

PLACING PAWS

"in the hearts of their Forever Homes"

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1000 More Stories . . .

Dear friend and pet lover,

Every rescued animal comes with its own unique story. What many share is their stop at Placing Paws on their journey to a forever home. With your support, we have the chance to improve the lives of homeless pets. While our foster families provide pets with the nurturing and loving homes they need to recover and prepare for adoption, donations from our community fuel each pet's recovery with specialized medical care, food and training. Every day we remember the feelings of joy and accomplishment that accompanied our 1,000th adoption last summer – a fete made possible by the support of Placing Paws' community of donors, adoptive & foster families, and volunteers.

Joining in our excitement, an anonymous donor contributed a \$1,000 cash prize to our summer raffle which helped us to raise \$7,254.51 in 2013. Since then, your generous gifts <u>provided vital medical funding</u>, food and supplies to Placing Paws as we continued our mission and <u>rescued and rehabilitated 95 dogs and 37 cats</u> since the end of last summer. These pets are some of our favorite recent success stories:

<u>Placing Paws rescued Major</u> a senior yellow lab from a shelter in rural Illinois. After spending his whole life chained



to a barn, Major sprung free from his lock and was soon picked up by the Sheriff. His family "just couldn't deal with him anymore" and didn't claim him from animal control. Placing Paws rescuers acted quickly to transport Major into the loving care of a foster home, where he received treatment for malnourishment and injuries to his neck from his heavy chains. This year, spring finally sprung for Major who celebrated Memorial Day weekend travelling to his new home in Virginia with a human sister and two golden retrievers to spend his senior days with.

<u>Nugget was found</u> by a Placing Paws volunteer on a job site. He had been abandoned by his mother at three weeks old. Placing Paws found him a foster home that could bottle feed him. He has thrived In his foster home and is available for adoption.



Roxie liked to chase cars, and that didn't turn out so well for her. As a homeless pet, there was no one to keep her



safe and she broke her leg in a hit and run. She spent several days hiding in a dog house before anyone called a rescuer in local SE Missouri. Placing Paws organized a special transport for Roxie, so that we could have her leg attended to. Roxie also tested positive for heartworm — a common disease in unloved pets. With a combination of soft and hard casts, lots of leash walking and rest Roxie's leg has healed up very nicely. Following her heartworm treatment and spay she was adopted into a loving family.



<u>Sparky was found</u> in the dead of winter in the snow. His owner was located but admitted he really didn't want him anymore so the finder took him home and contacted Placing Paws. We took Sparky into our program and he is patiently waiting in his foster home for his forever family. Sparky is a cute little guy, guessed to be about 7 years old. He is a wonderful walking companion and is great with dogs of all shapes and sizes.

Jesse was saved from a high kill shelter on the day she was supposed to be euthanized. At only 10 months old, she hadn't had the chance to get into any puppy mischief, meet her human best friend, track mud through a house, or brighten a stranger's day on her afternoon walk - there is something so special about her and everyone that meets her falls instantly in love. After a 3-day hospital stay to recover and wonderful round the clock care from her foster family she rallied. Within just a few weeks she went from homeless to the loving companion of a wonderful forever home.



To save more lives like these, we need your help. When Placing Paws rescues sick, injured or elderly pets we make a promise to them that we will get them healthy and happy in a new home. Because of our commitment to providing the best care available, our adoption fees only cover about 50% of the cost for each of our animals.

With continued support from our anonymous friend,
Placing Paws is happy to announce the second annual
1,000 More Stories Summer Raffle.
Included in this letter is our gift to you —
one free purple raffle ticket.
Please mail the purple ticket back to be included in the drawing.

An additional ticket has been included for you to sell to a friend or purchase yourself. To purchase more tickets please go to our website: www.PlacingPawsRescue.org or contact us at PlacingPaws@Yahoo.com Your purchase will help us create the beginning of 1000 more stories.

1 Ticket for \$10.00 3 for \$25.00 10 for \$50.00

Will you take this opportunity to provide life-saving financial support to Placing Paws with your tax-deductible donation?

Completed tickets may be mailed to:

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P.S. The winning ticket will be pulled September 7th at Dock's Bar and Grill in Wauconda – make sure to join us at our favorite summer fundraiser!