Spring/20



Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Hackensack, MN

## Season of Change

There are so many things to love about Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort...



And so many great supporters to be thankful for.

# **COVID-19 Update from Shelter Ambassador Andy:**

Due to the governor's Stay at Home order beginning on Friday, March 27 and continuing at least through Friday, April 10, Paws+Claws will be closed to the public and all boarding and grooming services are suspended until further notice. The cleanliness of our facility has always been of utmost importance for the health and well-being of our staff and the pets in our care and we are being proactive on maintaining that standard. While our shelter is a wonderful place for people to interact with animals, we are taking as many precautions as possible and focusing on the safety and security of our employees, volunteers, and the animals that require us to be healthy and available. We ask that those with upcoming boarding appointments continue to watch government updates and be aware that you may be receiving a call from Paws+Claws staff to cancel or reschedule your appointment based on the latest information. If you have an upcoming grooming appointment, please call Krista at 218-330-0212 with any questions or to reschedule.

We respectfully ask that for a period even after the Stay at Home order has been lifted, that you do not visit us if you are sick, coughing, sneezing, or feverish; if you're showing symptoms of illness, you will be asked to leave. We will continue to monitor the situation and respond as needed. The love and support we have

gotten so far via Facebook, donations, and those stepping up to foster has been outstanding and greatly appreciated. We humbly thank you for your support and cooperation, and we hope everyone remains healthy as we manage the uncertainty of this pandemic.

Thank you!

Please continue to watch our Facebook page and website, or call us at 218-675-7297, for shelter information and the status of our upcoming events. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to monitor this situation.

Stay safe and stay healthy!



## Remembering Brewsky

### A message from the founder of Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort, Betty Thomas:

Paws and Claws would like to recognize the 2019 passing of "Brewsky" a loyal, 4 footed furry supporter.

Brewsky was very social and a wonderful public relations dog. He had ridden in the Sweetheart Days parade sporting a Paws+Claws bandana while loving all the attention.

He will be remembered by us for promoting our Groundbreaking Event in August, 2016. He was a special dog who brightened all of our lives. Rest in Peace Gentle Soul. Woof!! Woof!!

We love and cherish our 4 footed pals knowing that at some point they will pass on. To us, the years of love and companionship outweighs the grief of their passing. Here's the "Rainbow Bridge" poem in honor and memory of all the wonderful 4 footed companions we have known:

"There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth.
It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of all
its beautiful colors.

Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows,

hills and valleys with lush green grass.

When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place.

There is always food and water and warm spring weather.

The old and frail animals are young again.

Those who were sick, hurt or in pain are made whole again.

There is only one thing missing,

they are not with their special person who loved them so much on earth.

So each day they run and play until the day comes

when one suddenly stops playing and looks up! The nose twitches! The ears are up!

The eyes are staring and this one runs from the group!

You have been seen and when you and your special friend meet,

you take him in your arms and hug him. He licks and kisses your face again and again -

and you look once more into the eyes of your best friend and trusting pet.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together never again to be apart."





## Busy Adoption Season!



Happy spring! For the first couple months of 2020, we averaged out to nearly one adoption a day! So many pets are going to their forever homes, and it has been great to see the love between the pets and their new families.

We have officially passed 700 adoptions since we opened in July of 2017, which is an exciting milestone. We are so appreciative of everyone who has supported us on this journey and made this possible!







Pets Listed L-R:
Top Row:
Greybel and Felix

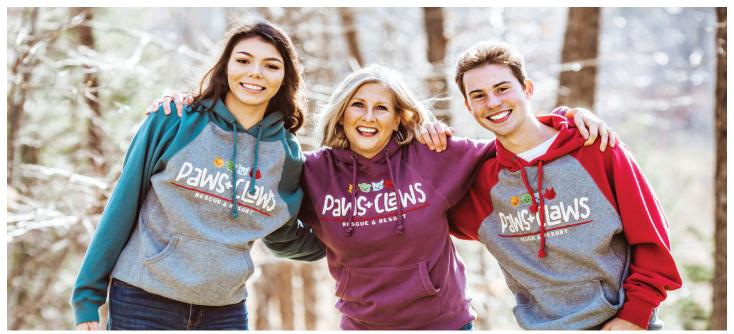
**Middle Row:** Hoehne, Ozzy, Bear

**Bottom Row:** Hope, Harper









## New Merchandise!

If you're looking for a fun, unique way to support our shelter, you found it! The proceeds from sales of our merchandise go back to our shelter and help to provide care for our pets! Just in time for updating your wardrobe for warm weather, Paws+Claws got in a huge shipment of new items. We can now provide you with your choice of t-shirt, sweatshirt, quarter zip, hat, youth styles, and more. The best part? Our merchandise is now available to order online and have it shipped to your door! To order, visit www.pawsandclawsrr.org/shop or click on "Shop" on our Facebook page. If you are in search of your new favorite cozy item or a great gift idea, be sure to shop with us!

