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## Waggin' Tales

July/August 2013

**Paws Rescue to Help Neuter Community Canines:** Paws Rescue is continuing its Community Canine Neuter program thanks to a generous grant from the ASPCA. This initiative assists senior citizens and those who are disabled or living on a fixed income in the Vicksburg-Warren County community with getting their dog spayed/neutered at a reduced cost.



“We live in a wonderful community with neighbors and friends who provide loving homes to dogs – many of whom they’ve taken in as strays,” said Leigh Conerly, Paws Rescue president. “There are lots of folks willing to give a second chance to a dog in need but sadly do not have the resources to have the dog spayed or neutered. They understand the importance of neutering to prevent unwanted litters and want to do the right thing, but just need a little help. Paws Rescue, with the assistance of this ASPCA grant, hopes to be able to help get these dogs fixed at a reduced rate for those residents who have so graciously opened their hearts and homes to a dog in need.”

“The ASPCA is committed to reducing the issue of homeless pets throughout the nation,” said Laura Lanza, community initiatives director at the ASPCA. “We are happy to provide this grant to Paws Rescue so that they may continue to provide critical low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to local pet owners in need of assistance.”

The Vicksburg-Warren County area has a significant number of homeless dogs and cats, and Paws Rescue, the community's only no-kill pet organization, is working to reduce pet overpopulation in the neighborhood through increased education and awareness, pet sterilization, foster and adoption programs.

Those in the Vicksburg-Warren County community who are senior citizens, disabled or on a fixed income that need to have their dog spayed or neutered should contact Paws Rescue to schedule an appointment with veterinarian. For more information on Paws Rescue's Community Canine Neuter program, please call 601-529-1535 or email Leigh@pawsrescuepets.org.

**Attention all Dog Lovers! Grab Your Leash & Let's Go Walkin'!**

## **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bark in the Park on September 14, 2013**

**Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd Place Winners!**

*Games for Dogs & Owners! Drawings for a Door Prize!*

- Please just one dog per entry
- Dogs must be current on all vaccinations
- All dogs must be on a leash and in control at all times

Paws Rescue Invites You and Your Canine Friend to Join Us at **The Riverfront Park** on the banks of the Mississippi River (next to Ameristar Casino)

Registration begins at 8:30 am and the race begins at 9:00 am. Registration fee is \$15.00 -- Bring a large bag of dry cat food to donate to Paws Rescue feral cat colonies and the registration fee is only \$10.00!

Race T-Shirts with registration (while supplies last). Food from Goldies' Express will be available

**ALL Proceeds Go Directly to the Care of the Critters at PAWS RESCUE!!!**

## ***Thanks and Appreciation***

### **Paws Rescue gives a big Paws Up to:**

River 101, KHits and Vicksburg Special Care Clinic and Pharmacy for hosting and Dr Pepper, Edible Arrangements, Levee Street Market, and KONA ICE of the BAYOU for sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dog Days of Summer Fundraiser to benefit Paws Rescue! More than \$300 was raised for homeless animals!

Woodlawn Day Care Center for hosting a visit from Paws Rescue! And thanks so much for the food and treat donations -- you've made a lot of our pets very happy!

Dianne Gargaro for hosting Paws Rescue's annual yard sale. Thanks to all of those who donated and purchased – Paws Rescue raised just over \$500 to help rescued pets!

Rachel Potter Photography, Uprinting and all of the fabulous sponsors and volunteers who made the Paws Rescue 2014 calendar a reality!

Tractor Supply for inviting Paws Rescue to participate in the National Pet Appreciation Day and Nationwide Adoption Event!



Vicksburg Convalescent Home for collecting, and all of those who generously donated pet food, for Paws Rescue pets in celebration of National Dog Day!



**Thanks and much appreciation to all of the wonderful individuals and business who contribute each month with financial or food donations. Thanks to our volunteers, foster homes and adopters and a special thanks to those businesses who allow Paws Rescue to have donation cans there!**

**Paws Rescue's Life-Saving Progress:** Paws Rescue is committed to saving as many animal lives as possible by promoting life-long adoptions, maintaining an active volunteer foster program and by implementing strong community spay and neuter programs. Paws Rescue's annual 2013 goals are to spay or neuter 580 cats, 173 dogs and to facilitate at least 85 adoptions. These goals reflect a 10 percent increase over 2012 accomplishments. At the end of August, 2013, 64 pets have been adopted, 275 cats were spayed or neutered and vaccinated and 122 dogs were spayed or neutered and vaccinated. Twelve dogs are currently being treated or have completed treatment for heartworms so far this year. Additionally, Paws Rescue assisted in moving 13 dogs from the Vicksburg pound to another rescue and one dog was returned to its owner.

