



Press

Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Hackensack, MN
Autumn Adventures



Holly

This sweet labradoodle came to us late on June 23rd from 5th St in Pine River, MN, with a shoe string tied around her neck like a collar. Our staff named her Holly and showered her with love during her time with us. We only have one picture of her because unfortunately her time with us was short.

Visit Page 3 to read more about Holly's story.

Coronavirus: It Can't Stop The Love

This has been a trying season for many as schools, businesses, and more shut their doors. People were left without work, without structure, unable to leave their homes, and unsure where to go from here. Cue the pets!

While businesses are reopening and many are going back to work and school, homes are still being opened to our shelter pets. Through the end of summer and so far this fall, we have continued to have high numbers of adoptions and many completed families.

With over 900 adoptions since we opened in 2017, it has been incredible having so many pets find their forever homes especially during this time when we all need a little extra love. To everyone who has supported us during this time to care for pets during their time with us and to those who have opened their homes and their hearts -- thank you!



Above:
Lilly May

Middle (L-R):
Hank, Piper,
Cooper

Bottom (L-R):
Betty, Turtle



We Do What's Best For Every Pet

Holly was the worst case of animal cruelty and neglect that our staff has ever seen. This picture does not do justice to the amount of abuse and pain she suffered. The darkness on her legs is not dirt, but rather feces caked in to her fur. Wherever she was before, she had been living in her own filth. Beneath this matted fur, Holly was extremely thin. She had no muscle mass, and all of her bones were visible.

As our staff began caring for her and cleaning her up, they found that she was covered in ticks, many of them engorged to the size of grapes. Worse still, Holly's body was infested with maggots. The photos we took to document her condition are too graphic and upsetting to share.

Our staff did everything they could for her. They treated her medically, gave her fluids to help with her extreme dehydration, bathed her, removed ticks, and shaved her fur to get better access to her wounds. In the end, our staff decided the most loving and humane thing they could do for her was to help her cross the rainbow bridge.

Paws+Claws would like to thank the Pine River Police Department and the Cass County Sheriff's Department for coordinating the efforts to bring Holly to us. We would also like to thank the Pine River community members for their efforts to care for Holly and to try and catch her. Thank you to our staff members who spent the time caring for Holly and desperately trying to save her life. She was shown love, kindness, and compassion, but she had been suffering for too long and her wounds were too extreme.

There were reports of Holly roaming Pine River for about a week before she was brought to us. Based on the severity of her condition, she was suffering long before she was seen in town. If you have any information of who Holly's owner was or where she might have come from, please call Paws+Claws at 218-675-7297. All information will be kept confidential. Holly deserved better than this, and the truth must come to light. Please help us do this for her.

Unfortunately, Holly's story isn't the only one like this. More pets than we like to think about are dealing with abuse and neglect or put into unfair situations. This summer we received a call about three adult Dachshunds and two days-old puppies that had been left in a box on the side of the road. Fortunately, these sweet babies were found in time and we were able to care for them until they found their forever homes.

Pets come to us for many reasons, whether they were surrendered or found lost and wandering. Whatever the reason, we are happy we are here to help them in any way we can. Fortunately, many of our stories have happy endings. Thanks to the continued support of our donors we are able to provide the necessary care and services to bring our pets to full health and make them adoptable. Our ultimate goal is to find a loving home for every pet that comes through our doors. For those unfortunate times that pets come in with injuries or illnesses too extreme to recover from, we are grateful for the chance to show them love at the end.

To help support our cause, visit our website www.pawsandclawsrr.org and click "Donate", call us at 218-675-7297, or mail to P.O. Box 175 Hackensack, MN 56452. Supply donations are accepted as well as monetary. We appreciate you!



Nisswa Safety Town

Paws+Claws was honored to be involved in Nisswa Safety Town in August. Two of our staff members, Jessie Gears and Kaitlyn Yutrenka, brought Kaitlyn's dog (adopted from Paws+Claws in September 2019) to the event. While there, they spoke with two groups of children about strange dog awareness and safety and what to do when you see and meet unfamiliar dogs. It was a great event and we are already looking forward to being involved next year!

Generous Support from our Local Veterinarians

This season has brought more cats and kittens to us than Paws+Claws has seen since we opened. With full kennels and only so many veterinary hours available, many pets were waiting weeks for their spay and neuter surgeries to be performed. With this information in hand, we reached out to our local veterinarians and asked for their assistance. The response was incredible.



