



PAW Shakes

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Bingo's Ice Cream Date

By Linda Bren

Bingo was about 3 years old when I adopted him from PAW. No one knew all of the Coonhound's history, but it clearly had not been a good life. Bingo was afraid of people—he trembled a lot and didn't want to come out of his crate. When he finally did, he would run and hide under the dining room table and watch everyone from his safe place. I'd try to lure him out with treats, but no treat was ever tempting enough.

Bingo loved the company of my other dogs, but he wouldn't eat in the kitchen with them. He'd retreat to the bedroom near his crate, so I'd put his food bowl there. He always cleaned his plate. Months passed, then years. Bingo now runs into the kitchen to eat. He greets me when I come home from work, enjoys having his ears scratched and gently taking a treat from my hand. And he's OK with meeting people who come to the house.

I thought my sweet boy might be ready for a group obedience class, especially since he likes the company of other dogs, but at the first class, he shook the whole time and wouldn't take a treat. So I took one of my other dogs to the next class with Bingo, leashed Bingo to the piano in the room, and trained near him with my other dog. Bingo finally stopped shaking. By the end of the 8-week course,

he was relaxed enough to lie on a blanket and watch the class. But he still wouldn't take a treat, so training there was out of the question.

Bingo seems happiest when he's running around the backyard as I shout, "Go-go-go Bingo!" Every time I shout, he runs faster and has a big grin on his face. Sometimes he'll slow down for a moment to pick up his red rope toy, run with it, then drop it 10 feet away from me. Then I "retrieve" the toy, throw it across the yard, and watch Bingo race around again. Go-go-go Bingo!

When a friend with a Golden Retriever asked me to meet them at a dog-friendly ice cream place, I took Bingo. He sniffed the Golden in the parking lot and wagged his tail happily. The Golden reciprocated. But when he stood in line with me, Bingo tucked his tail. My friend ordered her ice cream and got a complimentary ice cream "sundae" (a small scoop of vanilla ice cream with a dog biscuit in



Bingo and friend

it) for her Golden. At first, I refused a sundae for Bingo, explaining that he'll only eat in the comfort of his home.

But I took the ice cream anyway, thinking the Golden could have an extra one. We all sat on the grass, away from the crowd and the Golden slurped up the doggie sundae while Bingo watched. I put a sundae in front of Bingo and, to my astonishment, he started licking it cautiously. Then he licked some more. And more! He ate almost all of it!

Some people are pleased when their dog retrieves a ball or rolls over on command. My dog eats ice cream in public and I'm over the moon. Go-go-go Bingo!

Delila—Looking for a Home

Delila, a 2-year-old Pointer mix, was hit by a car and ended up with a badly broken leg. For days after the accident, her owner—instead of taking her to a vet—left her outside in the yard, surrounded by debris and without even the basics, such as shelter or water. Thankfully, a concerned neighbor called and reported her lack of care and Animal Control took her away. Delila spent the next 2 weeks at the shelter, awaiting a rescue organization willing to fix her leg. Thanks to our wonderful supporters who sent in donations, PAW was able to take her in and get her the treatment she so badly needed.

Due to the nature of the break, Delila required tricky orthopedic surgery as the fracture was just above the first joint of her front leg. Thankfully, the surgeon felt she could save the leg despite the precarious location of the



Delila with her fixator

break. The surgery required cleaning out the cartilage that had started forming through the self-healing process and the use of pins and an external fixator to stabilize the fracture. The fixator and pins remained in her leg for 6 long weeks. During this time Delila

received physical therapy and had to be on cage rest and restricted exercise. A hard request to make of a young pup!

A few days after Delila's surgery she stopped eating and tests revealed that on top of the broken leg she had also come into contact with parvovirus. This is a very serious illness from which young and unvaccinated dogs are at risk. Delila spent several days under 24-hour emergency care, receiving IV fluids and antibiotics, followed by another week of isolation while she finished shedding the virus and finally tested negative.

