



## PAWS FOR THE NEWS

A monthly publication for Praying for Paws, a non-profit dog rescue serving the needs of Henry County, GA and surrounding areas.

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## Eight Adoptions This Month!

Adoptions picked up in **December**, and we are excited to report that eight dogs went to their new home! **Brody** was adopted before we could even post him on Petfinder, and **Diamond** and **DJ** were adopted together!

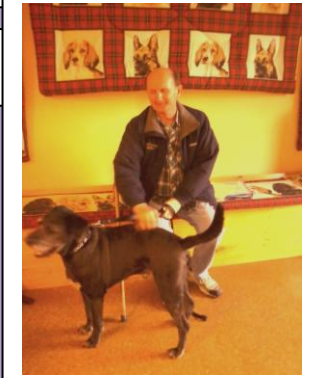


**Diamond and DJ –  
Adopted Together!**

**Abby**



**Brody**



**Chocolate**



**Sophie**



**Sugar**



**Hershey**

## January Featured Pets – Bella and Rambo



**Bella**

**Bella** is a really sweet **Lab** mix who is about two years old. She is energetic, sweet and plays well with other dogs. **Bella** has been with us for several months and is hoping for a new home soon. She would be a great pet for an active family who will provide her with daily exercise and lots of love!

**Rambo** is a beautiful **Lab** mix, possibly with **Boxer**, with a gorgeous brindle coat. He is about five years old and full of love. You will never meet a happier boy! **Rambo** loves to play and spend time outdoors, so he requires a home with a fenced yard.



**Rambo**

# Meet Our New Dogs



**Trinity – a four-month-old Beagle puppy**

**Toby – a 15 lb. terrier mix who is housetrained and great with kids; very well behaved**



**Sprinkles – a Yorkie mix who is about three years old. He is sweet and needs a home with older children or adults only.**



**Prince – a happy and fun six-month-old Yorkie**



**Susie Q is a young Dachshund mix who is housetrained and great with other dogs and all people!**



**Marla, a sweet little Terrier mix, was adopted last week before we could even list her as a "new" dog!**

## 69 Adoptions in 2011

This past year, we celebrated 69 dog adoptions! It was a difficult year for **Praying for Paws**, as we constantly faced a lack of space for new dogs and a decline in donations. Like many other non-profit organizations, our adoptions and donations are a reflection of the financial struggles of many Americans. The yearly adoption totals below show a trend that reflects the difficult financial times that our country is facing, and pets are definitely affected.

We continue to get multiple calls each day from people who are no longer able to care for their pets due to job losses or the foreclosure of their home. With your help, we can make 2012 an even better year for the dogs in need out there!

*2011 adoptions – 69*

*2010 adoptions – 130*

*2009 adoptions – 156*

*2008 adoptions – 104*

*2007 adoptions - 100*

## Our Favorite “Happy Tails” of 2011

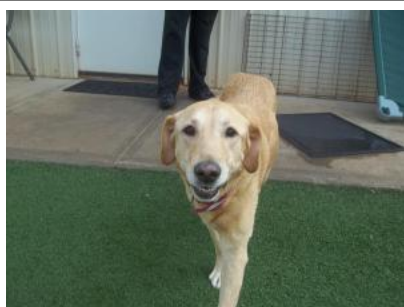
We love every **Praying for Paws** dog and celebrate each and every adoption; however, we can't help but feel completely overjoyed when the “unadoptable” dogs find a loving, forever home!



**Davey** was adopted over 4 years ago and then returned to us. He had endured a life of neglect before coming to us the first time. He was adopted recently by long-time **Praying for Paws** volunteers and is doing great!



**Ducky** and **Zeva** were terrified of people when they arrived over two years ago. When potential adopters came to meet them, they cowered in the back of their kennels in fear. They eventually found perfect homes, with owners who are dedicated to them. They are both happy and so loved.



**Honey** was dumped and found on the side of the road after being hit by a bus. Her estimated age was at least twelve. Knowing that she was old and sick, she was adopted anyway. Her new family gave her a great life filled with love until her death in December.

Sweet **Ruby**, with her “crazy eyes” and wonderful, loving personality, was dumped at our facility almost three years ago. She is a senior, arthritic **Lab** who was adopted by her foster mom this year.

# 2011 Highlights



**Visited Flippen Elementary for Cultural Arts and Career Day (Lizzie pictured with student)**

- Received \$1,890 donation from Petfinder.com for vaccines
- Participated in McDonough Pet Expo
- Participated in the First Annual McDonough Party With The Dawgs
- Renovated the outdoor kennels at Praying for Paws, providing concrete flooring, heating and air-conditioning and improved overall shelter
- Received over 200 pounds in dog food donations from Girl Scout Troup #358
- Reached 500+ fans on Facebook



**Received over \$1000 raised by Locust Grove Middle School / Beta Club (Loeey pictured with student)**



**Received food donation from Primrose Academy in Stockbridge**



**Participated in the Pet Sense Adoption event for 3<sup>rd</sup> year!**



**Received a generous food donation from AIT Logistics (Toby, pictured above, inspects donations from the team)**

**Participated in McDonough Christmas Parade for 4<sup>th</sup> straight year! First place in float competition this year!**



## In Loving Memory of Tiggen, Honey and Finn

In 2011, we said goodbye to **Tiggen** and **Honey**, two senior dogs who had been adopted only a few months before their deaths. Their last months were filled with love, and they enjoyed being part of their new family. **Finn** had not been adopted at the time of his death, but he spent his last weeks in the care of a wonderful foster home with volunteer **Vicki Slade**. Thanks to the many people who cared for them during their last days.

**Tiggen**



**Honey**

**Finn**



Please support **Praying for Paws** in 2012 with cash donations or by dropping off **Pedigree** dry dog food at **The Paw Pad, 133 Jonesboro Road, McDonough GA**. We rely on cash donations for the medical care of our dogs, including routine check-ups, spaying/neutering, heartworm treatment, surgeries, treatment for skin conditions, flea preventative and heartworm preventative. Your donations can be made only via [www.prayingforpaws.com](http://www.prayingforpaws.com) or by mailing a check to **Praying for Paws**.

We also need foster homes, especially for our larger dogs and puppies or for dogs with special medical needs. If you can help by fostering, please contact **Carol Kelly** at **404-202-4208** or email at [carolkelly0000@aol.com](mailto:carolkelly0000@aol.com).

We need regular volunteers to help with feeding, trips to the vet, basic obedience training and exercise. Please consider spending one to two hours each week with our great dogs!

They can't read  
or write. But, they  
sure can multiply.

*Fix your pet.*



If you've already started planning a trip for Spring Break, make sure that your pet has a great vacation, too. **The Paw Pad** is a luxury boarding and doggie daycare facility that also offers grooming and training at very affordable prices. A portion of our profits support the efforts of **Praying for Paws**. Check out our website at [www.georgiapawpad.com](http://www.georgiapawpad.com) for more information. You will love us, and your pet will, too!

