

## The Pet Scoop - December 2015



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Our mission is to reduce and aid the population of unwanted and lost companion animals in our community and to support and encourage the positive interaction between pets and people.

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Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PAWS Supporter},

Our newsletter is now being delivered monthly so you can stay updated on everything PAWS has going on! Here's the December edition of The Pet Scoop. Hope you enjoy!

Jo, Christy P, Jennifer P, Christy W, Samantha, Julie, Staci, Jennifer W & Laurel

***2015 PAWS Board of Directors***

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**Paw Paw's Pizza Night Fundraiser -  
December 17, 5-8pm**

We are an all volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was founded in May 2003 to help the communities in Northeast Louisiana.

***CLICK HERE TO  
BECOME A PAWS  
MEMBER TODAY!***



Want to help us promote spay/neuter?  
Check out this cool shirt along with the rest of our PAWS gear... visit our [online store!](#)

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Join us at [Paw Paw's Pizza Factory Buffet](#) and enjoy some yummy and unique pizza while raising funds for PAWS!

Paw Paw's Pizza is located at 3426 Cypress Street (next to Brookshire's) in West Monroe. Bring your family and friends, eat some great pizza and drop your receipt in the box and PAWS will receive a portion of your ticket. Thank you to Bucky & Brenda Newell, owners of Paw Paw's Pizza for supporting PAWS through this fundraiser! We hope to see you there!



## The 10th Annual Krewe of PAWS Mardi Gras Parade is almost here!!

The fun happens on January 30, 2016 at "Parade Central" at the corner of Commerce and Wood Streets in Antique Alley! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we rely on the proceeds to allow us to spay & neuter MORE pets of low income pet owners, rescue MORE pets from the Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter, provide MORE free ID tags to pet owners and do MORE outreach events!

This year we are following the Krewe of Janus' theme...Jean Lafitte's Treasure. Register your pets in the parade and join in the fun with costumes and floats or come watch from the sidelines and catch some beads! We will have parade shirts, beads and PAWS merchandise for sale as well as children's games and a few sponsor booths to visit so come early and check it out! You can pre-register online below or print out an entry form and mail it in with your payment. If you [pre-register](#), be sure to check in at the Pre-Registration table under the tent at our staging area on parade day. Deadline to pre-register is 1/15/16! After 1/15/16 you will need to register at the parade. QUESTIONS? Email [kreweofpaws@yahoo.com](mailto:kreweofpaws@yahoo.com).



**Grand Marshall  
Lucky**

**Our Grand Marshal this year, is "Lucky" the Aaron's mascot!**

**PARADE DAY SCHEDULE:**

*Spay Neuter Director*

**Staci Choate**

*Pet Therapy/Humane Ed*

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*Fundraising Coordinator*

### 2015 Members-At-Large

**Jennifer Cooper**

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11:00 – Parade registration, children's games & facepainting begin  
12:00 – Contest judging begins. Winners will be announced back at the staging area following the parade)  
1:00 – Parade line up  
1:30 – Parade rolls

**PARADE ROUTE:** Parade will begin in the 100 block of Commerce Street and proceed to the Pine Street intersection. Parade will turn left onto Pine Street. Parade will turn left onto Trenton Street. Parade will turn left onto Wood Street and then left back onto Commerce Street where the winners will be announced.

### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

Pre-register online before 1/15/16:  
\$20 for 1st pet (includes FREE parade t-shirt (for humans) which you will pick up at the pre-registration table)  
\$5 for each additional pet (no shirt included)  
Optional \$5 per pet for costume contest OR \$5 per float (you may enter costume contest OR float contest but not both)

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE PARADE!](#)**

**[CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE ROYAL COURT](#)**

**[CONTEST!](#)** Your pet could be crowned Krewe of PAWS King, Queen, Duke or Duchess!

### **Register on parade day:**

\$20 for 1st pet (NO t-shirt)  
\$10 for each additional pet (NO t-shirt)  
Optional \$5 per pet for costume contest OR \$5 per float (you may enter costume contest OR float contest but not both)

### **DO's & DON'Ts!**

- We welcome most pets, however, we do not allow horses, ponies or livestock to be entered into the parade as they may scare the dogs. Sorry!
- We do NOT allow any motorized floats.
- Retractable leashes are NOT allowed. If you have your pet on a retractable leash, you will be asked to use a slip leash, provided by PAWS.
- NO candy, small trinkets or dog treats are allowed to be thrown. Please ONLY throw beads, cups or larger non-edible items!