Dr. Kyle Adkins

Country Doc Veterinary Clinic -- Pine River, MN

Dr. Adkins was able to fit it into his busy schedule to perform neuter surgeries on a few of our kittens awaiting adoption.



Dr. Megan Hockenson

Dr. Hockenson spent a day at Paws+Claws performing spay and neuter surgeries and administering vaccines for our shelter pets.

Dr. Alan Olander

Country Cat Clinic -- Nevis, MN

Dr. Olander offered to perform spay surgeries on five of our shelter kitties and they also gave nail trims to each of the kitties.



Dr. Amanda Bergin

Town & Country Animal Clinic -- Park Rapids, MN

Dr. Bergin spent a day at Paws+Claws performing spay surgeries on some of our shelter kitties and performing necessary cares.

The work and dedication from each of you is appreciated and allowed us to place more pets in their forever homes with their grateful families. To all of our veterinarians, thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Ongoing Supporters of Paws+Claws

Thank you to those who ensure our longevity

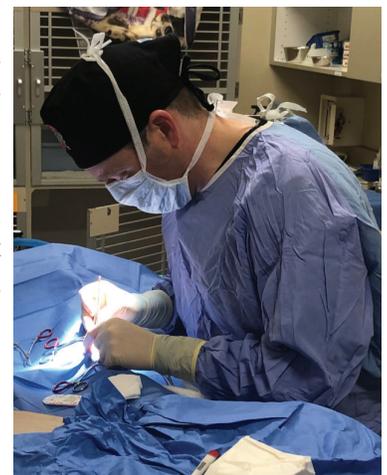
One of the greatest parts about being located in a small community, is the sense of togetherness and the support from your neighbors and local businesses. We all recognize that we are in this together and each would not be here without the rest. Paws+Claws in particular has received generous support and donations from the community and area businesses, and we would not be here without it. Thank you!



A huge thank you to our veterinarian, Dr. Steve Ekholm of the Walker Animal Hospital. Paws+Claws is licensed under Dr. Ekholm, and he comes on site once a week to perform spay and neuter surgeries and is always on call if we need him.

Dr. Matt Eberts of Lakeland Veterinary Clinic in Baxter has also been generous to us, spending a day at Paws+Claws performing spay and neuter surgeries once a month.

Thank you, gentleman, for all that you do! We appreciate you!



Donation Dog Banks

You may have noticed while you've been out and about that many of our area businesses have Paws+Claws Donation Dog Banks set out on their counters. These dog banks are a great source of support for Paws+Claws, and a convenient place for our donors to drop their change after they've made their purchases. Thank you to our area businesses who have agreed to support Paws+Claws and place a Dog Bank on their counters, and to all of our generous donors. Every penny counts! We appreciate you!

Walker:

The Piggy BBQ of Walker, Y Bottle Shop, Shingobee on the Bay, Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Walker Bay Spirits, Jenny's Beehive, Art and Antique Mall of Walker, Walker General Store, Von Hanson's Sausage Haus, Portage Brewing Company, Tj's Floral & Gifts, Christmas Point Wild Rice Co., Thrifty White Pharmacy, Chase on the Lake Resort, Walker Animal Hospital, Inc., Walker Building Center, Auto Value, The Boulders, WMS Sales, Inc., Hoss' All American Liquor, Horseshoe Bay Lodge

Benedict:

Fort Benedict Super Store

Hackensack:

Udom's Thai Restaurant, Hackensack Lumber & Hardware, Hackensack Liquor Store, Mark's Market, Swanson's Bait & Tackle

Longville:

Northern Lakes Marine, Common Grounds of Longville, Lazy Days of Longville, Tossed & Found Boutique, Longville Lakes Bottle Shop

Crosslake:

Moonlite Square Liquor Store



Spay/Neuter Your Pet

An article from ASPCA, found at <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/spayneuter-your-pet>

By spaying or neutering your pet, you'll help control the pet homelessness crisis, which results in millions of healthy dogs and cats being euthanized in the United States each year simply because there aren't enough homes to go around. There are also medical and behavioral benefits to spaying (female pets) and neutering (male pets) your animals.

Here are some of the medical benefits:

- Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life. Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast tumors, which are malignant or cancerous in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.
- Neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer and some prostate problems.

