



The Shelter Scoop • February 2015

Welcome to The Shelter Scoop, MCPAWS monthly e-newsletter!

Adoptable Dogs: Roxy and Rico

They want to stay together! Room for two?



These two cuties have been in foster care, but are now back at MCPAWS.

Roxy is an 8-year-old

Dachshund, and Rico is eleven. They have been together for a long time, and we'd hate to separate them.

An update from their foster parents: Their favorite activity is burrowing under a blanket and cuddling each other, the

Upcoming Events and More News:

Happy Valentine's Day!

Next Volunteer Meeting:

Wednesday, February 11th @ 5:30pm at MCPAWS

Join us to discuss current shelter news, upcoming events and ideas! This is a great way to get involved with the shelter and get to know other volunteers.

MCPAWS is in need of more volunteer help with dogs, cats, Thrift Store and adoptions. If you have more time to give, or know someone who may, please contact MCPAWS:

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nearest human, their foster sister, and sometimes even one of the adult kitties in the house. As evidenced by their cuddling habits, Roxy and Rico get along well with just about everyone. They're not too sure about the little kitten in the house, but that's just because he darts so quickly from place to place that they can't keep track of him. These two are the sweetest pair of Doxies and are so much fun to be around!

Can they be your Valentine's?

Please come by MCPAWS if you'd like to meet these two. We are trying to place them in a home together if possible. Call 634-3647 for more information!

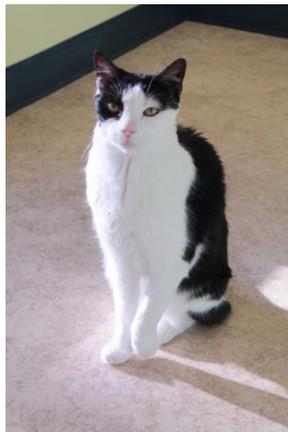
Learn about Roxy, Rico and other adoptable MCPAWS dogs.

Adoptable Cat: Chops

Who doesn't love tall, dark patches and handsome?

Chops is a very striking 9-year-old cat. He has gorgeous markings and a long lean figure. Bonus: he has the sweetest pink nose!

Chop's has a very raspy voice, and he loves to talk. He will follow you around telling you all about his day.



Free Cat Fridays!



MCPAWS is the proud recipient of a \$1,000 Purina Cat Chow grant through the Petfinder Foundation. These grant funds are to be used to supplement free and reduced cat adoption fees. We are offering free cats (over 6 months) on Fridays.

Monster Dog Pull



Special thanks to John and Lucy Schott, Jane Pickens, Peter Pride, Gary Ertter Photography, Star Radio, McCall Coffee Roasters, McCall Pet Outfitters, Salmon Paws, Mountain Java, Kristin and Tom at Alpine Village, and all the wonderful volunteers for making this possible!

We hope you all enjoyed this fun event, and we'll see you next year!

All left over Monster Dog Pull T-shirts are on sale now at MCPAWS Thrift Store.

If you like chatty and sweet cats, this could be the man for you!

Can he be your Valentine?

Meet Chops and other adoptable MCPAWS cats.

Happy Tail

Stories that make our tails wag!

Here is an update on Marley from her adoptive family:

Marley did not have a great start to life, but she is certainly making up for it.

Marley was witnessed being thrown out of a car window in Horseshoe Bend just days after giving birth to a litter of puppies. She was thin, extremely swollen and exhausted.



She was brought to MCPAWS by the witness/Good Samaritan and immediately went into foster care with a MCPAWS staff member.

Marley got along so well with Jake, the 6-year-old Lab/Great Dane Mix in the house, they were nearly inseparable.

Photos by Gary Ertter are now available online:
<http://garyertter.smugmug.com/Monster-Dog-Pull-2015/>

ResQWalk

Each week ResQwalk announces a donation pool (e.g. \$2,500) and in order for a rescue to receive donations from the pool, its supporters simply need to check-in to the app when they go for a walk. You can select MCPAWS as your shelter! Download the app today and hit the streets!

Each walker's distance is recorded in the user profile and added to the rescue's weekly sum. At the end of the week donations are paid out to the rescues proportionally to the total distance walked.

Shop on Amazon Smile :)

Shop on smile.amazon.com after choosing MCPAWS as your charity of choice, and Amazon will give MCPAWS .5% of what you spend! What a great and easy way to give to MCPAWS. It works just like Amazon, only this way they donate back to MCPAWS!

MCPAWS Wish List

There are so many little things that add up. MCPAWS could use donations of any of the following items to help offset shelter costs:

- 8.5 x 11 Copy Paper
- A Puppy Play Pen for the Foster Program

Shortly after her spay surgery her foster family decided to make it official, and adopted her.

Marley loves playing in the snow, mealtime, going for walks and hikes with her best bud Jake.



