



Tails of Hope
...a different kind of rescue

The latest and greatest from Tails of Hope...

Paw Prints

Summer, 2016



Tails of Hope Donations

April - June, 2016

\$6,308

Medical & Rescue
Sponsorship

\$4,900

Spay & Neuter
Sponsorship

57

Animals helped through
medical assistance

38

Animals helped through
spay and neuter

2,224

Pounds of food / litter

Happy Tails: Jay



Jay spent the first 3 years of his life in a hoarding situation, as part of a pack of 25+ dogs, who didn't receive the care or attention they deserved. The majority of the dogs who were seized were running in a pack, and unfortunately several had to be euthanized due to aggression issues.

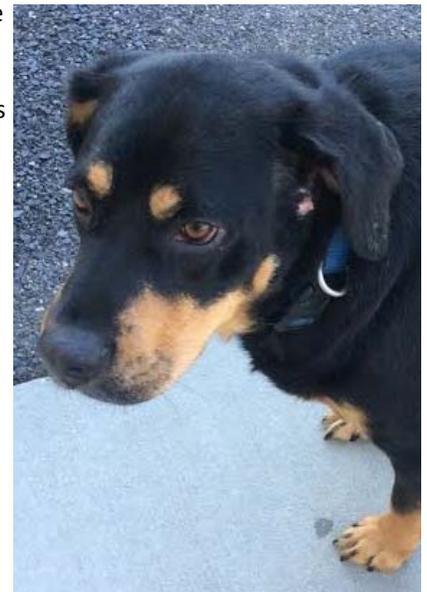
Jay was one of the last dogs to be picked up. He was shy and afraid and had never experienced a human's touch. If approached, he would cower in the corner of his run and growl out of fear. The shelter staff worried that he too might have to be euthanized. But they saw something in Jay and knew they had to give him a chance. With patience and determination, they worked with him until they were able to get him to come to the

front of his run for treats, but they still couldn't touch him. However, the staff considered this a big victory for Jay, and continued working with him.

Under sedation, Jay was taken to the vet where he could be examined, vaccinated, and neutered. During the examination, it was discovered that Jay was suffering from chronic suppurative granulomatous otitis, in which both of his middle ears had become calcified. No wonder he didn't want to interact with anyone--Jay was in a lot of pain and needed medical attention!

Tails of Hope had previously visited the Essex County shelter, where Jay is a resident, to drop off food and supplies. Remembering that visit, one of the shelter staff members reached out to us to see if we might be able to help with the cost of the surgery. We knew we needed to help this dear boy, and agreed to cover 50% of the cost of the almost \$1500 surgery.

Jay was transported to a vet in Richmond, VA, where he had a lateral ear canal resection on both ears. This would relieve some of the ear issues and help with draining. The



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Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. — Anatole France

Happy Tails: Jay, cont...

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other option would have left Jay deaf, and the shelter staff did not want that outcome for him.

He didn't like to have his ears wrapped, post-surgery, but he never complained about that or the cone; he still wagged his tail and was happy to see his caretakers. Once those items were removed, his head shaking stopped, and now he likes to have his head scratched all the time. Before he would shy away from anyone trying to touch his head, so it's obvious that his pain has been relieved.

Jay's caretakers tell us that he is "an amazing dog. He still has his shy moments but we finally heard him bark! He had never barked in the shelter. He comes out of his run every morning, (if he is not first, he barks) to go to the bathroom, have his head scratched, and get his treat." Amazing progress for a dog who initially wouldn't allow himself to be touched.

Jay is healing nicely and in need of a permanent, loving home. He is housebroken and walks well on a leash. The shelter staff describe him as having a "loving and friendly personality". They note that, "he still is shy around new people, but loves all of us in the shelter. It's like he is so grateful to be out of that chronic pain. When he wags his tail he does it so hard that his backside swings side to side!" While he does fine with other dogs, the shelter staff feel that he would do best in a home that all the attention was for him. They know how special he is, and want to find "an awesome 'forever' home" for him!

Do you have room in your heart and home for sweet Jay? If so, please let us know, and we'll put you in contact with the shelter.

Hot Topic: To Shave or Not to Shave?

Having a dog shaved in the summer heat is a hot topic every year. "Should I or shouldn't I?" is something a lot of dog owners ask themselves when the hot temperatures start to roll around. There is a lot to take into consideration when you approach this subject. Dogs sweat a lot differently than we do. They cool themselves off by panting and sweating through the pads on their feet. So if a dog is getting too hot, the best approach is to bring them into the air conditioning and give them some cool water. They should never be left outside in the heat for more time than is necessary to relieve themselves.

