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meet someone -
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little time and
space to adjust,
and maybe a
tasty treat or
two, and you'll
soon see my
friendly and affectionate personality shine!

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Did I mention I'm very food-motivated? Treats are definitely one of the quickest ways to my heart! I also love to play and enjoy finding the highest spot I can. At my foster home, I love sitting "high in the sky" on the bunk bed, where I can keep an eye on everything below like the queen I am!

I get along with older children and other cats, and I don't mind sharing my space with a dog. I have always been very loved, but sadly, feline allergies mean I now need to find a new family who will love me just as much. I'm spayed, vaccinated, micro-chipped, litterbox-trained, and on flea prevention, so I'm all ready to start my next adventure!

If you're looking for a sweet girl with a playful spirit and lots of love to give, I could be just the one for you! I'm more than ready to trade my favorite high perch for a forever place in your heart. To meet me, please send an email to info@all4cats.org or call/text **All 4 Cats** at **910-707-4372**.

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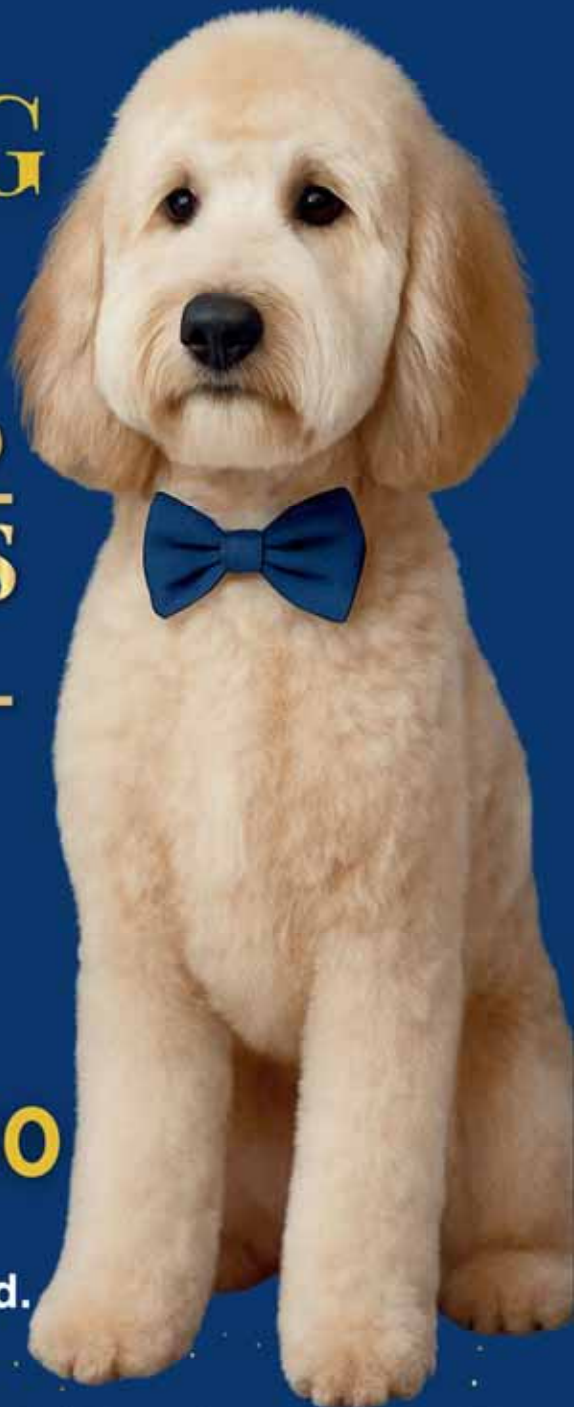
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one with extra patience who understands that trust takes time. I like to take things at my own pace, but once I feel safe and comfortable, my gentle personality begins to shine. Please come and visit me at Paws Place! The shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 2pm and there is no appointment necessary. Call 910-845-7297 or email info@pawsplace.org with questions.

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I'm **Chase**, a fluffy kitten boy who was found running alongside North Chase Parkway after a kind passerby noticed me and reached out to Friends of Felines to see if they could help. Humane traps were set that evening and I was caught quickly. I was very hungry and understandably

frightened. With love, patience, and plenty of good meals, I have completely blossomed in my foster home. I'm now an outgoing, affectionate kitten with a big personality. I love to purr, play with my foster siblings, and I'm always happy to soak up a loving hug whenever one is offered. I share a special bond with my foster brother, Buster (not pictured), another rescued singleton kitten. We're the best of friends, spending our days playing, cuddling, and keeping each other company. Because of our close bond, we'd love to be adopted together so we can continue growing up side by side. If you're looking for two sweet, playful, and incredibly handsome companions, we'd love to become part of your family! To meet us, apply at www.friendsofelines.org/adopt and click on the Adoption Application tab on the lower right corner. You can also contact my pals by emailing friendsofelines@aol.com or by calling 910-232-7741.

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I love to go on walks and when I look up at you with my beautiful brown eyes, it just

makes you melt! I know simple commands and respond well to training, especially if there are treats involved! As you can see from my photo, I happily sit on command for something tasty. I'm ready to play and cuddle with my new family, so I hope you'll visit me soon at Brunswick County Sheriff's Animal Protective Services. It's open from 10am to 5pm Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. If you have questions, please call my shelter friends at 910-253-1738.

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My name is **Kiki** and I'm a young Calico girl who was once best friends with a 6-year-old human girl. Sadly, she was allergic to cats so I'm now looking for a new loving family. But I'm definitely good with children and I was good with the other two cats

I lived with, though I could be happy as an only cat, too! I'm still adjusting to the transition to a foster home, but my previous owners want everyone

to know that I am super-sweet and playful! They also said I LOVE water and I've even walked into a running shower. Though its hard to say if I did that for the water or just to be near my people. I am spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and litterbox-trained, and I would likely love a home with kids, especially calm and patient ones who will let me settle and bond with them. I'm incredibly loyal, and just need some love and safety. I'll be the sweetest companion! To meet me, visit www.friendsofelines.org/adopt and click on the Adoption Application tab in the lower right corner. Or, contact Friends of Felines by calling 910-232-7741 or sending an email to ilm.cat.adoptions@gmail.com.

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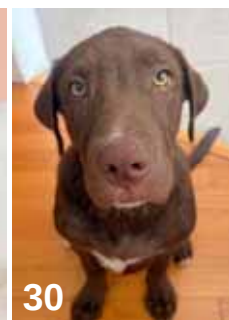
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Adoption Options

We are all from different Animal Rescues. Please read our stories!

THE RUFFIAN FOUNDATION

My name is **Ivy** and I am a very petite Ragdoll. My life was hard before I was rescued. I lived in a parking lot for four years. I was very sick but now I am better. I am a shy, sweet girl and just need love and patience to bring me out of my shell. I am spayed, vaccinated and litterbox-trained. Will you be my hero? Call 910-262-8890 so we can meet! ♥



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I'm **Louie** and I'm ready to find my forever family! Don't let my age fool you: at 5-years-young, I'm the perfect mix of playful and laid-back. I'm a professional cuddle bug with wonderful manners and I'm ready to be someone's loyal best friend. I like to meet new people at my own pace, so just give me a

few minutes to warm up. Once I feel comfortable, my sweet, affectionate personality shines through, and I'll happily soak up all the love and snuggles you have to offer. Need a well-mannered companion with a heart of gold? I'm your guy! Call 910-799-5638, email carolinaboxer@gmail.com, or visit www.carolinaboxerrescue.org to apply for my adoption. ♥

COASTAL CAROLINA RABBIT RESCUE

I'm **Maui**, an adventurous 1½-year-old bunny with soft gray fur, a white belly, bright eyes, and a little tuft of fur on top of my head. I came to the rescue after my family's new apartment would not allow rabbits. I was very loved, and saying goodbye was hard. I didn't do anything wrong; I just needed a safe place to go.

Thankfully, I have been so lucky to stay with the sweetest foster family while I wait for my forever home. My foster family has two young children under age five who are so sweet to me. They read me stories and sing me lullabies at night. I am neutered, microchipped, litterbox-trained, and ready to go home. I have no known behavior concerns and have been described as a very good boy. I enjoy having safe indoor space to explore and be part of the family. To meet me, call Bonnie at 910-216-0630 or apply for my adoption at www.carolinarabbits.org/adopt ♥



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I'm **Yankee**, a brand new graduate who is looking for a home! At 3-years-old, I'm a Walker Hound boy who loves playing with other dogs and cuddling with humans. I do chase cats, so I'm looking for a home without any of those! My foster family says I'm a great dog and someone will be lucky to add me to their family...maybe you?

I come with my crate, training harness and leash. I'm neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and on heartworm prevention. To adopt me, call 910-259-7911 or

apply at www.montyshome.org and they'll call you! ♥

ONslow COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

If you're looking for a best friend who's always ready to have a good time, I'm your guy! My name is **Cornbread** and I'm a very happy-go-lucky Pit Bull/Lab mix boy who has never met a toy I didn't love.