Poor Delila has had a lot of bad luck in her short life so far, but we are working hard to change that. Throughout her whole ordeal, this sweet dog has maintained her loving temperament and now she is ready for the wonderful forever home that all PAW volunteers dream about for these precious dogs. ***Can you help her find it?***



Happy Endings

One of the best parts of being a PAW volunteer is helping our animals find their forever homes. We recently asked some adopters of our furry friends for updates on how they're doing. Here are a few of the stories we received.

A New Beginning for Coco

By Madilyn and Charles Benrubi

When our older dog died, just after Thanksgiving 2008, we knew that our younger guy, Roscoe, would need a companion to help keep him fit and occupied. Little did we know how much Coco would change his life. We never could have dreamed how fortunate we were to have Coco enter our lives.

We met Coco at a PAW adoption show on Valentine's Day 2009, after seeing her online, on the PAW website. She is a German Shepherd mix, like Roscoe, but bigger than he is. Coco was severely underweight at that time, but had a beautiful face; she also seemed to be very shy. The PAW volunteers told us that she was just starting to recover from the effects of abandonment and multiple illnesses. They voiced some concern that she might not recover if she was not adopted soon. She and Roscoe

traded sniffs and appeared to get along so we proceeded with a quick adoption. As we all settled into our new life together, Coco turned out to be a real surprise—far from being shy and retiring, she quickly regained her health to become a happy, gregarious addition to our household.

Roscoe wasn't pleased at first, when Linda from PAW brought Coco to her new home, but after a couple of days and a good romp in the snow, Coco accepted him as the alpha dog. This was a new experience for Roscoe, who at 10



years old had never been a leader. Even now, after 2 years together, Coco follows him around like a puppy. Roscoe has slowed down quite a bit recently; he is arthritic and has other, more serious health issues. At 70 lbs, Coco could easily knock him over in her exuberance, but she seems to sense his vulnerability and gives him space to maneuver from room to room. At feeding time, she won't start eating until Roscoe begins and she turns down treats unless Roscoe gets one first.

Coco is very affectionate with us and loves attention. She is the first one up every morning and comes into our bed-

room to wake us up with the thumping of her tail against the door and a few licks on the elbow. She likes to snooze in Madilyn's office while she is working, and in the family room with both of us after dinner. She nudges us when she wants a scratch behind the ears and she gives kisses freely.

Sadly, Coco showed signs of having been mistreated in her earlier life. She would hide whenever we took out a broom or a rake or anything with a long handle. She would recoil and growl when touched on her hips or her tail, but she has overcome both of those issues and has learned that we are trustworthy. She is curious about (and underfoot) whatever household or garden chores we are doing.

Coco looks for any excuse to run—squirrels, rabbits, or just energetic circles around the yard—and she does a happy dance whenever we reach for her harness and leash. Her exuberance was a problem on walks at first, but she is very smart and learned to heel on command within her first couple of days. The only residual problem has been her protectiveness while on leash. Sometimes it requires extra effort to get her attention when she sees another dog while on a walk, but Coco loves dog parks. She is very interested

in other dogs and just wants to play.

Her many nicknames—Happy Dancer, Thumper (for her ever-thumping tail!), and Tigger to name a few—are a testament to her high-spirited, fun-loving nature. We couldn't be happier or more in love with Coco, or more grateful to PAW for giving us the chance to have her in our lives.

Gordy and his New BFF

By Matthew and Lindsay Newman



Adopting Gordy was a wonderful moment in our lives. It's very rewarding knowing the difference we made in one dog's life by adopting him from PAW. At first it was tough, as Gordy seemed to have no house manners at all. We worked really hard at potty and obedience training, and as he started to improve we gave him more and more trust. Now Gordy is very obedient and we don't have any problems at all. He loves our daily walks, enjoys going to the dog park on occasion, and always has a great time when we go camping.

