



# HOMeward BOUND WV

FALL 2016

# rescue tails

**199**  
ANIMALS ADOPTED  
THRU OCTOBER 2016\*

## PET VALU AND WV BLACK BEARS OPEN THEIR FACILITIES TO HELP ANIMALS



### PAMPERED 4 PAWS HOSTS FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR THE SECOND YEAR BENEFITTING HOMeward BOUND WV

Homeward Bound WV would like to thank Pampered 4 Paws, one of our "Leader of the Pack" corporate partners, for sponsoring us at this summer's 2nd Annual Bark in the Park. On Wednesday, August 3, fans brought their four-legged friends to watch WV Black Bears play the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, get their nails trimmed, have a cookie (courtesy of the Girl Scouts), and have their photos taken. All proceeds sold from the "dog tickets" were donated to Homeward Bound WV.



On October 2, Pampered 4 Paws provided dog washes and nail trims for dogs of all sizes at the Pet Fall Fling Dog Wash and Adoption Event held at Pet Valu with 100% of the proceeds going to Homeward Bound WV. Some great gift basket prizes were raffled to excited event goers, and for fun, Homeward Bound WV also held a costume contest for pets with prizes going to the top 3 favorites.

Both events were a lot of fun and \$4,200 was raised for Homeward Bound WV. We truly appreciate the support from our community to help animals in need.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Holiday Shopping Expo at Morgantown Mall - Dec. 3 & 4
- Pet Valu & Petco Adoption Events - most Saturdays and Sundays
- and many more...

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENT INFO: [HOMewardBOUNDWV.ORG](http://HOMewardBOUNDWV.ORG)

**foster rescue  
donate adopt**



\*This number does not include animals transported for rescue.

## FEATURE PET



### MEET THUMPER

Male

Age: 6 months

"I was found outside when I was just a few days old. I absolutely LOVE being touched, snuggled, carried, hugged, petted, and kissed by people! I would make a great pet for a family with children! They say black kitties are hard to adopt, but I don't know why because I am a perfect, handsome, affectionate boy! I am litter trained and fully vetted. I get along great with other cats and dogs of all sizes."

For more info or to adopt Thumper send a message:  
[contact@HomewardBoundWV.org](mailto:contact@HomewardBoundWV.org).

### PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:



**PATTY'S  
ART SPOT**

# KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

**Holiday No-No Foods**

- Chocolate
- Alcohol
- Bones
- Onions/Garlic
- Grapes/Raisins
- Candy

**Poisonous Plants**

- Poinsettias
- Holly
- Mistletoe
- Lilies

**Decoration Safety**

- Put out candles if you are leaving the room
- Use string AND metal hooks to hang ornaments
- Tape down any electrical cords
- Cover the water pan under the tree
- Tie tree to the ceiling so it can't get knocked over
- No tinsel!

**Managing Your Pet Around Guests**

- Make sure their ID tags are up to date
- Teach any kids the proper way to treat a pet
- Hold onto your pet as people enter the house
- Make sure nobody feeds them from the table
- Introduce your guests to your pet
- Give your pets a place to get away

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# 5 Reasons to Foster a Pet & How It Will Change Your Life

Not ready to adopt but would love to help an animal in need? See how fostering a pet may be just the thing!

When you foster a pet, you change a life. You offer an animal the opportunity to live in a loving environment while waiting for a forever home. The process can be challenging, but when you open your house – and your heart – to a foster pet, the rewards can last a lifetime.

## 1. Make New Friends

When you foster a pet, you join a whole community of caring animal lovers. From the event volunteers to the other pet foster parents in the neighborhood, you'll have the opportunity to make new friends. If you're fostering a dog, taking her on walks is an excellent way to socialize her. It's also a great way for you to be social with passersby and other dog walkers. Or, mention you're fostering a feline, and expect curiosity from new friends. A whole new social circle could open up for you.

## 2. Be More Active

Your pet wants to play. Whether you're throwing a ball to a puppy or playing hide-and-seek with a kitten, you'll be on your feet often with your pets in tow. Activity is good for them and good for you. You'll be healthier and happier with a little help from your furry friend.

## 3. Develop New Skills

No matter how well-trained a foster pet is when he arrives, you'll find yourself working with him to help him to learn the rules of your house. Not all pets come to temporary foster homes ready to be adopted. Every teaching moment with your pet is an opportunity for you, as well. You'll develop instructional skills and patience.

## 4. Build Confidence

Training your foster pet will be beneficial to you in other ways. You'll need to be both compassionate and firm, a balance found in good leaders. And since showing that you're in charge is crucial when teaching new skills, in demonstrating behavior for your pet, you're also developing leadership behavior in yourself. When you see success in your training efforts, your confidence will soar.

## 5. Learn to Let Go

When you foster a pet, the biggest challenge is saying goodbye when the pet is adopted – it can be tough to let go. Adoption is a rewarding part of the process, and it's part of the bigger picture. By letting go of your foster pets, you're practicing selflessness. Remember that you played an important role in their lives, if not a permanent one. Hold on to the memory of your time with them, but allow yourself room to celebrate their placement in their forever homes and an open spot in your heart for the next pet in need.

**Have we convinced you to foster a pet? Contact us for fostering opportunities. You'll be glad you did!**

[petcentric.com](http://petcentric.com)

## HOW TO DONATE:

Funds to support the programs and activities of Homeward Bound WV come from fundraisers, memorial gifts, donations, and grants.

Tax deductible donations can be made on our website at: [HomewardBoundWV.org](http://HomewardBoundWV.org)

or by check to:  
Homeward Bound WV, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4592  
Morgantown, WV 26504

Homeward Bound WV, Inc. is a charitable, tax exempt 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law.

*Thank you for your support!*

## HOW TO ADOPT:

Check out our website or facebook page for current adoptable pets. Adoption applications can be filled out on our website at [HomewardBoundWV.org](http://HomewardBoundWV.org)

We can also be found at adoption events at Pet Valu or Petco in Morgantown on most Saturdays and Sundays and additional special events held throughout the year.

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## NOW OFFERING:

### New Foster & Volunteer Training Events

If you've considered fostering pets in your home or would like to volunteer with us at events and weren't sure how to get started >> **this training is for YOU!**

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