Whether it's a tennis ball, a squeaky toy, or something to carry around proudly, you'll usually find

me with one in my mouth. When playtime rolls around, I'm all in! I enjoy a good game of chase, romping around with my dog friends, and I'm a rockstar in the playgroups. After burning off some energy, I'm just as happy to kick back and enjoy the fresh air, soaking up the sunshine at my own pace. One thing you should know about me - if there's a kiddie pool nearby, I'm probably already in it! A water-loving boy like me never misses the chance to cool off with a splash. At around 54 pounds, I'm the perfect size for adventures big and small. I absolutely adore people and have a friendly, affectionate personality that shines with adults and kids alike. I'm currently heartworm positive, but don't let that discourage you. Heartworm disease is treatable, and my friends will be happy to explain what that means and help guide you through the process. If you're ready for a playful companion who can keep you laughing, join you on outdoor adventures, and then relax by your side at the end of the day, I'm waiting to meet you! Please call 910-937-1164 or 910-455-0182 with any questions or for more information. ♥



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ADOPT-AN-ANGEL

Hi, my name is **Elizabeth Cali**! I am a super-sweet dilute Calico and about 2-years-old. I can be very shy at first so I will require a patient, understanding person to let me ease into my new life. I get along great with other cats. Meet me at Petsmart on New Centre Dr. in Wilmington or send an email to my pals at adopt@adoptanangel.net ♥



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Five years is a long time to wait for a family. My name is **Ellie** and I have been waiting patiently for someone to realize I am the dog they did not know they needed. I am a beautiful senior girl, over 7-years-old, with the calm confidence of a true Southern lady. I am loyal, affectionate, and happiest when I can be someone's whole heart. I don't need a big yard but a bit of exercise might be good for me - I have been described as pleasingly plump. I'm spayed, vaccinated and ready to move in. Maybe you didn't know you needed me yet - but I've been waiting for you. Call or text Silvia at 910-876-0539 to learn more about me. ♥



CHIHUAHUA RESCUE AND TRANSPORT



Absolutely adorable tripod alert! My name is **Lil Man** and I'm an 8-pound, approximately 7-year-old Chihuahua mix boy rescued from a horribly abusive situation. My crushed right back leg had to be amputated but I'm gaining strength in my left leg and I'll now run for short distances. I'm still wary of people but

will snuggle on my terms - I'll come to you once I'm comfortable! I'm physically healed but will need a patient owner to help me continue my emotional recovery. I get along with other dogs and a cat. I'm still frightened by halters and leashes so I need a small fenced-in area. I am house-trained, fully vetted, vaccinated, neutered, and on heartworm prevention. Submit an application at www.chihuahua-rescue.com/adoption-application/ so we can schedule a meet and greet. You may also call 724-681-4715 for more information. ♥

OPERATION TOPCAT



Mace is on the case! Hi! My name is **Mace**, and I'm a 4-year-old gentleman looking for a home where I can finally retire from detective work and focus on my true passion: being your little spoon. I may be a bit shy when we first meet, but a few face scratches, some tasty treats, and a little patience will unlock my loud purr and endless affection. I answer to my name with happy chirps, love curling up in bed beside

my people, and take my cuddle duties very seriously. I get along with other cats and politely tolerate dogs, though I prefer a peaceful household where I can ease into new friendships at my own pace. If you're searching for a loyal friend with a soft heart and excellent snuggling credentials, I think I've cracked the case. Call 910-545-9885 or email otopcatnc@gmail.com for more info. You can apply for my adoption at www.operationtopcatnc.org ♥

UNFORGOTTEN SOULS RESCUE

Hi, I'm **Matti**! I may look like the cutest little moo-cow, but I promise you, I'm actually (the cutest) pup you'll ever meet! About me? I'm approximately 2-years-old, and everyone says I'm the sweetest little gal. I'm house-trained, crate-trained, dog-friendly, and a social sweetheart.

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Plus, I love playing just as much as I love cuddling up next to my hooman! I promise I'm normal, but I also have a very special walk. I call it my run-way walk that I personally think I've perfected and gives me some fun flare. My foster mom laughs every time I do it. I am also somewhat famous for my excellent head tilts as well. Ask me anything and I'll tilt so hard you'll crack up and forget what you were asking! Overall, I'm gentle, cuddly, silly, and ready for a family who wants a dog that looks like a cow, walks like a runway model, and loves with her whole heart. So if you've been waiting for a one-of-a-kind bestie, please reach out to my friends. Apply at www.theunforgottensouls.com/adopt, or send an email to theunforgottensouls@gmail.com. You can also find more of my photos on our Instagram and Facebook social media pages: www.instagram.com/unforgottensoulsrescue and www.facebook.com/unforgottensoulsrescue. ♥



Hi there! My name is **Layla** and I'm hoping my next best friend is reading this. I'm 7-years-old, and if you asked my family, they'd tell you I'm one of the sweetest, most loyal dogs they've ever known. I love my people with my whole heart. I'm happiest curled up next to you on the couch, going for walks, playing outside, or just being wherever you are. Belly rubs? Yes, please. Treats? Even better. This is the hardest thing my family has ever had to do. They love me more than words can say, and if love alone could fix everything, I'd be staying right where I am. But sometimes life changes in ways none of us expect. My family now has very young children, and I've learned that I don't do well with the unpredictability that comes with toddlers. I need a calm home where I can truly relax and be the best version of myself. It's not anyone's fault - it's just who I am. I'm looking for a home without any other pets or young children. I'm healthy, spayed, microchipped, up to date on vaccines, and my skin allergies are well managed with Apoquel. My family will send me home with plenty of medication, food, treats and all my favorite beds and blankets to ease my transition. If you're looking for a loyal best friend who will greet you with a wagging tail every day, keep you company on walks, and love you with her whole heart, I might just be your perfect match. My family only has one wish - that whoever adopts me loves me even half as much as they do. If you do, I promise you'll have a best friend for life. My email is homeforlayla19@gmail.com and I can't wait to meet you!



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Hi, friends! I'm **Peppermint Patty**, a confident, playful little girl with a big personality and an even bigger heart. Raised from just three-weeks-old alongside my five brothers and my mom, I learned early on how to hold my own - and I still carry that bold, spirited energy today. While I can keep up with the best of them, I am just as loving as I am spunky. I absolutely love to play and will happily entertain myself (and you!) with my antics. When I'm comfortable, I'm also incredibly affectionate - I enjoy being carried, getting kisses from my foster parents, and curling up to sleep on my foster dad. I can feel overwhelmed in busy environments like adoption fairs, where I may seem a bit dramatic - but it's only because I'm scared. Once I'm back in a calm setting or with someone I trust, I quickly settle down and show my true, sweet nature. I may be a little shy when meeting new people at first, but I warm up quickly once I realize I'm safe and loved. I have been well-socialized, even spending time in an office where I've met new people and other cats. Give me a moment to feel safe, and you'll be rewarded with a loving, playful, and deeply devoted companion whose true colors - and stripes - are absolutely beautiful. Just 10-months-old, I am healthy, spayed, up to date on vaccines and litterbox-trained. To meet me, please reach out to Susannah with Adopt-An-ANGEL at 910-381-8926 and let's set up a time to get together.

Adopt a Black Dog!

I'm **Dalia** (AF13127), a tall, thin beauty who is lovely both inside and out. I'm a Black Lab mix girl with lots of playful energy. Won't you come visit and get to know me? I'd love to be your newest family member. You can find me at **Brunswick County**



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except for gaining more weight, my doggy doctor said I'm healthy. If you're looking for someone who will charm your life...that's me! ♥

▶I'm **Maple**, and I've been looking for my very own home for a while now. It hasn't happened yet, BUT I KNOW the perfect home is out there for me. I have a long, sad story, but I'm happy to say I've forgotten all about it. I enjoy every day with my foster family: sniffing grass, playing with toys, going on walks, getting belly rubs and receiving snout kisses. I haven't let my past dictate my future! I've seen much and experienced more, but I'm not letting what WAS dictate what WILL BE. Perhaps more people should be like me...♥



◀Hi there friends, my name is **Diva**! I'm a 10-week-old puppy girl who is a great mix of sweet and sassy! I'm getting my puppy shots and all sorts of stuff to make sure I grow up super-healthy. I love playing with my humans and furry foster siblings. When I'm tired, I put myself to bed in my little house to take a nap and recharge. I really like when my humans tell me what I need to do to be a good girl, because I want to

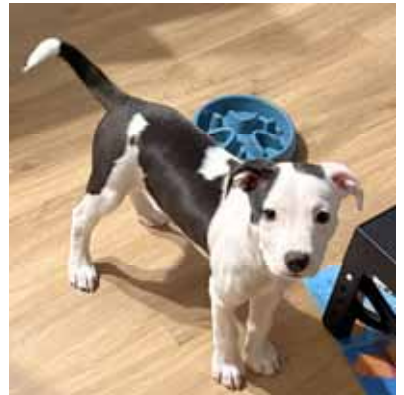
be the best little companion ever for my new family! ♥