Most importantly, Gordy is a great companion for our 1-year-old daughter, Hannah. She pets him, climbs on him, and every chance she gets she tries to pull on his long ears. Gordy



Next PAW Bingo is Sunday, August 14th

PAW's Bingo fundraisers are a great way to have fun and help the animals at the same time! This summer's Bingo will be a Coach and Vera Bradley Bingo.

First-time players are welcome—complete instructions will be provided to all. So grab a few pals and join us for prize-winning fun and entertainment!

What: Play Bingo and win valuable Coach and Vera Bradley bags! Door prizes and special games are also included. Raffle tickets and snacks are available to purchase.

When: Sunday, August 14, 2011. Doors open at 1:00 pm; the 1st bingo game begins at 2:00 pm. Admission: \$15.00 in advance or \$17.00 at the door.

Where: The Bowie Elks Lodge, 1506 Defense Highway, Gambrills, MD 21054.

For more information, watch the PAW website www.paw-rescue.org or e-mail amy.bleich@verizon.net

See you there!



Max and friends

isn't phased by this at all; he just lays there and sneaks in a lick when he thinks we are not looking.

All in all, Gordy is a great addition to our family and if we had the room we would adopt more, but until that time we will stick with our Gordy, our cat, Captain, and our rabbit, Coconut. And for those who were wondering, "Yes, the three of them do play together in the backyard."

Max's Story

Max is a very big dog, maybe a mix of Boxer and Great Dane, who knows? When Max was young he lived in a home, with a family. Sadly, however, as so often happens, the novelty wore off, or perhaps he just got too big, so he ended up chained outside, 24/7. Sad and lonely, Max would bark and grumble at the end of his chain and because of his size people were afraid and so avoided him, leaving him lonelier than ever. Years went by and he finally ended up at the local shelter, and there he stayed for another year. Nobody wanted a big, middle-aged dog. But the shelter manager loved this gentle soul and understood that Max was desperate for human companionship and love. She worked to get him into a rescue and so he came to PAW.

PAW Dog Coordinator Sue Silver knew he was going to be a challenge—a very large dog who was by now 8 years old, with funny ears and a stump

of a tail. Another 6 months passed, with no adopter in sight, but then PAW was approached by Brighton Gardens of Columbia, an assisted living facility, looking for a calm, gentle dog as a companion for the residents. Sue realized

this might just be Max's big chance. Max's affectionate and gentle nature was in his favor and even his size might be an advantage, as everyone could pet him without having to reach down. Sue took him to meet the residents, who joked that this was Max's "job interview." He passed with flying colors. In March of this year, the nearly 100 residents and staff of Brighton Gardens welcomed their newest four-legged and furry resident into their home.

To begin with, no one was entirely sure that all the residents would feel comfortable with Max, as, at first glance, he can appear a little intimidating. Of equal concern was whether Max would feel comfortable with the residents, some of whom require walkers or wheelchairs. But soon, any doubts were dispelled as the residents quickly came to love their big-hearted new friend. Of course, there was still some training to be done at the community, as Max had to learn the rules of the home—no dogs in the dining room, no peeing on the big potted plants in the communal room, and no sneaking out of the big glass front door unaccompanied. Happily, now, all is well. As Sheila Kiani, activities & volunteer coordinator of Brighton Gardens (pictured center with Max and two of his favorite residents), says "Max is a real joy to have around and is getting lots of

love!" As all his PAW buddies know, that is all he ever wanted.

The Power of a Tail

By Jan Walters and Greg Hardin

It wasn't long after adopting DeeDee that we learned about the power of that particular tail! DeeDee's tail is lethal. First of all, it's at the perfect level to smack Cal, the family cat, right in the face. Then there's Greg's collection of guitars, displayed around the house; DeeDee's tail can hit the strings of any one of them with such ferocity that the sound practically knocks you off your chair. Furniture, doors, dishwashers, small children—you name it, DeeDee's tail has pounded it.

