



Paws+Claws *Press*

Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Hackensack, MN

Fall in Love

There are so many things to love about
Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort...

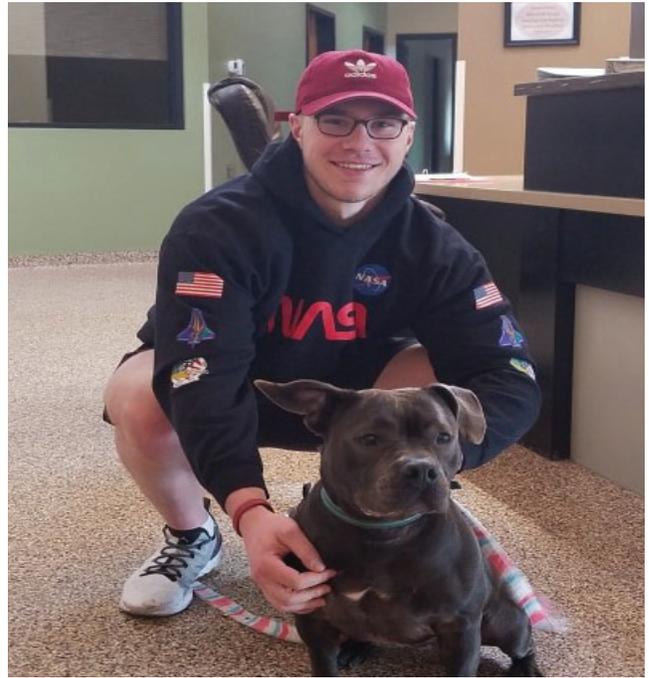


Amazing animals, fun environment,
and great new merchandise!

Big Adoptions!



So far this year, we have had 258 adoptions, bringing our grand total since we opened in July 2017 to 633. In the past three months, many amazing pets have been adopted, including some of our long-term residents. Some of you may have been following the stories for a few of them or seen them posted on our Facebook page and included in Pet of the Week. We are happy to say that all of the pictured pets and many others are settling into their forever homes and getting lots of love from their new families.



Pets Listed L-R:

Top Row:

Kloe

Middle Row:

Lucy, Murphy,
Bella

Bottom Row:

Parker, Elsa, Angel

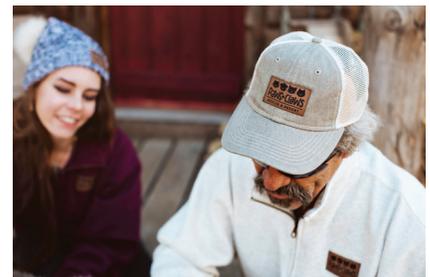




New Merchandise!

If you're looking for a fun, unique way to support our shelter, you found it! The proceeds from sales of our new merchandise go back to our shelter and help to provide care for our pets! Just in time for cold weather and Christmas shopping, Paws+Claws got in a huge shipment of new items. We can now provide you with your choice of sweatshirt, flannel, quarter zip, long sleeve, hat, and more. The best part? Our merchandise is now available to order online and have it shipped to your door! To order, visit www.pawsandclawsrr.org/shop or click on "Shop" on our Facebook page. If you are in search of your new favorite cozy item or a great gift idea, be sure to shop with us!

Photography done by the amazing Chelsie Elizabeth Photography.



More pictures from our photo shoot can be found on Page 8.

Gertie is in her forever home

When Ally Garbe, Operations Assistant at Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort, convinced her parents Lisa and Bill Garbe to foster Gertie, most of our staff figured it would be foster failure and that the Garbes would eventually end up adopting Gertie. Lisa was adamant that they were just nursing Gertie back to health and taking care of her until she found her forever, we smiled and nodded knowing the truth.

Lisa volunteers at Paws+Claws once a week, helping us with answering phones and filing paperwork. Each week she would come in with pictures of Gertie and a new story of something cute and fun she did. The Garbes have another German Shepherd named Nadja “Naughty Dog” who quickly became best friends with Gertie. After Gertie was fitted with a cart to improve her mobility, Lisa told us how the two girls would run after each other down the hill to see who could get to the bone first and if Gertie won, she would trot off with her bone and bury it by the tree. Naughty is one of the best companions that Gertie could ask for -- she sleeps downstairs with Gertie and stops to wait for her if Gertie starts to fall behind when they go out for a walk.

