

Educate, Cultivate and Don't Procreate!



Redefining Rescue

By Kim Adkins

When we started iPAW just twelve months ago, we knew we wanted to broaden the definition of traditional rescue – going beyond placements to remove the barriers of ownership, provide systemic support tools and advocate for animal welfare. We were not sure how these goals would manifest, but we knew our common vision coupled with a desire to understand and mitigate underlying issues affecting animal wellbeing was a catalyst for change.

It started quickly, with transports, transitions, and vet visits, which are still very much a part of our mission. But soon, we found those unique circumstances that allowed us to reinvent our rescue services for the greatest gains. One of our shelter partners, in an underserved and under resourced area, lacked a walk-on scale that would enable accurate weight measurement – a critical component to determine medication doses. iPAW provided funds to purchase a scale for the shelter.

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We were contacted in December about an injured dog surrendered to a vet that would need ongoing medical care. While the likelihood of finding owners or adoptive homes for injured animals is low, we took her into our program and became the guarantor.

And, when an owner called us to surrender their beloved Brodie, we quickly learned that it was a devastating choice between the dog's healthcare costs and the owners desire to keep their pet. Through the support of our iPAW network, we were able to keep Brodie in his home while he received medical treatment. While Brodie succumbed to his condition, his legacy now lives on through Brodie's Fund (*article below*).

The coming year will most certainly present opportunities to redefine traditional rescue and deliver on our mission to promote quality pet care through our programs. We're energized by the prospects and thankful to our ever-growing family who make this work possible.

Brodie's Story

By Kim Adkins

Brodie is an incredibly special boy whose story did not have the ending we had hoped, but he touched us in a way that will help companion pets like him for years to come. You see, Brodie was a young Pit Bull Terrier with a beautiful spirit and kind personality but an extremely poor physical condition. His loving family discovered at 15 months of age Brodie was having epileptic seizures for which they sought immediate medical attention.



2023 Goals

- Expand foster base
- Develop transport resources in Morgantown, WV and Cumberland, MD
- Increase administrative support
- Begin grant submissions following 990N application
- Web site launch
- Develop training manual for new adopters
- Provide quarterly newsletter

NOTE:

If you would like to lead or participate in one of these initiatives, please email iPAWinc2022@gmail.com

“The future begins on what you do today”

- Mahatma Gandhi

Brodie's Story (cont.)

Just as Brodie started to get his seizures under control, he developed large welts on his skin which required additional testing and a special diet. With two other family pets, and the mounting medical and dietary requirements Brodie's family feared they were going to have to give him up to get him the new and expensive items he needed.

Brodie's veterinarian is part of the iPAW network and asked if we could help. When Brodie's story posted two people came forward pledging financial assistance (one on an on-going, monthly basis). Brodie remained with his loving family until he passed quietly at home following a seizure.

Brodie's Fund was developed to honor Brodie and to help others like him. Donations made to this fund keep companion pets in their current homes while providing medical or physical assistance, so that families do not need to choose between providing a loving home or lifesaving care.

To donate to Brodie's Fund, you can PayPal to iPAWinc2022@gmail.com or mail a check to iPAW 107 Curtis Court Catlettsburg, KY 41129 and specify Brodie's Fund in the memo. All donations are 100% tax deductible and 100% of these funds are used to keep companion pets in their homes during vulnerable situations. Applications for Brodie's Fund must be made by veterinarians and each case reviewed by iPAW's Board of Directors.

In Memoriam

"No longer by my side, but forever in my heart."



Chief



Maggie

Year End Statistics



66 Adoptions

94 Network Assists

(i.e., Rescue collaborations, medical support, direct placements, etc.)

7 Dogs in Adoption Program Currently

Taking a Paws for Seniors

By Kim Adkins

Thousands of senior dogs are left alone after the passing of their human family members, or because their humans need to move in with family members, assisted living or other facilities where their beloved pets cannot accompany them. Chances of these dogs ending up in a shelter where they are the last to be adopted or in a situation where they are prematurely euthanized is high.



The thought of losing a pet or the expense that may be required to care for an older pet sometimes serves as a deterrent to them receiving a loving second family. Even when rescues step forward to take them, foster homes can and do become scarce as these older dogs are taking longer to find adoptive homes. iPAW developed a program to match these orphaned pets with potential adopters looking to share their homes with older companion animals and to aid potential adopters who may have difficulty with the adoption process.

If you know a Senior (62+), Veteran or disabled person who is physically and mentally able to care for a dog and has the desire to share their home with a companion pet, please have them request a Senior-to-Senior adoption application from iPAWinc2022@gmail.com. We retain ownership of the dog and provide medical treatment, parasite preventions, grooming and even transportation if needed to help an approved applicant care for their pet; all they need to provide is a safe and loving home! If you would like to provide support for the program, tax-deductible donations can be made via PayPal at iPAWinc2022@gmail.com or checks mailed to iPAW 107 Curtis Court Catlettsburg, KY 41129.

Sherri's Training Tips: Stop the Door Dart

By Sherri Taylor, Owner/Operator Hardeman County K-9 Academy

Good door manners not only help establish leadership, but they can also save your dog's life. This exercise keeps your dog from forging through the door. It's much easier and quicker to train than people think.

1. First, put the dog on a leash.
2. Approach the door, put your hand on the doorknob, and command the dog to "GET BACK".
 - You can use the leash to pull the dog back from the door, use your feet to push the dog's feet backward, or you can simply walk into the dog, pushing him into a backward motion.
3. As he moves backward, praise him by telling him "GOOD BACK".
 - Be assertive, but don't forget to praise for desired behavior.
4. Work toward being able to open the door with your dog holding that position until you tell him "OK".

I only train this on exterior doors because that's where the problem occurs. Keep your dog on leash until the dog demonstrates this with a loose leash. When you do remove the leash, make certain that you never let that dog charge through that door again -- use knees, feet or your entire body to block the dog from getting out through the door until you give him the OK to do so.

Happy training !