The most dangerous situation is during parties. When DeeDee decides to join the gathering, no wine glass is safe (which means neither is the carpet). "Look out! Here she comes!" someone will yell as everyone laughs and lunges for their glass.

But the most enlightening moment came one day as we walked DeeDee down our street. A neighbor stopped us and remarked, "I can always tell it's DeeDee coming because I see the white tip of her tail waving back and forth." "Well," Greg replied, "she only wags her tail when she's happy." That's when we realized she wags her tail ALL the time. And that's the power of a tail.



DeeDee

In Memory of Samba

By Denise Machado



Samba

It all began 12 years ago, when I got a call from Amy Bleich, asking me if I could foster a dog for PAW. At that time, I already had six dogs from Montgomery County Humane Society, but a brindle Pointer mix really needed help—she was struggling for her life in a vet hospital, having been found in an empty apartment, very emaciated (just 28 pounds, for a dog who got to be 70 pounds) and with a big cut on her leg. She almost didn't make it, but her spirit and love for life kept her going. When I picked her up, she was just bones, sad eyes, ears eaten by fleas and bugs, and physically weak (but not in spirit!).

My husband and Samba became best buddies! Despite not getting along with my other dogs (Samba was toy and food aggressive—no sharing!) that was not a problem. She was kept apart from the others, but she was the one chosen to jog with my husband every day. She loved car rides, walks, and her backyard. Other than the resource guarding, she was the 'perfect' dog; she never chewed anything except her bones and toys. With a lot of TLC,

Samba became a beautiful and loving dog, but because of her pit ancestry, she was never placed and so we finally adopted her.

Samba's birthdays were celebrated every May 6th, the day she came to our family 12 years ago, with cakes and candles and pictures! She seemed to enjoy every moment! And two weeks ago, when we sang happy birthday for the last time, she was as happy as she could be. She ate pound cake for dessert and had mashed potatoes, rice, carrots and scrambled eggs for lunch—her favorite! Later that month, she peacefully passed away, surrounded by all of us.

My advice to anyone is to stretch out your hands and hearts and foster or adopt an animal. They give you so much in return. Samba was the love of our lives and was part of a beautiful friendship, between us and a dog, and between my family and Amy. Thank you for that, Samba. You became the brightest star in the sky.

In Memory of Kisses



Kisses

Kisses went to the Rainbow Bridge on March 15, 2011, just short of her 20th birthday. PAW rescued her from the shelter when she was 6 years old.

When she was 10, Michael and Ellen Kowalski became her foster parents, and later adopted her. Michael and Ellen say: "We had 9 wonderful years with the sweetest, most loving and loyal of cats, who made her home in our laps and in our hearts. Everyone who knew Kisses loved her. We are deeply grateful to PAW for saving her life and making those 9 wonderful years possible."

In Memory of Castor



Castor

Castor and Pollux were brothers, adopted by Jackie & Randy Holmes in 2001 from a PAW show in Rockville, MD. From the beginning, Castor was the very independent and the dominant but always loving brother. Castor passed away in October 2010, due to congestive heart failure, but his spirit lives on in his brother Pollux. Jackie writes: Castor was a sweet, and always curious cat. I can still see him checking out the toolbox whenever a repairman showed up. Castor and Pollux could almost always be found together, looking out the window. We have good memories of a wonderful cat. Many thanks to the Takoma Park Animal Hospital for the wonderful care they provide.



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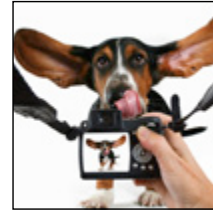
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PAW is seeking photos of adopted PAW cats and dogs for our sixth annual PAW Calendar for 2012.

Snap away and send your high resolution photo via e-mail (around 2 Mb size preferable) to amy.bleich@verizon.net. The contest ends August 15, 2011, so don't delay. Only one submission is allowed for each adopted PAW pet. As a plus, for those with multiple PAW pets, you get an extra submission for a group shot.

Hint: dog/cat and holiday/theme photos are a plus!

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