◀**Millie Mae** here, letting you know that I'm just a youngin' getting everything I need so I can go to my forever home! At just 10-weeks-old, I think I'm a Boxer, Lab and Bully mix. Kinda like the best parts of all these pups rolled up into a perfect puppy. I'm learning to potty outside and my foster family (who I love) keeps telling me I'm doing good AND I get treats! I'm kinda tiny right now so I don't know how big I'll get, but however big that is, I'll be

full of love and fun. Call today so that we can meet soon! ♥

▶I'm **Tank**, a little guy at about 13-weeks-old. I was rescued by a Good Samaritan and am getting all my puppy shots and hanging out with my foster parents just waiting for my very own forever home. I'm learning my manners and have figured out that I need to do my business outside and not on my foster



parents' floor. I'm working on leash-training, but have to wait a little until I get ALL my doggy shots, so for now, I'm practicing in the house. I can't wait to see what my new future brings me. Do you think it will be with you? ♥

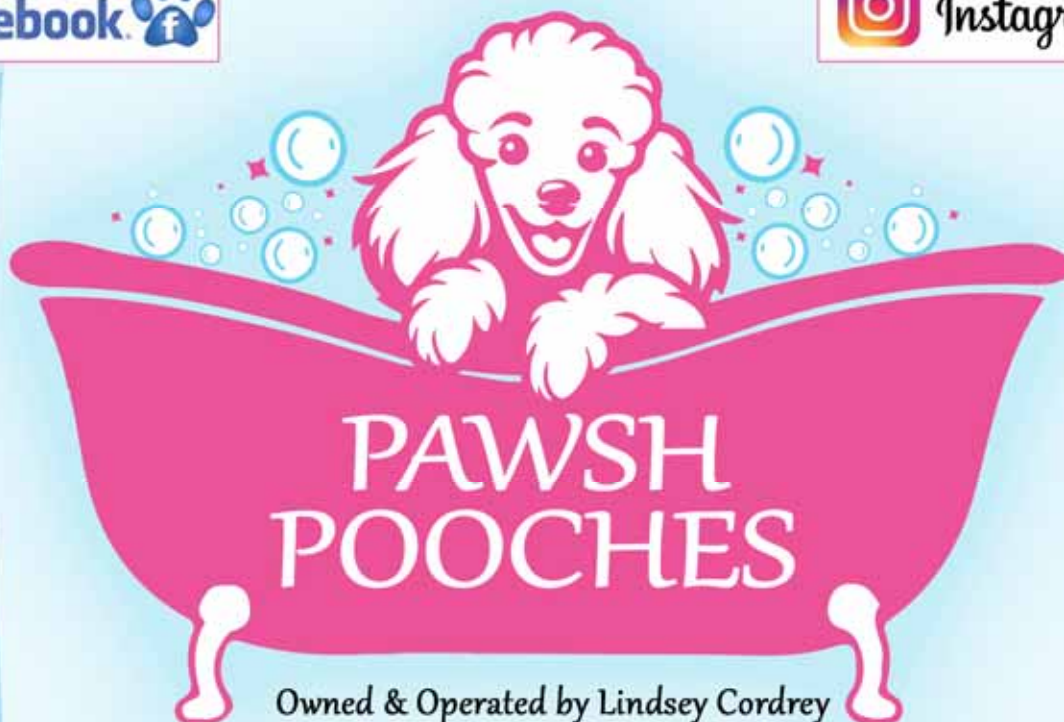
▶I'm **Petunia** and I'm just as pretty as my name! I was stuck in a loud place for a long time until I got my jailbreak and now I'm having so much fun with my foster family and furry foster siblings. At just 1-year-old and 46 pounds, I'm a mixed-breed girl who loves my little house (crate) and playing with my furry foster siblings. It would be super cool if my new home had a furry brother but if not, that's ok too, as long as you spend time hanging out with me,



going on walks and all that good stuff. My doggy doctor says I'm super healthy which made everyone helping me very happy! Could you be the best friend I'm waiting for? ♥

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► Hi! I'm **Sally** and I was rescued from an apartment complex where my mama, Suzie, gave birth. She's pictured on this page. I'm a tiny fluff of Tabby and white fur right now, but I am the sweetest and most gentle baby girl. At 5-months-old, I enjoy pouncing on other kittens and my own tail. I appreciate affection and am learning that people's laps are the coolest place to nap. If you'd like to meet me soon, please call my pals at 910-599-2755! ♥



► I'm **Stormie**, a tiny 2-month-old white kitten with black spots. I was found in a feral cat colony, but a volunteer quickly realized a friendly girl like me did not belong on the streets. Instead of running, I wanted to



be held! I was gently scooped up and rescued. I'm a total lover who craves affection, and I love being petted. I show my intense appreciation with a wonderfully loud purr. I love other kittens and I don't mind the older dog in my foster home. Call 910-599-2755 to meet me, please! ♥

► My name is **Suzie** and I'm a wonderful mom to Sally, pictured above. When I had her I was homeless, but I kept her safe until help arrived. I am thriving in foster care and enjoying all the love that we receive. I'm so very sweet and I like to be petted, but I may need to be an only cat since I'm very protective of Sally and don't tolerate other cats around her. Maybe I'll come around once she's adopted. To meet me, call or text Cat Adoption Team at 910-599-2755. ♥



► Here I am - **Joey**! I'm a little fluffy orange and white guy who is totally bonded with my sister and roomie Monica (who is also featured on this page). Like our 'Friends' counterparts, we are incredibly entertaining.



I'm 4-months-old and have blossomed into such a spunky and energetic kitten. It's hard to believe I arrived as a tiny bottle feeder who was barely alive! My other bestie is my Foster Dad. I love laying in his lap. Yes, I'm a lap kitten and some day I'll be a big Lap Cat! Please call 910-599-2755 to arrange a meeting. ♥

► My name is **Monica** and I am absolutely the cutest little Tuxedo girl you've ever seen. I'm a baby at 4-months-old and I adore my brother, Joey. He's my bestie and you can see him on this page, too. We do everything together: hang out, play, sleep and eat. Yep, we're totally inseparable. We are ok with dogs and we love our baby cat routine. First, it's a nap in the sun after breakfast. Mid-day, we play hard, chasing each other up and down the stairs. At bedtime, we snuggle with our foster Mom. If you are looking for some beautiful little babies to add to your household, please visit me and my feline family. We had a tough beginning when we were homeless, but we're ready for new lives with forever families. Simply call my friends at 910-599-2755. ♥



Celine



Cindy

▲ I'm **Celine** and this is my sister, **Cindy**! Just 10-weeks of age, we were rescued in downtown Wilmington and bottle fed by our foster mom. Although we've now outgrown our baby stage and are very playful kittens, we still like to be cradled like babies, and we purr up a storm when our tummies are rubbed. We get along great with the other cats, but love each other the most, so we hope to be adopted together. Call 910-599-2755 to meet us! ♥

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along great with other dogs and I'd love a furry friend to hang out with. If you're looking for a loyal adventure buddy and snuggle partner, I'm your guy! To meet me, please email Coastal Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) at carewilmington@yahoo.com or call 910-256-2624.



Hi! My name is **Felix**, and I'm a gentle, loving boy who's happiest spending time with my people.

At 9-years-young, I've mastered the art of relaxing, especially if I can curl up nearby while you go about your day. I also enjoy a little playtime and take my job as your personal supervisor very seriously - you might even get a helping paw now and then! My journey hasn't always been easy. I was found at an Airbnb last year in very rough shape. I was severely underweight and had painful dental disease, so I ended up having all of my teeth removed. The good news? I feel so much better now! Thanks to my dental care and a specialized diet of Hill's Gastro-intestinal Biome, I've gained a healthy weight and am looking more handsome than ever. I do have a sensitive tummy, so I'll need to stay on my special food to keep feeling my best. Other than that, I'm an easy-going companion who loves affection, cozy naps, and being close to the people I love. If you're looking for a laid-back, sweet, and slightly silly cat who will fill your home with love, I just might be the perfect match. I am neutered, vaccinated, on flea prevention and I can't wait to meet my forever family! Please call Kitty Pawtrol at 812-598-0130, email kittypawtrol@yahoo.com, or visit us online at www.kittypawtrol.org for adoption information.



