

# PAWPrints

## Pet Adoption & Welfare Society of Carteret

### PAWS of Carteret

Fall/Winter 2022

### Progress Report 4th Quarter 2022

November 1, 2022

**Statement:** Most are aware of the extreme damages caused by hurricanes Florence & Michael. Fortunately the insurance claims for the PAWS Thrift & Gift Shoppe were settled quickly however impacted by lengthy repairs and then Covid-19. We were closed with no income for thirteen of twenty-four months. The insurance claim for the Adoption Center Phase I & II quickly became a lawsuit and sadly continued until recently after over thirty-six ridiculous months of litigation. The case was settled for a small percentage of the cost of proven damages.

#### *Phase I & II*

- a. Construction of Phase II is complete however damaged by Hurricanes Florence & Michael
- b. Phase I Adoption Center severely damaged by Hurricanes Florence & Michael
- c. Electrical, HVAC, Phase I & II hurricane damage repairs in progress
- d. Flooring, Walls, Ceilings & Interior/Exterior structural damages pending repair
- e. Roof replaced, Phase I, Repaired Phase II
- f. Environmental (3<sup>rd</sup>) pending

#### *Interesting Facts:*

- a. There are separate hvac systems for our intake/quarantine area and residential pets. This is to insure healthy air for all of the other resident animals. Between 10 and 20 room air exchanges per hour with fresh air is the standard recommendation.

#### *Ongoing sources of revenue*

- a. Pet Hydrotherapy: patients are currently going out of town, often more than once per week to receive professional pet hydrotherapy sessions. Local veterinarians will be able to refer their patients to us reducing travel cost and anxiety for owners and pets. The ROI (return on investment) is very good for this service. Currently preparing to interview Therapists
- b. Public Pet Memorial Garden: A peaceful place to leave Fido & Fluffy while allowing the comfort of knowing you can always visit. Status pending
- c. Pet crematory services. Status pending
- d. PAWS Thrift & Gift Shoppe: Our retail location is our primary source of income. Once again our operations are drastically challenged by the lack of men and women volunteers to operate the store. 4 hour shifts once per week are needed desperately for our manager, cashier, and receiving positions. It's very rewarding to see it all in action but can easily turn into an overwhelming nightmare without enough help. Our store is open 6 days per week from 12-4pm. Please, contact us right away to help! We must be able to continue to operate our store in order to have a successful Adoption Center.
- e. Capitol Fundraising Campaign is off and running as of 10/22/22. Stage I is raising funds to purchase equipment needed to complete Phase II. This Campaign was put on hold due to Florence, Michael, & Covid.

#### *Other extremely important administrative areas we're getting ready to go to work on are:*

- a. Establishment of Policies and Protocols
- b. Staffing/Budget
- c. Animal Identification & IT
- d. Decontamination Protocol: Cleaning, Sanitation, Disinfection & Licensing

We want to remind everyone that this Pro Humane No-Kill Adoption Center will be in Carteret County for many years. Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren will be essential to operate and maintain the many aspects of this very special place. We also encourage our young people to go and educate yourself whether it be as a veterinarian, technicians, groomers, administrative management and support team, kennel staff, maintenance, volunteer coordinators, lobbyists, and so much more. Come back to Carteret County and help us to help the less fortunate animals.

**PAWS is a 501c3 Non Profit Organization. We depend entirely upon your donations and do not receive any government funding. Please donate at [www.pawsofcarteret.org](http://www.pawsofcarteret.org).**

**We also have a "GivingGrid" campaign at <https://www.givinggrid.com/dixmkg/> or mail directly to: PAWS 5042 Mattie St. Morehead City NC 28557. Thank You!**

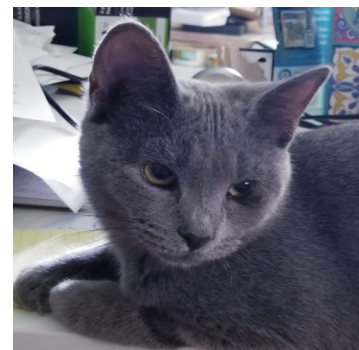
## Kittens & TNR Project!

PAWPrints

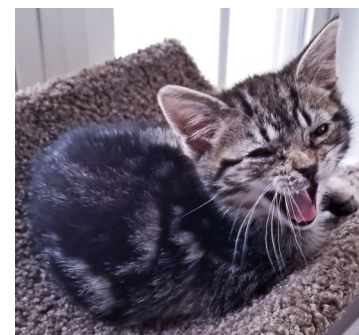
Early in 2022 the PAWS kitty colony had an influx of new furry faces. Several of the female residents that had previously eluded trapping efforts brought us their babies. Many agencies were able to help with TNR of the Moms & Dads and nineteen were altered.

PAWS Volunteers worked tirelessly capturing, cleaning, vetting, and ultimately maintaining a kitten sanctuary at the Store. Although many had eye issues all were adopted and doing well!

Thank you again to all involved in this monumental project!



Murray & Tilly (top) 2 of 9 kittens with eye issues.



## Ms. Sam, PAWS Store Manager For Many Years, Retires

Although we were all thrilled that Sam Mereness had decided to join her children in Florida in July 2022, saying goodbye was something else entirely! Sam was with us for almost twelve years at two store locations. We miss her daily and her friends and customers ask about her all of the time.



## Welcome New PAWS Volunteers!!

PAWS is so lucky to have new smiling faces helping at the PAWS Thrift & Gift Shoppe!

Welcome to: Ann, BJ, Cheryl, Chuck, Kim, Lou Anne, and Robin!

From: Barbara, Donna, Joan, Kent, Linda, Loretta, Willa, and of course "Evie, Kit, & PrettyBoy"! If anyone is interested in joining our team please let us know.



**PAWS**  
Pet Adoption & Welfare Society of Carteret

5042 Mattie Street  
Morehead City NC 28557

Phone: 252.241.9408  
Fax: 252.726.4441  
Email: [adopt@pawsofcarteret.org](mailto:adopt@pawsofcarteret.org)