



## 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

[www.prayingforpaws.com](http://www.prayingforpaws.com)

October 2011

Phone 404-202-4208



## Seven Adoptions This Month!

This past month, we celebrated some very exciting adoptions. **Snow**, who had been with us for over a year, found a great new home. **Davey**, who had almost died from neglect by his original owner, was adopted after becoming a **Praying for Paws** dog and then returned after FOUR years, was adopted by one of our long-term volunteers and is now HOME! **Precious**, one of four dogs dumped by her owner, was adopted to a loving home, but the other three are still waiting. **Jagger**, **Koda** and **Scamp** also found new homes. Lastly, we celebrate the adoption of **Zeva**!! **Zeva** became part of our program two years ago after being found as a feral dog by law enforcement. She was considered "unadoptable" by most people, but many volunteers were dedicated to helping her, and she learned to trust people. Finally, **Zeva** was found by **Destin**, her new owner, who loves her so much. **Zeva** has adapted very quickly to her new home and is so happy there. We are very thankful for the wonderful homes that all of these needy dogs have found, and we are grateful for the tireless efforts of our volunteers who continue to spread the word about **Praying for Paws**!



**Snow**



**Davey**



**Jagger**



**Koda**



**Precious**



**Scamp**  
(left)



**Zeva**



# New Dogs This Month



**Sammy**



**Buddy**



**Mason**



**Fisher**



**Brandy**



**Sawyer**

*These three cute pups are siblings and were found as strays. They are about 6 months old now and are even cuter in-person!*

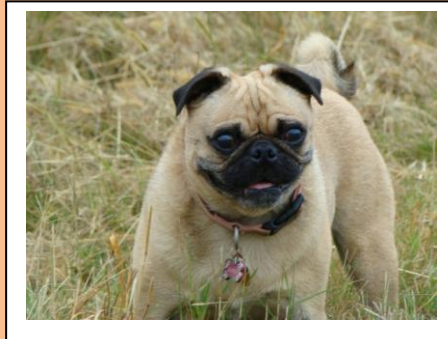


**Thomas**



*Autumn was transported to Canada last month after being with us for a while. She is an awesome girl with a sweet personality. She is currently living in a foster home, but her new rescue expects that she will be adopted very soon.*

Recently, one of our volunteers, Shenan Griffin, lost her Pug, Jeanie. Here is her tribute to Jeanie . . .



For those of us who bond with our animals, you understand the unconditional love we receive from our furry friends. I lost one of my four-legged children over the summer, and it was devastating. For reasons unknown, she lost her sigh and her Alpha "spunk." It broke my heart to see my sassy girl lose her fun and energetic personality at such a young age. She left our family at six years young. She will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, **Jeanie**. While you took a piece of my heart when you left, you brought much joy to my life while you were in it. Your family loved you dearly.

**Shenan Griffin**

**Volunteer, Praying for Paws**

### **AN UPDATE ON THE EXCITING ADOPTION OF DAVEY, BY VOLUNTEER GARY LEFMANN . . .**

*(Davey is pictured, right, in his new back yard)*

We're happy to announce the latest addition to our family, a hound mix named **Davey**. He was saved from a horrible situation in 2006 by **Animal Control**, when they discovered him chained without any food or water. He was skin and bones and too weak to stand on his own.

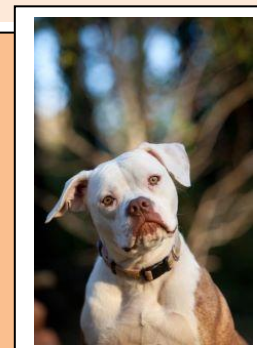
His determination to live, along with the love and care of the staff at **Henry County Animal Control**, led him to

**Praying for Paws** where he was adopted in a few months. Unfortunately, **Davey's** owners had to return him after having him for almost five years, as they were no longer able to feed and care for him properly. This was actually good timing, as he was heartworm positive again. He is completing his recovery and is otherwise healthy. I had been following **Davey's** story since 2006 and told **Michelle** that when we got back from our **September** cruise, we wanted to meet **Davey** and see how he'd fit in with our family. We picked him up on **Monday** the 19<sup>th</sup> and brought him home where he took to our household like a duck to water.

