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I spent a year at PAWS waiting for the best home ever and I found it right here in Warren, PA!

ABOUT ENZO



You remember me, my name was "BOO," although kind of a cute name, ~I prefer the title of Enzo. My parents always wanted an Enzo, it only took a few days for them to know I would fit the name. I know PAWS gave me awesome care for the long time I was there. I am the perfect example that you can't judge a dog while in his cage, I acted a bit crazy at times, but that is because I have soooo much energy to make my days fulfilled. I jump really high, I can catch balls & frisbees airborne, I have a fenced in yard that I keep watch over for rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, moles, and the always near neighborhood cats. I am a silly man too. My parents feel just when they think I can't be any cuter, OR smarter, I fool them. They even bought me a pool! What a joy it is on hot days to jump in and cool off, balls are totally required for this. :) Whether inside or out, I am the notifier of all that is happening, even if it is far in the distance, I know who is coming, when my neighbors get a package delivered, when the garbage gets picked up, and EVERY DAY when the mailman arrives. PRETTY COOL am I!! Sometimes, I can be quiet and laid back, but that only happens after much needed

exercise and activity. I hit the jackpot of what life should truly be like for a special little guy like me. I teach my parents just like they teach me, I learn quite quickly!! I am certainly loved and well taken care of at every level. And, I have been told that I have "MAGNIFICENT" ears! Thank you, Ellen! ;)

Thanks to everyone at PAWS who knew I needed that second chance, and to the people that dumped me, you snooze, you lose... LIFE...IS...GOOD!!!

Luv, Enzo Vincenzo Rigatoni Zingone

As the World Changes...

COVID-19 update:

Although, Paws had to make some adjustments for the pandemic, we were here everyday to care for the nearly 70 animals living at the shelter. Because people were home more, our adoption requests increased. PAWS placed safety measures in place for staff and visitors. Masks are required to enter the shelter. If interested in adoption, we will set up an appointment for you to come meet some of our pets.

Our current hours are:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Tuesday by appointment and Saturday 12 pm to 3 pm. Masks and social distancing are practiced inside our facility.

All adoption meet and greets are by appointment only to limit the number of visitors to the shelter at one time.

Pandemic Quarantine Brings Us Closer to our Pets

As the pandemic was forced on us, our private lives changed in many ways. For our pets, they were probably wondering, "Why are my owners around so much?" "When are they leaving for work?", "I need my space." However, many people became closer with their pets and wondered how they would have gotten through the guarantine without the unconditional loyalty and love. Pets enrich our lives in so many ways, but for most, they are a lifeline to calm & peace. Many owners felt less alone, anxious or enjoyed having someone to talk to. Pets give us normality and positivity to our day. Thank you to all of our four-legged friends.



Charlie (aka Blitz) with his dad Jim on a canoe ride



Bentley loves boating and camping with the Geoff's





Holly enjoys time on the water



Paul grooving at the beach



Ellie and her new sister love pool time!

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Happy Birthday, PAWS!



PAWS officially turned 90 years old in 2020! At this time our Anniversary Celebration is on hold due to COVID. Despite that, this milestone in the history of PAWS, or

formerly Warren County Humane Society, is an exiciting one. PAWS was founded in 1930 and incorporated in 1931 as a non-profit organization. We remain the only state licensed kennel in our County, and our mission for finding homes for stray and neglected pets has never wavered. Thank you for 90 wonderful years of support. We look forward to 90 more!

Trapping Do's and Don'ts

PAWS Announces New Website!

Our new website was launched on October 3rd, 2020. This is a fresh new look for PAWS. We are tickled pink with the results. Thanks to Jeff Keller at Eagle Zip in Jamestown, NY, we have an updated site to take us to the future. A generous donation from Juliet Hornburg helped us make this a dream come true. Keep up with PAWS news by visiting our site often.



Angie and Big Emma are excited to help celebrate our new website!

A stray cat has shown up at your home. What do you do? Call PAWS, your Pet Resource and Adoption Center, for assistance and guidance to help you stay safe and help the stray kitty. Traps can be rented for \$1 per day at the Humane Society. If you already own a live trap, you can call us to coordinate bringing the stray to the shelter.

DO's

- Check with your neighbors to see if they are missing a cat.
- Notify neighbors of when you will be trapping so their cats are kept inside.
- Call the Humane Society 814-726-1961 for step by step guidance on best trapping practices.
- Establish a food site and set food in the trap <u>only</u> <u>during specified hours for trapping cats.</u>
- Always be safe when handling the trap; use gloves and/or a towel.
- Once the cat is in the trap they must be taken to the shelter **immediately.**

DON'Ts

- **Don't** try to pick up the cat, it may bite; use traps or carriers.
- **Don't** put out food outside the trap once trapping begins.
- **Don't** trap outside the trapping hours for cats to avoid trapping wild animals.
- Don't leave the cat in the trap for a long period of time. Bring the cat <u>in the trap</u> to the Humane Society as soon as possible.

