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PLACING PAWS

"in the hearts of their Forever Homes"

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As the cold returns to our neighborhoods, Placing Paws again thinks of our adoptive and foster families. Not just for their generosity in times of need – when Miley needed a safe place to give birth to her six beautiful puppies, or when Bob Marley and John Lennon needed safe transport to a loving recovery home – but also when we look at our own frosted backyards. We think of you now because we know that your homes, bursting with love, are also full to the brim with bouncy energy from the pets you have saved with your love. And boy do we know what that feels like!

The Holidays are just around the corner once more, and for us this time full of happiness is also a great time for reflection. Each year seems to bring its own challenges in animal rescue and this year was no different.

With your support we rescued 214 dogs and cats so far in 2014!

We have partnered with Spay and Stay and have rescued 24 cats and kittens from Lake County alone. 2014 reminds us of truly remarkable rescue stories, but also of our unexpected medical expenses.

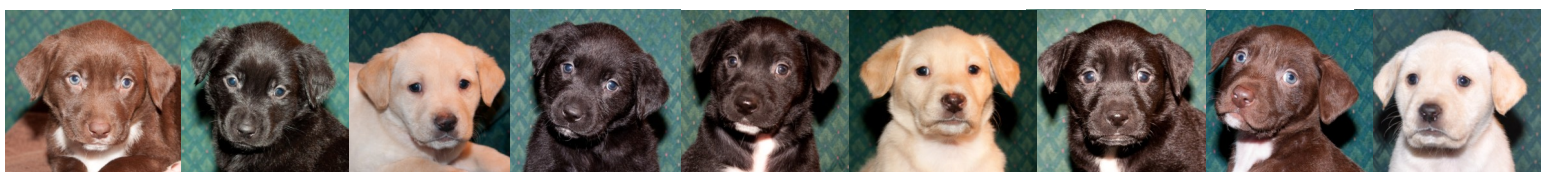
"Miley"



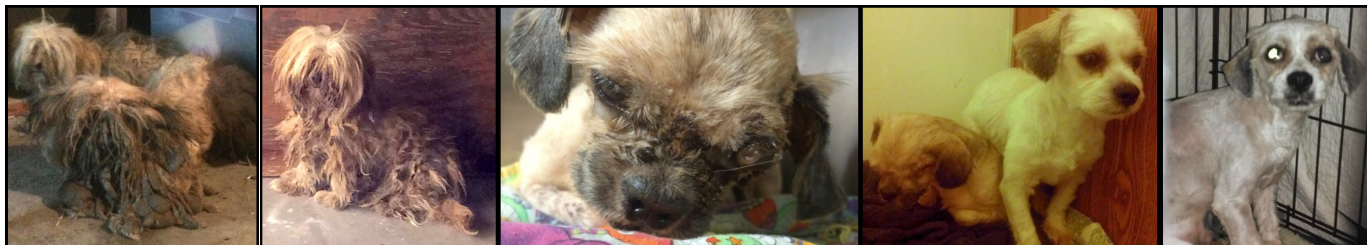
Miley, a pregnant Papillon/Chihuahua mix, was abandoned by her owner because they were moving and didn't want to take her along. The young mom-to-be had already had three litters and contracted heartworm disease when they decided to give her up at age four. Today, maybe the only one happier for Miley to have a new lease on life than Placing Paws is Miley herself. This snuggle bug loves all people, as well as other dogs, and is a terrific mama dog. At 12 pounds and with a beautiful long white coat Miley delivered six healthy puppies on October 28th. Each puppy will be ready for adoption right around the New Year. After her pups are in their new homes, mama Miley can be spayed and treated for her heartworm disease. Then she's ready for her final chapter as a furry best friend!



"Sage and her kids" Sage was a loved inside dog; that was until she had puppies. Once the puppies were born, the new family was put outside as the fall began to chill. This is no way for newborn pups, or a mama trying to take care of her babies, to live! When the puppies were a mere 5 weeks old, the landlord told the family "no dogs" and they had to "get rid of them" that day. Our rescue partner in Missouri came to their immediate rescue and a special transport was arranged to get them to Placing Paws. Sage, a lab mix, is the most incredible companion dog. She is caring, sweet and gentle. Her puppies are learning from the best and are becoming just like her. She has 9 healthy, beautiful lab mix puppies thriving in foster care. Without Placing Paws this family would have been abandoned in an overcrowded shelter.



"Bob Marley and John Lennon"



In September two young boys in SE Missouri found Bob and John abandoned in the brush while they were fishing. Like many young pups in the area, their owner likely dumped them once they passed their prime breeding years. Both boys were in terrible physical and emotional shape. Bob's face, eye and groin were infested with maggots. Both dogs were matted to the skin with filthy hair, Bob's so bad it was in dreadlocks. Even after the turmoil they have been through, these sweet dogs are learning to move past their fear and are learning to trust humans. We don't take the easy way out, so instead of turning our backs on these rock stars we gave them an encore. Once cleaned up Bob and John appear to be Shih Tzu's. They are a bonded pair and they have been extremely lucky to be accepted into the most amazing caring foster home we could find! Both of them will need to be treated for heartworms as soon as they are healthy enough to handle the treatment. Unfortunately Bob lost one of his eyes from the maggot infestation but he continues to improve daily. These two have a long way to go but the strides they have made since late September is nothing short of miraculous! These once terrified dogs now choose to be out of their crate, wagging tails, and playing with their foster brothers and sisters. You can read more of their story and see updates on our website and Facebook page.

"Hope"

Placing Paws was contacted by a local vet who was caring for a very sick pregnant dog. It was determined that mama was not healthy enough to carry her



pups full term nor would she be able to nurse them after birth. Hope and Samson were born premature by c-section on 9-25-14 and weighed just 5 and 7 ounces when they were born. Sadly, Samson lost his battle after just 10 days, but our little Hope is a fighter! For four weeks she was tube fed round the clock until she was old enough to drink formula from a bowl and eat soft food. By 8 weeks she was eating crunchy puppy kibble and weighed 5 pounds! This little puppy is full of spunk and curiosity! Hope loves to play, whether its wrestling her stuffed toys, a game of tug, chasing a tennis ball or exploring in the yard. All that playing is hard work for a girl, thou and when she's all played out she loves nothing more than snuggling up for a good nap! Hope loves to be with people and is respectful of her foster siblings, both canine and feline. She loves to play with the big kids (3 springer spaniels) especially Wrigley who puts up with her tug of war with his ears and even shares his dog bed for naps! Hope sleeps the night, is being crate trained, has a great start on potty training and is learning "sit". We are all so proud and excited for all that Hope has accomplished! Hope - healthy, happy and strong! Hope has an amazing spirit and a whole lot of love to give. Our cute and cuddly puppy would love nothing more than a family of her very own to continue her amazing journey! Hope is an incredible little pup and touches everyone she meets with her special story.

UPDATE 12-8-14 Miracle Puppy Hope found her forever family and we could not be more happy with her new special family.

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The change of season always reminds us of our adopters and fosters. We think of your warm hearts, your caring homes, but mostly we think of your generosity. Placing Paws changes lives one adoption at a time, and you can help Placing Paws continue to save lives with your donation this holiday season. Every dollar raised this winter will help Placing Paws to continue our mission of saving lives in need and warming the homes and hearts of the families who adopt our healthy and happy pets.

We ask for your continued support so that we can strive to save even more in 2015!

Please go to www.PlacingPawsRescue.org to make a donation

All of us at Placing Paws wish you peace in this holiday season.

Christie, Cindy, Jeanne and Becky

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