



Press

Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Hackensack, MN A Summer to Remember



Max Erpelding, an Eagle Scout from Prior Lake, chose Paws+Claws to be the recipient of agility platforms he would build for his Eagle Scout service project. Read ahead to Page 8 for the full story.

Pictured Above (Left to Right):
Betty Thomas, Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Founder
Nevaeh, shelter dog at Paws+Claws
Max Erpelding, Eagle Scout
Coretta Czycalla, Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Executive Director

Pictured Right: Max Erpelding and his troop building a platform for Paws+Claws



Coronavirus: It Can't Stop The Love

This has been a trying season for many as schools, businesses, and more shut their doors. People were left without work, without structure, unable to leave their homes, and unsure where to go from here. Cue the pets!

Paws+Claws closed to the public when it was announced that schools would be moving to an online structure. We were still here to care for our pets and answer the phones, and they were ringing like crazy! People were placing adoption holds on pets and eagerly awaiting picking them up when we started doing adoptions again on May 4th. From May 4th through May 15th, we placed 40 pets into their forever homes, and have continued placing more in recent weeks!

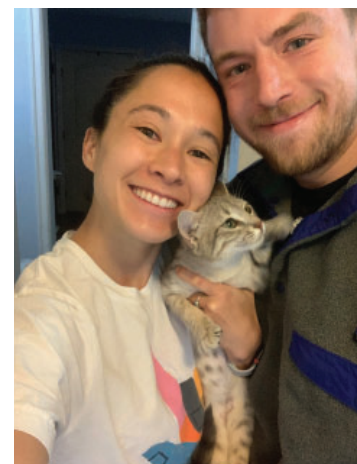
The outpouring of support and the patience that was granted to us during this unprecedented time was incredible to be a part of. Thank you and congratulations to all on their new family members!



Above:
Brandy

Middle (L-R):
Uno, Prince, Tot

Bottom (L-R):
Titan, Karma,
Hank



Volunteer and Foster Testimonies

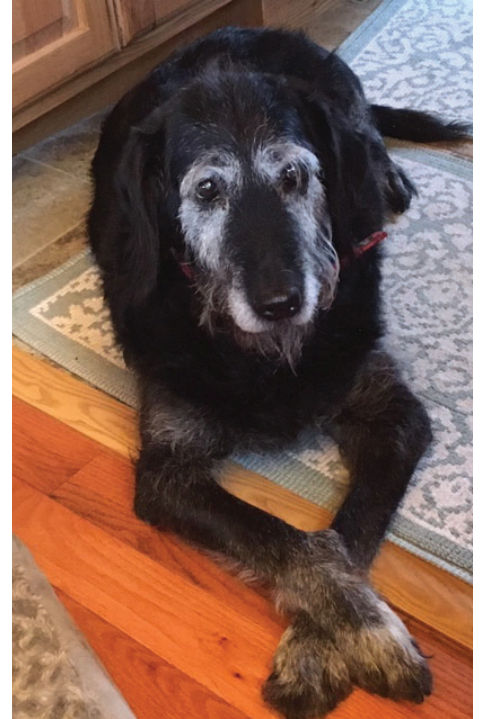
In March and April, when COVID-19 brought much of the world's operations to a halt, Paws+Claws closed our doors to the public. We paused our boarding and adoption operations, but we still had many shelter pets that needed love and care during this time. In an amazing display of compassion and selflessness, our fosters and volunteers stepped in to fill that void. These are their stories.

Sissy first caught my attention when I did a tour of the shelter during volunteer training. She came up to me with her sweet, old, grey face and obvious friendliness. I volunteered with the intent to foster an old dog so they could be in a home while waiting for adoption.

I mostly work from home so our house is suited for an older dog that might enjoy a quiet setting. We also have a senior dog (almost 14 years), Tootsie, a Shih tzu mix. While she is in good health, we wanted a dog that would not be too frisky with her.

Sissy joined our household March 22 and it is wonderful to see her transition from being anxious and jumping up every time I moved, to snoring at my feet while I work on the computer. She wakes up happy every day by 7 AM, so I don't need an alarm clock! She loves going for walks throughout the day and has discovered lots of new smells and things to explore. She and Tootsie are enjoying spending time together outside. It's rewarding to see Sissy become her true dog self more each day as she adjusts to home life. When we found out she had an adoption hold, we felt both sad to lose her and delighted that she will have a forever home. It's been great to work with Paws+Claws Pet Rescue and Resort!

