



# PAWS & REFLECT

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## “Sammy’s Fund” & Pay It Forward Program

“Sammy’s Fund” was created by PFPF Founder, Liz Dubenitz, in January of this year in memory of a very special cat who graced her life for 18 years.

Sammy was rescued by Dubenitz in 1993 from a bad situation in Rappahannock county along with a colony of 25 other cats and kittens. Luckily, Liz was volunteering at the Fauquier SPCA and was able to take all the cats to the Fauquier Shelter. Back then there were no organizations in Culpeper or Rappahannock county that helped cats.

Liz adopted Sammy, a tiny, very sickly kitten (see photo on pg 2) who despite his many problems prevailed against staggering odds. No one except Liz had any faith that he would make it but this little runt was a fighter - a real inspiration. So inspirational that Liz cre-

ated a special fund in his honor.

The Fund is set up to help private citizens pay for emergency medical care as well as routine veterinary help such as shots, tests and medicines. The



*Tina & Mike w/ “Jake” after he received emergency surgery sponsored by Sammy’s Fund. See story, page 3.*

Fund also underwrites low cost spay/neuter services, pet food distribution for those who cannot afford it and, in general, helps support programs and services that promote solutions to animal abuse and neglect. Since January 1 the Fund has helped

seven dogs and over 25 cats.

The Fund also assists other humane organizations in the area. Last year, RappCats, (Rappahannock County), received a \$1,000 grant towards the creation of that county’s first and only shelter for cats.

The “Pay It Forward Program” goes hand in hand with Sammy’s Fund. Most of the pet owners that the PFPF helps are without funds but very much want to repay the Foundation in some way. They are asked to volunteer at fundraising events which allows them to return the kindness and, in turn, help other animals and people in need - a “win-win” situation.

The Foundation holds two major fundraisers a year; a Rummage Sale in the spring and a Dinner/Dance in the fall. Donations are always needed and gladly accepted.

SAVE THE DATE

4th ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

*A PURR-FECT SOCK HOP with a  
little bit of BARK & ROLL...*

*September 21, 2013*

*Sponsors Needed!*

*[www.peopleforpetsfoundation.org](http://www.peopleforpetsfoundation.org)*



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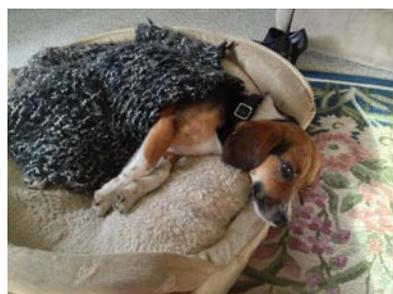
Liz Dubenitz, President & Founder

As you read our newsletter, I hope you feel the gratification that comes from being part of the PFPF community. So many of you help PFPF and our animals in a variety of ways, from providing a temporary safe haven for a foster animal, to volunteering and attending our special events, to generosity welcoming an animal into your home through adoption. I hope you enjoy reading about animals and people we have helped.



*In Loving Memory - Sammy, 1993 - 2011*

While always rewarding this work is difficult and never-ending. We are so appreciative that you are a part of the PFPF family and that your support never waivers, for without you, we would be hard pressed to help the animals and people that we do every year. Thank you for being a part of the PFPF community!



### *From Chain to a Cozy Bed...*

Here is "Roxy" the Beagle enjoying her new digs! Prior to her good fortune Roxy lived on a chain in a back yard receiving little to no attention. One of our PFPF Friends asked board member, Nancy Hughes, if the PFPF could help and this we did! Roxy was spayed, given all her shots and tests and adopted by a loving family. You Go Girl!

## *People for Pets Foundation - Donation Form*

*We Invite You to Help the Unwanted, Abused & Abandoned Animals in Our Area!*

- \$25.00
- \$100.00
- \$250.00
- \$500.00
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Sammy's Fund

My donation is in memory/honor of:

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The **PFPF** is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization so your donations are tax-deductible. Please return this completed form along with your check made payable to PFPF or provide credit card information and mail to, PO Box 254, Middleburg, VA 20118 or you can visit our website @ [www.peopleforpetsfoundation.org](http://www.peopleforpetsfoundation.org) and use **PAYPAL** anytime. Our Federal ID # is: 45-5504649

# YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

The People for Pets Foundation (PFPF) provides variety of services for animals and people in a five county area. We underwrite spay/neuter surgeries and emergency medical assistance for dogs and cats. We also pay for food and medicines for citizens who care for homeless animals, assist with compassionate feral cat population control and work with other humane organizations to rescue dogs and cats.

