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*Boomer is ready for the holiday and looking for a home!*

## Who's Been Naughty Or Nice?

**Naughty**  
*OR*  
**Nice**

Hint: On any given day we care for 70 animals at the Humane Society! The question is a tough one to answer. There are so many great pets that come to PAWS. One problem, there are no naughty pets at PAWS! We specialize in bringing out the nice, as we specialize in matching nice cats and dogs with new pet owners. Adopt from Paws!!!



## Puppies and Kittens **DO NOT** Make Good Gifts for Christmas!

The holidays are not the best time to bring a new dog or cat into your home. The holiday season is a very busy time for most families. New pets require a lot of time for a family and the holidays get very busy. Wait and add a new pet after the holidays so you have time to train and give your new pet the best start!



Paws Along the River Humane Society is proud and excited to announce our first ever Volunteer Coordinator. We welcome Barbara Zingone to our staff and organization. Barbi comes to us with experience and a background in working as the Volunteer Coordinator for Hospice of Warren County. We look forward to positive community interactions with the work that we do and what Barbi can bring to our volunteer program. Paws Along the River and Paws and Shop Thrift Boutique have many volunteer opportunities for anyone wishing to give back and support the services and work we do for the animals in Warren County. If you are interested in volunteering, please connect with Barbi at Paws Along the River, 814-726-1961. Also, you can visit their website and look for ways you can help.

## Are Your Pet's Pearly Whites Healthy?



Dental care is possibly one of the most overlooked aspects of caring for a pet. We visit the dentist and brush our teeth at least two times a day and still end up with having some dental issues in our lifetime. Pets are no different, but many go their entire lifetime without dental care at all. According to the

American Veterinary Dental Association 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have some form of dental disease.

Signs of oral disease include bad breath, changes in eating habits and pawing at the face. Some pets never show signs of a problem until it is too late. Wellness checkups are most effective to detect problems early. Make sure to ask your vet if it's time for a dental check-up. Your pet will be glad you did!

## And Venus was her Name.....

as the song goes, but this Venus is a live dog, a puppy only 8 months old. She nearly starved to death while being kept in a basement in a rented house. Her sister did not survive the ordeal and died weighing only 18 pounds. Her caretakers are charged with felonies and misdemeanors by City of Warren Police for this alleged crime of cruelty to animals. Time will tell if they will be held responsible. Venus, a beautiful huskymix has doubled her weight back in just two short months. Paws Along The River assisted and has been caring for Venus getting her back to a healthy weight.



## Recycling Makes Cents!



Bag your aluminum cans only and donate them to Paws. Please, **no glass, tin or plastic...** it costs us \$\$ to dispose of these items.



YES



# PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE. BELLA AND PITA, A TRUE STORY.



On October 1, 2021, our mom was in a fatal car accident in Sugar Grove, Pa. We were home all alone that day and did not know that she would not be coming home to take care of us. Our uncle who lived in the state of Washington told police he was on his way to get us and take us with him. You see we were from Washington years ago. We heard that the City police contacted the Humane Society to pick us up on Sunday, so we were only home two days alone. We were excited for our uncle to take us with him, but he never came or called for us.

Nearly a week went by and no phone call or message from our uncle. The Humane Society did not even know our names until they did some pretty snazzy detective work. I guess you would say, no one knew what our mom wanted for us or where she wanted us to go, if she was no longer here. Finally, the shelter staff contacted our uncle and he told them did not want us and was not responsible for his mother's property. We were now homeless and our mom would not want that for us. Luckily PAWS workers told us they would take care of us; that was a relief. We are senior dogs so our doctor exams were kinda scary, but PAWS wanted to make sure we were healthy and got everything we needed. There was no will or any plans to care for us so we are grateful PAWS was there for us. Oh, we are looking for new homes, if you are interested in "Two wild and crazy girls who like long walks in the park."

Make-a-Will month is celebrated in August each year. This is a reminder for all Americans to think about their futures. It is a perfect time to create a legal will to protect the people you love, and create a guardianship plan to ensure your pet is always cared for. Go to [FreeWill.com](http://FreeWill.com), a free resource for creating a legally valid will. Better yet, choose an attorney who can work with you and assist in drawing up a will for you and your pets. You may also want to include a gift to PAWS in your estate plan to help other homeless pets for years to come.