-Priscilla, Don, and Tootsie Day



Toward the end of my 45 year career in nursing, many friends and family asked, "What are you going to do when you retire?" My answer was always the same, "I'll volunteer at a Nursing Home or rescue shelter."

From my first orientation, eighteen months ago, and with every visit thereafter to the Paws+Claws Rescue and Resort, I have witnessed a caring and conscientious group of staff members and volunteers. There are many reasons why these animals are brought in, and they deserve a second chance. No animal is given up on, no matter how long it is there.

The staff at Paws+Claws have never failed to say thank you. Nor have the animals. When I enter the adoption room, and reach for a leash the excitement and happiness I see in each and every pair of eyes is all the thanks I need to keep volunteering. It has been difficult not being able to go to the shelter, to walk the dogs, play with the cats and cheer when a fur baby finds its fur ever home. But, I am filling that void by fostering at this time, and when Krisco finds his fur ever home a piece of my heart will go with him.

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Since August 2019 we have been truly fortunate to be a part of the team of volunteers at Paws+Claws. We decided to volunteer after we retired from busy jobs in the public sector in a big city. After many years of dealing with human tragedies and sorrow it was time to reset and enjoy life.

At once we were welcomed and made part of the Paws+Claws family. Paws+Claws is such a unique animal rescue program. The staff is so awesome in the way they love and socialize the dogs and cats. Many times we would see a scared and traumatized animal come to Paws+Claws. Within a brief time the animal became loving, happy and trusting.

When you volunteer, you receive an untold amount of unconditional love from the dogs and cats you interact with. They are happy to see you, excited to play or go for a walk. During the Covid19 closure of businesses we were asked if we could foster 2 cats due to overcrowding at Paws+Claws. We have a kitten named Rae and a blind cat named Tasha with us now. They have come to love us, and each other. It will be hard to see them go back to Paws+Claws but it always feels good to see them grow and eventually get adopted to a permanent home. Paws+Claws feeds the soul, and brings joy to the animals and people that work and volunteer at this wonderful shelter.

-Bob and Judy



I had always wanted to volunteer, but I work full time and thought I would have to commit to a regular schedule at Paws+Claws. When I discovered that wasn't the case, I went right in for the volunteer training class. I am one of those where if I had the money and the acreage, I'd probably have as many dogs as I have fingers and toes so being able to come in and cuddle the babies is a little slice of heaven for me.

I rang in the new year with a work injury that left me on crutches for three months and unable to work. I was bored out of my mind so I was so thankful to be able to still come in to sit at the desk to answer phones, make boarding reservations and do paperwork. When COVID-19 brought a halt to life as we know it, I still wanted to help in any way possible so the most obvious thing was to foster.

We have always had both dogs and cats, but last year after the passing of our cat, we've been just a dog household so bringing in a foster cat was perfect for us. We have two Daniffs so bringing a cat into our home would be a transition for any cat, but the sweet girl took it all in stride. She is such a beautiful cat with a huge purr! The other exciting part of this experience was having her deliver her beautiful babies during her stay with us. She is such a wonderful mama and I love watching her little ones grow!

If you have ever thought about volunteering, just do it. The rewards are amazing.

-Kristy



Area Community Supports Paws+Claws

One of the greatest parts about being located in a small town, is the sense of community and the support from your neighbors and local businesses. We all recognize that we are in this together and each would not be here without the rest. Paws+Claws in particular has received generous support and donations from the community and area businesses, and we would not be here without it. Thank you!



We now have platforms for our outdoor dog runs! The platforms will be a great addition to our outdoor area, and the dogs love them already. They now have the ability to run and climb on them, as well as lay under them for shade. Thank you to all who helped create these! We appreciate you!

Walker Building Center

Mary and Richard Bull and Bob Yontz of the Walker Building Center generously donated the lumber necessary to build these agility platforms. The platforms have been placed in our outdoor kennel runs for both our shelter and our boarding dogs to use and enjoy.

Gary Hoopman & Doug Wardell

Gary Hoopman donated his time and services to assemble the frames of our new dog agility platforms from the donated materials. Once Gary completed the platforms, they were brought to Doug Wardell for him wrap turf over the top of.



