



Newsletter of the Feliciana Animal Welfare Society. FAWS, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, promotes the humane treatment of the animals of East Feliciana Parish. Visit us any time at <http://www.faws.petfinder.com/>

## War Vets meet FAWS Friends



On December 8, 2012, a group of FAWS volunteers visited the Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jackson. The patients look so forward to seeing the animals that they insisted on being put near the doors an hour and a half before we were due to arrive last time to ensure they didn't miss us. Talk about adorable! Look at all these smiling pooches, who brought along their human pals. Pictured, left to right: Santa, Michelle Zachary with Sampson, Candice Varnado with Buttercup and Dottie, Aubrey Harvey with Yoda, Bridgett Zachary with Iris, Mary Brown with Raven.

**Hi! I'm Danny.**

My hobbies include lap-sitting, modeling the latest kitty fashions, and staring into space.

You can "friend" me and FAWS pals. at 'Feliciana FAWS.'



Make tracks to see us at  
Pet Adoption Days

Saturday & Sunday

Feb. 23 & 24

Noon to 4 p.m.

PetSmart  
1653 Millerville Rd.  
Baton Rouge

Please be a friend of FAWS!



View all our pets on <http://www.faws.petfinder.com/>



FAWS Raises its Paws to salute our Wonderful Veterinarians!

- 🐾 Baton Rouge Spay/Neuter
- 🐾 Clinton Animal Hospital
- 🐾 East Feliciana Veterinary Clinic
- 🐾 Feliciana Veterinary Hospital
- 🐾 LSU School of Veterinary Medicine

Hi, FAWS Friends, I'm Persistence, a beautiful adoptable feline. I have good news!



The Rescue Food Bank folks laid over 2000 pounds of dry cat food on us recently, along with about 500 pounds of dog food. Can you say, "Cel-a-brate!!!???"

This was a banner day. The price of pet food has skyrocketed in the last few years. We're mew-so-grateful for the donation.



### COMPANION ANIMAL RESCUE & ADOPTION

#### FOSTER ONE ANIMAL TODAY

FAWS funds and equips the Foster Family's needs, including providing 10'x10' chain link kennels, dog houses, collapsible crates, carriers, food, litter, routine vaccinations and all veterinary care.

The FAWS Foster Families need only provide the love and security for animals awaiting adoption. Foster one animal today and help us to save the lives of hundreds.

🐾 Visit our **new foster animals** at <http://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=LA217>

Cats -

Dogs - Petey, Onyx, Brandy, Dillon, Cheyenne, Dakota, Honey Bear, Cubby, Tibby, Cayce, Tonka, Brady, Quincy, Lani, Snyder, Churchill, Louie, Honey, Olivia, Abe, Sassy, Tina, Penny, Polo, Miss Priss, Baby Girl

Congratulations to these **newly adopted pets**

Cats - Callie, Lilly, John, Torti Kitty, Frodo, Pippin, Merry, Danny, Sam

Dogs - Buster, Marco, Mona, Little John, Buzz, Stella, Eddie (aka Meatball), Lobo, Cameron, Chaim,

#### FAWS

is a 501c3 charitable organization. Your tax-deductible donations pay for our food, kitty litter, medical care, flea and tick controls, dog kennels, transportation crates, and other needs. Thanks!



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**Stella** is one lucky pup!

Her foster parents have opted to keep her, even though she has broken through the windows of their new home. They have put a lot of effort into her skin issues with regular baths with special shampoos, and with gentle grooming. She has healthy fur now with no bald spots and no bones visible!! She's come a long way from the sickly underweight dog she was when she entered our system. She does tend to mouth and groom their 3 year-old as if he were a puppy, but they're working on that.



**Churchill**

relaxes in the loving arms of his new forever friend. At first, the Boeneke family from Pride wanted a female, but their son fell in love with Churchill's laid-back looks and his great name. They are actually going to keep that name!



**Snyder**

has found a home down the bayou in Raceland with Mike Marschik and his wife.

**Cameron** found a forever home with Dustin and his wife. The couple had already adopted Fonzi and P-dot, 2 other black FAWS dogs. They were looking for a house-trained dog who would be a great companion animal. They have a friend who is a vet who believes the father's lineage to be a Great Dane.

Cameron was the smallest of his litter, but his adopters are aware that he may grow into a big, big dog!

Large breeds are becoming more popular with people who appreciate their gentle dispositions and ability to intimidate (but not harm intruders).