Gertie also fell in love with Bill Garbe and follows him wherever he goes. When Bill goes out to work in the shop, Gertie will go down the couple stairs off of the porch and follow him across the yard. When Bill gets in the truck to go to a job, Gertie does her best to get in the truck, too. She will get her front half up in the truck and then sit and look at Bill while she waits for him to pick up her back half and the cart.

When Lisa came in and said that they couldn’t imagine their home without Gertie in it, we knew that this was the best possible ending for her story. “We feel so blessed for the opportunity to give Gertie her best life. Every day she makes our family smile mostly because she smiles all day,” Lisa said. Gertie went from a dog who was abandoned and unable to walk, to a energetic dog who will live out the rest of her life in a home with two humans who love her, a four-legged sister, and so many others to visit and dote on her.





Birthday Parties at Paws+Claws



On December 7, Paws+Claws hosted a little girl's 6th birthday party. Twenty kids were able to choose whether they wanted to make a sock toy for a shelter dog or cat, learned about what we do here at Paws+Claws and got to take a tour of the building, before finally being able to interact with some of our shelter pets. The family went all out with decorations, serving condiments out of dog dishes and naming the hot dog options after dogs: The Great Dane (everything), The Yellow Lab (mustard only), The Clifford (ketchup only), and more! Our staff loved helping the kids learn about animals, and the kids had a blast! Call Paws+Claws at 218-675-7297 to talk about planning your next birthday party!



Donation Drives to Support Paws+Claws

Among our many generous individual and family donors this season, we also had area businesses run donation drives to support Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort. Whether you are an individual, a business, or somewhere in between, thank you for your generosity and your amazing support of Paws+Claws. All donations, whether monetary or in kind, large or small, are appreciated more than words can express. Paws+Claws would not be able to operate without the support of amazing people like you! Thank you!



Lakeland Veterinary Hospital - Baxter, MN

Lakeland Vet ran a two month food and donation drive from November 1st-December 31st to benefit Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort. Donors were able to bring in items, purchase items for donation on-site, or purchase a \$1 or \$5 “Paws for a Cause” paw to have hung on the wall.

Mark’s Market - Hackensack, MN

Mark’s Market offered to host two donation drives for Paws+Claws this quarter. The items in the image (right) were donated during our Pick of the Patch Donation Drive at the end of September. Mark’s Market will also host a donation drive for us December 27 and 28. Mark’s discounts select items that Paws+Claws is in need of during these donation drives in order to encourage people to purchase them for donation to our table we set up right by the door.



Do It Best - Hackensack, MN

The hardware store in Hackensack ran a “Buy One, Give One” special on food and treats, where for every item sold, they would donate an equivalent item to Paws+Claws.



Year End

Hello supporters of Paws+Claws!

First, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support of Paws+Claws and the work we do here. This year to date, we have had 258 adoptions, and more than 600 since we opened in July of 2017. This would not have been possible without our donors for their gracious gifts, our boarding and grooming guests for entrusting us with their pets to support our shelter pets, and our veterinarians, Dr. Steve Ekholm and Dr. Matt Eberts, for the amazing care they provide our pets. We also have to thank our volunteers who come to help in the many aspects of running our shelter, our staff for the work they do for these animals every day, our social media followers for sharing our posts, and our community for their ongoing support. In whatever way you help Paws+Claws, please know how much it is appreciated.

We are quickly approaching the end of the year, and all of the generosity, compassion, and devotion that the season brings. As you are looking for a place to contribute year-end gifts, we ask that you keep Paws+Claws in mind. Your gifts are essential for helping our pets to be happy and healthy and allowing us to find their forever homes.

Gertie, a German Shepherd that came in to Paws+Claws this summer, is a perfect example of a pet supported by your gifts. We received a report in early June saying a dog had been left at Powers Township Hall in Backus, MN; we arrived to find her dragging her hind end. Upon a veterinary examination, we found out she had advanced, untreated arthritis, untreated Ehrlichia and Lyme disease, and had been shot twice – once with buck shot, scattered across her left side, and a pellet in her left front shoulder.

After a lot of TLC and being placed in a foster home, we are happy to say that Gertie's condition, and her life, have greatly improved. "She went from dragging herself everywhere she went to trotting across the yard trying to keep up with her "dad" Bill within days of arriving," states Lisa Garbe, Gertie's foster mom. Thanks to a cart purchased with donated funds, Gertie now has increased independence and youthfulness, along with finding her competitive side – she can often be found chasing down her foster sister Naughty to try reaching their bone first when playing fetch. Lisa said it best about seeing Gertie's transformation and how they decided to adopt her: "Watching her work so hard to be mobile has been a testament to the heart and courage of this dog! Gertie is so smart, kind, loving and courageous and brought so much joy to our family – she is in her forever home."