Do It Best - Hackensack, MN

Paws+Claws uses pine pellets as cat litter for our shelter cats; it's compostable and easy to use. We order it through Do It Best Hardware and Lumber in Hackensack, and we went in to put in an order for another pallet, they let us know that this pallet would be a donation to us from them. They even delivered it right to our door! Thank you Do It Best for all you do and your continued support of us!

10 Reasons to Adopt a Shelter Dog

An article from ASPCA, found at <https://www.asPCA.org/news/10-reasons-adopt-shelter-dog>

Deciding to adopt a rescue pet or shelter dog is an important decision. It can be tough to take into account everything you'll need to be prepared for (both expected and unexpected), but the rewards of adopting a four-legged friend outweigh most concerns and fears many people have concerning adoption. Still not convinced? See our top 10 reasons to adopt:

1. You're Saving More Than One Life

It goes without saying that when you adopt a rescue pet, you're saving a life—but you're actually saving more than one. By adopting, you're helping make space for another animal in need and helping to give them the opportunity to become beloved pets.

2. Unconditional Love! What Could Be Better?

Many people worry about connecting with a rescued dog, but shelter dogs have so much love to give—and they won't ever stop giving it to you once you let them into your heart!

3. You're Giving a Second Chance to a Deserving Animal

Beyond just helping an animal in need, you're giving a rescue an opportunity to find their voice; to be themselves and get a second chance to become a dog beyond the walls of shelter or rescue. You truly give them the keys to start anew in a life where second chances can often be hard to come by.

4. You Get a Chance to Stay Active

Maybe you're trying to live a more active lifestyle, or maybe you're just looking for a new adventure. Either way, a new four-legged friend gives you a reason to get outdoors more and stretch your legs!

5. You Have Someone New to Shop For

It's always fun to spoil your pets and bringing home a new furry family member gives you a reason to do just that. You can enjoy all the retail therapy you want while making sure your new rescue dog is living in the lap of luxury.

6. You're Fighting Back Against Cruel Breeding

Puppies purchased at pet stores almost always come from cruel breeding facilities where dogs are confined to small, filthy spaces and receive little to no veterinary care. By adopting from your local shelter or rescue, you are giving back to your community instead of helping cruel breeders profit.

7. Destress and Unwind with Someone Who Will Never Judge You

Life is full of stresses, but your rescue dog is always there to listen. They won't ever judge you or let you down. Taking some time to destress with your furry friends can help you unwind and keep you at peace.

8. Increase Your Social Interactions

Getting out there with your pet can also help you make new human friends, too! You can befriend other pet parents, or even meet someone special when you're making the rounds at your local dog park or dog-friendly café.

9. You'll Have a Lifelong BFF

What could be better than having a lifelong friend? In your time with your rescue dog, you'll have a confidante, a pal and ultimately—a beloved family member. You'll never feel lonely, and in return neither will your shelter dog.

10. Life Will Never Be Boring Again

One thing that's for certain, is that life with a rescue dog brings big changes—in the best way! Say goodbye to predictable nights and your boring routine and say hello to a new lease on life. Your new pet will keep life exciting, fresh and full of love.






Merchandise

If you're looking for a fun, unique way to support our shelter, you found it! All proceeds from merchandise sales go back to our shelter and help to provide care for our pets. 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!



Pet Health and Safety Reminders Summer 2020

Many of the same warm weather guidelines we follow also apply to our pets; please review the following guidelines from the ASPCA (<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips>).

-  Always provide adequate shade and access to water when spending time outside.
-  You can trim the long fur, but do not shave your pets in the summer. Shaving can lead to sunburn and overheating. You can try regular grooming and brushing to help with overheating and matting.
-  Make sure not to walk your dogs on hot pavement, as it can lead to overheating and burnt paw pads.
-  Barbeque season means a lot of food (and table scraps). Be mindful of what foods and beverages your pets can and cannot have.
-  Rodenticides and insecticides can be toxic for your pets -- be sure to keep them well out of reach.

Max Erpelding: Eagle Scout Project

Max Erpelding of Prior Lake, MN, has been a member of the Scouts since he was in first grade and is now a member of Lakeville Troop 261, Northern Star Council. This winter he reached out to us to let us know he was developing a plan for his Eagle Scout service project and he wanted to create something for us. When we asked Max why he chose our shelter, he said "You stood out to me while I was doing my service hours and I feel like you do a lot of good work for the animals, so I wanted to do something for you." After much discussion, it was decided the project that would be of the most use to us and our pets would be agility equipment -- something our dogs could climb on and off.