**Edgar** doubled down with luck when the Duhne family from Baker adopted him. He now has a pair of cute kids to give him all the TLC a kitty could ask for.



**Heidi Bell** changed her name to Ruby Red when Charlene Ross adopted her. Next time you're at Record Agency, ask Charlene how Ruby's doing.



Us, too! We're looking for a few good homes!

**Smeagol**

**Jack**

**Olivia**

**Woody**

**FAWS volunteers pulled off another successful LSU Spay Day in January, the first such event in 2012. Patrice Waldrop, FMT leader, sends this account of the 3-day expedition. As you read her story, you will shake your head in amazement at the commitment of these determined FAWSerS.**

*In spite of both Brittany Buhler and me being sick with the flu, our great cat team managed to sign up 25 East Feliciana cats for the event. There were 5 no-shows who were supposed to meet us at LSU. In total, we had 20 cats there for spay/neuter (9 females and 11 males). Mistakenly, I took "Ernie" for a second neutering. Fortunately, LSU had placed a tattoo on belly in November to announce that he had been neutered already, thereby preventing the surgeon from cutting him open in search of undescended testicles. He did get a booster shot and his rabies vaccine for free. Ernie said it was not worth it.*

*Special thanks to Amy for spending her entire Sunday there with me taking care of the East Feliciana cats and volunteering with Cat Haven since they were short staffed. Amy did most of the packing and unpacking of all of those heavy traps, in terrible weather conditions. Also thanks to Darryl and Julie Buhler for picking up cats and returning them home all over the eastern side of the parish. Also thanks to Julie and Michaela for the paperwork detail in the middle of the Clinton Corners parking lot before dawn.*

*Candice and I spent Friday afternoon setting 20 traps, trying to catch 4 remaining male cats in one particular area. We only caught one, but we nevertheless declared our trapping complete there, since there are no remaining females. Candice and I are very proud of finishing with the Callenius cat clan. That family had approximately 60 cats in their yard when we started with them in March 2012. FAWS has adopted out 22 of those cats. I have 2 (Selena & Dasher). Gail has 2 (Alex & Ernie). The Buhlers have Sasha. The rest were adopted out through Petfinder. FAWS has spayed/neutered and vaccinated the rest of the cats, except for 3 adult males, who are just too smart to go into traps. We have closed the sickly kitten gate, by spaying all of the females.*



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trap-Neuter-Return>



The next spay day is Feb. 24. We're always looking for more volunteers to trap and transport. Contact us if you want to lend a hand to prevent "catastrophic" numbers of unwanted litters of kittens.

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**Ranger****Skittles and Shadow****Toomy**

Beautiful six-month old Toomy is the ambassador for dogs who, but for the rescuers of this world, would have endured a life of physical pain. Toomy's femur was broken at the hip joint and left to heal on its own. Playing normally caused swelling and pain, not to mention rendering him unadoptable to most prospective petowners. Toomy has undergone surgery and now enjoys a bright future of playing, swimming, running and looking for a loving family. Toomy asks to go outdoors, but he's also kennel trained to "hold it" all night and when no one is at home. As far as the future of his leg/hip development goes, he's been released from vet care and his hip/thigh muscles are expected to strengthen over the next few months for a full recovery. No special care is needed at this time. (A video of Toomy in action is available upon request.)

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## **Chaim** is the Hebrew word for **Life**.

Chaim came very close to being put to death when she ended up in a local animal pound.

The kind-hearted person responsible for counting her days already had given Chaim a reprieve that far exceeded the limit allowed. There is a kill shelter; ours is not.

With only half a day left, FAWS members were able to rescue Beautiful Chaim.

**GENTLE-- ACCEPTING OF OTHERS-- INTELLIGENT--PLAYFUL**; these are but a few descriptive terms that define Chaim's character. After four months of foster care, Chaim has now been adopted to a forever home with a wonderful family who will cherish and lavish her with every kindness.



*A message from Chaim's foster family: "Thanks to all those whom donate to FAWS: It is their kindness that makes it possible for stories like these to happen at all."*

**Toshiba**, a pit/hound mix, is currently sheltered at the Jackson Animal Control dog pound. Her owner relinquished her. She will be euthanized if not adopted within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Clarence, the soft-hearted dog catcher who works at the pound, works with FAWS to save friendly, adoption-worthy dogs like Toshiba. She desperately needs a rescuer.

