



Friends' Connection

Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, Huntsville AR

June through September 2015

Our mission...

...is to act on behalf of unwanted and abandoned pets in order to achieve the following: provide a safe clean environment, provide needed medical treatment, and give healthy pets the opportunity to be adopted. We also encourage sterilization by providing a portion of the cost when possible to low-income, current pet owners, and we educate young people about the satisfaction associated with responsible pet treatment.

Many Thanks to All Our Sponsors and Contributors

Together, you made our May 9 **Color Me Fun Run** a huge success!

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OR at mcpsfriends@gmail.com

OR at Friends of the Shelter, Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, 2075 Madison 6555, PO Box 364, Huntsville 72740



**\$20
adoptions
through
June!**

Looking for your next dog or cat?

Take advantage of this

Great Adoption Option

All adoptions in June are \$20 with approved adoption application. This fee includes your new pet's spay or neuter surgery, vaccinations, de-wormer, and flea/tick treatment. Spread the word! Help us help them.

More Fun Run Sponsors, *continued from Page 1*

The support of our generous **Color Me Fun Run** and **Dog Walk** sponsors (Page 1 and below) is crucial in our mission to find each abandoned dog and cat in Madison County a home. We are proud of this community for its kind and responsible attitude toward abandoned companion animals in our midst.

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*Sheba on March 24 at
Paws and Claws shelter*

Happy Tails

One lucky dog in one good community

Consider the lowly dog bowl. Consider how the sound of food hitting that bowl pleases your canine friend, how that sound means security and hunger abated.

That simple sound was absent from the life of one sweet but sad dog who'd been abandoned this winter in Huntsville near Harps.

People who live and work in that area began to see Sheba in late February or early March. Some even tried to catch her but, when approached, she would run away into the woods near the former Walmart. People saw that she scrounged for food from trash containers. They began to feed her.

Shelter manager Shonna Harvey said the shelter recorded 30 calls about Sheba around that time. Fortunately, Huntsville's animal control officer was able to capture her, and she came to the shelter on March 23.

A post about Sheba on Facebook prompted a local woman to visit her because Sheba looked very much like a neighbor's dog. She wasn't, but that visit, borne of kindness, became an even greater kindness as the visitor watched Sheba and saw her potential.

Sheba's visitor eventually adopted her, but first visited her almost daily for weeks, slowly gaining Sheba's trust, slowly changing Sheba's uncertainty into acceptance. "As I spent time with her I noticed qualities that I thought could be encouraged," the woman said. "She loves being petted and totally gives herself up to it. She is alert and intelligent. She likes to play."

Now she not only plays, but she also hears the sound of dog food hitting that dog bowl and surely feels secure because of it.

Sheba found her home because, in particular, the people around Harps—and especially her adopter—did not ignore her, and because, in general, the people who support the work of Paws and Claws Pet Shelter have adopted a responsible attitude toward abandoned dogs and cats in our community. It is a good community. Thank you.



Sheba in late May in her new home—ears and tail up—she is curious and active.

Great Gifts for the shelter –

Donate your old car to benefit the shelter
<http://www.centerforcardonations.com/paws-claws-pet-shelter.htm> Retire an old vehicle effortlessly, get a tax break, help the shelter.

Amazon.com Wish List Registry
<http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist>

In the *Find a Wish List or Registry* box, type either Shonna Harvey or mcpshtelter1@gmail.com and ship to the shelter at 2075 Madison 6555, Huntsville AR 72740.

And these things are always appreciated for general shelter operations:

30-gallon and 13-gallon garbage bags
 collars (dog/cat)
 sandwich-size and gallon-size Ziplocs
 paper towels
 high-efficiency laundry detergent
 bleach
 drier sheets

Bingo!!!

Come join us every other Saturday evening for a couple of fun-filled hours at Paws and Claws Pet Shelter Bingo. All proceeds support the shelter, and what a fun way to support it!

We play at the American Legion Hall, about 1.2 miles south of Huntsville on Highway 23. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the games begin at 6 p.m. Refreshments are available.

Win cash prizes and door prizes. Mark your calendars for June 20; July 4 and 18; August 1, 15, and 29; and September 12 and 26. Must be 18.

Be kind to your pets on the 4th

Did you know that July 5th is one of the busiest days of the year for animal shelters? Follow these tips to keep your pet safe.



- Do not take your pet to fireworks displays.
- Make sure your pets are wearing **identification** tags, so that if they become lost, they can be returned promptly.
- Check to make sure pet collars are secure and tags are up-to-date and readable.

Membership in PCPS Friends of the Shelter is a great gift idea!

Members receive this newsletter each June, October, and February. But, more importantly, this \$12 yearly donation helps us help abandoned dogs and cats in Madison County.

Yes, please count this person or household as a Friend of the Shelter:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Paws and Claws Pet Shelter

Annual membership is \$12. Please make checks payable to PCPS Friends of the Shelter and mail to POB 364 Huntsville 72740

Please encourage all pet owners to spay or neuter their pets. Thank you for your support!

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