Your donations allowed us to pay for Gertie's medical needs and her care while she was a foster pet and helped her make her transformation, as well as providing for the health and wellbeing of all other pets in our care. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Paws+Claws and our mission: to educate youth, save lives, and complete families. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort, please call 218-675-7297, mail it to P.O. Box 175 Hackensack, MN 56452, or visit www.pawsandclawsrr.org.



Sammy



Remember our sweet boy Sammy? This handsome fella was adopted a couple weeks ago and is all settled into his new home. They love him to pieces, and he loves them too -- his favorite thing is to snuggle up and get pet. We are so happy Sammy found a home that will love him for the rest of his life.

One thing you may not know about Sammy is that he had a variety of health issues during his time with us. He came to us after his owners passed away, and we found that Sammy has some sort of neurological disorder which caused him to have a tremor and be unsteady on his feet. He was also diabetic and required twice daily insulin injections.

This amazing cat got to go into a wonderful home thanks to the help of our generous donors. Their gifts helped to cover the expense of Sammy's insulin injections and cares, providing him with stable health. Thank you!

If you would like to donate to Paws+Claws to help provide for the care of pets like Sammy and many others, donations can be sent to P.O. Box 175 Hackensack, MN, dropped off at 2949 State 371 NW Hackensack, MN, or submitted through our website www.pawsandclawsrr.org.

New Merchandise!



All merchandise is available on location in Hackensack, MN or online at www.pawsandclawsrr.org/shop.

All proceeds go back to the shelter and support the care of our pets!
Thank you for supporting Paws+Claws!



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



STANDARD
4' x 6' space
10 Standard Kennels Available



DELUXE
4' x 8' space
16 Deluxe Kennels Available



SUITE
6' X 8' space
5 Suites Available



CAT BOARDING
4 Kennels Available

REQUIRED VACCINATIONS

DOGS:

Rabies
Distemper
Bordetella
Canine Influenza

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):
\$16/pet
Full Day (four hours and up):
\$19/pet

A Half Day daycare fee of \$16/pet also applies to boarding pick-ups after 12 p.m. on the scheduled day of check-out.

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

Discounts offered for boarding stays of 30 days or more.

Pet Health and Safety Reminders

Winter 2019-2020

-  Do not leave space heaters on unattended or near your pets. This can easily get knocked over and burn your pet or become a fire hazard.
-  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.
-  Do not leave pets outside in cold weather. Pets can get frostbite as quickly as humans do in cold temperatures. If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet.
-  Watch for antifreeze leaks and other harmful toxins.*
-  Be cautious of rodenticides and cold weather poisons.*

*Tips provided by ASPCA

Volunteer at Paws+Claws

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! If you would like to join our ranks of volunteers, please complete the form below. 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.



Paws+Claws Staff Christmas Paw-rty

On the evening of December 12, Paws+Claws staff had our annual Christmas Party. This year's team bonding activity was the Paws+Claws Paw-mazing Race. Our staff formed teams which were tasked with a scavenger hunt. Given six clues, each team was instructed to solve clues that would lead us to different area businesses and landmarks where we would complete challenges before we could move on to the next. It was a fun night filled with great food catered by Birchwood Charhouse, great friends, and lots of laughs. Thank you Paws+Claws staff and families for not only caring about our pets, but genuinely caring about each other. You all are amazing!

Thank you to Swanson's Bait & Tackle, Mark's Market, Hackensack Liquor Store, Birchwood Charhouse and Bar, and Southside gas station for participating in our scavenger hunt!



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
- Puppy/Kitten Food
- 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

Name: _____ Payment Options: _____
 Address: _____ Cash
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Check - Make checks payable to Paws+Claws
 Phone: _____ Rescue & Resort
 E-Mail: _____ Credit Card

Please make my gift: _____ Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
 In Memory of: _____ Expiration Date: _____
 In Honor of: _____ CVV: _____

I want my gift to be: _____
 One Time Monthly Annual Supply Donation of: _____

Donor Signature: _____

Please tear off bottom half of slip and mail to the address below.

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