## Paws Rescue -- Pets of the Month



**Mary Carson**



**Luna**

**Mary Carson** is a sweet girl. She was abandoned by her owner but made quick friends with neighbors, who were feeding her but live on a very busy road. They were very concerned that she would be hit by a car, so they asked us to assist in finding her a new safe loving home. She has demodectic mange and has already had a few medical mange dips and is feeling and looking better already. This wonderful, precious girl just wants to be in your lap and be loved.

**Luna** is a kitten who loves to explore new things. She is an active kitten who loves to be loved on or just as content to play with her toys. She was found in a parking lot at a construction site and was trying her best to get someone to notice her and pick her up. One guy finally did and called Paws Rescue. Luna is full of personality and promises to never let you have another bad day in your life. She will make you smile as she wins the heart of everyone who meets her.

For more information about adopting Mary Carson, Luna or any other Paws Rescue pet, contact Leigh at [Leigh@pawsrescuepets.org](mailto:Leigh@pawsrescuepets.org) or phone 601-529-1535. All pets are vaccinated and spayed or neutered prior to adoption. The adoption fee for cats and kittens is \$25.00 and for dogs and puppies the adoption fee is \$100.00. Paws Rescue conducts home visits and checks veterinarian references before finalizing all adoptions.

**CORRECTIONS**

**DOG**

**SIT**

# **OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

**DOWN**

**STAY**

**AKC GUIDELINES**

**Basic Obedience**

**HAVE FUN WHILE YOU TRAIN**

**REGISTRATION**

**(WITHOUT DOGS)**

**September 23, 2013**

**COME**

**HEEL**

**7 P.M.**

**CITY PARK PAVILION**

**Vicksburg, MS**

**INFORMATION — PRE-REGISTRATION**

**601-634-0199**

**Betty Smith**

**601- 456-9709**

**Lindsey Jordan**

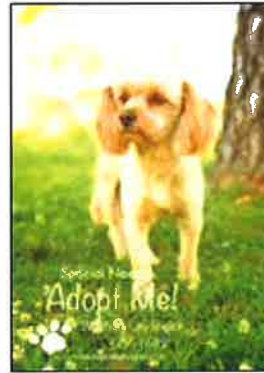
## Featuring Paws Rescue's Happy Tails Adoptions:



**DeDe**



**Anna**



**Chester**



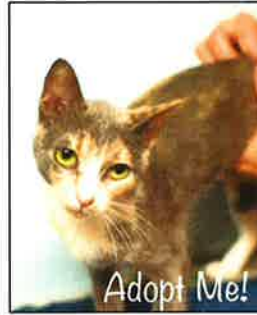
**Lance**



**Gracie Brooks**



**Pistol Annie**



**Jasmine**



**Thelma**



**Barker**



**Dexter**



**Handsome**

These pets have found wonderful new homes! Thanks to our fabulous adopters and foster homes for saving their lives! Wouldn't you like to save the life of a loving dog or cat by adopting a Paws Rescue pet? Give us a call and we can help you find a great addition to your family or take a look at our webpage -- <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MS65.html>!

## FOSTERING & ADOPTING SAVES LIVES!

**Where are they now?** Many formerly homeless pets have gone on, through Paws Rescue's loving care, to find health, happiness and a place to call home. Paws Rescue is printing this segment to highlight some of our rags to riches stories through the years. If you've adopted a pet from Paws Rescue and would like to provide an update and new photos for the newsletter, please contact Bobbie Galford at [bjgalford@comcast.net](mailto:bjgalford@comcast.net).

## Lucy



Looking at the photo of her posted on the Paws Rescue web page, her eyes and face were so sad they just drew me in. I fell in love. A few weeks later, in March of 2011, after heartworm treatments were completed and adoption papers signed, we brought her to her forever home. We named her Lucy, after our favorite redhead. It was obvious she loved to ride. The first trip out, she climbed in between my husband and me, sat down, put her head on his leg and didn't move for the next hour. We loved our Lucy even more as those sad eyes turned happy and she took over our home. It wasn't long before a greeting at the door and a squeaking toy became her way of saying, "I'm happy you're back. Come play with me." Her tail never stopped wagging.

Only one problem existed. Lucy was a "bolter." If the door was opened and she was near it, she was gone. We made several runs through the neighborhood in order to bring her back. She had been on the streets prior to being rescued and taken to Paws, and had not learned this was her "forever home." Once caught, she always came back willingly.

Although she wasn't leash trained, Lucy easily took to a leash and daily walks became a treat for both of us. About three months after Lucy moved in, she became a "Paws Rescuer" herself. As we walked through an open field one afternoon, she began to tug on the leash, pulling me along as she moved toward what turned out to be a small female, long-haired Dachshund curled up in a hole wallowed out in the ground. She was so emaciated; ribs were visible even through the long hair. She was covered in fleas and ticks, and her coat was matted with burs. Although she cowered from me, too weak to run, she responded to Lucy's loving face licks and wagging tail, and soon allowed me to pick her up. As I carried her, Lucy pranced alongside or in front of us, occasionally stopping to stand on her back legs and look at the bundle in my arms. Almost as if to say, "She's mine. I found her."