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▲ I'm looking for my forever adventure buddy! At just 7-months-old, I'm a Carolina Dog girl who's always ready to explore, play, and make new friends. I'm everything you'd expect from a puppy - curious, energetic, and always on the move! I love meeting people and making every day an adventure. I'll need a family that's ready to help me learn, grow, and burn off all this puppy energy with walks, playtime, and lots of love. My ID number is **A521097** so hurry on over and check me out. I'm fully vetted, my bags are packed and I'm ready to go! ♥



◀ Hi there! We're a pair of big, goofy, gentle lovebugs who have one very important request: Can we go home together? We know adopting two dogs at once might sound like a big ask - but just look at us! We're a couple of Velcro lovebirds who have formed an incredibly special bond. We play together, look for each other when we're apart, chase the water together, splash in the pool together... basically, wherever one of us goes, the other is

never far behind! We come fully vetted and our shelter friends do ask that we be indoor dogs and true members of the family - exactly where two lovebirds like us belong. We're a boy and girl - that's me, the girl, on the left. I'm just 9-months-old and my ID number is **A519007**. My friend is 2-years-old and his ID number is **A519009**. We found each other; now all we need is a family to find us! ♥



◀ Has adopting an adorable puppy been on your list of things to do? Well, here I am! I'm a German Shepherd mix boy, just 8-months-old. Like all puppies, I can't get enough running and playing and tossing toys and chasing balls...but I also love to get attention from

humans! I'm a gorgeous boy and it's thought I'll be a large dog when fully grown. My ID number is **A521355** but I bet you'll think of a wonderful new name for me, right? ♥

► I'm **Munchie** (A521336), a 1½-year-old Husky mix with the most beautiful ice-blue eyes! I'm a bouncy, outgoing girl who loves making new friends. The people here say I've never met a stranger! I passed my dog introductions with flying colors, so if you already have a canine buddy, bring them along for a meet-and-greet. I just might make a new best friend. Want to know the fastest way to my heart? Snacks! Of course, I'm also a professional attention-seeker - I soak up pets, belly rubs, and compliments. Come over and get to know me! ♥



◀ At 8-months-old, I'm a big puppy with an even bigger heart! I'm the kind of guy who believes every day is worth celebrating! I love meeting new people, making new dog friends, and I've done really well during my meet-and-greets with other dogs. If you have a playful pup at home, let's meet and see if we're a perfect match! When it's play-time, hand me a tough chew toy and I'm one

happy boy. What I want most, though, isn't fancy toys or treats - it's a home where I'll never have to wonder if someone is coming back for me. My ID number is **A520519**. Won't you come over and get to know me? ♥

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◀Hi! I'm **Ragnar** (A521370), a very handsome 1-year-old gentleman with big green eyes, an adorable pink nose, and a sweet personality just waiting to shine. I'm already neutered, vaccinated, litterbox-trained and on flea prevention, so I'm ready to start a new chapter in life. All I'm missing is a loving person to call my own. Could you be the one to provide me with my happily-ever-after? ♥

▶I'm **Lacey** (A520827), a 7-year-old Lab mix girl with a big smile, some good manners, and a heart that just needs a little time to feel at home. I was surrendered to the shelter by my previous owner, and although life has changed quite a bit for me, I've been a great girl with the staff here. I already know some commands, and one of my favorite things is getting outside to enjoy some fresh air and playtime! I'm looking for a home without small children, where I can settle in at my own pace and feel safe and secure. Could you be the fresh start I've been waiting for? ♥



◀I'm a handsome Black Mouth Cur mix, and I'm on the hunt for a family to call my very own! I came to the shelter as a stray, but I haven't let that dim my spirit! I'm still a happy, outgoing guy who is ready to leave the past behind and start an exciting new chapter with someone who will

love me forever. When it comes to other dogs, I enjoy canine company, but I do best with dogs who aren't overly dominant or bossy. A Meet & Greet would be a great way to see if your pup and I could become buddies. I'm just 1-year-old, already neutered and vetted, and my ID number is **A520180**. ♥



▲They named me **Bear** (A521093), but I promise I'm more teddy bear than grizzly! I'm a 1-year-old boy with a big smile, an even bigger heart, and a tail that never stops wagging. Every single day I wake up grateful for belly rubs, kind people, and the chance to chase after a tennis ball. One thing everyone notices about me is my gentle manners. I take treats as softly as I can, because I never want to accidentally miss out on a snack...or hurt your fingers! Nothing makes me happier than spending time with my favorite humans. I'm fully vetted, healthy, and ready to trade my kennel for a couch, my shelter blanket for your lap, and lonely nights for forever-home cuddles. ♥

▶Hi! I'm a 1-year-old Shar Pei mix, which means I come with plenty of personality, a sweet heart, and - most importantly - lots of wonderfully squishy wrinkles! I'm an affectionate guy who absolutely loves being close to my people. I take treats politely and already know how to sit for them. Handsome and well-mannered? What a combo!

When I'm not soaking up affection, I have plenty of fun things on my agenda. I love the water, I adore my stuffed animals, and I enjoy spending time with other dogs. In fact, I've even been to doggy daycare and did great! Because I'm a Shar Pei mix, my shelter friends would especially love to find an adopter who has experience with the breed.

Could you be the one I've been waiting for? My ID number is **A519007**, so ask for me! ♥





When *The Pawsitive Influence Contest* was launched, the hope was to discover stories that celebrated the remarkable ways fictional animals have shaped our lives. Readers were invited to reflect on the beloved animals of literature, television and film who inspired courage, compassion, resilience, laughter and hope, and then share how those unforgettable characters helped them become kinder, more empathetic people.

What we received exceeded every expectation.

Entries arrived from readers of all ages, each one filled with heartfelt memories, thoughtful reflections, and genuine appreciation for the animals whose stories have left lasting impressions. Some essays made us smile. Others brought tears to our eyes. Together, they reminded us that the greatest stories do much more than entertain - they help shape who we become.

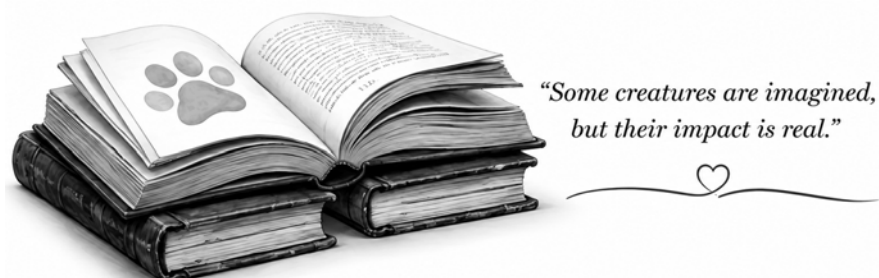
Choosing only three winners was no easy task. Every submission reflected careful thought, personal honesty, and a sincere love of animals. We are deeply grateful to everyone who took the time to participate and share such meaningful experiences. Every entrant helped make this contest a wonderful celebration of empathy and the unique bond between people and animals.

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to the three winners. In recognition of their outstanding essays, \$500 has been awarded to each winner's favorite local nonprofit animal rescue, allowing these inspiring stories to make an impact far beyond the printed page or screen.

As an added bonus, in honor of ALL contributors, contest creator Susan Wilson and her beloved rescue dog Sally Wilson, a Paws Place adoptee, will make an additional \$1,000 donation to Adopt-An-ANGEL - an organization that is especially close to her heart.

Thank you to everyone who entered, to those who encouraged friends and family to participate, and to all of our readers who continue to support animal welfare through compassion, advocacy and adoption.

Now, please enjoy reading the winning essays.



🧩 THE WINNING ESSAYS 🧩

For Halloween, when I was eight-years-old, my mother sewed two pairs of black leggings onto my black tutu so I could become my favorite literary character: Charlotte, the wise spider from *Charlotte's Web*. I twirled in front of the mirror before dropping to the floor to crawl around on all eight "legs." At the time, I loved Charlotte because we shared the same name. Years later, I realized it wasn't me who truly embodied Charlotte's character - it was my mother.

Shortly after those Halloween days, my mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a fast-progressing, incurable disease. Like Charlotte, who knew she would not live as long as Wilbur but devoted her life to helping him, my mother chose to spend her time loving and caring for others instead of dwelling on her illness.

She taught my sister and me that while we may not be able to save every animal, we should always try. Our home became a refuge for creatures that needed a second chance: turtles rescued from busy roads, my beloved dog Moose who lived in our barn, and even a lonely black chicken no one wanted at the farm supply store. Just as importantly, she taught us to treat every person - no matter how different - with kindness, compassion, and respect.

Watching my mother endure tremendous suffering while never losing her generous spirit shaped the person I am today. When she passed away, I made a promise that her lessons would not end with her. I would carry them forward.

Charlotte showed me what selfless love looks like in a story. My mother showed me what it looks like in real life. Because of them both, I have a calling for helping animals and serving others, hoping to leave the world a little kinder than I found it, as they did.

By Charlotte Curtis

\$500 has been awarded to Charlotte's favorite rescue, It Takes A Village Rescue, NC



You know Lassie, but do you know Chester Cricket from *The Cricket In Times Square*, by George Selden? I read it when I was 8. I just finished reading it again to see if it would mean as much to me now as it did to that child 48 years ago. And it did.

Chester is a Connecticut cricket who accidentally slips into a picnic basket to eat liverwurst, falls asleep and wakes up in Times Square. A small country cricket versus the Big Apple. He lands in a struggling news stand and befriends Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse. This unlikely trio overcomes obstacles and solves problems to survive. Mario, a young child, finds him and begs his parents to adopt him. Reluctantly, they agree, but Chester has a series of mishaps that makes Mario's parents question their decision. The family could have given up on Chester so many times. He ate a 2 dollar bill by accident and almost burned the newsstand down, but they don't. They learn that Chester is talented and can chirp opera music, drawing in crowds that raises money for the struggling newsstand. He proves that his adoption was not a mistake. It's an incredible blessing instead.

