

## 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.

## Our shelter hours...

- ♦ 10AM-5PM  
Tues. Wed. Thurs.
- ♦ 10AM-2PM  
Sat.
- ♦ Closed:  
Fri. Sun. Mon.

## Springtime cat clinic big success!



*Paws and Claws Pet Shelter works hard to help Madison County pet owners afford the cost of spaying or neutering their pets.*

An April 14 cat clinic ended with 49 kitties sterilized and embarking on longer, healthier lives because of it. The clinic was made possible through the generosity of the Humane Society of the Ozarks and Dr. Eric Jayne.

**Special offers are posted on Facebook and [www.thepetshelter.org](http://www.thepetshelter.org).**



Many thanks are extended to everyone who participated in the 2017 Fun Run at Mitchusson Park. It was great family fun—and included the doggies! Special thanks to our generous, caring sponsors, at right, and including the Friendship Club, Brashears, Anstaff Bank, Off Leash Training of NWA, and several individuals. Together we can promote the proper treatment of the companion animals among us!



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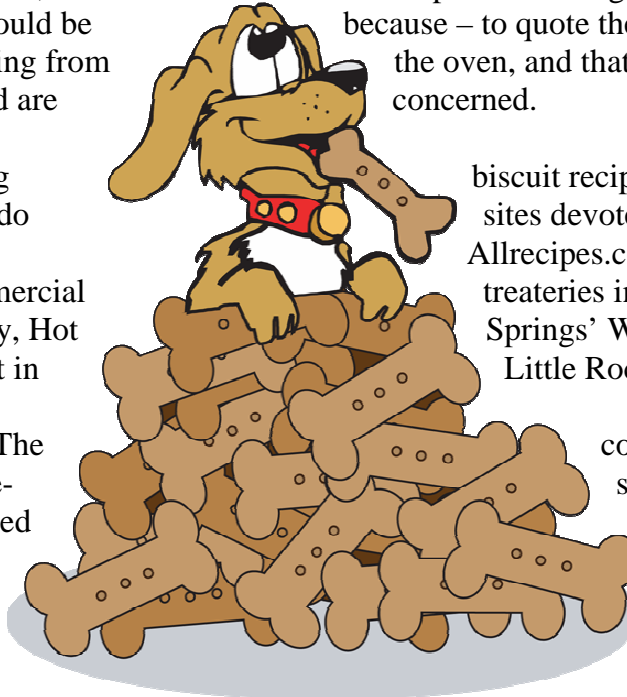
OR at Friends of the Shelter, Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, 2075 Madison 6555, PO Box 364, Huntsville 72740

## Baking for Bowser

by Abby Burnett

Why bake dog biscuits from scratch? Because doing so creates treats for dogs who are allergic to the wheat flour found in commercial biscuits, or to ensure that one's pets are eating wholesome, chemical-free, or even vegetarian food. Or it could be because – to quote the old Pillsbury commercial – nothing says lovin' like something from the oven, and that goes double where Lillybelle and Hiram-the-Hound are concerned.

It's surprisingly easy to find dog biscuit recipes online. Pet websites contain many examples, but so do sites devoted to human food, such as Martha Stewart, Pinterest and Allrecipes.com. And for anyone truly baking-impaired there are commercial bakeries in Arkansas, including Bentonville's Three Dog Bakery, Hot Springs' Waggin Tales Natural Dog Biscuits and Just Dogs Gourmet in Little Rock.



Below are a few recipes to try. The dough is cut out with a bone-shaped cutter, but it's simpler to cut the dough up into bite-sized triangles and rectangles. You can make your own cookie cutter by removing the serrated cutting strip from bending it into a bone-shaped cutter. Or simply cut around a cardboard template laid on the dough. The

recipes are flexible, and bakers can vary ingredients, changing wheat germ and wheat flour to cornmeal or ground raw oatmeal, or adding salt, brewers' yeast (said to help control fleas), bits of cheese or bacon to the mix. Because these cookies don't contain preservatives, refrigerate or freeze extra biscuits.

One last word of advice: While it's possible to find recipes for cat treats on the Internet such baking is likely to be a waste of time. This writer once offered her cats a freshly baked batch of homemade tuna yummys, only to be met with looks of horror and scorn. Could it be that cats find it offensive when their owner bakes... from scratch?

### TRY THESE EASY TREATS

#### Easy Pet Cookies

2 cups wheat germ  
3 (2.5 oz.) jars baby food (chicken, beef or turkey)  
1 Tbsp. water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients, adding more water if necessary to form a dough. Roll dough into 1-inch balls, place on ungreased cookie sheet and use a fork, dipped in water, to flatten the balls. Bake 20 – 25 minutes.