I never recommend shaving a double coated dog or a short haired dog, even in the summertime. Double coated breeds build up their coat for the winter and then shed it come spring, as many know when the hair balls start rolling around the house! The double coat helps regulate their body



temperature in the winter, as well as in the summer. Shaving them will make it hard for them to do that and they will be prone to getting sun burn if it is shaved too short. There is also a possibility of shave alopecia occurring, where patches of hair won't grow back. As far as short-haired dogs are concerned, there really isn't any reason to shave them. They will still shed, just shorter, spiky hairs, and will also be prone to sun burn.

Some breeds that are groomed and clipped on a normal schedule will do fine with the shaving, but can still run the risk of getting sunburned depending on the length of the shave. The best thing you can do for your dog is to keep up

with regular grooming so the hair does not become matted and the dog stays clean. That will help them stay cool during the summer more than anything! :)

Thanks to Katie Podlinski of Katie's Mobile Pet Spaw, for contributing the above article. For more info, visit www.katiesmobilepetspaw.com or call (571) 758-3174.

Tails of Hope
POOCH PICNIC!

Saturday, Oct 15
12:00pm-4:00pm

Ballenger Park
Frederick, MD

Adults, kids, and dogs—all are welcome! We've reserved the pavilion right next to the dog park, so please consider bringing your furry friends as well!

For the dogs (contests)

Best Kisser
Best Dressed
Miss or Mr. Congeniality
Best Tail Wag
Most Photogenic
Best Trick
Best Bark
Best Look-Alike

For the humans

Games & activities
Pie & Cake Auction
Raffles
Fun and friendship!

On the Menu:

Veggie Burgers
Caprese Sandwiches
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Potato, Pasta, and Bean Salads
Raw Veggies and Dip
Fruit Salad
Baked Goods for Dessert
Chips and Candy for the Kids
Homemade Frozen Yogurt
for the Pups
Water, Iced Tea, Soda

Tickets:

\$15 Adults
\$7 Kids 4-10
Free Kids 3 & under (and dogs!)
Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets

No More Puppies

When Tails of Hope helped with the rescue sponsorship of Georgia, a dog in the Clayton County, GA shelter, we connected with Amy Yates and Kelly Crawford, who were just beginning a new group, No More Puppies. Their mission, which focuses on no cost spay and neuter, was so in line with ours that we knew we wanted to team up with them to help, and we did a joint fundraiser with them earlier this year that raised close to \$5,000. We think these ladies, and the rest of their group, are doing amazing work, and so we wanted to share their story with you.

Tell us about the mission of No More Puppies.

The Mission of NMPGA is to eliminate euthanization for space and overpopulation of dogs in Clayton County, Georgia.

What inspired you to want to start the organization?

We have been rescuing and networking Clayton County Animal Control (CCAC) dogs for 3 years and as we got a couple out just as many would come back in. CCAC is a revolving door and it was not slowing down.

Did you run into any obstacles along the way and if so, how did you overcome them?

We ran into many obstacles, the first being that we were told by many local people that the citizens would not be interested in our program. We also needed to build relationships with local veterinarians which took time and many phone calls.

What kind of feedback have you gotten about what you're doing in the community?

The response to our has been overwhelming and extremely humbling. At first it was about the dogs and really not so much about the people. It was quickly realized this was a much-needed and well-appreciated program. The residents that contact us genuinely care about their animals. Many cannot afford to spay or neuter their animals due to unfortunate circumstances. They are extremely thankful. CCAC also hands out our cards to reclaims and adopters and helps promote our program.

Since its inception, how many animals has No More Puppies helped?

We have fixed approximately 170 dogs since the very end of December 2015. We are booked at one of our 2 vets into September already.

Are there any particularly special animals you've helped that really stand out?

Many clients stand out; however, we will never forget Nikki. Her owner called us and told us that they had 2 females that needed to be spayed, and that one might be pregnant. We scheduled an appointment for the next day for a pregnancy test and got a phone call in the morning. Nikki was not pregnant but had Pyometra and would die without emergency surgery. We didn't think twice and told vet to please do the surgery immediately. We knew our supporters would help us raise the money. She survived the surgery and did very well. When she saw her owner the next day she ran down the hall at the vets to greet him.