The story explores themes of friendship, overcoming odds, doing the right thing, never underestimating underdogs, and showing empathy towards all living creatures. Finally, it explores what it means to truly adopt a pet. As an animal rescuer, I am not surprised that his adoption moved me so much as a child. It shaped who I am. All these themes shaped who I am. I root for and rescue underdogs. Then, I find them homes. I want their families to not give up too early because they will never know what they missed out on if they do. Thank you, Chester.

By Jill Jones

\$500 has been awarded to Jill's favorite rescue, Animal Ally Action Fund



Many of us grew up with Winnie the Pooh and his friends; Piglet, Kanga, Roo, Owl, Tigger, Rabbit, Christopher Robin, and the often misunderstood Eeyore. Eeyore was always a favorite of mine. I recently revisited the Hundred Acre Wood and it got me thinking about Eeyore and my dog Walter.

We all know Eeyore seemed a bit gloomy, hanging his head low, sometimes grumbling under his breath. He always got the short end of the stick. In the original books, his poorly made house of sticks was constantly being blown over. And who could forget that pink bow? Eeyore never could keep his tail on, but we all knew that a pink bow was the least favored replacement in his eyes.

This brings me to one of our rescues we named Walter. When we saw his picture his sad eyes said it all. "No one will notice me, if I just lay here quietly." He had given up and like Eeyore, he went unnoticed. I knew right away that we had to adopt him. He had that Eeyore look. The look like his house had been blown over one too many times; the look like he had given up. When he came to us, we didn't know if he would survive the week. He was our Eeyore. Yes, he had that sad look, but he also had the best parts of Eeyore. Walter, like Eeyore, was a loyal and loving companion. Walter, like Eeyore, never gave up. Walter, like Eeyore, was sincerely loveable and comforting. Many of us voice our furry kids and Walter was always voiced like Eeyore. He, too, was the voice of reason, just like Eeyore. He saw things as they were, not sugar coated, just realistic.

As I sit and reflect on Eeyore, I am constantly reminded of the joy my Eeyore, Walter brought me. Walter has since crossed the Rainbow Bridge, but I can still hear him, in his Eeyore voice saying, "Thanks for noticin' me".

By Michael Lauricella

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► My name is **Baby**. I'm approximately 4-years-old and have been living outside the last few months. My owner moved and left me behind. A neighbor has been caring for me and my friend that was also left behind. She has multiple pets and cannot keep me. My vaccinations have been updated and I am neutered. Notice my tipped ear where I went through a feral cat program back in the day. I am VERY friendly and love to be with people. My handsome looks, white socks and beautiful white whiskers make me



quite dashing. I just need a nice place to land and live my best furever life. I do well with cats, kids and probably am ok with a dog. Please call Jill at 910-620-3783 to meet me. ♥



▲ I'm **Donnie**, a 4-year-old, 43 pound American Foxhound. I have an exuberant, funny, happy and playful personality. I do not bother cats in any way. I completely ignore them so if you have cats, I am your boy. I love dogs, but with my playful personality only patient or playful dogs can tolerate me. I do well with bigger dogs who can teach me boundaries. You have to have a sense of humor because I will make you laugh all day. I am crate-trained, house-trained, but am still a puppy so I can grab a shoe, throw some laundry around or grab a sandwich off the counter if you turn your back. But, after 30 days in foster care, I have made tremendous strides. I learned to sit. I learned what NO and Eh Eh means. I am eager to please and don't have a mean bone in my body so I would love older kids. I do great out at breweries, I walk well on a leash and can go anywhere and make you proud. I am an absolute joy and am very affectionate. I melt when you touch me, love to sit next to you on the couch and sleep all night long curled up and cuddled next to you. I can be mischievous so if you are retired, or work from home, I will make a great companion. I do have a bit of energy so a fenced in yard would be helpful. Please call Jill Jones at 910-620-3783 to meet me. ♥



◀ I'm **Lucy**, a young Tabby cat who is just a year old. That makes me just about a baby! I'm super friendly and loving. Just pet me and I meet your hand with

a perfect yoga arch. I do well with cats, kids and dogs. I was a stray in the neighborhood and folks think someone moved away and left me behind. If you would like to add me to your family, please call Jill at 910-620-3783. ♥

► Hello! My name is **Tigger**. I am a gray Tabby approximately 3-years-old.

My friend Baby (also pictured on this page) and I were left behind, but a nice neighbor took care of us until we were ready for adoption. We are READY!

My vaccinations are updated and I have been neutered. I am very sweet but a little timid until I get to know you. I love head scratches and even belly rubs. Talk sweet to me and



I will just fall over for a rub down. Baby and I can live cohesively together but we are fine being only cats. I am great with cats, kids and probably fine with dogs, too.

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► **Manx Kitty Alert!**

My name is **Pablo**, and I'm a 3½-year-old black and white tuxedo boy who is simply gorgeous!

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I do well with other cats, but dogs scare me. I have been bouncing around between

different homes and rescue groups and am really hoping for a kind, gentle person to adopt me and provide me with stability. I am neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

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it you can't even begin to be mad at me! I'm also very sweet. I love to be petted, held, and cuddled for each and every nap time, and am a general spark of energy and love! I run up to anyone and everyone the instant they enter the room and purr just about constantly. I love to climb in your lap whether passing by to say hello, or to settle down for a good nap. As active as I am, I'd do best with another very playful young cat or kitten in the home, and would do great with kids, chaos, or just about anything! To meet, apply at www.friendsofelines.org/adopt and click on the Adoption Application tab on the lower right corner. You can also call 910-232-7741 or send an email to friendsofelines@aol.com for more info.



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enjoy spending time with people and would do best with older children who can keep up with my excitement and playful personality. I am currently finishing up my heartworm treatment and am well on my way to being heartworm-free. Through it all, I kept my happy-go-lucky attitude and love for life. If you're looking for a loyal companion who will bring plenty of fun, laughter, and love into your household, I may be the perfect match! Call Onslow County Animal Services at 910-937-1164 or 910-455-0182 with any questions.

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amazing at doggy daycare. I had a great time hanging out with the other dogs! I also enjoy all kinds of toys, and when the weather heats up, you'll find me happily chilling in a pool. I love water and enjoy a refreshing spray from the hose. Who needs a fancy spa when you can have your very own backyard splash zone? I'm sweet and gentle with everyone I meet, and am neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped, and on flea prevention. I'm ready to trade shelter life for a loving home! Let's meet at the New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit. Adoption hours are Monday - Friday from 11am to 3:30pm and on Saturday from 8am to 11:30am. For more info, call 910-798-7500.

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(AF14858)!

At 8-years-old, I'm a Foxhound boy with a kind spirit who enjoys human companionship and attention. I'm a gentle, loving soul who will make you very happy! I hope

you'll visit me at **Brunswick County Sheriff's Animal Protective Services**. You can also call **910-253-1738** for answers to any questions.

My name is
Doris
(AF15589)!

At 7-years-old, I'm a Cattle Dog and German Shepherd mix looking for a relaxing retirement home where I can share good company, good food and soft beds. Let's meet at

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Hi, I'm **Luna** (A466336), a 5-year-old Blue Pit Bull girl with a big heart, a beautiful smile, and more than 100 days of shelter life under my belt. I'm an extremely affectionate pup who has lots of love to give. I enjoy my chew toys, and I recently had the best girls' day out with one of my favorite

volunteers! I walked beautifully on the leash, visited a local pet store, and even got to pick out some toys. Yes, I am a very talented shopper! I enjoy a fish-based diet - salmon, yum! (I'm allergic to chicken, so it's seafood for me, easy peasy.) After more than 100 days of waiting, I'm hoping someone will finally see me and say, "Luna, you're coming home!" Could that family be yours? Let's meet at the New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit. Adoption hours are Monday through Friday from 11am to 3:30pm and on Saturday from 8am to 11:30am. For more information, please call my friends at 910-798-7500.

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Hello! My name is **Lea** but I was called Bones when I was rescued due to the fact I was so skinny. I'm a 2-year-old long-haired white and



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Buns and Sugar

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We could also be paired with one of our kitten sisters pictured here, or even our mom Honey, who is pictured below. I'm Buns, the sleek black kitten, and I'm a boy. Sugar, also a boy, is all white with blue eyes. We are curious, playful, gentle, and love to cuddle. To meet us, text 864-483-2444 or send an email to adoptafurrcat@gmail.com. FURR is closing indefinitely due to the Director's health issues so it's urgent that we find loving homes soon. We'll fill your life with so much love!



Sugar

DONATE: Covering medical costs, pet supplies and food are every day expenses for FURR. We accept monetary and non-monetary donations which are tax-deductible to the extent of the law!



Cinnamon

Cinnamon and Flour

Have you ever seen such darling kittens in your life? We are two sisters named Cinnamon and Flour, and we'd love to be your purry companions! Buns and Sugar, pictured above, are our siblings, and our mother Honey is pictured below. We are as sweet as can be and we love to play with toys, hop around the room and make you laugh with our kitten antics! To arrange a meeting, text 864-483-2444 or send an email to adoptafurrcat@gmail.com. FURR is closing indefinitely due to the Director's health issues so we are hoping to be adopted very soon.



