



# THE SCOOP

POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER NEWSLETTER

## Adopt A Friend Today!



**Stormy** is a 14 year old cat and came to us when his owner passed. Stormy is a great mouser and loves to be loved. Don't let

Stormy's age fool you, this sweet guy has a lot of live and love to give. Stormy is good with other cats.



**Paige** is about 5 years old and came to us when her owner could not longer care for her. She is a sweet and loving girl, trying to

adjust to shelter living. She has been an only cat and would do best as the only cat in the household.

**Audrey** came to us when her owner was evicted and had no place for her to go. Audrey has lived with cats and rabbits. She seems to be good with other dogs. She has lived with children. She weighs about 60 and is a little over a year old. Audrey would probably do best in an active household.



**Elsa** came to us when her owners moved away and left her behind. She is a sweet girl, and a little shy with being in the shelter and adjusting to her new surroundings. Elsa is about 3 years old.



**Cuddles** is about a year old and came in as a local stray. She is a sweet, petite girl, looking for her second chance at a loving forever home.

**Blackberry** is a very affectionate young dog with a mile wide smile. She is full of energy and just wants to be with people. She is about a year old and 60 pounds. Blackberry is high energy and she would benefit going through obedience class. She is very eager to please and loves to learn new things. Is your home Blackberry's new forever home? Come meet Blackberry to find out.



## Happy Tails . . . . .

This winter's issue of our newsletter is a "stray" (no pun intended!) from our usual format. Our regular readers may recall that we generally highlight a specific dog or cat from the many that find a happy home, some after months or even several years of living at PMFAS. This winter we are sharing with you a number of Happy Tails! With social media, and in particular, Facebook being a good way to communicate, we have heard from a number of happy adopters who are excited about letting us know how well their adopted furry friend is doing in their home and how satisfied they are in adopting from PMFAS. In turn, we are excited about sharing their happiness and other successful adoptions with you! We hope that you enjoy reading about these short and happy tails!

### Duncan

Duncan is seen here resting comfortably with one of the younger members of his new family. The family offers this update: "Duncan has been home with us for a little over 3 months now and we love being his family. His transition into our home was seamless almost like he knew this is where he belongs. We adore Duncan. He spends his days going on walks, playing ball (his most favorite activity), and playing with the kids. He spends his nights curled up on the couch snuggling with me and sleeping at the foot of our bed. Thank you for rescuing him and allowing us to adopt him. He brings us so much joy!"



### Colby (AKA Fletcher)



Formerly known as Fletcher when he was living at PMFAS, this kitty was renamed Colby by his new family and they tell us this: "Two weeks with Colby and he is a central part of the household. I would love to know why he became a stray as it is evident that he was much loved and spoiled. He has become very vocal when he walks beside me and will sit next to me while I eat a sandwich and paw my arm looking for a snack. The more you hold out, the harder he tries to get a bite. He hates storms but when I hold him he purrs and trills at me. Yep, my perfect fit! Thank you for saving him!!"

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### Tia

Tia, a terrier mix, found her new home a few years ago and her family recently notified us as follows on Facebook: "I just wanted to post here and thank all of the wonderful people at Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for all that you do! My family & I adopted my now 4-year-old terrier mix, Tia, from you guys a little over 3 years ago. Tia isn't just a dog to me she is my best friend. She has brought many years of love and laughter to our family made possible by your hard work. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"



### Odie & Tuck

We also received this update about Odie through a Facebook photo and message: "Odie (the black and white dog in this photo) has become very closely attached to his big brother, Tuck. Where you find one, you always find the other. He is such a snuggler! We love to cuddle him so much!"

### Miss Lilly

Social media can be a wonderful tool! We learn so much about how well some of our former furry residents are doing. Here's a recent update from Facebook on a dog now named Miss Lilly: "So sweet. I had 3 dogs from PMFAS and all were amazing. I now have only one left, Miss Lilly, and I love her SO much!"



### Koji & Ernie

Here's a great photo of Koji (formerly known as Blue Bell at the shelter) and her new friend Ernie (AKA, Francis while at the shelter). "They are SO sweet!" states the new family.

