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Saving Lives
Joining Hearts

Dear Friends and Family,

2014 was the inaugural year of Four Paws to Love. It was a very busy time getting things organized, but most importantly--rescuing animals! In our first year we rescued 178 animals from shelters all over Northern and Central California. All of these animals were at risk of euthanasia, and Four Paws to Love was able to foster them in loving homes, provide socialization and medical care, if needed, and find the purrfect forever families for all of them!

We would like to thank all of the volunteer staff at Four Paws to Love: Trudi, Becky, Saira, Emily-1, Emily-2, Adrienne, Mark, and Jenifer for all of their hard work and dedication to our life-saving mission! We would not have been able to get Four Paws up and running without you.

But of course some of the most valuable volunteers in our organization are our Foster Parents! They are the ones who take the animals we rescue into their homes and make them the wonderful companions that are adopted into forever families. We can always use more foster parents to help expand our lifesaving work.

We also want to thank our generous donors who helped us get started with basically nothing in the bank! Donations and adoption fees are what keep Four Paws to Love running; we receive absolutely no government funding. In addition, all of our staff and Board members are unpaid volunteers. If you are able to give even a small donation at this time, it will help us start 2015 stronger than ever, and increase our ability to rescue even more animals in the year ahead. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3), so your donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you all for being part of the Four Paws to Love family.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2015,
Four Paws to Love Board of Directors

Annette Hogue
Christine Kiuchi
Terry Marino



Jax and Hopscotch (aka Hopi) enjoying a nice snuggle on the couch



One of our Junior foster moms giving a foster kitten Duchess some love!

A rescue story from 2014

Jax and Hopscotch were rescued from the Kings County Animal Shelter in Hanford, California (near Fresno), and were Four Paws to Love's very first rescues. They were owner surrenders and extremely depressed in the shelter. They were young, just a little over a year old. Sadly, their human mom was diagnosed with breast cancer and could no longer care for her babies. She had raised them as tiny kittens and so their world was turned upside down. Our wonderful foster mom, Terry, could not resist their little faces on the list of animals needing rescue. So Misty, the representative from the Kings County Shelter, arranged to bring them up to us. The kittens were obviously very frightened and unsure of what was happening. For about two weeks they huddled in a cat tree together with only their foster mom talking to them, loving on them, and giving them a special treat twice a day. Finally, the kittens started to relax, venture out, and explore their new surroundings. We posted Jax and Hopscotch on Petfinder and after a few months we were contacted by a wonderful woman named Sunny. She wanted a sweet boy to enjoy time in the garden with her and be a love bundle. She came to meet Jax and he immediately fell in love with her! He rolled around and just settled into her arms. Of course, it was love at first sight for Sunny also. She really wanted to take Hopscotch, too, but her living situation wouldn't allow it. Some months passed and Sunny couldn't stop thinking about Hopscotch... and to her excitement, her living situation changed! She contacted Terry right away and asked if Hopscotch was still available. We were all so happy and excited that the brothers would be reunited! Hopscotch and Jax now are enjoying the good life together with Sunny, with all the love and comfort they could possibly dream of in their forever home.

You can help Four Paws to Love create more happy stories just like this one:

We are always in need of donations, especially to help with medical care. No amount is too small.

1. The more foster homes we have, the more animals we are able to rescue. If you've never fostered before, we can arrange a short-term foster situation for you to try out—a week or a weekend to just see how it goes!
2. Adoption events are a fun, short-term volunteer commitment. Just a couple of hours on a weekend will help us out tremendously.
3. There are other ways to volunteer, too! Tell us about your talents, and we can surely find a way to put them to good use.

You can quickly and easily donate to Four Paws with a credit card or PayPal below or at:

<http://fourpawstolove.org/donations.html>

or feel free to send a check to:
Four Paws to Love
P. O. Box 7865
Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

For more information about volunteering or fostering for Four Paws to Love, please email us at info@fourpawstolove.org.

Thank you!



MISSION STATEMENT

Four Paws to Love is an all-volunteer non-profit, 501(c)(3) animal rescue group. Our mission is to rescue homeless and at-risk pets from overcrowded shelters, thereby reducing euthanasia. We value the bond between humans and animals, and appreciate the important role that pets play in our everyday lives. Our goal is not only to help animals, but to help people whose lives are greatly enriched by adopting animals in need.

"Saving one animal will not change the world but surely for that one animal the world will change forever." - unknown

Four Paws to Love is run by volunteers who generously give their time, homes and hearts in order to save lives. Through our Foster Care program, animals have a safe, healthy "place to be" until loving homes can be found for them.

We ensure that all of our rescued animals are spayed or neutered, and we provide education to the community about the importance of spaying and neutering in order to reduce the homeless animal population.

While Four Paws to Love operates 365 days a year, we are NOT a shelter. We do not receive federal, state, or local funding. We rely strictly on donations to rescue animals and pay for their care, including: food and medical expenses, such as spay/neuter and vaccines.

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