



Friends' Connection

Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, Huntsville AR

October 2017 through January 2018

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. Thrs.
- ♦ 10AM-2PM
Sat.
- ♦ Closed:
Fri. Sun. Mon.

Join Us Nov. 4 for *Wags to Riches* 2017



Non-profits have to raise money all the time, and that's good because it keeps us connected to you. And who says raising money can't be fun?

Our Nov. 4 fundraising dinner and silent auction will be fun, so why not schedule some of that fun for yourself and attend **Wags to Riches 2017**.

This New Orleans themed dinner will be catered by Copeland's of New Orleans. You'll be entertained by cool, live music and the chance to pick up fantastic holiday gifts at our silent auction.

Join us, have some fun, and help us help them.

Wags to Riches 2017

A night to benefit the animals in our shelter

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sassafras Springs Vineyard

6461 East Guy Terry Road, Springdale

Tickets \$65, each ticket comes with two coupons for a complimentary glass of wine or beer.

Tickets available through: www.thepetshelter.org and thepetshelter.networkforgood.com/events/4018-wags-to-riches

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Lacy, Invisible No Longer

by Abby Burnett



Bill Horrell, Kate Nessler, and Bella (doggie on the left) recently welcomed Lacy to their home on Bradshaw Mountain near Kingston, and all four are glad they did. That's what Paws and Claws Pet Shelter is all about—finding good homes for all the homeless dogs and cats in Madison County. Read about Lacy's journey below.

When Kate Nessler and Bill Horrell read about Lacey on Paws and Claws' Facebook page they were intrigued. They'd already made one trip to the Shelter to see a dog, but its high-strung energy hadn't been a good fit with Bella, their laid-back St. Bernard-cross. Lacey sounded different.

"Meet Lacey, the invisible dog," Director Shonna Harvey's post began. "She sits passed up day after day. She's never had major behavior concerns, but let's be real, she's no rock star either." Harvey said she worked on this for several days, striving to strike the right tone. "Take her outside, and she's lovely and shows more personality every time you give her a chance. She's been at the shelter a while.

Here's to being visible Miss Lacey. We got this."

Nessler and Horrell brought Bella with them to the Shelter, where the staff worked carefully, slowly introducing the two dogs to ensure there were no issues.

Lacey was timid at first, but quickly warmed up to both canine and humans. "We wanted her as soon as we saw her," Horrell said of their June 1 adoption. "She has a temperament similar to Bella's," Nessler added. "She's eager to please but is not needy. She's has settled in so well, it feels like she's always been here!"

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Lacey was skin and bones when she and her puppies were brought to the Shelter earlier this summer. She was in need of spaying and some dental work, and her back paw pads were raw from some sort of abuse. Though she can still be wary of strangers – especially men – she has blossomed in her new life in the country, following Bella wherever she goes. The two like to visit a neighbor's wading pool and go for rides in the car. They've dug adjoining bunkers under a shrub, from which to watch the world go by together.

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Lacey arrived housetrained and knowing a number of basic commands – including the word “no.” Nessler laughed as she recalled catching Lacey helping herself to kibbles in Bella's dish. “I said, ‘Lacey, no!’ and she opened her mouth and dropped all of the food back into the bowl.”

Wanted!

**Volunteer editor for this newsletter,
*Friends' Connection***

***Friends' Connection* currently goes to
interested people each February, June,
and October.**

**If you or someone you know might be
interested in creating this
communication, send me an email and
we can meet to talk about it.**

We welcome your input! Anne

Lacy *(Continued)*

The couple praises the shelter staff for the care they took in making sure the adoption was a good fit – for everyone. “They do a great job,” said Nessler, something echoed by Horrell.

“We want to say thank you to the staff for not just pawning off animals to any available home,” he said. “We would not have ended up with Lacey if it hadn't been for Shonna and the staff and the work they do.”

A Dog's Last Will and Testament

by an unknown, but beloved pet

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament, give their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd write:

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give my happy home; my bowl and cozy bed, soft pillow, and all my toys; the lap, which I loved so much; the hand that stroked my fur; and the sweet voice that spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, “I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand.”

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life needs joy or hope, and give my place to him.

This is the only thing I can give—the love I left behind.

Lots of ways to help the homeless pets...



Sign in at smile.amazon.com, choose Madison County Pet Shelter as your preferred charity, shop as usual, and a small percentage of your purchase will be donated to Paws & Claws.

AMAZON's WISH LIST Registry helps us, too. Sign in to Amazon, click Gift Cards & Registry at the top, click Friends and Family Giving. In the Find Someone's List bar, enter mcpshelter1@gmail.com. Shop for the dogs and cats!



Donations always welcome at thepetshelter.networkforgood.com



Go to www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub and search for Madison County Pet Shelter.



Go to charity.ebay.com and search for Madison County Pet Shelter. Or shop from eBay seller [pawsclawsthiftcottage](#), or donate a portion of *your sales* to our shelter.

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!

And we can put your old **bath towels and blankets** to good use!

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
- ▶ Coger Surplus, Huntsville
- ▶ The Y, Huntsville
- ▶ Weavers Gas & Grill, Kingston
- ▶ That Place on the Square, Kingston



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