**Davey** gets along great with our other three dogs and tolerates the cats most of the time, occasionally chasing one across the room and barking just for the fun of it. So far he has destroyed two paperback books, one TiVo remote control, a couple of stuffed dog toys, several boxes of tissue and other assorted odds and ends. Like I said, he fits right into our family and we love having him.



**Praying for Paws** extends our deepest sympathy to **Cissy Joanis**, a volunteer and photographer for our organization. **Cissy's** sweet bulldog, **Stella**, passed away recently. **Stella** was adopted from **Henry County Animal Control**, and she lived happily with **Oreo** and **Gabby**, who were adopted from **Praying for Paws**. **Stella** enjoyed a great life in her adoptive home and will be greatly missed!





## Featured Pets



**Bentley** is a young **Lab/Flat-Coated Retriever** mix. He is less than a year old and was given up by his owner, who had been leaving him in a crate for hours at a time with no attention. He is housetrained, very sweet and loves other dogs. More than anything, he loves to play and splash in water. He deserves a second chance with a loving home to give him lots of attention and playtime. Please adopt **Bentley** today.

**Kate** is less than two years old but has already lived a tough life. She ended up at **Animal Control**, where she gave birth to eight puppies soon after her arrival. **Praying for Paws** took "**Kate Plus Eight**," as she was affectionately named. Her pups were weaned and adopted, and now **Kate** waits patiently for her home. She is gentle and quiet, and she has now overcome her shyness. She is housetrained and very low-maintenance. **Kate** needs a place to call her own, so come out and meet her today!



## Pet Sense Adoption Event!



A HUGE thank-you to **Pet Sense** for inviting **Praying for Paws** to participate in their annual, nation-wide adoption event on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, **THANK YOU** to the many volunteers who came out to help both days. Without you, these type of events are not possible.

This big event was a success across the country with several hundred adoptions. **Praying for Paws** celebrated the adoption of **Snow**, with the pending adoption of **Looney** as well.

It was a great time for the dogs, who received plenty of love and attention. **Snow** and **Toby**, pictured left, met lots of new friends that weekend.

If you would like to volunteer at **Praying for Paws** to help with adoption events, training or just spending time with the dogs, please contact us.



# In Memory of Tiggen

*Many of our volunteers will remember Tiggen, an elderly Yorkie who came to Praying for Paws after his owner died. The other family members didn't want Tiggen and left him with us. Tiggen was almost blind from cataracts and was terrified at the facility, after living in a loving home as the only dog for over ten years. After being with us for well over a year, he was adopted by Joan and Gil, who gave him over nine months of love and care. Unfortunately, little Tiggen died recently after battling many health issues. His owner, Gil, wrote this tribute to their pup below:*

We first met **Tiggen** in early January of this year. He was nervous, blind from cataracts, and had aggression issues. But we took him home anyway. His very first experience with us, a trip to the vet on the way home from **Atlanta**. He did not like it, but things started looking up for him. His yard was four acres fenced in, and he immediately started to explore all of it. There were times we had to go looking for him to bring him back inside. In the early morning, we had to put a reflective vest with a blinking light on it so we could find him in the dark.

In addition to us, he also had 9 other dogs to associate with, and he was easily integrated into our large pack. He even participated in snack time every morning. **Tiggen** slept by the bed in his doggy bed, and had free reign to jump up (using pet stairs) and join us in the morning. He also had a cot by **Joan's** chair (which he used during the day when she was in her chair) and a comfortable blanket in front of the dryer when he wanted to be alone. He also had the bad habit of climbing up on the end table by **Joan's** chair when he insisted on being petted or climbing up in my lap and insisting I pet him, which I always did.