And behavioral benefits:

- Your spayed female pet won't go into heat. While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently—sometimes all over the house!
- Your male dog will be less likely to roam away from home. An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate, including finding creative ways escape from the house. Once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other male animals.
- Your neutered male may be better behaved. Unneutered dogs and cats are more likely to mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Your dog might be less likely to mount other dogs, people and inanimate objects after he's neutered. Some aggression problems may be avoided by early neutering.

Spaying/neutering your pets is also highly cost-effective. The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is far less than the cost of having and caring for a litter.

Debunking Spay/Neuter Myths and Misconceptions

- Spaying or neutering will not cause your pet to become overweight. Lack of exercise and overfeeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds—not neutering. Your pet will remain fit and trim as long as you continue to provide exercise and monitor her food intake.
- Neutering is not a quick fix for all behavior problems. Although neutering your pet often reduces undesirable behaviors caused by a higher level of testosterone, there's no guarantee that your dog's behavior will change after he's neutered. Although the surgery will reduce the amount of testosterone in your dog's system, it won't eliminate the hormone completely. Neutering will also not reduce behaviors that your pet has learned or that have become habitual. The effects of neutering are largely dependent on your dog's individual personality, physiology and history.

When to Spay or Neuter Your Pet

- For dogs: While the traditional age for neutering is six to nine months, puppies as young as eight weeks old can be neutered as long as they're healthy. Dogs can be neutered as adults as well, although there's a slightly higher risk of post-operative complications in older dogs, dogs that are overweight or dogs that have health problems.
- For cats: It is generally considered safe for kittens as young as eight weeks old to be spayed or neutered. In animal shelters, surgery is often performed at this time so that kittens can be sterilized prior to adoption. In an effort to avoid the start of urine spraying and eliminate the chance for pregnancy, it's advisable to schedule the surgery before your own cat reaches five months of age. It's possible to spay a female cat while she's in heat.

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Helping Your Pet Before and After Surgery

Your veterinary clinic will provide pre-surgical advice that you should follow. In general, avoid giving your cat any food after midnight the night before surgery. A puppy or kitten, however, needs adequate nutrition, and your veterinarian may advise that food not be withheld.

Your veterinarian can also provide post-operative instructions for you to follow. Although your pet may experience some discomfort after surgery, your veterinarian can take various measures to control pain. Depending on the procedure performed, medication for pain may be sent home with your pet.

Here are tips for a safe and comfortable recovery:

- Provide your pet with a quiet place to recover indoors and away from other animals.
- Prevent your pet from running and jumping for up to two weeks following surgery, or as long as your veterinarian recommends.
- Prevent your pet from licking the incision site, which may cause infection, by distracting your pet with treats or by using an Elizabethan collar.
- Avoid bathing your pet for at least ten days after surgery.
- Check the incision site daily to confirm proper healing.

If you notice any redness, swelling or discharge at the surgery site, or if the incision is open, please contact your veterinarian. Also call your veterinarian if your pet is lethargic, has a decreased appetite, is vomiting or has diarrhea or any other concerns following surgery.

Pet Health and Safety Reminders

Fall 2020

Many of the same warm weather guidelines we follow also apply to our pets; please review the following guidelines from the ASPCA (<https://www.asPCA.org/news/seasonal-safety-tips-beware-these-fall-dangers>).*

- 🐾 Please be mindful as we get into fall and into the beginning of winter. Temperatures will be starting to drop significantly at night. Make sure your pet has sufficient warmth and shelter.
- 🐾 It is best to continue using flea & tick and heartworm preventatives year round. You won't be out of the routine once spring comes and this way your pets will always be covered.
- 🐾 As the holidays approach, be conscious of whether your pet has access to chocolate, raisins, or other toxic treats.
- 🐾 Be cautious of rodenticides and cold weather poisons.*
- 🐾 Keep school supplies out of paws' reach - some items may cause gastrointestinal blockage if ingested.*
- 🐾 Watch out for wildlife preparing for hibernation.*

Paws+Claws Merchandise

Remember as you're looking for warm gear as the weather cools down that Paws+Claws has some great hats and sweatshirts! Check out our website www.pawsandclawsrr.org/shop to see all of the great options we have available. Merchandise orders can be picked up at Paws+Claws or shipped right to your door! The best part? All proceeds from merchandise sales go directly back to supporting our shelter pets! Look good and do good!



