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PAWSAFE RESCUE ROUNDUP SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



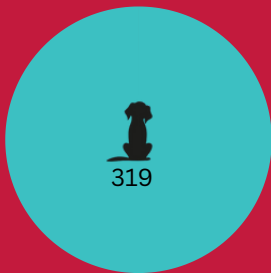
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INTAKED



Intake

ADOPTED



Adopted

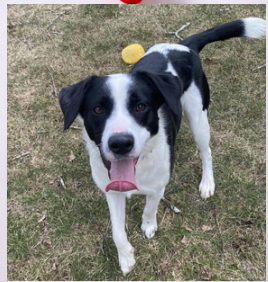
Mission Statement

Since its inception in 1995, PawSafe has been driven by a passionate group committed to ending the unnecessary euthanasia and suffering of companion animals. Through their dedication to aggressive spay/neuter initiatives, rehoming efforts, and comprehensive education programs, PawSafe Animal Rescue relentlessly pursues a future where every adoptable companion animal finds a loving, responsible home, free from abuse, neglect, or ignorance.

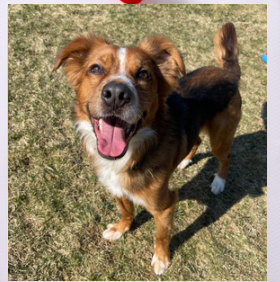
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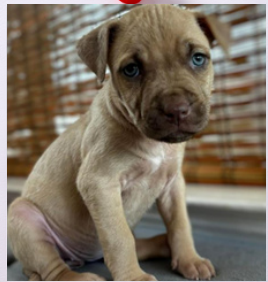


Sawyer



Pete

**Dogs/Puppies
available for
adoption!**



Darla



Winslow



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Spotlight on Our

Team:

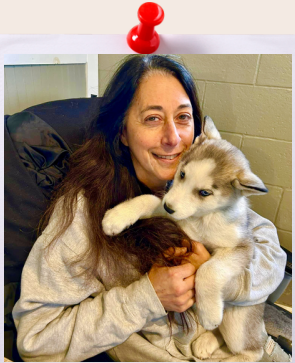


Diane Mangold

Director

Diane, the Director of PawSafe, embodies unparalleled dedication and fearlessness in her mission to save dogs. Her compassion knows no bounds as she tirelessly works day in and day out to rescue and care for animals in need. From answering questions to handling crises head-on, Diane's strength and determination shine through, serving as an inspiration to all who know her.

With a heart of gold and an unwavering commitment to her cause, Diane's leadership at PawSafe is unmatched. Her deep understanding of animal care and love, coupled with her resilience in the face of challenges, has earned her the admiration and gratitude of her colleagues. Through her actions, Diane not only saves lives but also fosters a community of compassion and support within PawSafe and beyond.



Leading by Example: Fostering

Patricia Sawtelle Rabideau

Foster Parent

Pat Sawtelle Rabideau has been fostering mostly puppies for 4 years now. She started out volunteering at Daves Adoption Events in Stafford, CT. She was first a pen sitter, then soon became a coordinator at events.

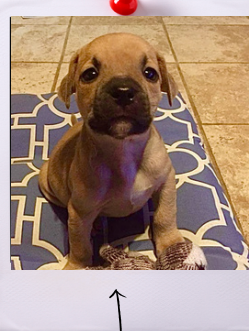
Her first fostering experience came from working with puppies- Diane suggested she foster 2 boxer mixes- Kevin the runt and Cora, at 6 weeks old.

Soon developing a system Pat prefers to foster younger puppies at 5 or 6 weeks old and cares for them until they are ready for adoption at 8 weeks old.

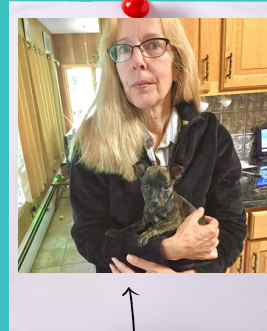
With tile flooring in part of her house and the use of x-pens and welping pads. Pat keeps the puppies clean & dry. She doesn't introduce her dogs to the puppies initially, giving them time to acclimate.

By fostering, Pat explains, dogs can get adopted more easily because she can report on their behaviors and temperament like how well they are potty training, and how they do around children and other dogs.

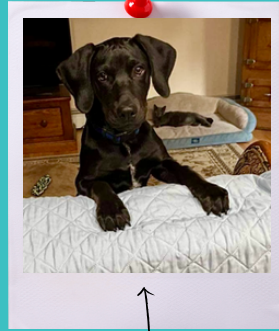
Patricia fosters because not only is she saving lives but she gets a unique opportunity to experience the joys of nurturing a young animal, while teaching potential adopters all the nuances of pet ownership.



Kevin, Patricia's first foster puppy



Patricia & Telullah
Her neighbor adopted her so she still gets to see her!



Sam was a foster that Patricia soon adopted what we call a Foster Fail ☹️ And Pixie, in the background was also adopted by Pat.