Flour

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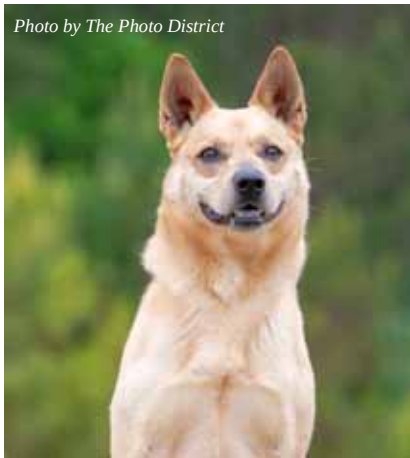
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great with other dogs, and the kids really loved me too. I'm also extremely food-motivated, which is how I plan to maintain my celebrity physique. I'm currently in a foster home while I wait to meet YOU! Foster mom says I'm a very sweet and down-to-earth pup. I will also drape myself across you like a weighted blanket, so hope you like some good snuggles! Apply for my adoption at www.theunforgottensouls.com/adopt, or send an email to theunforgottensouls@gmail.com for more info.

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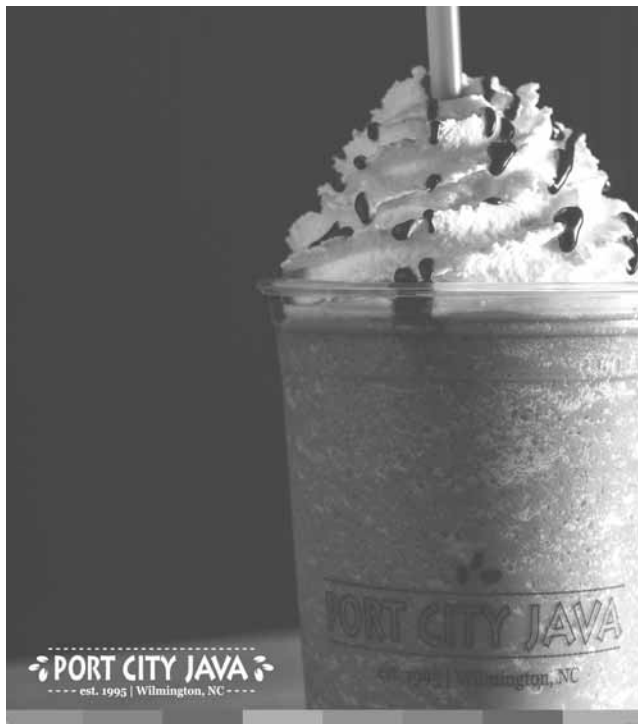
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Hey everyone, my name is **Ducky** and I'm so excited to introduce myself. I'm a young girl at 7-months-old and I just got sprung! I want to tell you a little about me and hopefully when you see my picture and read my story you'll swipe RIGHT! You see, I was once wandering around all by myself and the next thing I know, I'm in a loud, noisy place. I was glad someone

found me though, because I needed help with my skin. It's now getting all better. Then I got something called Parvo...geesh! Luckily, I got to the doggy doctor in time and now I am all better. I'm hanging out with my foster family and my new furry doggie teacher, learning the ropes. Everyone tells me I look like a Chocolate Lab and even though I can't have it, I think I would love chocolate, so I'm cool with that. I love to play and swim, so I hope my new family wants someone like me who just loves being alive and experiencing every fun thing in the world! Whatchya' waiting for? Your new ride or die buddy is right here. To meet me, please contact Diana at Freedom Bridge Animal Rescue at 843-614-0231, email freedombridgeanimalrescuenc@gmail.com or visit www.freedombridgeanimalrescuenc.org.

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wear me (and you) out. I appear to be selective about which other cats I like, so it's thought I'll be happiest as your one and only. If you are looking to add a happy spark to your life, it's time to meet me - Wonderful Waverly! ♥



◀ I'm **Junie** (AF14978), a gentle Hound mix girl with a sweet spirit and I enjoy my treats so I should be a willing and quick learner. I was found as a stray so my history is a mystery. I sport beautiful markings, with an eye-catching black mask, and I weigh in at a very manageable 43 pounds. I give kisses, too. Please stop by the doggie dorm to meet me. I think you'll agree that I'm one of a kind, in all the best ways! ♥

▶ Hi, I'm **Mocha** (15543)! I'm just 10-weeks-old, and I'm still trying to figure out this big, exciting world.

I'm just taking it all in with my wide, curious eyes.

Once I'm done being amazed, I'm ready for cuddles, playtime, and a lifetime of

adventures with my forever family. If you're looking for an adorable kitten to kiss, snuggle and watch grow, I'm totally your girl! ♥



▶ I'm an all round nice girl, a pretty little 45 pound Hound, and my name is **Sally** (AF14975). I love my walks and spending time with my favorite people; sometimes even more than I like tasty cookies! And a favorite thing of mine is to play in the pool...any size will suffice, as long as it has wet water! I'm fully vetted and ready to become a VIP member of a loving and lucky family. Could it be yours - what do you say? ♥



◀ My name is **Stella** (AF14444) and I'm a slim, trim Treeing Walker Coonhound. A beautiful young lady with a friendly nature, I'll be a great fit for a Hound-loving family, and I'd do great in an active environment where I can be a part of the family activities. Hounds like me generally do well with a second dog, so if you have a dog at home you are highly encouraged to bring it along with you for a professionally supervised meet and greet. So don't delay, come on over! ♥

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◀ I'm a supremely handsome 5-year-old Tuxedo boy named **Arlo** (15588). I'm a sweetie who likes cuddling...I just need a new buddy to cuddle with. Me and my housemate Ollie were not able to make the move with our original family, so we're looking for a fresh start...and we are hoping that's where you come in! He and I can be adopted together or separately. Visit us! ♥

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family that understands
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need adopters who will
let me move at my own
pace and show me that
people can be kind. I'd
do best in a home with

older children or adults who can respect my boundaries and give me the time I need to feel safe. Once I learn I can trust you, you'll have a loyal friend for life. I've already come so far. Now all I need is a family willing to give me the love, patience, and second chance I truly deserve. Could that be you? Call Carolina Boxer Rescue at 910-799-5638, email carolinaboxer@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.carolinaboxerrescue.org to apply for my adoption.



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silly name, but I'm all
heart. I can be a little
shy at first and prefer
to take my time
getting to know you -
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discover a loving
companion who just
wants to feel safe
and cherished. I am
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soft blankets, and the
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ness are second nature. If you believe the best friendships are the ones worth waiting for, I'm ready to curl up in your heart - and maybe your lap. To learn more, please call Pender County Humane Society at 910-259-7022.

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► I'm **Missy** and I've been told I'm the perfect house cat. I love curling up beside my people for a snuggle or a nap. I can be a little shy with new people but, once I settle in, I'm an affectionate and chatty companion. My favorite things are sunbathing, stretching out my toe beans, gravy treats, and chasing a wand toy. I do well with other cats and would likely do well with children who respect my boundaries. Dogs are an unknown, but with slow intros, I may adjust just fine. If you're looking for a gentle, loving companion, call or text 910-707-4372 today! ♥



► My name is **Augustus** and I'm a big, handsome house panther. I weigh 15 pounds and am 6-years of age. I am a constant companion and all I want to do is be around you. I love to be held and sit in laps. I am a very curious and playful boy, too. I do not get along with other cats, but I may be good with a dog. I get over stimulated and frustrated sometimes so I need someone experienced with cats who can read my body language. Because of this, I probably wouldn't do well with small children. I am now available as a foster-to-adopt, which means before you officially adopt me, you get to bring me home for 30 days to see if I work well in your home. Call or text 910-707-4372 and let's set up a date to meet! ♥



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◀ Hello beautiful people, I'm **Mystery Science Theatre 3000**, a 1-year-old Orange Tabby boy. I am very in your face and always want to be around you, doing what you're doing. I will be your shadow, but not everyone loves that. I came to the rescue with my siblings, but I

experienced a urinary blockage due to a congenital issue.

This required surgery to cut off a piece of skin that was blocking my urethra. The vets had never seen anything like this, and it was a "Hail Mary procedure." Afterwards, I was incontinent for 6 to 8 weeks and in diapers. Then,

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Howdy, partner!
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(A518008), a
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cowgirl dreams
of: riding off in
the sunset to my
forever home!
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who has been
great with every-
one I've met.
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to doggy day-
care, where I did
wonderfully! I

enjoy the company of other dogs, although I tend to do best with canine friends who are my size or bigger. Cats, however, are not part of my posse. I love to play, soak up the sunshine, and, most of all, roll around in the grass like it's my full-time job. I'm also a big fan of attention, belly rubs, and being close to my people. I come complete with super-soft fur, a very kissable snoot, and warm, pleading eyes. Won't you come and get to know me? I'm at the New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit. Adoption hours are Monday through Friday from 11am to 3:30pm and on Saturday from 8am to 11:30am. For more information, call 910-798-7500.