Outdoor photoshoot done by the amazing Chelsie Elizabeth Photography.











### Tentatively beginning May 12





THE SECOND ——
TUESDAY
—— OF THE MONTH ——
10:30AM-NOON



2949 State 371 NW Hackensack, MN 56452

### Are you Caring for Someone with Dementia, Alzheimer's or Memory Loss? — You Are Not Alone!

Hackensack's Memory Cafe is a social get together where you can meet others with Memory Loss and their caregivers in a supportive and comforting environment to share stories, socialize and build friendships!

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## Donation Drives to Support Paws+Claws

Among our many generous individual and family donors this season, we also had area businesses run donation drives to support Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort. Whether you are an individual, a business, or somewhere in between, thank you for your generosity and your amazing support of Paws+Claws. All donations, whether monetary or in kind, large or small, are appreciated more than words can express. Paws+Claws would not be able to operate without the support of amazing people like you! Thank you!

### SUPPER IN MY BOWL DONATION DRIVE



Super One Foods of Walker hosted the Supper in my Bowl Donation Drive over Super Bowl weekend in February! This two day event was a great chance for our volunteers and staff to spend time with members of our community. It was so amazing to see the generosity of people and their willingness to support our cause. Thank you Super One and thank you to everyone who donated finances or materials to us! We appreciate you!



### "WE LOVE PETS" MONTH AT CHASE ON THE LAKE

February was We Love Pets Month, and to celebrate it Chase on the Lake of Walker waived pet fees for the month. They also donated \$10 per room per night for every room that booked under this package to Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort. They had so much fun with it, they continued it into March and held We Love Dogs month with the same specials! Thank you Chase on the Lake for being such great supporters! We appreciate you!



## Visit from Immanuel Lutheran School



Students and staff from Immanuel Lutheran School came to visit Paws+Claws on January 31st. The kids spent time reading to the cats and singing to the dogs, and they had a blast making hand print crafts and playing with the pets we brought in to visit them in our community room. It was a great opportunity for the kids to get out and learn about what we do here at Paws+Claws, and for the animals to get a little extra interaction and love.

Thank you for coming out and bringing our pets some yummy homemade snacks!

Further school visits are pending the improvement of the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Boarding at Paws+Claws

Boarding and Doggy Daycare is open for pick up and drop off Monday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Our state of the art facility features environmentally controlled spaces, a range of boarding options, professional staff, and great programming to ensure your dogs and cats have a high quality boarding experience.

Thank you for supporting Paws+Claws. The proceeds from Boarding and Doggy Daycare go towards supporting all of our shelter pets and finding them their forever homes.

### **Boarding Options**

Discounted rates are available for additional pets staying in the same kennels or pets staying 30 days or more. Holiday rates may vary.



STANDARD 4' x 6' space 10 Standard Kennels Available \$27/night



DELUXE 4' x 8' space 16 Deluxe Kennels Available \$30/night



SUITE 6' X 8' space 5 Suites Available \$34/night



CAT BOARDING 4 Kennels Available \$20/night

Please call Paws+Claws at 218-675-7297 or visit us online at <a href="https://www.pawsandclawsrr.org">www.pawsandclawsrr.org</a> for pricing and boarding information.

Discounts offered for boarding stays of 30 days or more.

#### **REQUIRED VACCINATIONS**

DOGS:

**Rabies** 

Distemper

Bordetella

Canine Influenza\*

\*Strongly recommended

CATS:

Rabies

Feline Distemper

FeLV/FIV Test

Physical copy of vaccinations required before pet can board.

Vaccination records can be emailed to info@pawsandclawsrr.org

**DOGGY DAYCARE** 

Fees:

Half Day (up to four hours):

\$17/pet

Full Day (four hours and up):

\$20/pet

A Half Day daycare fee of \$17/pet also applies to boarding pick-ups after 12 p.m. on the scheduled day of check-out.

## Specific Donation Requests

Our staff and our pets are so grateful for the outpouring of support we have received during this difficult time. So many people have stepped up to foster pets and welcome them into their homes and it has been incredible to watch.