#### Basic Biscuits

2/3 cup pureed pumpkin  
1/4 cup peanut butter  
2 eggs  
3+ cups whole wheat flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper, or grease and flour the pan. Use an electric mixer to beat all wet ingredients until well combined. Start by stirring in 2½ cups flour, adding more until dough is not sticky and can be kneaded. Knead briefly, roll out to ¼-inch thick, and cut in shapes. Place on prepared sheets; bake 20 – 25 minutes, until edges of biscuits are browned.

**For more advanced recipes, see  
[www.thepetshelter.org/newsletter.html](http://www.thepetshelter.org/newsletter.html)**

## **A farewell tribute to Polly Potter, compassionate advocate for homeless dogs and cats**

*by Judy Goodwin*

Paws and Claws Pet Shelter lost a significant supporter and long time board member this spring. Polly Potter passed away April 26, 2017, at the age of 82. Polly was instrumental in starting several lucrative fundraisers for the pet shelter as well as serving as president of the board of directors for many years.



***Lucille Irene Potter (Polly)***  
***August 13, 1934 to April 26, 2017***

Polly became involved with the Madison County Pet Shelter (dba Paws and Claws Pet Shelter) when she moved to Madison County while working as a computer systems analyst for the University of Arkansas. Polly was instrumental in setting up articles of incorporation as well as the shelter's bylaws.

In 1998 Polly began discussions with the board of directors about organizing a 5-mile track and field sanctioned, timed run along with a 2-mile fun run at Withrow Springs State Park as a fundraiser. Along with several experienced runners already involved with fundraising races she implemented the Paws and Claws Run in March of 1999. At that point it was one of the few timed runs in northwest Arkansas. It was held at the end of March with remarkable attendance for 15 years before it was suspended because of competition from other runs in the Northwest Arkansas area.

During this time, Polly and her best friend Carol Horton investigated starting bingo games as another fundraiser for the shelter. The two ladies along with volunteer Judy Goodwin visited the Eureka Springs Elks Lodge 1042 and interviewed the organizers about their weekly bingo scholarship fundraiser. Shortly after that meeting in 2008 the shelter implemented bingo games on alternating Saturday nights and is still operating once a month today.

Under her tutelage the shelter also ran regular garage sales twice yearly for many years. The garage sale fundraisers were so successful that discussions began about creating a brick and mortar resale shop. With Carol's help the Paws and Claws Thrift Cottage was opened on Main Street just off the square in the fall of 2012. Two years later it was moved to a larger space at 104 War Eagle Street on the north side of the square where it operates today.

Polly took over the job of board president several times during her tenure with the pet shelter. Under Polly's guidance grants were secured, multiple raffles were held, and board organization was improved. Polly's knowledge and quest for detail created and enlarged many successful programs for the pet shelter. We will miss her!



## Adopters' Spotlight

### Paris found heaven!



Paris found her way to Paws and Claws Pet Shelter last June, then into the hearts of a Hindsville family in early August.

This healthy, 4-year-old hound hit the jackpot. She told us that not only does she have the *best people ever*, she also has her very own 4-wheeler. With chauffeurs!

Those “best people ever” are Butch and Pat Anderson, and Pat says that, yes, the 4-wheeler cannot start without Paris hearing it. And no matter what she’s been up to, she charges to the ride.

The Andersons give Paris a safe home and love; Paris gives the Andersons loyalty and her presence as their mascot. Definitely a win-win situation!

### Our shelter's wish list always includes...

- bleach
- paper towels
- kitty litter
- leashes & collars
- pee pads
- heavy-duty trash bags (30- & 13-gal.)
- Ziploc bags (sandwich & gal.)
- laundry detergent & dryer sheets

We really appreciate cat and kitten food, too, especially canned!

We can also put your old bath towels and blankets to good use.

### Remember our Amazon wish list

You can find it by searching for **paws & claws pet shelter** on Amazon's Friends registry.

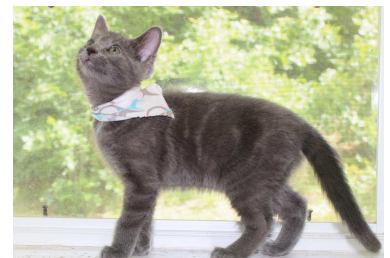
### Share when you shop

Your spare change will change their lives! Look for the jars.

- ▶ Beaver Lake Liquor, Hindsville
- ▶ Granny's Restaurant, Huntsville
- ▶ Huntsville Vet Clinic
- ▶ Paws & Claws Pet Shelter



- ▶ Paws & Claws Thrift Cottage
- ▶ Surplus City, Huntsville
- ▶ The Y, Huntsville
- ▶ Weavers Gas & Grill, Kingston
- ▶ That Place on the Square, Kingston



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