In early spring, **Tiggen** started a series of trips up to **Atlanta** to see a specialist Vet about his cataracts. We were hoping to get him some vision back in at least one eye. He was checked and tested, but the retinas in both eyes were too degraded for the surgery to work. The only part of that episode he enjoyed was the trip home after the last visit. He was so doped up; he got a 'real' good nap on the way home.

Recently we had to take him to our vet with problems. He was diagnosed with pancreas, liver, and kidney failure, anemia and dehydration. He spent three days in the vet hospital, with us visiting him daily. He was getting IV fluids and drugs and was getting better. He was taken out by a vet tech and he did his business outside. She then went on to take care of two other animals and when she checked on **Tiggen** a few minutes later, he had suffered a massive heart attack and died. Our vet is one of the best; he personally called on a **Sunday** evening to let us know what happened

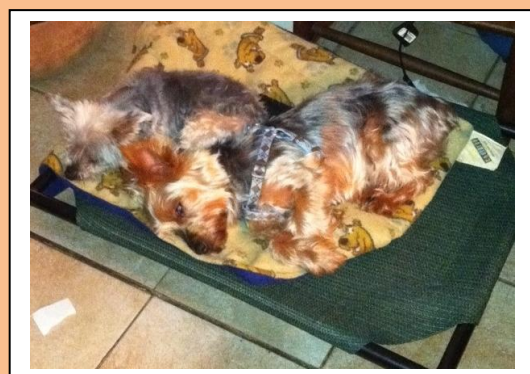
**Tiggen** was a great little guy. Loving, loved to give kisses, loved being petted and brushed. Hated vets and groomers, though. Oh well, nobody is perfect. **Tiggen** stole a piece of our hearts, a big piece. But he is in a better place now, with both eyes working. And we will see him again.



*Relaxing after being drugged for a trip to the eye specialist*



*Sitting on "his" end table, waiting for attention from Joan*



*Sleeping side-by-side with his blind Yorkie "brother," Ivan*

**October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month!**

*If you are considering a new dog, please visit your local animal shelter or Praying for Paws to find a new best friend.*

**You have no idea how long I've waited for you...**



**Don't Shop... ADOPT!**



**HAPPY Halloween!** *Be sure to take extra steps to keep your pets safe. Keep them away from Halloween candy, always keep name tags on their collars in case they slip out open doors and get pets micro-chipped!*



**We need foster homes!!** *We are always full at Praying for Paws. You can make a huge difference to dogs like Samson (left) by fostering. Samson is a large boy, but he is so sweet and loving. He does well with other dogs and children, and he is learning to walk well on a leash. He already knows how to sit, and he is a very fast learner. He needs a fenced yard because he really enjoys spending time outdoors. He prefers to only come indoors at night or to spend some quality time with his humans.*

**Contact us today if you can help!**

You can support **Praying for Paws** every month by making a tax-deductible online donation. Just go to our website, [www.prayingforpaws.com](http://www.prayingforpaws.com) to donate online. If you prefer to mail a check directly, you can send it to our address on the website or to **The Paw Pad**. Our monthly expenses continue to grow as we have been at full capacity since last summer. Your help supporting dogs like **Faye, Starla, Fisher, Brandy and Sawyer** (pictured below) is greatly appreciated!



It's time to start planning your holiday travel! Book your pet's stay now at **The Paw Pad**. Your pet will receive top-notch care and lots of love at our facility. We offer 24/7 staff, grooming, doggie daycare, a cattery, luxury suites, doggie cams and lots of TLC from every employee.

Now that the kids are in school, how about some fun doggie daycare for your pet? They will be happy all day, playing with other dogs, and you can drop them off early as you head to work!

Check out our website at [www.georgiapawpad.com](http://www.georgiapawpad.com) for more information. You will love us, and your pet will, too!