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been easy -
but I'm ready
for a fresh start
and the life I
truly desire.
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brought to
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arriving, it was
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that I'd recently had a litter, though my puppies were never found. Based on my history, it's believed I may have been used for breeding. Despite that, I've shown nothing but resilience - and I'm ready to move forward. I am smart, affectionate and deeply loyal. I thrive with structure and routine and form strong, meaningful bonds. I love having a "job", even if it's just being your shadow. My ideal adopter would be one who is Shepherd-savvy and who can provide a calm, structured environment. I love other dogs, so a confident, larger dog in the home would help me open up much more quickly. A cat-free, child-free home is best for me, too. I'm looking for someone who will guide me and appreciate everything I bring to the table. In the right home, I'll thrive! To learn more or to meet me, please call Jennifer at 910-457-5051. You can also apply for my adoption through Road to Home Rescue Support at www.rthrs.com.

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◀ Hello, friends! My name is **Luca** and I'm a sweet 2-year-old Chihuahua boy who is just beginning to settle in at Paws Place. While I may be a little shy at first, once I feel safe, my fun-loving personality shines through. I love belly rubs, squeaky toys, and spending time with people I trust. If you're looking for a gentle companion to grow alongside, I could be your perfect match! ♥



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◀ Hi everyone, I'm **Pebbles**, a 12-year-old Chihuahua girl with a gentle heart and a love for belly rubs, cozy naps, and cute sweaters. I'm a darling senior who is looking for a loving family to spend my golden years with, surrounded by comfort and affection. While I'm currently receiving heartworm treatment through Paws Place, I haven't let that dampen my loving spirit. If you're looking for a loyal companion to brighten your days, I just may be the perfect girl for you! ♥



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◀ Greetings! I'm **Timi**, a 6-year-old Chihuahua mix boy with a gentle, loving personality. I may be a little shy at first, but once I find my person, I blossom into the sweetest companion. My favorite place is curled up in your lap, soaking up all the love and attention I can get. I have recently completed my heart-

worm treatment and am ready to start the next chapter of my life. If you're looking for a loyal little best friend who will love you unconditionally, I'm waiting to meet you! ♥



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◀ Hi! I'm **Addi**, an 8-month-old Pit Bull mix girl with a happy, playful spirit and a heart full of love. I love treats, toys, and soaking up affection from everyone I meet. Before arriving at Paws Place, I thrived in a foster home where I lived successfully with both dogs and cats. If you're looking for a fun, affectionate friend to add to your family, come on by and meet me! ♥



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◀ Hi there! My name is **Nico** and I'm a 3-year-old Chihuahua boy with a gentle heart who is slowly coming out of his shell. While I can be a little shy at first, I'm gaining confidence every day and showing more of my sweet personality. With a patient, loving family who is willing

to let me blossom at my own pace, I am sure to become a loyal and devoted companion. ♥



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◀ My name is **Frannie** and I'm a sweet 3-year-old Doberman Pinscher/Hound mix girl who loves soaking up affection, spending time with my people and getting lots of snuggles. I'm already stealing hearts with my gentle, loving personality. I recently completed my

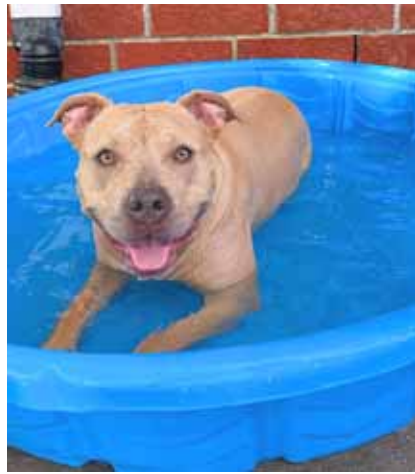
heartworm treatment and am ready to start my next chapter in life with a family. If you're looking for a loyal companion to share life's adventures, let's get together at the shelter soon! ♥



Hi there!
I'm a
6-year-old
long-
haired
pastel
Calico,
and as
you can
probably
tell, I'm
quite the
beauty.
With my
soft coat,
fluffy tail,

and gorgeous green eyes, I truly know how to make an entrance! I'm sweet and friendly, and also quite the talker, so if you've ever wanted a furry companion who will happily chat with you about her day, I may be your girl! Because I have a beautiful long coat, I'll need regular brushing to keep my fur looking and feeling its best. Think of it as our special bonding time - and my personal spa treatment! My ID number is **A521133** and I'm already spayed, microchipped, vaccinated, litterbox-trained, and on flea prevention. My bags are packed and I'm ready for my next chapter. Let's meet at the New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit. Adoption hours are Monday through Friday from 11am to 3:30pm and on Saturday from 8am to 11:30am. For more info, call 910-798-7500.

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Hi, I'm **Jada**
(A510343) and I
may be 9-years-old,
but apparently
nobody told me I'm
supposed to act my
age! I'm a bubbly,
outgoing, fun-loving
girl with plenty of
energy, a playful
spirit, and a smile
that's hard to resist.
Now, there is one
very important thing
you should know
about me: I LOVE
WATER! Kiddie

pools, splashing, cooling off on a hot day - if there's water involved, count me in! When I'm not making a splash, I love playing ball, checking out all kinds of toys, staying active, and - of course - rolling over for some good old-fashioned belly rubs. I'm always ready for fun and have a happy, outgoing personality that makes every day feel like an adventure. Also, I'm spayed, vaccinated, microchipped, and on flea prevention. In other words, I've got my bags packed and my swimsuit ready. All I'm missing is you! Let's meet at the New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit. Adoption hours are Monday through Friday from 11am to 3:30pm and on Saturday from 8am to 11:30am. For more info, call 910-798-7500.

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companionship. If you're looking for a loyal feline friend who prefers a one-cat household and will reward you with her presence and personality, I may be your girl! ♥



◀It was love at first sight the moment the shelter staff met me! Honestly, it's impossible not to fall for my goofy grin and happy eyes. I'm **Bandit**, a handsome 2-year-old Boxer mix boy who is packed full of love, personality, and enough energy to keep life exciting every single day. Whether I'm zooming around the yard, soaking up attention, or trying to charm everyone I meet, I give life 110%. I'm playful, affectionate, and always ready to "steal" another heart.

Won't you come by the shelter and let me steal yours, too? ♥



◀Hi! I'm **Michael**, a 5-year-old Hound who's house-trained, excellent with kids, fantastic with other dogs and I'd love a canine buddy to play with, but I politely request that no cats apply. I am full of personality, loyal as can be, and guaranteed to keep you laughing with my antics. If you're ready for love and lots of giggles, I'm the one for you to meet! ♥

▶I'm **Hank**, a goofy, high-energy Redbone Coonhound. At just 2-years-old, I'm always ready to bring the fun! Found as a stray, I'm still learning the ropes. I'll need some basic training and potty work, but I'm smart and eager to please. I'd thrive in an active home with a fenced yard to run and play! I'm neutered, vaccinated, heartworm negative, and microchipped. All I need now is YOU! ♥



Danny Boy



Little Bit

▲I'm **Danny Boy**, a purebred Glen of Imaal Terrier, and this is my best friend, **Lil Bit!** She's a Chihuahua. We are small pups who lost the only home we've ever known when our mom passed away. Through all the change and heartbreak, we've stayed by each other's side every step of the way. We're a bonded pair, so we're looking for a loving home where we can stay together forever. We're as adorable as can be, so hurry over to meet us today! ♥



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◀I'm **Smokey**, a handsome 4-year-old sweetheart with the softest gray fur and the biggest, most soulful eyes. I may be a little shy when I first meet new people, but

give me a bit of time and patience and you'll discover the incredibly loving boy I truly am. Once I feel safe, I blossom into a gentle, affectionate companion who adores quiet company, cozy spots, and soft pets. I'm the kind of kitty who forms deep bonds and will happily be your calm, loyal friend. If you are looking for a mellow, tenderhearted cat who just needs someone to believe in him, I'm your guy. Let me show you how sweet a shy cat's love can be. ♥



We two beautiful kittens are **Salty** (the Siamese girl on the right) and **Pepper** (the gray boy on the left). We were born mid-April to a feral mom, but we have adapted beautifully to indoor life and love being around people. We two are completely devoted to each other. We play together, sleep together, and explore the world side by side, so we must be adopted as a bonded pair. We are energetic, curious, and full of playful kitten antics. When we're done chasing toys and wrestling with each other, we settle down for cuddles either with one another or with our favorite person and drift off to sleep with loud, happy purrs. Both of us have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. We are litterbox-trained and very healthy. If you're looking for a pair of affectionate, entertaining companions, we are ready to bring twice the love to our forever home. To meet us, apply at www.friendsofelines.org/adopt and click on the Adoption Application tab on the lower right corner. You can also contact our pals by emailing friendsofelines@aol.com or by calling 910-232-7741.



Hey, friends! My name is **Cole**! I'm a 7-month-old Terrier mix puppy and I'm the sweetest boy ever! I arrived at the shelter with my sister, Ash, who looks just like me. We love the people here, but we'd also love to have our own forever families, and we can

be adopted together or separately. Some of my favorite things to do are running, playing and giving kisses to all my human pals. I am neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and ready to go home with you! Please visit and get to know me at Southport Oak Island Animal Rescue (SOAR). Adoption hours are from 8am to Noon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The shelter is closed on Thursday and Sunday. If you have any questions, please call my friends at 910-457-6340.