1st Annual Pine River Fall Festival

Paws+Claws was excited to be asked to participate in the First Annual Pine River Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26th. They asked us to offer a service to draw in and benefit the community. Our staff discussed it and chose to do a clinic offering microchips and nail trims to community pets.

We got our booth set up in the Thrifty Living back lot and we were ready to go! We had our Paws+Claws merchandise on site and available for sale and a few happy customers were able to make purchases and provide for our shelter pets. We were also able to provide a few microchips and nail trims to some grateful clients, even having a couple Paws+Claws alumni pets come visit for nail trims.

Despite the rainy weather, it was a great day and we are already looking forward to next year!



Volunteer at Paws+Claws

****Due to COVID-19, Paws+Claws is currently closed to the public and unfortunately this includes our volunteers. We miss you all and hope to see you all again when the time is right! Stay tuned for updates.***

While Paws+Claws would not be able to operate without our amazing staff, it takes people like you to keep us running!

Paws+Claws offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities for people who want to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals. Our volunteers help in whatever aspect of our work they prefer -- everything from answering phones to walking dogs to doing laundry. Even an hour here and there is extremely helpful!

We require that all of our volunteers go through volunteer training which typically occurs on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. This is an open-enrollment event, which means there is no sign-up required. Once you have gone through volunteer training, you are free to come as much or as little as you would like -- we have no minimum hour requirement. Whatever works for you!

We look forward to working with you! You make a difference.

*Must be 12 or older to volunteer with an adult or 16 or older to volunteer on your own.

Boarding at Paws+Claws

Boarding and Doggy Daycare is open for pick up and drop off Monday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Our state of the art facility features environmentally controlled spaces, a range of boarding options, professional staff, and great programming to ensure your dogs and cats have a high quality boarding experience.

Thank you for supporting Paws+Claws. The proceeds from Boarding and Doggy Daycare go towards supporting all of our shelter pets and finding them their forever homes.

Boarding Options

Discounted rates are available for additional pets staying in the same kennels or pets staying 30 days or more. Holiday and seasonal rates vary.



STANDARD
4' x 6' space
10 Standard Kennels Available
\$27/night



DELUXE
4' x 8' space
16 Deluxe Kennels Available
\$30/night



SUITE
6' X 8' space
5 Suites Available
\$34/night



CAT BOARDING
4 Kennels Available
\$20/night

REQUIRED VACCINATIONS

DOGS:

Rabies
Distemper
Bordetella
Canine Influenza*

*Strongly recommended

CATS:

Rabies
Feline Distemper
FeLV/FIV Test

Physical copy of vaccinations required before pet can board.

Vaccination records can be emailed to
info@pawsandclawsrr.org

DOGGY DAYCARE

Fees:

Half Day (up to four hours):
\$17/pet
Full Day (four hours and up):
\$20/pet

A Half Day daycare fee of \$17/pet also applies to boarding pick-ups after 12 p.m. on the scheduled day of check-out.

Boarding Updates:

Effective September 1st, Paws+Claws will be implementing peak seasonal and holiday rates. Please call for pricing and relevant dates.

Cancellation Policy: Effective immediately, all No Call/No Show reservations or reservations cancelled within 48 hours of check-in will have a \$25 cancellation fee (\$30 during peak holiday times) applied to the account to be paid before pet is able to board again.

Please call Paws+Claws at 218-675-7297 or visit us online at www.pawsandclawsrr.org for more information.

Shelter Ambassador Andy

We are sad to share that Shelter Ambassador Andy crossed the rainbow bridge on July 17.

Our sweet boy was a staple for many who came to visit us, and he will be missed by all. He was showered with love by his family at home, his work family, and the community, and a piece of our hearts will be gone. He brought nearly 16 years of joy to the world, and two and a half years to those of us here at Paws+Claws. Rest easy, Andy.

“It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to Andy, our Scotty. Andy first arrived at Paws+Claws in March of 2018 when his mom unexpectedly passed away. He came to P+C in critical condition -- being diabetic, mostly blind and eaf. We were able to regulate his glucose levels and his condition improved. My family decided to adopt Andy and make him a part of our family. He fit into our home right away. He also became the Shelter Ambassador at Paws+Claws and gained many fans. People were constantly coming in to meet and take pictures with Andy.