• Only use large raccoon size traps for cats.

Humane Society Softball Hits One **Out of the Park**!

The 28th Memorial Softball Tourney was held on August 1st. at Betts Park. A total of 14 teams joined in the fun for a 15 hour day of nail biting softball. This was our first all Co-Ed Tournament and everyone loved it! The day was a bit wet, but the games went on. We social distanced as much as possible and helped raise much needed funds for the animals.



Sponsors for the tourney were United Refining Company, Kinzua Veterinary Clinic, American Legion Post #135. We thank all the sponsors, players, and the City of Warren for a great day of ball.



1st Place Winners Jamestown Plastics



2ndPlace Winners Back Shots





Jessi and Ida with their new family the Taylors



Ranger shows off his family the Richardson's

In the Company of Cats & Dogs

Volunteers Are the "Icing on the Cake" for PAWS pets.

We want to thank our loyal volunteers during the past 6 months and reach out to our community for more people to think about volunteering. Can you spare just 1 hour a week or 2 hours a month and come spend time with our cats and dogs. The time our pets spend with a volunteer, helps us in helping them find a home. Pet, play, walk, talk, cuddle, brush and teach them how kind people can be and to trust again. Go to our website and complete our volunteer application and Make a Difference right in your own backyard.

Volunteer at our Thrift Shop too! Don't forget we need help at our Paws and Shop Thrift Boutique. Tagging and sorting our gently used merchandise. If you want to help at home, we offer taking our clothing totes to your home to do this important job. Volunteers keep PAWS strong.



Huck gets a hug from Isaac, his new best friend



Wally enjoys his new home with the Getners



Lisa and Gypsy are a perfect match



Jessi says, Thanks for keeping me inside and safe. Don't let your cat outside

A Safe Cat is A Happy Cat

American's Favorite Pets, cats are playful and loving, aloof and mysterious, and the most frequent occupants of American's animal shelters, CATS are American's most popular pet. Millions of cats make their way to a local shelter so they can be cared for and find a home.

As cat season has been in full swing this summer, we are now seeing an influx of cats coming to the shelter because of the cooler weather. The stray cat is roaming the neighborhood, exposed to diseases, poisons, attacks by other animals, abuse by humans and cars is now suddenly trying to get inside for shelter. Cats are deserving of our protection the same as dogs. But millions of cats suffer and die needlessly because they are allowed to roam. Confine your cat inside or if they must go outside, provide a safe cat friendly enclosure outside for short periods of time. *Google outside cat enclosures for great ideas to keep your kitty safe.*

Grief & the Loss of a Pet

Many of us have experienced the loss of a pet, however the grief that follows from a loss can be different for each individual. The grief from the loss of a pet is a normal response, however grieving is sometimes misunderstood and often the support is not there as it is when there is the loss of a human. The death of a pet does not usually bring about cards, flowers, a memorial service for friends and family. Comments like, "it is just a cat" or "You can get another one," may only add to the grief being experienced. There is help and healing for a pet owner who has lost a pet. Making a charitable donation, planting a tree in



memory, holding a service, creating a memorial photo album or scrap book may help in the healing process and the time it takes to grieve. For more information on grief and the loss of a pet, google articles and ideas to help you move forward.

Pet Cremation Services

Available at PAWS

PAWS offers the public private cremation services for your pet. We are proud of this valuable service for our community. Please call for more information.

Burr... it is getting colder outside

Pet owners are reminded to think about the colder temperatures coming and make plans for your pets health and safety.

Pennsylvania laws require animals have access to shelter to maintain body heat, fresh water, nutritious food, and clean conditions.

Call (814) 726-1961 to report neglect.



Ethel and her new best friend



Hazel is one of many kittens ready for adoption at PAWS



Special Thank You's – These businesses help support our work at PAWS



Kinzua Veterinary Clinic – Veterinary care for PAWS pets Pet Animal Hospital – Veterinary care for PAWS pets

Pampered Pets Grooming and Boarding –

Donations of supplies and grooming of our pets in need. Best Wishes from PAWS



Elijah on his way home with his new mom Wendy



Julie volunteers her time with Marshall helping to rehabilitate





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Shop online and help PAWS pets at the same time!





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Celebrate the Holidays at Paws and Shop Thrift Boutique

The pandemic has changed our plans for the holiday open house this year. Our Christmas fare will be displayed in early November with the same great one-of-a-kind treasures. Be sure you shop Paws and • Shop Thrift and think about purchasing a gift certificate for those special people in your life. Shopping is always a popular and welcome gift.





Adopt Me! "Dobi"