### Lily (AKA Augie)

While some animals are adopted within a few weeks or even a few days of entering the shelter, others call PMFAS their home for a longer time. Such is the case with Augie. Augie, now known as Lily, lived at PMFAS for two years and was shy and timid when meeting new humans. Staff and volunteers worked diligently to help her find her own home. It took time, but just look at her now! Lily LOVES the water and is seen here enjoying a swim earlier this summer with her new forever family! Way to go, Lily!!!



### Kyra (AKA Blink)

Despite some sources which state that black and white cats are very popular, PMFAS, like many shelters, always has an impressive number of black and white cats and many seem to live at the shelter for quite a while before finding their own forever home. This was the case with Blink who lived at the shelter for over a year and a half. As a "free roamer," Blink was able to move about the shelter (on the cat side) as she desired – sometimes napping on the counter of the medication room and other times curling up on a chair in the office while staff and volunteers worked around her. Earlier this year, Blink found her own forever home and we are happy to report that she is thriving. Not only that, but she also has two canine friends with whom to share her home – and they are black and white also. How cool is that? In one photo Blink, now known as Kyra, is seen with her two friends. The Papillion in the center of the photo is Bodie, also a previous resident known as Fargo while at PMFAS two years ago. Sophie is the Pomeranian at the front of the photo. Kyra's new Mom reports that "Kyra is a sunspot baby. She loves lying in the windows where the sun is shining in. We are looking for the perfect cat tower so she can bask in comfort." Kyra is a happy addition to her new home!



### Olaf

Another black and white feline friend, Olaf, also found his forever home earlier this fall. While Olaf was at the shelter for only seven months, it seemed like a long slow spring and summer for poor Olaf. Since he didn't always get along well with his fellow shelter mates, he could only be out of his private condo when staff or volunteers were present to keep an eye on his mischievousness. With patience as a virtue, we are happy to report that Olaf found his own forever home earlier this fall. Three cheers for Olaf!!!





# Volunteer Spotlight

You've heard us say many times that at PMFAS we appreciate the efforts and generosity of our volunteers and we realize that it's important to recognize them. Our volunteers are vital in fulfilling our mission and we know that without them, we could not care for all our furry friends at the shelter. It's always a challenge to select just one, so this time we are spotlighting several of our many valuable volunteers. A big thank you to these and to all our volunteers for all they do!



### Paula Manzi

Paula Manzi, from West Charleston, has been offering her time and talent at the shelter for five years. Needless to say, she has become very experienced and is familiar with many facets of the day to day activities. Paula not only assists with the adoption process, but also helps with care of the cats and dogs. She has fostered some of the animals, and she has even adopted! With so many tasks that need to be done daily, Paula is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and help with any and all – including making peanut butter kongs, much to the enjoyment of her canine friends! Thank you, Paula, for all you do!



### Barbara Rowe

Barbara is a regular at the shelter every Thursday afternoon and she's been doing this for over a year and a half. Driving from Derby each week, Barb helps to walk the dogs on the trails around the property and spends some much needed time providing one-on-one interactions, helping to socialize the dogs, especially the more timid ones. With her own nature being so caring and nurturing, she helps these dogs become more trusting of humans and in that way they can more easily find their forever homes. Thank you, Barbara, for all you do!



### Noella Berthiaume and Daniel Wellhoff

Noella and Daniel have been visiting the shelter and volunteering weekly for a little over a year. Coming from Newport Center and North Troy, they are involved in the care of all the cats and kittens, helping with the many cleaning tasks such as washing litter pans and cleaning cat rooms. After all these necessary duties are done, they get to spend cuddle time with some of their favorite furry felines, which helps the kitties get accustomed to humans and ultimately find their new forever homes. Thank you, Noella and Daniel, for all you do!