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◀ My name is **Joey** and I'm an 11-month-old, black, polydactyl girl. Lots of people ask about my funny looking feet. I look like I'm wearing mittens or I have thumbs. Really, they look that way because I have a few extra toes on my front feet. Ernest Hemingway considered polydactyl cats so lucky that he collected them. You can still meet lots of us in Key

West, Florida, or me in Ocean Isle Beach, NC. ♥



Soda



Scotch

▲ Do you ever want a couple of good drinks at the end of the day? Well, snuggling with a couple of good kittens would be much healthier! I'm **Soda**, the boy, and this is my sister, **Scotch**. I'm black and white, and Scotch is really named for her golden-tan coloring. We are a good pair for any family and we would snuggle with you every day. Please come and meet us, ok? ♥



◀ Can you imagine growing up with three sisters? How about with three Tortie sisters, you know, the ones with attitudes? Well, I did it! I learned all about tolerance and patience and lots of other good things. Now, at 4-months-old, everyone says I'm the nicest, friendliest kitten you will ever find. So when you come to Cat Tails to meet me, ask for **Hal**! ♥



Tinker



Tootsie

▲ The average litter that comes to Cat Tails is four kittens. I'm **Tinker** and this is my sister, **Tootsie**, and we are half of a litter that came in June. We are gentle, playful kittens and we love attention. We like our toys but our favorites are the ones where you play with us. We get along with other cats and would love to go to a forever home that has some. Or you could adopt us as a pair! What do you think? ♥



Elf

◀ I'm **Elf** and this is my brother **Echo**. We are exceptionally sweet 4-month-old boys who grew up in a foster home so we're used to lots of attention. We're kind of spoiled but our foster mom says that's good. Playtime is our favorite time of the



Echo

day and new toys are our favorite things. When you come to meet us, you won't be able to tell us apart so pick a cat and pick a name, or, even better, adopt both of us! ♥

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Hi there! My name is **Taryn** and I'm a 2-year-old, 50-pound bundle of joy. I'm the kind of dog who wakes up happy, goes to bed happy, and spends the whole day spreading happiness, like glitter. You won't be able to shake off your joy once you meet me! I love people, I love dogs, and I love, well, love. I'm just a lovely kinda gal. I'm silly, friendly, and

always ready for a cuddle or a play session. Whether you want a walking buddy, a snuggle buddy, or a bestest buddy, I'm your girl. Also, I'm a total cutie with the two best eye patches you've ever seen! If you're ready for a dog who will brighten every single day, come meet me. I can't wait to love you. Oh, and I'm fully vetted, spayed, up to date on vaccines, and chipped, too. My pals at Unforgotten Souls Rescue can tell you more...apply at www.theunforgottensouls.com/adopt, or send an email to theunforgottensouls@gmail.com. You can also find more of my photos on our Instagram and Facebook social media pages. I'd love to meet you soon!

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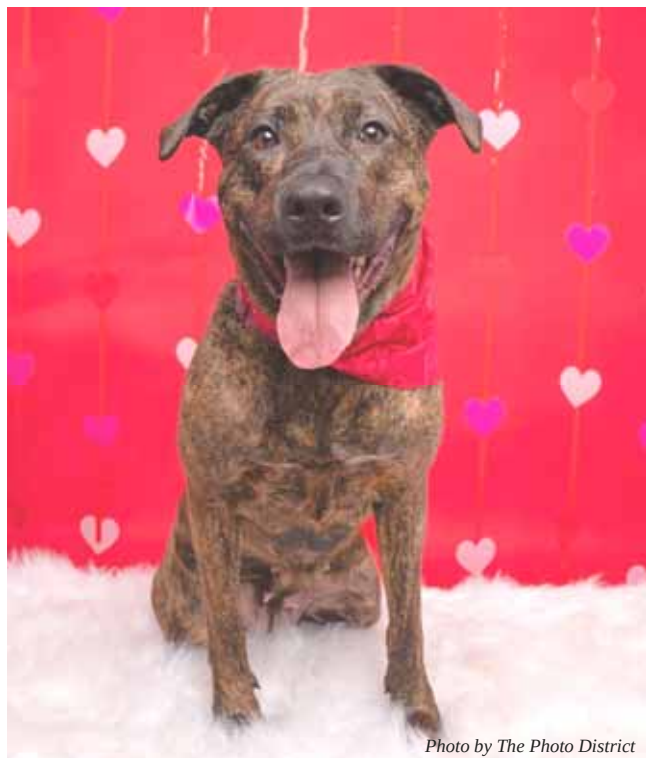


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▲ 1,557 days.

That's how long I've been waiting for someone to choose me, **Callie**.

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1,557 days is a long time to wait.

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Quiet nights listening to other dogs go home.

Please don't let day 1,558 be just another number.

I don't need perfection. I just need someone who sees me...and says, "You're coming home."

If you've been thinking about adoption — think about the one who has waited the longest.

Please give me the happy ending I deserve. ♥



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◀ I'm **Charles**, a 2-year-old, 50-pound sweetheart. I'm a little shy at first, but once I warm up, my gentle and loving personality

shines through. I really blossom when I'm around other dogs - they give me the confidence I need to feel secure - so I'm looking for a forever home where I'll have a canine friend by my side. Won't you please visit? ♥



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◀ I'm **Cheese** - fabulously fluffy, 8-years-young, and living my best snack-loving life! As the queen of the couch, I've perfected the art of lounging and would be happy to supervise any Netflix marathons. I may be a little "extra" in the waistline department, but that just makes me extra huggable. I've got the sweetest personality,

I love my people, and I'm perfectly polite with other dogs and cats! Please come out and get to know me! ♥



► My name is **Tobias** (Tobi to my pals) and I spent the first part of my life as a stray, struggling to survive on my own in the woods before eventually finding safety with Hamilton's Healing Hearts. When I arrived, I was suffering from severe skin issues, a visible reminder of the early hardships I endured. Despite my rough start, I never lost my gentle spirit or my desire to trust again. Now around 2-years-old, I am microchipped, vaccinated, neutered,

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The Ruffian Foundation Desperately Needs Volunteer Assistance For Cats

The Ruffian Foundation is in urgent need of more volunteers to keep its feline sanctuary and shelter running. Without enough support, it is at risk of not being able to continue its operations - and the future of its cats is uncertain. These cats depend on Ruffian for safety, care, and love. Compassionate and dedicated individuals are needed to step up and make a difference. If you've ever thought about volunteering, now is the time. Whether you can give a few hours or more, your help truly matters. Contact Sharon at 910-262-8890 with any questions. The Ruffian Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Meet Adoptables from Animal Ally Action Fund at Unleashed Southport

Visit Jill Jones, volunteers and adoptable pets from Animal Ally Action Fund at Unleashed in Southport on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from Noon to 4pm. In August, adoption fairs will be August 1 and August 15. They will have a small assortment of dogs and cats available for adoption. Unleashed is in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center in Southport. All foster pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped. Dogs are tested for heartworms, treated if necessary and come with a 6 month supply of heartworm/flea prevention, a leash, martingale collar and anti-pull harness. Adoption fees are: Cats \$60 and Dogs \$150. Call Jill Jones at 910-620-3783 to meet adoptable animals any other time or to donate to the cause.

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Want to know where to find Freedom Bridge Animal Rescue Meet and Greets in



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I'm **Rudy**, a very handsome 2-year-old mixed breed boy and I'm ready to find my forever family! I'm the total package: goofy, sweet, funny, and full of love. I enjoy playing and having fun, but I'm also perfectly happy to kick back and relax with my favorite people. Whether I'm making you laugh with my silly personality or cuddling up after a long day, I know how to make every moment better. Let's meet at the New Hanover Humane

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◀ I'm **Moose**, a Treeing Walker Coonhound mix. I am 4-years-old and would love a fenced yard and a friend to play with! Bullet, pictured below, is my pal and we have fun together. We're not bonded and can be adopted separately, but if you'd like to give a sweet duo a home we would be so happy! I am neutered, vaccinated and ready to be part of your family! ♥

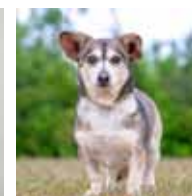
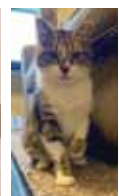
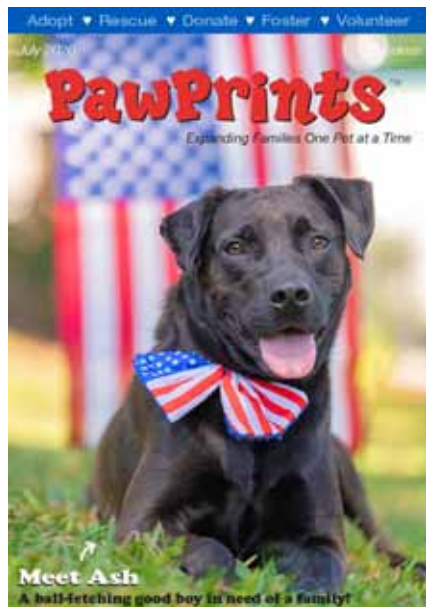


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