

DAAWG Paws Newsletter



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Thank you:

Thank you to Katie Faulkner for taking professional photographs of our adoptable dogs free of charge! Please check out her website at:

<http://furrbutts.com/>

as well as her blog <http://furrbutts.blogspot.com/>.



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The Forgotten Mamas

It happens every year, in every shelter and rescue across the United States. Mama dogs and litters of puppies come into the shelter for adoption. The cute, cuddly little puppies get adopted very quickly, but the mama dogs are almost always left behind, forgotten in the shelters and rescues. We currently have two mama dogs in our rescue whose pups were quickly adopted, but these wonderful mamas were left behind. Please consider adopting one of these amazing mama dogs!



Momma Pia

Pia is a loveable mixed breed mutt who we found at a kill shelter just after she gave birth to her babies. She was a stray and was never reclaimed, so she and her little family came to DAAWG. While raising her own 5 pups, she took in 4 additional stray pups who needed a mother. She is a great mommy dog and will make an even greater addition to your home. She gets along fine with the other dogs. If her lovely face speaks to your heart, the way it did to ours, then please fill out an application for her today!

Momma Felicity

Felicity is an awesome girl that came to rescue with her newborns. They are grown and gone now and its time for Felicity to find her furrever family. She is about 18months old and still very much a playful puppy. She loves to run in the yard and can make a toy out of anything she finds!! She does very well in her crate and is working hard on leash training. She would do best as an only dog, simply because she plays very rough...its all tackle for this girl..no flag football here. She does seem to do very well with small, but sturdy breeds, playing rough but submissive. She plays often with her friend Sam, a long haired Chi mix about 15lbs!! She would make an outstanding jogging partner.



Happy Tails: Deacon

Deacon is one of the luckiest 'little' pups that we know. When he came into our rescue as a pup from another local animal shelter, he had two badly broken legs from being hit by a car while running as a stray... A kind soul paid for his surgery to repair his legs....Now he's just plain spoiled!

"Our little boy is no longer little. He weighs in at 72 lbs. and is completely spoiled. The chair is my chair but he comes over and looks at me until I get up and he jumps in and goes to sleep. Not in the least spoiled!" —Deacon's Dad



"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."

Dog Days of Summer

While summer is one of the best seasons for you and your pet to play outdoors together, summer can also be a hazardous (and even deadly) time of the year for your pet. Be sure to follow a few simple Summer Care Tips that could save your pet's life.

1. Pet Care Basics: During the summer, be sure to use flea/tick preventatives, as well as heartworm preventative in order to protect your pet from disease-causing insects. Also be sure that if your pet leaves your house (even just to go into the backyard) that he/she is wearing a collar with i.d. tags. No matter how well trained your pet is, there is always a chance that they can escape. Microchipping your pet is yet another way to make sure a lost pet can always find its way home to you.
2. Don't Lock Your Pet In The Car: Leaving your pet in a hot, locked car for any length of time can lead to heat strokes and even death.
3. Back of a Truck = Dangerous: Flying debris can hurt your pet, but also, there is a concern that your pet could jump or fall out of the back of your truck. Plus, this is illegal in some states.
4. Be Aware of Poisonous Plants: According to the Humane Society of the United States, plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be poisonous to your pet. Plus, over 700 types of plants can also be deadly to your pet.
5. Water Hazards: Always supervise your pet around the pool, lake, or ocean. Not all dogs are natural swimmers!
6. Heat Hazards: Please be aware that your pet can burn his/her feet on hot asphalt and get sunburn just like you. If you can't handle the heat, then neither can your pet.

All the information above has been provided by the Humane Society of the United States. For additional information, please visit www.hsus.org.



Volunteer Spotlight

The DAAWG Rescue is always thankful for kind-hearted people that donate not only their money, but also their time and love in order to see homeless pets move on to happy lives. This season, the DAAWG rescue would like to thank **Donna Seward** for all of her hard-work and dedication to the rescue. Donna is our event coordinator. She sets up and runs all of our adoption and fundraising events. She also does a lot of transporting for our rescue. Donna is greatly appreciated by our rescue and all of the homeless animals that she has helped! So thank you, Donna Seward, for doing what you do! Keep up the great work!