We had Lucy, and a cat. The last thing on our list of things we had considered at our house was another dog. Once home, as we came into the house, Lucy's excitement increased. Holding it for my husband to see, "Look what Lucy found in a hole in the ground," I said. His response was, "Well, every Lucy needs an Ethel." So immediately she became Ethel.

We attempted to locate an owner. There was no collar, no chip, and we found no flyers. Although she had been seen for several weeks around the area where we found her, even sitting in the street at times, no one knew where she came from. So Ethel became Lucy's BFF, and constant companion on the car rides and daily walks. I don't know a lot of the people in our neighborhood by name, but everyone knows and greets Lucy and Ethel by name. Together they enrich our lives and bring us joy every day.

We discovered, after the fact, that the "girls" are misnamed. Ethel is actually the hyper, into everything, instigator, while Lucy is stable, laid back, and level-headed.

....and Lucy hasn't bolted since Ethel came, and the tail never stops wagging (as you can tell by the photo). Thanks to Paws Rescue, we are one big, happy family.

Nancy Whitten

**Protect your pets.**

**Keep them on flea/tick and heartworm preventative medication year round and ensure both your dog and cat has a collar with identification and/or is microchipped.**

**Make sure your pet visits his/her veterinarian at least once a year for annual vaccinations and a wellness check!**

The much anticipated 2014 Paws Rescue, "Rescued is my Favorite Breed Calendar" is now available for purchase! The calendars feature Paws Rescue rescued animals and display the beautiful and amazing photography of Rachel Potter Photography. The calendars are \$20 each and will make wonderful holiday gifts! To orders, please contact Paws Rescue at 601-529-1535 or email

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Karen Kittrell



Karen and dogs -- Missie, Ace, Delta and Lady.

**Hometown:** Vicksburg, Mississippi.

**Occupation:** I have been a Registered Nurse for 30 years. I currently work with Dr. David Halinski at Vicksburg Pulmonary Clinic.

**Hobbies:** My husband, Marty, and I enjoy traveling, sports, bicycling and singing in our church choir. We have two children who are both students at the University of Southern Mississippi. We are active members at First Baptist Church.

**Pets:** The only pet we have at present is a 2-year-old Dachshund/Chihuahua mix named Missie. I adopted her through Paws from the Vicksburg Shelter. We have two grand-dogs, – Ace (a 4-year-old Black Lab) and Delta (a 4-year-old Chocolate Lab), who visit often. My foster was a Redtick Coonhound named Lady, who has now been adopted.

**What you do for Paws Rescue:** I became involved with Animal Rescue by helping with cross-country transports. I also help with fundraising and fostering.

**Why do you volunteer for Paws Rescue:** I have always loved animals and appreciate the bond that can develop between human and pet. I would one day like to work with therapy dogs.

**Most memorable volunteer experience with Paws Rescue:** Having my foster dog, Lady, and being a part of changing her life from a “street dog with heartworms” to a well-behaved, very loving, healthy sweetheart that was adopted and is now “living the good life.”

**Is there anything else you'd like readers to know:** My wish is that everyone would realize the importance of caring for animals. Spay or neuter your pets. Make certain your pet can be identified if lost either by information on a collar and/or by micro-chipping. I know firsthand how much love an adopted pet can give – so ADOPT! There are thousands of animals just waiting on loving homes.

## The Face of Rescue

All of the dogs and cats rescued by Paws Rescue are in need of some kind of assistance. Some have simply wandered away from home and need a little help reconnecting with owners. Others need to be rehomed when their families can no longer care for them for various reasons. And many have been abused, neglected or simply on their own for so long they are sick, starving and sometimes suffering greatly from injuries and illnesses. Regardless of their condition or circumstances, they ALL matter to Paws Rescue board members, volunteers and supporters, and we do whatever we need to do to save them. Many just need some love, patience and attention to heal a broken soul. Others need extensive medical care. Sadly, the majority need both. Paws Rescue is committed to saving and healing both the visible and invisible scars of misery these helpless animals endure. Please look within your heart and help our efforts. There are numerous ways to assist. Financial donations are always in need for veterinarian care of our rescues. Donations of dry dog and cat food help us feed not only our rescued pets, but feral cat colonies and we also share food with those who are in need. By giving food to those who are having a bit of a hard time, more dogs and cats are able to stay with the families who love them. Volunteering to help with fundraising events, transport and administrative help, as well as sharing our animal stories through your social media pages broadens our reach and ability to better communicate our mission and needs. Fostering a pet in need allows us to save one more. And adopting a rescued pet allows us to save two more – the one who finally found the perfect home and the one who will now have a foster home because of the adoption.