Jake is not only her best friend, but he is her protector. He watches out for his little buddy and makes sure nothing bad happens to her.

At first we weren't sure what she was

mixed with, but watching her play in the snow, we are now convinced she is a "Shibahuahua" (Shiba-Inu and Chihuahua.)

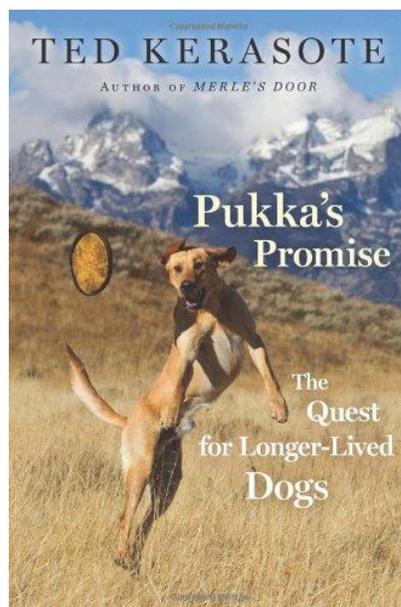
She has landed in the perfect place. We couldn't be happier!

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Dog and cat food for the community food bank
- Cat toys
- Dog toys
- Cash donations
- Donations to the Thrift Store.

The MCPAWS Book Club!

Join us at our first meeting

Come join the MCPAWS Book Club! We'll meet the first Monday of each month, starting March 2nd, at 6pm in the Idaho Room at the McCall Library. We'll



read and discuss books about animals and animal welfare, non-fiction and fiction.

First up: *Pukka's Promise: The Quest for Longer-Lived Dogs*, by Ted Kerasote, author of *Merle's Door*.

*When Ted Kerasote was ready for a new dog after losing his beloved Merle — who died too soon, as all our dogs do — he knew that he would want to give his puppy Pukka the longest life possible. But how to do that? So much has changed in the way we feed, vaccinate, train, and live with our dogs from even a decade ago. In an adventure that echoes *The Omnivore's Dilemma* with a canine spin, Kerasote tackles all those subjects, questioning our conventional wisdom and emerging with vital new information that will surprise even the most knowledgeable dog lovers. Can a purebred be as healthy as a mixed-breed? How many vaccines are too many? Should we rethink spaying and neutering? Is raw food really healthier than kibble, and should your dog be chewing more bones? Traveling the world and interviewing breeders, veterinarians, and leaders of the animal-welfare movement, Kerasote pulls together the latest research to help us rethink the everyday choices we make for our companions. And as he did in *Merle's Door*, Kerasote interweaves fascinating science with the charming stories of raising Pukka among his dog friends in their small Wyoming village. Funny, revelatory, and full of the delights of falling in love with a dog, *Pukka's Promise* will help redefine the potential of our animal partners.*

I hope to see you there!

Rebecca
MCPAWS Executive Director

Board of Director's Spotlight: Laps Wanted

by Sandy Kollenberg, Board President



One of my favorite volunteer activities at MCPAWS (and I have run the gamut of volunteering activities) is

spending quality time with the feline shelter residents. It feels an oft overlooked volunteer activity, and the cats of MCPURRS are in need of attention, socialization, and some stimulating playtime. Can you help?

Cat volunteers spend time with the cats, taking them from their kennels to an available cat playroom in which they can explore, play, and receive attention and affection. It is one of the quieter, calmer volunteer activities; I have knit and read (need to get some studying done while volunteering?) as well as nurtured my budding photography hobby all in the company of resident shelter cats.

So, where to start? One can baby-step into cat volunteering. Have an extra hour in your day? Waiting on someone to finish their appointment in town? New volunteers need to fill out an application and schedule to attend a volunteer orientation, and then they are ready!

I recently spoke with seasoned cat volunteer and friend, Denise, about spending time with the cats of MCPURRS. Denise enjoys volunteering with the cats because it is relaxing; the cats are relaxing in and of themselves. Denise notes, "They are all different, some want to play, and

some just want love & attention.” She observes and gets to know their needs as individual cats and then she is able to help out with adoptions counseling and cat adoptions. And that is very rewarding!

If you need more reasons to volunteer with the cats:

1. You will be creating happiness.
2. You will be socializing and making the cats more adoptable.
3. Spending time in the company of cats boosts your immune system and lowers the risk of cardiovascular disease.
4. A purr can lower blood pressure and quiet stress.
5. You'll learn to become more mindful of the moment and live in the present moment from the masters themselves - cats.
6. You'll reduce stress in your life.
7. The cats are always happy to see you and appreciative of your kindness.
8. The cats need you.

Discover the Zen of cat volunteering for you. Call the front desk at 634-3647 today and learn how to get started!



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