



# Paws and Claws



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## Humane Society Attained Several Goals in 2014

PCHS reviewed the past year and is pleased with the achievement of several goals and projects. Without the support of our donors and the community we could not accomplish these.



Topping the list; construction and operation of the surgery center in the PCHS building was a major milestone

PCHS' low cost spay and neuter program in 2014 altered 643 animals.

"Sneuter" clinics will continue frequently in 2015 to ensure continued reduction in the number of unwanted.

PCHS, working with the County Animal Shelter and community rescued **1564** animals. Most were transported to rescue groups in other states. A cadre of dedicated drivers makes several trips a week relaying animals to various locations.



Diesel shown here was a community rescue. He was spotted by a specialized trainer upon arrival at his rescue group. Diesel has entered a therapy training program where he will learn to assist a PTSD patient. Congratulations to this special canine!

PCHS continues their twice monthly Adoptathons and **234** animals found their forever homes in the local area. (2015 began well with 25 local adoptions in January!)

"Meet the Candidates" in April allowed PCHS members and community residents to meet those vying for local elected offices.

The first annual "Critter Cruise" was held in September. Despite inclement weather, many motorcycle riders attended enjoying good food, meeting new friends and critters, followed by a ride to Blue Heron Mining Camp. A spring "Cruise" is in the planning stages.



Two new partnerships were formed allowing people to donate to PCHS with their daily purchases.

**Kroger Plus Card Program** (register your card online and choose PCHS as the charity and Kroger donates each time you buy).

**Amazon Smile Program** (register online and choose PCHS as the charity and Amazon donates each time you buy).

Contact PCHS for flyers detailing these opportunities to begin this painless way to contribute.



**CO PAY only \$30!!!**

PCHS has qualified for a special grant promoting spaying/ neutering of **Pit Bull and Pit mixed dogs**. Those interested in having their Pits altered can do so for a **co pay of \$30!** These

animals will be included in scheduled clinics throughout the year. If interested call 606-451-2367 and leave your name and phone number to be placed on the waiting list.



**Then and Now; Happy Endings**

From this..... severely malnourished and underweight by 50 pounds with major skin disease when rescued by PCHS.



.....to being adopted by his foster parents and being healthy once again. Buddy is 110 pounds, his fur regaining its luster and his playful nature on full display. Buddy loves the snow and recently ate the snowman!!

**Children are the future** and education is the key to success and progress. PCHS' Education Programs in the local school systems strive to teach young people correct pet responsibility and that animals are family members too. Delightful thank you notes such as these received after our programs warm the heart and give hope for the future of the young and animals.



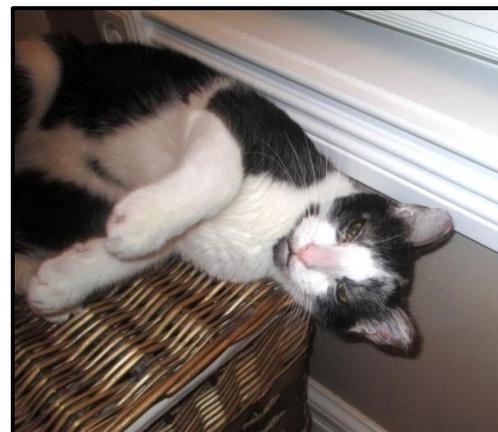
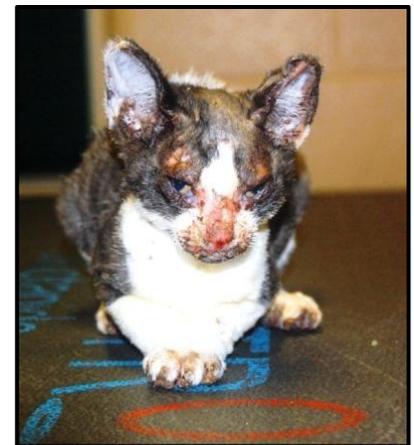
thanks for taking care of Ella, Max and the other dogs. If you didn't and no one else did then they could die so thank you for helping them. make sure there are very good dogs.

Our in-school programs are enjoyed by everyone and many local schools such as Nancy Elementary, Oak Hill, Northern, and Meece Middle have hosted drives for dollars and donations for the Humane Society. This is so generous and appreciated.



**Then.....Synge** badly burned in a brush pile that served as home.....endured months of rehab and specialized treatments.

Now..... To having been adopted recently by a family which adores him.....



The **Humane Society** is very grateful to community businesses which organize drives to supply animals with dollar donations; food, litter, other supplies and or services.



**Our heartfelt thanks to:**

- Amerigas
- Anderson Office Supply
- Billy Bob and Linda Hardy Signs
- Family Dollar Stores
- PawPrints
- PetSense
- Somerset Animal Hospital
- Subway
- Tractor Supply Company
- Wal-Mart



**Common Reasons for PET SURRENDER**

Do you ever wonder why people relinquish their pets? According to the American Humane Association, the most common reason people give up their dogs and cats are:

- Residence doesn't allow Pets-----30%
- Finances-----15%
- Divorce/Death-----10%
- Behavior Issue-----10%
- Allergies-----11%
- Not enough time-----10%
- Pet's health issue-----7%

Rarely is the NO other alternative to giving up one's furry family member; there is a myriad of help available, but often these reasons are an excuse. Talk to your vet; talk to your shelter and humane society; what about other family members? There are online services for re-homing help.

Please remember if you can not commit to fur-always or at least the next 13-17 years, DON'T GET A PET! it is not a shelter or rescue's obligation to take on your commitments, they do so out of fear they will be killed if they don't, and dumping them anywhere, even alone on the side of a road is abuse.

**Owners must plan for pet care after their death**



Sadly, an estimated half million dogs and cats are euthanized each year after their owners pass away with no provisions made for their pet.

What would become of your dog, cat, bird or other companion if something happened to you?

This isn't a pleasant thing to think about, but it's not complicated to make arrangements for your pet in the event you're no longer able to care for them.

And the peace of mind you'll receive from setting everything up ahead of time will be well worth the effort. Otherwise they might end up in an animal shelter with NO hope.

During an unexpected illness, accident or death, our pets may be overlooked. Pets may be discovered days later in the person's home. Find at least two friends or relatives who agree to serve as temporary emergency caregivers in case something happens to you. Provide them with keys to your home, feeding and care instructions, the name of your veterinarian and the permanent care provisions you've made for your pet. Make sure your neighbors, friends and relatives know how many pets you have and the names and contact numbers of the people who have agreed to act as temporary caregivers.

Carry a wallet "alert card" that lists the names and phone numbers of your emergency pet caregivers.

Post removable "in case of emergency" notices on your doors or windows, specifying how many and what types of pets you have. These will alert emergency responders during a fire or home emergency.

Place a removable notice on the inside of your front and back doors listing emergency contact names and phone numbers. Pets need daily care and will need immediate attention should you die or become incapacitated. The importance of making these informal arrangements for temporary care giving cannot be overemphasized.

The Humane Society of the United States has prepared a fact sheet "Providing for Your Pet's Future without You" available online at [www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org)

Watch this space for **Upcoming Events**

--Dine Out For Animals at local eateries....



-- A Collector Doll raffle



-- The Spring *Critter Cruise*

--and a town hall meeting as follow up to the successful January meeting to discuss local issues involving animal welfare

**Our 2015 Membership Drive is in full swing, please remember to renew.**

**Encourage your family, friends and co workers to become supporters of our Humane Society.**

**If you are not a 'joiner' please consider a 100% tax deductible donation.**



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