### Meet Lucy!

A couple of months ago, Lucy wandered up to a house in the country. She was alone, hungry and suffering. Lucy has demodectic mange which was making her skin itchy, raw and extremely sore. She has also been diagnosed with heartworms, which if left untreated, can be fatal. Lucy quickly won the hearts of the residents whose house she had come up on and they decided to foster this sweet girl if Paws Rescue could fund her medical expenses and find her a forever home once she was all well. That is an offer Paws Rescue would NEVER say no to! Lucy is a grateful little girl and knows her life has been changed and saved by lots of caring individuals. Lucy is extremely sweet and has a lot of love offer a forever family. Paws Rescue will ensure Lucy is treated for her mange and heartworms and she will also be vaccinated and spayed. Her medical costs will be extensive, so if you could donate a few dollars to help this amazing gal out, she would be most appreciative – and so would Paws Rescue! Lucy will be available for adoption just as soon as she is well. If you are interested in providing Lucy with a loving, forever home, please contact us for an adoption application!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & Other Paws Rescue Information:

**Vicksburg Fall Festival: Saturday, October 5 from 9:30 am until 4 pm, downtown Vicksburg.** Please come visit Paws Rescue rescued dogs and show your support for homeless pets. Paws Rescue will have their 2014 "Rescued is my Favorite Breed" calendars available for purchase!

**National Feral Cat Day: Wednesday, Oct 16.** Paws Rescue will celebrate feral cats during the entire month of October. Donations to assist with the Paws Rescue Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program are greatly appreciated. Have stray or feral cats that need to be fixed? Please call Paws Rescue at 601-529-1535 for assistance!

**Paws Rescue's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spooky Pooch Costume Contest: Saturday, October 26** beginning at 2 pm at the Outlets of Vicksburg.

**Dry Cat Food Desperately Needed:** Paws Rescue is currently caring for several extremely large feral cat colonies. All of the cats have been vaccinated and have also been or soon will be spayed and neutered to ensure the colonies don't get any larger, but we are in desperate need of dry cat food to feed all of these untamed furries. If you can donate a bag on a monthly basis or even donate just one bag, these outdoor cats and Paws Rescue caretakers would surely appreciate it. For more information or to drop off or have someone pick up cat food, contact Leigh at 601-529-1535 or Dianne at 601-883-9913.

**Homes/barns needed for outdoor cats:** A feral cat will keep your barn rodent free for the price of daily cat food, and you'll be helping to save a life! We have several beautiful, healthy, neutered and vaccinated feral cats that are looking for outdoor homes with a barn, shed, or other shelter. If you would like to adopt a barn cat (or several) e-mail us at [Leigh@pawsrescuepets.org](mailto:Leigh@pawsrescuepets.org) or call 601-529-1535.

### Yes! I want to help homeless pets.

My donation to assist with the medical costs of rescued pets cared for by Paws Rescue is enclosed. (Please send to Paws Rescue, PO Box 13, Redwood, MS 39156.) You can also donate or sponsor individual Paws Rescue pets online at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MS65.html> Paws Rescue is a 501(c)3 organization and your donation is tax deductible.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00      \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00      \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be contacted about volunteering for Paws Rescue.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about fostering a rescued pet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory  
Of

**Linda Cole**

from

*Cathy Watts*

**Geneva Quick**

from

*Allison Ameen*

**Verna Peregoy**

from

*Jeanne Simmons Kelley*

**Diane Cochran**

from

*Barbara Hearn*

**Barbara Stennett**

from

*Barbara Hearn  
Janet Nelson*

**Ginny Coleman**

from

*Bobbie Galford*

**Tabby**

Beloved Pet of

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Floyd

from

*Tracy Chaney*

**Kelly**

Beloved Pet of

Willie & Andrea Hughes

from

*Allen & Joan Leese*

**Dixie**

Beloved Pet of

Natalie Bailess

from

*Jill Upchurch*

**Mason**

Beloved Pet of

Brent & Lauren Cappaert

from

*Jill Upchurch*

**Leave a Legacy of Your Love for Rescued Pets:** If you would like to consider leaving a monetary donation to Paws Rescue in your Last Will and Testament, simply contact your attorney. If you do not yet have a Will, your attorney can draw one up for you that will include the language to leave the donation to Paws Rescue to help rescued pets in need. If you already have a Will, a Codicil can be drafted, which is basically a simple amendment to your already existing Will. For more information, contact Paws Rescue board member Leslie R. Sadler, Esq. at (601) 636-5433.

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