Bella



Pita



## PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE.

# *Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas!*

Dear Humane Society staff, Just a note to tell you we are both adjusting to our new homes, after living alone for a long time and neglected in a house filled to the ceiling with lots of stuff and garbage. We are so grateful for having families to care for us daily and take us for walks and have soft furry blankets to snuggle in. Our owner had some bad luck and could not care for us any longer, but did not know how very lonely we were. Luckily, the Humane Society came and rescued us from the dark smelly existence we were forced to survive. Thank you!!!

Love, Kendall & Charlie



## *Giving once, Giving twice*

When you're giving to the animals this holiday season, remember that your employer may be willing to match your gift. Many employers will double or even triple your contribution. Some companies will match gifts made by retirees and spouses, too. And every gift is a blessing to homeless pets this holiday season. Visit [www.pawsalongtheriver.org](http://www.pawsalongtheriver.org) for adoptable pets and ways to give. (taken from Best Friends newsletter 2013)



## DEAR SANTA,

We've been very good all year. We ate all our dinner & didn't bark or meow too much. We've got lots of treats for your reindeer when you arrive. We made our Wish Tree so everyone will know how his or her kindness helps us during the year. Lots of love from Loki, Elsie, Oakley, Boris, and Able.

Able



**YOUR HOLIDAY DONATION TO PAWS ALONG THE RIVER HUMANE SOCIETY WILL KEEP YOUR FURRY FRIENDS HEALTHY AND HAPPY IN THE NEW YEAR. KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY ARE THE GREATEST GIFTS OF ALL.**

Elsie



Boris



## Santa Paws is Coming to Town

You'd better not bark,  
You'd better not bite,  
You'd better not scratch  
The sofa tonight  
Santa Paws is coming to town....



WISH LIST	
Laundry & Dish Soap	Pedigree Canned Dog Food
Soft Dog Treats (pupperoni)	Tractor Supply Gift Card
Purina Kitten Chow	Walmart Gift Card
Stamps for Postage	Kwik Fill Gift Card
Copy Paper (white)	Thrift Shop Volunteers
Hot Dogs	



Oakley



Loki





# Three Wise "Pigs", really?



Once upon a time there were three pigs, Ziggy, Ruby and Lola, Peruvian guinea pigs to be exact. The Trio ended up at PAWS almost a year ago after being abandoned on the Big Four Rd in Glade Township. A dog owner walking his dog found them abandoned on the side of the road and brought them to PAWS. We are looking for a good home for them as they require special food and daily care with lots of brushing and cuddles. Looking for "wise pigs"? We have just what you are looking for!

Ziggy



Ruby



Lola



## Give the Gift of Hope

An Honor Gift is a wonderful way to celebrate the special people, pets and events in your life.....and a Memorial Gift is a beautiful testimony to the life of a beloved person or pet who has passed on. Sponsor a A Kennel in memory of a loved one or pet.



### KEEPING PETS HEALTHY ALL WINTER

Antifreeze and rock salt are poisonous to you and your pet. Don't leave pets in your car in the winter. Your car can get as cold as a freezer. Cats often are found under cars and hoods to keep warm. Make a noise before starting the engine. Keep your pets inside during cold weather. Report animal neglect immediately. Never allow pets to consume chocolate, nuts, alcohol, or fatty foods. No onions, grapes or raisins. Holiday lighting and decorations can pose a serious threat. No tinsel please. Poinsettias, lillies, holly berries and mistletoe are poisonous to pets. Keep your kitties indoors! Outside cats can freeze and become lost or injured. Wipe off your dog's paws, legs and stomach after a walk. Salt or chemicals might make your dog sick.

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## **Dog Obedience Classes**

Winter sessions begin in January 2022 for Basic obedience classes. Call 814-726-1961 or go to [www.pawsalongtheriver.org](http://www.pawsalongtheriver.org) for more information on how to enroll. Make your dog the best he or she can be!



**Paws Along The River accepted Bark Boxes and Toys from Ed Shults Subaru America's adoption program in October.**



**Front row: Lily Suppa dog walking volunteer with Opie, and Troy from Ed Shults,  
Back row: Trustin from Ed Shults, and Michele and Pauleen of PAWS.**