At this time, we are taking extra measures to increase our already strict cleaning and disinfection protocols. We are currently seeking donations of bleach, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and antibacterial hand soap.

While we are prepping for kitten season and getting supplies ready, we are also working to give the remaining animals in our care extra attention while we are closed to the public. If you are able, we are asking for donations of canned/soft kitten food, KMR (kitten milk replacer), hard kitten food, and pate cat food. We are also looking for donations of puppy food, peanut butter, soft dog treats, large and extra large dog harnesses, and non-retractable dog leashes (specifically slip lead leashes).

Physical donations can be shipped to 2949 State 371 NW Hackensack, MN 56452 and any monetary donations can be made via phone, on our website www.pawsandclawsrr.org, or mailed to P.O. Box 175 Hackensack, MN 56452. Thank you so much for your continued support! You all are incredible!

### Birthday Parties at Paws+Claws

Birthday parties at Paws+Claws are pending the improvement of the COVID-19 pandemic.



If you're looking for a fun place to host a birthday party, come and visit with us! Kids can choose whether they wanted to make a sock toy for a shelter dog or cat, learn about what we do here at Paws+Claws and take a tour of the building, before finally being able to interact with some of our shelter pets. You can decorate in the room, serve food and cake, open presents, and play games. The choice is yours! Our staff love helping the kids learn about animals, and the kids have a blast! Call Paws+Claws at 218-675-7297 to talk about planning your next birthday party!

### Donations to Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort

### Always accept:

- ✓ Monetary Donations
- √ Pet Food (unopened)
  - Puppy and Adult
  - Kitten and Adult
  - · Dry and canned food
  - Treats
- ✓ Pet Supplies (new or gently used)
  - Neonatal kitten and pupy supplies
  - Harnesses, leashes, and collars
  - New litter boxes
  - Toys (nothing with feathers, beans, or rice in it)
  - Kongs
- √ Office Supplies (e.g. copy paper, pens)
- ✓ New Cleaning Supplies (e.g. paper towels, bleach, Windex®, detergent, antibacterial soap)

### Accept on a limited basis (please call ahead):

- ~ Pet Supplies (new or gently used)
  - ~Dog clothes
  - ~Gentle leaders
  - ~Pet grooming supplies (brushes, shampoo, nail trimmers)
  - ~Play/exercise pens
  - ~Cat towers
  - ~Food and water bowls
  - ~Crates (plastic or wire with hardware included)
  - ~Pet beds (must be washable)
  - ~Poop bags
  - ~Cat litter
  - ~Medication and medical supplies
- ~ Home Goods (New or gently used. No electric blankets or down comforters)
  - ~Towels
  - ~Blankets

### Unable to accept:

- x Pet Food
  - x Open containers or food/treats not in their original packaging
  - x Expired food/treats (more than one year past expiration date)
- x Pet Supplies
  - x Ripped, torn or non-washable pet beds
  - x Retractable leashes
  - x Metal pinch/prong/chain collars
  - x Shock collars
  - x Structures (e.g. dog houses, igloos)
  - x Toys with feathers, beans, rice, or button eyes/noses (e.g. beanie babies)
- x Home Goods
  - x Ruas
  - x Electric blankets
  - x Down comforters
  - x Sheets
  - x Pillows
  - x Clothing for rags

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## Donate to Paws+Claws

Paws+Claws is here because there is a need in this community for the services that we provide. Paws+-Claws can only provide these services with the help of people like you.

You are all so supportive, which makes it possible for us to function from day to day. Whether it is sharing a Facebook post, coming in to volunteer, donating supplies, or contributing a financial donation, each one of these actions helps to keep us running and fulfilling the need.

Financial contributions are used to provide animal care and supplies, keep the building and its systems operating efficiently, create educational opportunities, and help to develop our environment as a way to draw people in, but also give back to the planet and the community.

Do you want to be a part of it?



#### Shelter Wish List:

- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Sponges/Scrubbies
- Buckets
- Spray Bottles
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Scent Free Laundry Soap
- Windex (R)
- Funnels/Spatulas
- Hand Sanitizer
- Anti-bacterail Soap
- Lint Rollers
- Bath Towels/Blankets
- Dog/Cat Beds
- Dog/Cat Food
- Dog/Cat Treats
- Puppy/Kitten Food
- Dog/Cat Toys
- Heavy Duty Dog Toys
- Canned Pumpkin
- CheeseWiz(R)/Peanut Butter
- Coconut Oil
- Leashes/Collars
- Zip Bags (all sizes)
- 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- Office Supplies

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