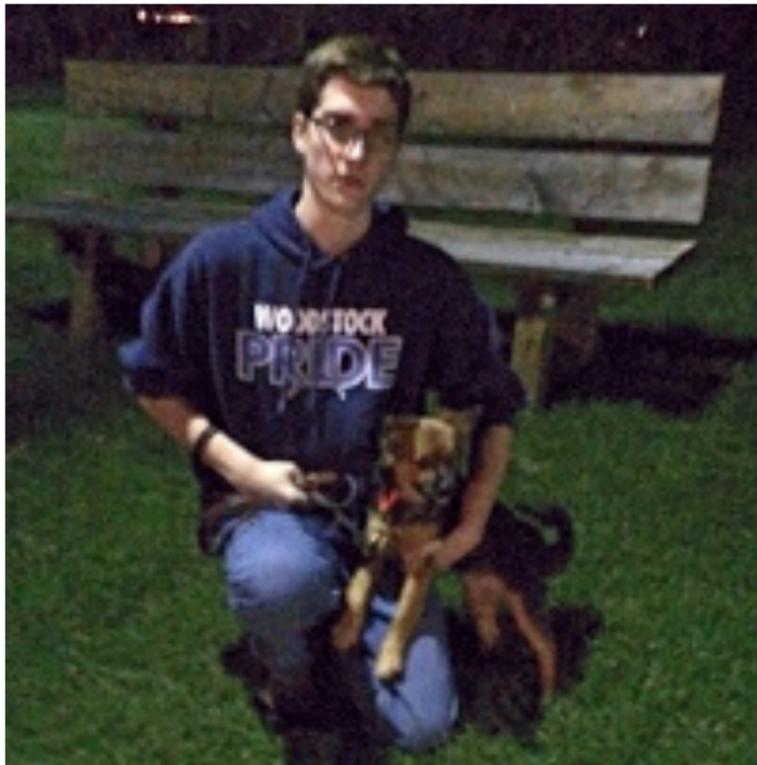
Volunteer Spotlight



What was Alec Vanderwalker doing on his 14th birthday? Unlike most teenagers, he was attending volunteer orientation at Helping Paws. Since that day almost two years ago, he and his mother, Kim, have been coming to the shelter every Tuesday night and Saturday morning.

Alec attends Woodstock High School, where students who wish to graduate *Cum Laude* must have at least ten hours of volunteer service by senior year (in addition to other requirements). Alec had his ten hours within the first four months of school, but he remains dedicated, devoting time every week to clean one of the cat rooms as well as common areas, walk dogs and play with them outside, and do anything else that needs to be done.

"Alec likes being with the cats and dogs that don't have families," Kim says. "He has always liked dogs and cats and is very good with them." One of Helping Paws' Directors, Sharon Fabian, agrees, "[Alec] is super quiet, but he is amazing." His continued efforts have not gone unnoticed by Helping Paws staff, fellow volunteers, and especially the homeless dogs and cats whose lives are enriched by his presence.



2nd Annual Paw Crawl a Great Success!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in the Paw Crawl around Woodstock Square. Over 200 participants enjoyed the event which raised \$9,000. A big HP THANK YOU to Nature's Feed and Mr. Rebates. The money raised will allow us to continue with improving the lives of homeless and neglected animals.

Always Remember to Spay and Neuter Your Pets!

Oreo



Oreo (formerly Beau) melted his new owners heart immediately! Oreo is a very active pup who keeps his new owners on their toes with lots of walking, running, playing fetch and playing in the water. He even rode a boogie board in the pool. Oreo has also attending obedience class. He loves to snuggle after a long day of playing!

Senior Happy Tails

We have had several pairs of senior dogs that have come to Helping Paws. Through our wonderful volunteers we have been able to adopt them into their new forever home. "Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They may be a little out of shape and worn around the edges, but they fit well."

Charlie Brown



Booker and Charlie Brown came to HP in the twilight of their lives. Charlie Brown (formerly Syrple) was adopted by Audri & Bill. At first Charlie was shy but now he is perfectly at home with his new Shiba Inu siblings. At 11 Charlie does not hear well and would rather not climb stairs. He is a happy and mellow dog. He enjoys walks, truck rides, stuffed toys, his wooded backyard and his lux doggie bed.

Booker

Booker was adopted by Tom & Donna and is living the life with his retired owners. He loves to play fetch and lounge on the pontoon boat. "He is nine years old but has the energy of a five year old" says Booker's proud owner. Of special note is how gentle Booker is with the grandchildren including the couple's 5 year old autistic grandchild.

Shelby

Tasha

Shelby and Tasha came to Helping Paws in their senior years. This duo was adopted by the Winn Family. These canine siblings are part of a very loving home. They have a new brother, Dudley, and recently spent time playing, snuggling and receiving treatments at the doggie spa.

it seems our adopted would agree - there are many joys and challenges of life with an older dog. If you have ever considered adopting a senior dog, Helping Paws invites you to visit the shelter during November which is Adopt a Senior Month.

If you would like to share an update of a former Helping Paws dog or cat either post to our Facebook page or email to Paws@mc.net.

Upcoming Events

Wish List Day
Saturday, October 24
Walmart, Crystal Lake

Adopt a Senior Pet Month
Month of November

Panting for Paws
Sunday, November 1
Lippold Park, Crystal Lake

Quilt Drawing
Wednesday, November 4
Helping Paws, Woodstock

Pictures with Santa
Saturday, December 5
Nature's Feed, Spring Grove

Pictures with Santa
Sunday, December 13
More info coming soon!

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Interested in Volunteering?

We are always looking for great volunteers. These are just some of the opportunities (please note that 14/15 years olds must be accompanied by a parent). You must be 18 to walk a dog. Volunteer Applications are available on our website at

<http://www.helpingpaws.net>

Cat Room Cleaners (mornings)
Morning and Afternoon Dog Walkers
Public Relations/Marketing
Newsletter Writers
Off-site Adoption Events
Fundraiser Committee/Event
Cat/Kitten Photography

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