Low Cost Spay/Neuter

Having trouble finding an affordable way to spay/neuter your pet? Some local low-cost spay/neuter options include:

- Kent County SPCA in Camden, DE
- Delaware Humane Association in Wilmington, DE
- Delaware SPCA in Newark, DE
- Save The Animal Foundation (STAF) in NJ
- Animal Welfare Association in Voorhees, NJ
- Morris Animal Refuge in Philadelphia, PA
- Pennsylvania SPCA in Philadelphia, PA
- SNAP certificates for DE, PA, NJ, & MD
- Don't forget to e-mail us and ask DAAWG about other state-funded spay/neuter options!

If you want additional information on any of these programs, please feel free to e-mail us at daawgsinc@yahoo.com.



Poet's Corner: Dear Foster Mom by Anonymous

DEAR FOSTER MOM:

There I sat, alone and afraid,
You got a call and came right to my aid.
You bundled me up with blankets and love,
And, when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.

I learned that the world was not all that scary and cold,
That sometimes there is someone to have and to hold.
You taught me what love is, you helped me to mend,
You loved me and healed me and became my first friend.

And just when I thought you'd done all you do,
There came along not one new lesson, but two.

First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go,
I've done all I can, and you've learned all I know."

Then you bundled me up with a blanket and kiss,
Along came a new family, they even have kids!

They took me to their home, forever to stay,
At first I thought you sent me away.

Then that second lesson became perfectly clear,
No matter how far, you will always be near.

And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on,
I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.
But I'll never forget what I learned that first day,
You never really give your fosters away.

You gave me these thoughts to remember you by,
We may never meet again, and now I know why.
You'll remember I lived with you for a time,
I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

Dogs are not
our *whole* life,
but they make
our lives *whole*.



Delaware Alliance for Animal Welfare Groups, Inc.

DAAWG is a 501C 3 tax-exempt animal rescue based out of Delaware, with a network of foster homes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and other surrounding states.

www.daawgs.org

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Donations are Always Needed

The DAAWG Rescue is always in need of the following donations: blankets, newspapers, medical supplies, pet food, paper towels, and of course, monetary donations. If you are interested in donating, or interested in collecting supplies for the rescue, please contact us at daawgsinc@yahoo.com. Also, on our webpage, you can give a donation using your PayPal account. All donations, big and small, are appreciated!



Our Mission

Our Mission is to measurably improve the lives of unwanted domestic animals and to prevent their needless suffering and death; to increase public awareness of the plight of these animals; to rescue, maintain and place animals abandoned to kill-shelters and discarded by volume breeders; and finally, to educate the public about the social issues associated with pet overpopulation and the benefits of spaying and neutering their pets.

Our group's short-term goals are: low cost spay/neuter initiatives through mobile units providing communities with easy access to spay/neuter at a low cost. To become a NO KILL society through spay/neuter laws, public education, elimination of puppy mills, backyard breeders, class B dealers, breed specific legislation, gas chambers and other killing shelters. To encourage aggressive adoption programs with local kill shelters and encourage the public to adopt and not buy from pet stores.

Long term our vision is to create a country-wide network where volunteers from shelters, rescues, transports, vets, and boarding kennels work together nationally to save our pets via a streamlined group of people pulling from shelters, boarding, vetting and transporting to a rescue or loving home. We envision our organization to become a tool to be used to coordinate these efforts and to encourage individuals and organizations to join our group via our yahoo group DAAWGS.

Upcoming Events

Check our website for upcoming events in various locations throughout Delaware in 2009: www.daawgs.org

CALLING ALL DOGS AND DOG LOVERS:

To a Tropical Pooch Paradise
Join us at the 2009 Fido's Festival
Salem County Fairgrounds
August 28 to 30th
Friday 4 pm to 9 pm
Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm



PUPPY MILL AWARENESS DAY
Saturday September 19th, 2009
11:00 AM until 05:00 PM
Intercourse, PA