### Abby Provost with Sylvia and Ben

Every Tuesday afternoon for almost a year, Sylvia Brownlow and her younger brother, Ben, can be found at the shelter taking care of all the cats and kittens and making sure that each one has plenty of food and lots of TLC. Along with their Mom, Abby Provost, Sylvia and Ben are dedicated volunteers who not only spend time taking care of the animals, but also think of creative ways to raise money for the kitties. They collect and donate bottle money as well as money from a household fund called the "swear jar!" Sylvia has been known to finger knit scarves and sell them at



family yard sales. Ben and Sylvia both insist on bringing in 10 cans of favorite cat food each week, keeping the kitties very happy and satisfied! Ben and Sylvia attend Derby Elementary School and are active in sports. They are not strangers to animal care as they have horses at their home. "They both have a big heart when it comes to animals!" states Abby. And we think Abby has a big heart also! Thank you, Abby, Sylvia and Ben for all you do!





# PUMPKIN DOG TREATS

- 2 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup pureed pumpkin
- 2 Tbsp peanut butter
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt and cinnamon in a bowl.
3. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff.
4. Roll the dough until it is ¼ inch thick. Cut into ½ inch pieces.
5. Bake in a preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes. Store in airtight container.



## So Much for which to be Grateful . . .

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. At PMFAS, we are so busy with the day to day care of the animals, taking in stray or surrendered dogs and cats, and finding new homes for our furry friends, that the days and weeks go by quite quickly. Before we know it, another season has passed, and here we are now with winter upon us. Still, regardless of the ongoing tasks and commitments, we realize we always have so much for which to be grateful. As we enter our 23rd year of providing shelter, food, and tender loving care to so many homeless dogs and cats from this area, we remember some wonderful events and generous volunteers from 2015.

On June 8, a number of employees from Hickok Boardman in Lyndonville volunteered their morning at the shelter. The most significant accomplishment was setting up items for the upcoming yard sale later that month. This is a time-consuming undertaking, and the work of these six employees was heartily appreciated. Thank you, Hickok Boardman of Lyndonville!

The yard sale was held on June 27. We joined the towns of Barton and Glover in their Annual Town-wide Yard Sale and saw many visitors at the shelter that day. We thank all those who donated items for the sale and all those who came and bought items. It certainly was a busy and successful event!

Later in the summer we held our annual Sunset Cruise on the Northern Star ([www.vermontlakecruises.com](http://www.vermontlakecruises.com)) which took place on August 21. A big thank you, once again, to our partners at Northern Star and to all those who purchased tickets and participated in the silent auction! Once again this was a successful fundraiser for the shelter and we certainly appreciate your contributions – as do our furry friends that temporarily call the shelter their home!

Most importantly, we want to take this time to acknowledge all our friends and supporters, from individual volunteers and families to local businesses and towns. Whether your support comes in the form of time, work, kind words or donations of many varieties, we appreciate it all! A big thank you to the talented and generous folks at Northeast Kingdom Online ([www.northeastkingdomonline.com](http://www.northeastkingdomonline.com)) for their timely and detailed attention to our website. For over a year now, they have worked quietly and graciously behind the scenes making prompt and creative changes to the site.

While the list could go on, we don't want to overlook our adopters! Each year, we are grateful to adopters from near and far who make new forever homes for nearly 300 homeless dogs and cats. Hearty and sincere thanks from Board, Staff, and all our furry friends at PMFAS!





## Keepers of the Kitties and Kennels

*Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who graciously support our kitties and kennels each month:*

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## Please put the PMFAS on your holiday gift giving list!

*The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is financed entirely by adoption fees, fund raisers, and donations from animal lovers like you. Because we are a primarily volunteer organization, almost every penny goes directly toward the rescue and care of the animals.*

In 2015, we estimate that nearly 300 pets will have been adopted from our shelter. Please help our dogs and kitties this holiday season. The average cost to provide medical care, shelter and food, before being adopted into a home and family, is in excess of \$300 per animal.

*Please help us with a holiday donation.*



**YES!** I would like to support the PMFAS in caring for the unwanted, abandoned, stray, neglected and abused animals. Here is my tax deductible gift.

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spoil them rotten  
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  - Everyday Household Cleaners
  - Paper Towels
  - Peanut Butter
  - Large & Small Dog Biscuits
  - Kongs
  - Cat & Dog Toys & Canned Food



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