If you have an inspiring PawSafe story about your adopted dog/cat or ideas about this newsletter please contact Pamela Stevens @ 413-695-5382. Send a txt or call. Thank you! ❤️🐾

Volunteers/Fostering needed

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Before & After

WITH KATIE AND GRAVY

Gravy, a Berner St. Bernard mix, arrived at PawSafe Rescue, his fur thin and matted, eyes infected, sores all over his body, bearing the scars of a life in a hoarding situation.

The moment Katie Rossi stepped into his kennel, she couldn't turn away from his pleading eyes, and big hugs, despite the stench of neglect that clung to him. She knew he needed help, no matter how daunting the task ahead, and accepted the challenge.

Drawn to this gentle giant, Katie soon went from fostering Gravy, to deciding to give him a forever home. She saw past the anxiety, and the fear – and knew she and her family could give him the love and care he desperately needed.

Katie's journey with Gravy was one of patience and perseverance. She spent countless hours medicating his sores, reassuring him around people, and literally washing away the grime of his past by soothing his anxious heart. Despite the challenges, Katie never gave up on him. With her unwavering dedication (he had initially no behavioral training, but soon learned to sit, slow down his eating, and befriend trustworthy strangers) Gravy slowly but surely emerged from the shadows of his past, a testament to the transformative power of love and compassion. 'There's something about that Gravy,' she says...And it's so true, he oozes with charm and pure gratitude to have found his forever home.

Dogs & Smelling

Did you know?

The area of cells in the brain that detect different smells is around 40 times larger in dogs than humans. This means that your dog can pick up on way more smells than we ever could.

This is why dogs are often used to sniff out people, drugs and even money!

A dog's nose can also detect fear or even sadness because our canine counterparts can pick up on the scent of adrenaline—also known as the “fight-or-flight” hormone.

So that's why man/woman's best friend is often relied on as service or emotional support animals, as they can be trained to “smell” anxiety attacks or other adverse events in their human.



Katie and Gravy meet in the kennel.

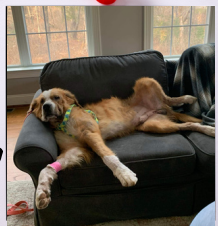
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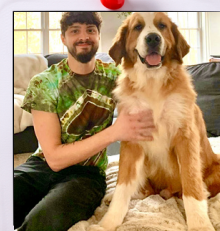
After-The ride home.



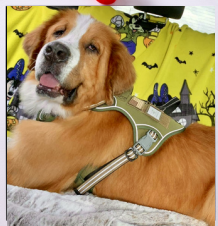
Hoping to separate him initially from her dogs, cats, and pig, Gravy flopped down on the couch, as if to say, I'M HOME!!



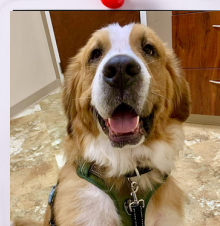
First time befriendng Katie's brother.



First trip back from the groomers.



Gravy oozing with charm and joy.



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Phases Of Adjustment

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT

THE 3/3/3 RULE IS GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD OF A DOG AFTER ADOPTION.
EVERY DOG IS UNIQUE AND WILL ADJUST DIFFERENTLY.



3 DAYS

TO DECOMPRESS

- FEELING OVERWHELMED
- MAY FEEL SCARED/UNSURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON
- NOT COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO BE HIMSELF/HERSELF
- MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK
- SHUTS DOWN AND/OR HIDES UNDER FURNITURE
- TESTS THE BOUNDARIES



3 WEEKS

TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE

- STARTS SETTling IN
- FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE
- REALIZED THIS COULD BE HIS/HER FOREVER HOME
- FIGURES OUT HIS/HER ENVIRONMENT
- GETS INTO A ROUTINE
- LET HIS/HER GUARD DOWN
- MAY BEGIN TO SHOW TRUE PERSONALITY
- BEHAVIOR ISSUES MAY START TO APPEAR



3 MONTHS

TO START TO FEEL AT HOME

- FINALLY FEELS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN HIS/HER HOME
- BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE BOND
- GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS NEW FAMILY
- SETS INTO A ROUTINE



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Adoption Events April, May, June

Ellington Farmers Market:
Earth Day
33 Main St.
4/20. 10-2pm

Ashford Indoor Farmer's Market
25 Tremko Lane
Pompey Hollow
Ashford, CT
4/21. 9-1pm

Spring Farmer's Market at Four Town Fairgrounds
Somers, CT
5/4. 10-2pm

Aubuchon Hardware Event
Ellington, CT
5/18. 11-1pm

CT Valley Brewing Company:
Love of Dogs
South Windsor, CT
5/26. 10-2pm

Ellington Farmer's Market:
Dog Day
33 Main St.
Ellington, CT
6/8. 9-12 noon

Worthington Winery:
Puppy Pilates
Somers, CT
6/8. 11-2pm

Eastford Kennels Adoption Event
348 Old Colony Road
Eastford, CT
Every Saturday, 11-1pm



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