Because the PFPF does not receive any state or county funding, we depend solely on the generosity of individuals and businesses to keep the organization strong and financially secure. Please consider donating, every dollar helps and goes directly to the pets!



## *Helping Sadie...*

“I have a senior rescue dog that had never been to a vet. She needed medical attention but I couldn’t afford it.

Thanks to the PFPF I was able to get Sadie a check up, shots and testing for heartworm and Lyme’s disease. They also provide food for Sadie. If not for PFPF I would have had to take her to a shelter” - Nancy

## *Sophie the Miracle Cat...*

A semi-feral barn kitty for much of her life, Sophie was recently attacked by a dog and bitten and shook very badly. She managed to escape and run away. Her caretaker looked for her all around the neighborhood but eventually presumed she was gone.



*Sophie after her surgery*

Three weeks later Sophie showed up at the feeding station but something was terribly wrong. A bone was sticking out of her upper hind leg! How do she make it for three weeks? Sophie was captured and immediately taken to the Culpeper Animal Hospital. Her hind leg could not be saved but Sophie survived the surgery and is now living in a two story kitty condo until she is socialized enough to become an indoor kitty for the rest of her life. She deserves it!

Note: Thank you to Board member, Nancy Hughes for underwriting all PFPF expenses to help Sophie.

## *We Couldn't Imagine Our Lives Without Him...*

Jake and his family had just moved to Castleton where Jake was enjoying romping around his big, big yard. His parent’s house was way back in the woods with a very long, uphill driveway. Who would have thought that Jake would have been hit by the mailman after he delivered a package? He ran over Jake and never looked back. His parents heard him yelp and couldn’t believe what had just happened. Jake was in a bad way so they rushed him to the Culpeper Animal Hospital where it was determined that Jake would lose his left hind leg. Very expensive surgery.

Can you imagine being faced with this when you could only afford a small part of the bill? When Dr. Vargas called us and told us that the owners were in the parking lot crying about what they might have to do if they couldn’t come up with the funds (Dr. Vargas had already agreed to discount the bill substantially in order to help) we said to save Jake no matter what the cost.

Update: Jake is doing amazingly well. Liz D. went to visit him a month ago and meet his parents, Mike & Tina. You’d never know Jake only had three legs and nor does Jake!



*Jake poses for the camera*

## *He's a Big Part of My Family Now...*

“I just wanted to thank you because without your help I wouldn’t have been able to get Tank any help, or get him neutered or been able to keep him. He’s a big part of my family now - everyone’s attached to him, including my girl dog, Diesel. We all missed him when he went to the Shenandoah Spay/Neuter Clinic overnight to be neutered. He’s such a good boy and I’m so glad that the PFPF helped me rescue this poor dog. Because of you I am now able to give Tank a good and loving home.” - Kim



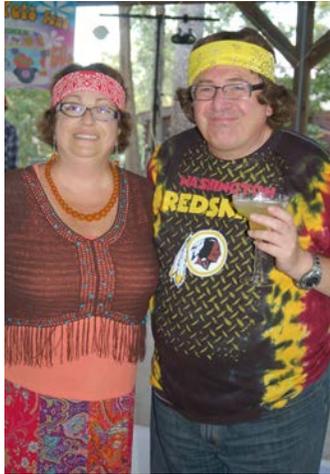
*Tank Relaxing by the Fireplace*

Note: Tank was found in Culpeper running down a busy road with another dog. Kim managed to capture him. He was skin and bones and had obviously received some sort of head trauma. We weren’t sure whether or not he’d been hit by a car or abused in some way. Kim called the PFPF for help and we arranged for Tank to visit our vet for all medical concerns. Tank was recently neutered, tested and given his yearly vaccinations. We also underwrite pet food for Tank.

# THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!



2012 Dinner & Dance Theme



Violet & Steve Weisz

Sandy Lerner - Ayrshire Farm  
 Mrs. Nancy Hughes  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Ross  
 Mr. Christopher Wiles  
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 It's About Thyme  
 Mrs. Aldene Helwick  
 Mrs. JoAnn Houston  
 Aliene Laws  
 Sue & Lee Downer  
 Andrea Steiner  
 Hunter's Head Tavern  
 Home Farm Store  
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 KK's Printing & Stationary  
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 Mrs. Jacqueline Badger Mars  
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 TASTE - Culpeper  
 Plow & Hearth

Infiniti Electric  
 Frenchman's Corner  
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