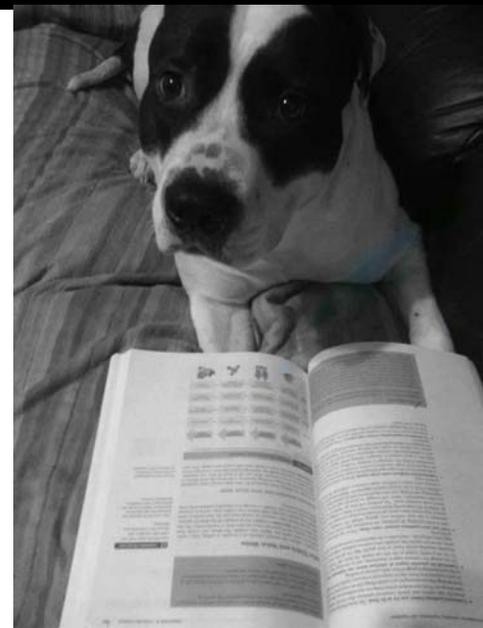
Any upcoming events?

We have no immediate events coming up but would love to schedule something possibly with Tails of Hope in the fall. Among some of the things we would like to do would be to visit schools in Clayton County to talk about the importance of spay and neuter. "Be that someone" is one of the simplest quotes that resonates

most with us. We realized we could be the change that we thought was needed to help the lives of dogs and their owners in Clayton County.

What is on the horizon for No More Puppies?

We are currently working on how to get legislation to create spay neuter laws for Clayton County AND THE WORLD! :)



Hennessey, neutered through the joint fundraiser of ToH and NMP



Sweet Nikki goes for a ride



Bing, also neutered through the joint ToH and NMP fundraiser

Featured Pets: Matt and Wembley

Matt (black) and his brother Wembley (calico) were adopted as kittens 13 years ago. They lived their whole lives together with the same family, until one day for no apparent reason the family decided they didn't want them anymore. And so two terrified cats came to our friends at Good Old Tails, moving into a foster room with other unwanted cats.



scratched, and they wouldn't run away when petted—they just squished themselves into little balls and waited to be left alone again. Finally after nearly a month they have come out of their shells, and are comfortable being the sweet, loving boys they once were. They enjoy being petted and scratched and are friendly and healthy.

some canned food to supplement. They are current on all vaccinations, neutered, and have tested negative for Feline Leukemia and FIV (like all Good Old Tails cats). Please consider opening your heart and your home to Matt and Wembley, so they will never have to be afraid again.

If you are interested in these kitties, please visit www.goodoldtails.org.



They had no problems with their roommates, and continue to be very friendly with the other cats, but hid for weeks and only came out when they were sure no people would be in the room with them. They never hissed or

These poor boys will need to go to a home where someone understands what they've been through, and are willing to give them time and space to adjust. They do get along well but do not need to be placed in the same home. Both do best on hairball control food (dry) with

Did You Know?

Here are some interesting facts about our furry friends.

- Cats walk like camels and giraffes: They move both of their right feet first, then move both of their left feet. No other animals walk this way.
- Teddy Roosevelt's dog, Pete, ripped a French ambassador's pants off at the White House.
- Each cat's nose print is unique, much like human fingerprints.
- Three dogs survived the sinking of the Titanic – a Newfoundland, a Pomeranian, and a Pekingese.
- Cats have the largest eyes relative to their head size of any mammal.
- An estimated 1,000,000 dogs in the U.S. have been named as the primary beneficiaries in their owner's will.
- It's believed that catnip produces an effect similar to LSD or marijuana in cats.
- Every dog on earth likely descended from a species known as the Tomarctus – a creature that roamed the earth over 15 million years ago.



A Second Chance at Life!

A large part of Tails of Hope's mission is to provide medical sponsorship to shelter animals in need. Shelter resources are quite limited, and animals who are ill or injured are often euthanized because there are no funds to provide for their care. We firmly believe that these animals deserve a second chance at life, and want to be there to help the ones who need it the most. Here are just a few of the animals for whom we've provided medical assistance over the past few months.

We couldn't fulfill this part of our mission without your support. While some of the images are hard to look at, we feel it's important to share these stories. If you feel moved to help us continue offering assistance to animals like the ones you see below, please consider a donation to our medical fund by clicking [HERE](#).