He was a sweet boy, very gentle and patient. Andy enjoyed his naps, food, treats and most of all going outside and rolling around in the grass. He was very special to our family and his P+C family. He is greatly missed.” -Misty Hoopman

“Andy was a kind, distinguished fellow who loved naps on the corner of the rug, warm sweaters, walks-regardless of the weather and a good face rub (but not cleaning). He enjoyed the company of anyone, human or critter. Although Andy had plenty of reason to complain, the only time I seen him show any impatience was when his treat wasn’t immediately presented after his medicine. Andy was an “old shoe”, comfortable and content most anywhere. When he had sleep-overs at our house he was always gracious and good company for all. I miss Andy very much and will always remember his sweet disposition on life.” -Jessie Gearn

“Andy was always one of the highlights in my day. Regardless of what was happening around him, he carried on his merry way. Although he didn’t have an outrageous variety of daily desires, my favorite to experience with him was a post-nap walk where he found the perfect place to roll over and scratch his back. I aspire to appreciate freshly fallen snow the way Andy did. I’ve missed him dearly and I’ll never forget his perky prance out the door.” -Ally Garbe



Donations to Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort

Always accept:

- ✓ Monetary Donations
- ✓ Pet Food (*unopened*)
 - Puppy and Adult
 - Kitten and Adult
 - Dry and canned food
 - Treats
- ✓ Pet Supplies (*new or gently used*)
 - Neonatal kitten and puppy supplies
 - Harnesses, leashes, and collars
 - New litter boxes
 - Toys (*nothing with feathers, beans, or rice in it*)
 - Kongs
- ✓ Office Supplies (*e.g. copy paper, pens*)
- ✓ New Cleaning Supplies (*e.g. paper towels, bleach, Windex®, detergent, antibacterial soap*)

Accept on a limited basis (please call ahead):

- ~ Pet Supplies (*new or gently used*)
 - ~Dog clothes
 - ~Gentle leashes
 - ~Pet grooming supplies (*brushes, shampoo, nail trimmers*)
 - ~Play/exercise pens
 - ~Cat towers
 - ~Food and water bowls
 - ~Crates (*plastic or wire with hardware included*)
 - ~Pet beds (*must be washable*)
 - ~Poop bags
 - ~Cat litter
 - ~Medication and medical supplies
- ~ Home Goods (*New or gently used. No electric blankets or down comforters*)
 - ~Towels
 - ~Blankets

Unable to accept:

- x Pet Food
 - x Open containers or food/treats not in their original packaging
 - x Expired food/treats (*more than one year past expiration date*)
- x Pet Supplies
 - x Ripped, torn or non-washable pet beds
 - x Retractable leashes
 - x Metal pinch/prong/chain collars
 - x Shock collars
 - x Structures (*e.g. dog houses, igloos*)
 - x Toys with feathers, beans, rice, or button eyes/noses (*e.g. beanie babies*)
- x Home Goods
 - x Rugs
 - x Electric blankets
 - x Down comforters
 - x Sheets
 - x Pillows
 - x Clothing for rags

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Donate to Paws+Claws

Paws+Claws is here because there is a need in this community for the services that we provide. Paws+Claws can only provide these services with the help of people like you.

You are all so supportive, which makes it possible for us to function from day to day. Whether it is sharing a Facebook post, coming in to volunteer, donating supplies, or contributing a financial donation, each one of these actions helps to keep us running and fulfilling the need.

Financial contributions are used to provide animal care and supplies, keep the building and its systems operating efficiently, create educational opportunities, and help to develop our environment as a way to draw people in, but also give back to the planet and the community.

Do you want to be a part of it?



Shelter Wish List:

- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Sponges/Scrubbies
- Buckets
- Spray Bottles
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Scent Free Laundry Soap
- Dawn (R) Dish Soap
- Windex (R)
- Funnels/Spatulas
- Hand Sanitizer
- Anti-bacterail Soap
- Lint Rollers
- Bath Towels/Blankets
- Dog/Cat Beds
- Dog/Cat Food
- Dog/Cat Treats
- Dog/Cat Toys
- Heavy Duty Dog Toys
- Canned Pumpkin
- CheeseWiz(R)/Peanut Butter
- Coconut Oil
- Leashes/Collars
- Zip Bags (all sizes)
- 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- Office Supplies
- Postage Stamps

Name: _____ Payment Options: _____
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Phone: _____ Rescue & Resort
E-Mail: _____ Credit Card

Please make my gift: _____ Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
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Please tear off bottom half of slip and mail to the address below.

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