QUESTIONS? Email [kreweofpaws@yahoo.com](mailto:kreweofpaws@yahoo.com).

### **Jester Jog - January 30, 3:30pm**

Stay after the Krewe of PAWS parade and take part in the [Jester Jog](#) hosted by Dirty South Running! PAWS will receive a portion of the registration fees! Registration for the Jester Jog will be located near the Krewe of PAWS staging area on Commerce Street in West Monroe. You can also register online [HERE](#).



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### Shop & Earn Money For PAWS!



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### Don't Miss Our Membership Incentive Drawing!

by Jo Traylor

Only a few more days to be eligible for the 2015 membership incentive. The names of all new members that join or those renewing for 2015 by Dec 31 will be placed in a drawing with one lucky member receiving an additional year's membership. That's two year's membership for the price of one! The winner will also

receive their choice of either a purple or gray PAWS tshirt and a gift basket from Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers. Click on the red button today to join online or print a form and join by mail. Mailed in forms must be postmarked by Dec 31.

**Become a Member Today!**

**But that's not all!**

As an appreciation bonus, the names of all 2015 new and renewing members will be placed in a separate drawing for a \$50 gift card from their choice of Petco or PetSmart.

Both drawings to be held January 2, 2016.

PAWS appreciates the support of our members. Without your encouragement and financial support, PAWS' programs would be difficult if not impossible to put into action. It takes everyone's support to improve the lives of so many needy companion animals whether they need spaying or neutering, rescuing from the Shelter, or a free ID tag to get them united with their owners. There's strength in numbers and together we are the solution to meet these needs in our community.

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## **PAWS Animal Shelter Rescue Program**

Thanks to our wonderful donors, sponsors and foster families, we are able to rescue many dogs from the [Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter](#) each month. As of 12/31/14, we have saved the lives of 939 dogs and cats since our inception in 2003! Many of them have had to endure heartworm treatment, mange treatment, limb amputations or other surgeries due to neglect and injuries they received prior to entering the shelter. All of these awesome pets have gone on to loving new families with the help of our rescue partners!

In November we were able to pull these 19 wonderful dogs from the shelter who have either already found new homes or will soon be on their way to new lives!



There are always many more waiting at the shelter who need our help. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful rescue effort, please consider donating to our Rescue Program or becoming a foster family.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to our [Animal Shelter Rescue Program](#)  
Click [HERE](#) to access our foster home application. Read our foster home FAQ's [HERE](#).



*Alone we can do so little...  
Together we can do so much.  
- Helen Keller*

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### **Photos with Santa PAWS**

by Julie Lewis

While the warm Louisiana weather didn't exactly give off a Christmas-like vibe, the beautifully decorated fireplace mantle and Christmas tree inside did! For the second year, our generous friends at Southern Style Antiques, Gifts & Salon hosted this fun holiday event, as well as provided all the lovely props. We are grateful Santa Claus made time in his hectic schedule to spend the afternoon posing with many local pets, and even sometimes, their human families. Our own Jo Traylor volunteered to photograph and Nina Bennett helped pose the pets for over five hours! We saw pets of all breeds, sizes and costume and enjoyed chatting with the pet owners as they selected their favorite photos to purchase. Photos were only \$10 each and all proceeds will benefit the furry friends of northeast Louisiana through our PAWS programs. Be sure to check out even more pics on our Facebook pages! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this super fun event!







Please spay or neuter your pets! If you are a low-income pet owner and can't afford it, we can help! Click [HERE](#) for our spay/neuter application. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the importance of spay/neuter. If you have questions, email us at [pawsonela@yahoo.com](mailto:pawsonela@yahoo.com).

## Welcome!

We would like to thank and welcome our November 2015 new & renewing members!

<u>NEW</u>	<u>RENEWING</u>
Shea Lowe Family & 3 pets	Vickie Irwin & 3 pets
	Michelle Gathright & 1 pet
	Benjamin Simmons & 1 pet
	Bruce & Lynn Stahl & 2 pets
	Phyllis Forseth & 1 pet

Not a member? Join us today!  
Click [HERE](#) to become a PAWS member...



**December 17** - PawPaw's Pizza Fundraiser - West Monroe, LA

**January 16** - Monthly Offsite Adoption - Petco, Monroe, LA

**January 30** - Krewe of PAWS Mardi Gras Pet Parade

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