Max quickly got to work. He fundraised the money necessary to purchase the materials, and then he and his troop got together to assemble them. Max oversaw the whole process, and guided the troops through it all.



At the end, we asked Max what he's taking away from this experience and this is what he had to say: "I feel like this project helped me to develop my leadership skills and it was good to see everyone come together to finish it." We are grateful to Max for thinking of us and selflessly coming up with this idea. His dedication to our pets and their well-being is truly remarkable. Thank you, Max! You're an Eagle for life!

Pictured Left:
Lakeville Troop 261, Northern Star Council

Volunteer at Paws+Claws

****Due to COVID-19, Paws+Claws is currently closed to the public and unfortunately this includes our volunteers. We miss you all and hope to see you all again when the time is right! Stay tuned for updates.***

While Paws+Claws would not be able to operate without our amazing staff, it takes people like you to keep us running!

Paws+Claws offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities for people who want to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals. Our volunteers help in whatever aspect of our work they prefer -- everything from answering phones to walking dogs to doing laundry. Even an hour here and there is extremely helpful!

We require that all of our volunteers go through volunteer training which typically occurs on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. This is an open-enrollment event, which means there is no sign-up required. Once you have gone through volunteer training, you are free to come as much or as little as you would like -- we have no minimum hour requirement. Whatever works for you!

We look forward to working with you! You make a difference.

*Must be 12 or older to volunteer with an adult or 16 or older to volunteer on your own.

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Boarding at Paws+Claws

Boarding and Doggy Daycare are open for curbside 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 and seasonal rates 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

Boarding Updates:

Effective September 1st, Paws+Claws will be implementing peak seasonal and holiday rates. Please call for pricing and relevant dates.

Cancellation Policy: Effective immediately, all No Call/No Show reservations or reservations cancelled within 48 hours of check-in will have a \$25 cancellation fee (\$30 during peak holiday times) applied to the account to be paid before pet is able to board again.

Please call Paws+Claws at 218-675-7297 or visit us online at www.pawsandclawsrr.org for more information.

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.

Gertie

Many of you have heard Gertie's story and donated to her medical fund. For those who do not know her story: We received a call in early June 2019 saying a dog had been left at Powers Township Hall; when two of our staff members arrived, they found this sweet girl dragging her hind end. Upon a veterinary examination, we found out she had advanced, untreated arthritis and hip dysplasia, untreated ehrlichia and lyme disease, and had been shot twice -- buck shot was scattered across her left side and there was a pellet in her left front shoulder. We had her fitted for a cart to support her hind end and got her on medication to treat the rest of her symptoms.

Gertie was placed in a foster home and quickly became a 'foster fail' when she was adopted and became a forever member of the family. Her year in the home with them was filled with more love and joy than words can describe. Gertie was eternally happy and never let her condition get her down. "Every day she makes our family smile mostly because she smiles all day," said Lisa Garbe, Gertie's "mom". Every day, Gertie would wheel herself across the yard to go to work with Bill, her "dad", and spend time hanging out with the Garbe's other German Shepherd, Nadja.

Sadly, Gertie passed away this spring. With the news of her passing, Lisa gave us a sweet message about Gertie: ***"She was a beautiful soul and having her in our life was a wonderful experience. Gertrude is an excellent example of how even if you are not perfect you still have purpose and value. She brought joy to every day. She taught us about courage, strength and perseverance. We were so fortunate to be able to provide her with lots of love and kindness in her last year and she gave tons of love back to all of us. Fostering this fabulous creature was one of the most rewarding things we have ever done. The only thing that would have been better would have been to have her just one more summer. Our family will never forget Gertie, she gave more than she took."***

Though our time with her was short, everyone who came in contact with Gertie was better for knowing her. She left a lasting mark on all of us, and we are so appreciative of all who followed her story and of the love and support you provided her, both financially and otherwise. Thank you, Garbes, for providing her a home and making sure she knew she was loved until the very end.



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 puppy 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 leashes
 - ~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 Rugs
 - 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
- Dawn (R) Dish Soap
- Windex (R)
- Funnels/Spatulas
- Hand Sanitizer
- Anti-bacterail Soap
- Lint Rollers
- Bath Towels/Blankets
- Dog/Cat Beds
- Dog/Cat Food
- Dog/Cat Treats
- 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
- Postage Stamps

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Phone: _____ Rescue & Resort
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Please make my gift: _____ Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
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