Javon, Heartworm treatment



Dexter, Parvo treatment



Mason, Pneumonia



Alex, Heartworm treatment



Hank, dog attack



Carly, mammary tumor



Raney, abuse case



Harry & Ling Ling, S/N through partnership with Spay Today



Gabby, bites / ear issues



Vale, intestinal blockage



Griffin, hit by car



Kayla, emaciated, neglect



Porter, Heartworm treatment



Star, starvation



Karma & Chestnut, S/N through partnership with Spay Today



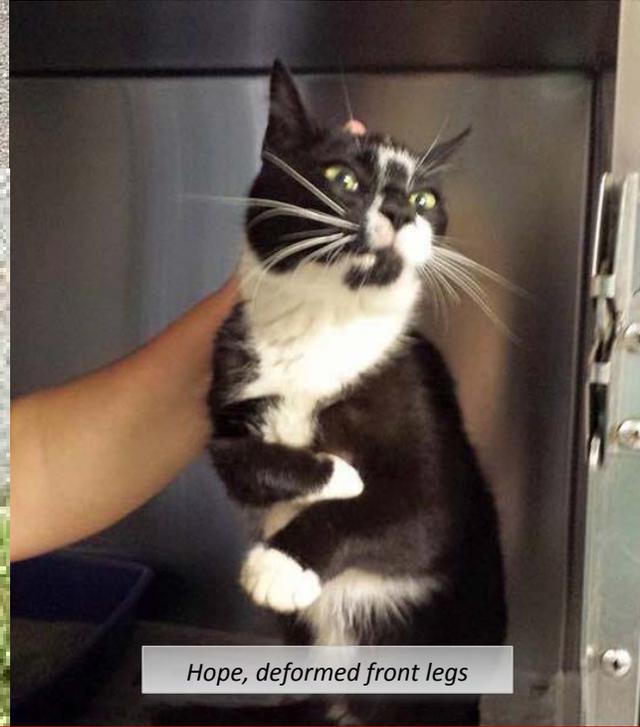
Faith, severe neglect



Jagger, abuse case



Anderson, Heartworm treatment



Hope, deformed front legs

3rd Annual Martin Klaiber Memorial Golf Tournament

It's dark and bleak; the cold stone floor offers her little comfort. The unfamiliar smells and cacophony of sounds are

Part of our mission at Tails of Hope is to provide financial aid to shelter animals who need medical attention. Without

coming together to make sure they received a second chance at a good life. The saying, "it takes a village" certainly holds true for the animal rescue world. YOU are part of that village!

We don't have the words to adequately express our gratitude to Stephanie for including Tails of Hope in this amazing endeavor. Martin and Stephanie adopted their beloved Chelsea, a Lab / Doberman mix, from Tails of Hope in December of 2006. Chelsea's zest for life, her unbounded joy, and her limitless unconditional love, the hallmarks of so many animals who start out unwanted, forever endeared her in their hearts. They saved her life, and she returned the favor for Stephanie after Martin's passing, offering the quiet, unassuming comfort that only a dog can provide. This beautiful 115-pound bundle of fur is the reason that so many other animals will be saved. Though Martin and Chelsea are no longer physically with us, their legacy continues, under Stephanie's loving and benevolent watch.

We are so grateful for this opportunity, and for each and every one of the



Chelsea and Stephanie: an unbreakable bond!

disconcerting and frightening. She covers in the corner, shaking, uncertain why she's here or what fate awaits her. Her pain is palpable and constant. She's a shelter dog, and she's sick, injured, and in grave danger of losing her life, not to her injuries, but due to lack of space at the shelter. She needs help and she needs it now.

outside sponsorship, many of these animals have no chance at survival in the shelter, as resources to treat medical cases are simply not available. Since April of 2015, Tails of Hope has donated over \$33,000 towards medical, rescue, and spay and neuter sponsorship of shelter animals.



Without the generous support generated by the Annual Martin Klaiber Memorial Golf Tournament, this life-saving work would not have been possible. Each day we are inundated with requests to help animals in need.

We don't ever want to say no, and your generous support of the tournament has made it possible for us to say yes over and over again. Your kindness has allowed us to help over 170 animals since changing the focus of our mission in 2015. These animals would have become mere statistics if it weren't so many caring folks



Martin and Chelsea share a moment

wonderful tournament sponsors, supporters, and volunteers alike. We will continue to be good stewards of the funds received through the tournament, and we will never stop until every pet has a loving home! You have our deepest, most heartfelt thanks for your continued support of our mission.

Celebrity-Dog Mash-Up!

Move over, Brangelina! What name do you get when you combine the two photos for each answer below? A pretty cool doggie-celebrity name, if you ask us! *Answers, below.*



- 1. Jack Russell Nicholson
- 2. Jamie Foxxhound
- 3. Cybill German Shepherd
- 4. Angela Bassett Hound
- 5. Jack Black & Tan Coonhound
- 6. Boston Rob Terrier
- 7. Kim Kardachshundian
- 8. Brittany Spaniel Spears
- 9. Cavalier King Charles Barkley
- 10. Joe Cocker Spaniel
- 11. Finnish Mark Spitz
- 12. French Stewart Bulldog
- 13. Andre the Giant Schnauzer
- 14. Mae West Highland Terrier

Think INSIDE

The Shoe Box!

Sneakers, sandals, loafers, wedges, espadrilles, stilettos, flip flops—if it's a shoe, we want it!



Tails of Hope is again partnering with Woolfrax and funds2orgs for their Shoes for Shelters drive. Collected shoes will be shipped to 26 developing nations around the world. The shoes become inventory for families who run small businesses, or micro-enterprises. These small businesses are often the only economic lifeline families in poverty have to better their lives. Tails of Hope will receive money based on the total weight of shoes we collect and donate. Our goal is 2,500 PAIRS of shoes! Any new or gently used shoes are welcome. The only type of footwear we can't accept are roller or ice skates or blades.



If you have shoes to donate, please contact Sue at suetailsofhope@gmail.com. Our tentative shoe pick up date is October 14, 2016, but we will keep collecting as long as we can.

Check out our website for shoe drop off locations. Keep checking back to see our progress!

Letter from the Directors

Dear Friends,

They say the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Tails of Hope has taken an awful lot of those steps lately!

When our friends at the Paws Squad in West Virginia reached out to us about the flood victims there, we knew we wanted to help. You all stepped up to the plate and made it possible for us to donate a van full of food and supplies, and we drove to Morgantown, WV to meet folks at the drop off point, where the donations were taken on to affected areas near Chapmanville.

We asked for your help again in the Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard online drive, and once again you answered the call! We rented a cargo van to take those supplies down to rural North Carolina, but it became immediately apparent as we were loading the van that more room was needed. Kelly ended up driving her personal minivan down too, and both vehicles were packed to the gills! We made three stops in NC over the course of a Friday and Saturday, at the Columbus Country Shelter, Furry Paws Foster Group, and the Bertie County Shelter. All were so grateful for the help!

We're sometimes asked why we're helping so many out-of-state facilities and not ones nearer to home. The answer is that we are willing to help ANYWHERE there is a need! We've donated to shelters in MD, VA, WV, NC, PA, and GA, and hope to continue to expand our reach. What many folks don't know is that a large number of the animals who are taken in by rescues in our area actually come from southern shelters, where the need is so great. We don't care if the cats and dogs are city slickers, country folk, or anywhere in between—if they need help, we're on it!

We know we say it a lot, but we truly mean it: YOU are the reason we can continue the mission of Tails of Hope. Without your generosity, kindness, and unwavering support, Tails of Hope simply would not be.

Warmly,
Sue and Kelly



Calendar



UPCOMING
Events

K9 in the Vines

Frederick, MD

August 28, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Wilkins Adopt-a-Thon

Glen Burnie, MD

September 10, 10:00am-3:00pm

Puppy Mill Awareness Day

Lancaster, PA

September 18, 10:00am-3:00pm

Mt. Airy Flea Market

Mt. Airy, MD

September 24, 8:00am-3:00pm

3rd Annual Martin Klaiber Memorial Golf Tournament

Leesburg, VA

September 26

Mt. Airy Fall Festival

Mt. Airy, MD

October 1, 9:00am-5:00pm

Tails of Hope Picnic

Frederick, MD

October 15, 12:00pm-4:00pm

Contact Us



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Flea Market Finds

Tails of Hope will once again be participating in the Mt. Airy Flea Market on September 24, 2016. While we still have TONS of donated items (THANKS ALL!), there are two particular types of items that we find sell very well.

If you have any **DVD's** or **small pieces of furniture** (i.e.

cabinets, small storage units, shelves, etc.) you'd like to donate, please contact us at info@tails-of-hope.org. Due to our very limited storage space, we regret that we are unable to accept items other than the two noted above at this time.

