



HOMeward BOUND WV

WINTER 2017

rescue tails



FEATURE PETS



MEET PEPPER

Female Age: 18 months

"I love attention and affection from anyone willing to give it to me! When my foster mom holds me, I purr and rest my face against hers and she says I like to slow dance. And, I haven't met a toy that I don't love."



MEET PIXIE

Female Age: 15 months

"I've been in foster care for a year and I think I'm beautiful and really don't understand why I keep getting overlooked! I'm loving and very playful and desperately want a forever home!"

For more information or to adopt any of our pets send a message to contact@HomewardBoundWV.org or fill out an application online at HomewardBoundWV.org/adoption-application

HOMeward BOUND WV IS AWARDED GRANT THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

HELP IS AVAILABLE TO ANIMAL OWNERS IN THE COMMUNITY VIA VOUCHERS

Homeward Bound WV is very excited to ring in 2017 with an announcement that we've been awarded a 2017 Peterman Grant! Why is this such great news?! For the third year in a row, we will be able to assist financially qualified people in Monongalia, Preston and the surrounding counties with free spay/neuter vouchers for their pets or strays in need!

These funds are earmarked for spay and neuter vouchers only and provided to families and pets in need in the community. We're so happy that we can help the people and the animals in West Virginia through the support of The Peterman Foundation!

In 2016, we were able to save hundreds of thousands of lives through the Peterman Foundation Grant by helping to spay and neuter 110+ animals in the community.



One Female Cat

and her offspring can theoretically produce over **420,000** KITTENS in seven years!

One Female Dog

and her offspring can theoretically produce over **96,000** PUPPIES in seven years!

For information on how to help your animals, please send us an email to fixit@HomewardBoundWV.org or call our spay/neuter hotline at (304) 376-8959 and leave a message with your information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Foster & Volunteer Training - Feb. 22
- Morgantown Mall Women's Expo - Mar. 25
- IWWA Wrestling Fundraiser - June 4
- Pet Valu & Petco Adoption Events - most Saturdays and Sundays
- and many more...

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENT INFO: HOMewardBOUNDWV.ORG

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!**

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR - HOMewardBOUNDWV.ORG



*This number does not include animals transported for rescue.

Bringing Your New Cat Home!

CONGRATULATIONS! You have just begun a relationship that's bound to be filled with fun and affection. By starting off on the right foot, you can cut short that rocky adjustment period most new relationships go through.

Go slowly at first. A new cat may need seven to fourteen days to relax into her new environment. Save meet-and-greets with friends, neighbors and relatives until the cat is eating and eliminating on a normal schedule.

Offer her a safe place to hide while she gets her bearings. She'll appreciate the chance to observe her new family's routine from a small, dark space or one high above the action.

Bring your new feline to a caring veterinarian for a wellness exam within one week after adoption.

Provide the same diet she had at the shelter at least for the first week or two. If you wish to switch to a different flavor or brand, slowly make the switch over one to two weeks, starting with a quarter ration of the new food mixed into the old favorite. From there, up the ratio of new to old about 10% each day.

Set up a litter box in a quiet, low-traffic area. Unsure of what litter to use? The majority of cats prefer fine grain clumping litter. Try that first unless the new adoptee is so young that she is in the litter-eating stage. Non-clumping litter is recommended for kittens under ten weeks of age.

Cats must scratch, so make sure to provide yours with a sturdy, rough-textured scratching post to save wear and tear on furniture. Cat manicures every ten to fourteen days also help reduce damage.

Cat-proof your home before giving your new feline run of the house. Put away harsh cleaning products, human medications and household poisons. Re-home any poisonous houseplants. And if the newcomer is a kitten, lock away any breakables and remember to keep the toilet lid down.

Once settled in, a young cat or kitten will be eager to play. Stock up on interactive toys such as feather wands and kitty fishing poles to engage attention and direct energies toward a positive pursuit.

Ready a comfortable cat perch on a sunny window sill – if it overlooks the birdfeeder, all the better! Observing live birds and squirrels beats out kitty videos any day.

Source: petfinder.com

Winter Weather Tips

for your four-legged friends!

It's a common belief that dogs and cats are resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia.

1. Keep Pets Inside

Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather, but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing weather.

2. Provide Choices

Just like you, pets prefer comfortable sleeping places and may change their location based on their need for more or less warmth. Give them some safe options to allow them to vary their sleeping place to adjust to their needs.

4. Play Dress Up!

If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather, consider a sweater or dog coat. Have several on hand, so you can use a dry sweater or coat each time your dog goes outside. Wet sweaters or coats can actually make your dog colder. Some pet owners also use booties to protect their dog's feet; if you choose to use them, make sure they fit properly.

5. Provide Shelter

We don't recommend keeping any pet outside for long periods of time, but if you are unable to keep your dog inside during cold weather, provide them with a warm, dry, solid shelter against wind. If you're able to, consider providing shelters for stray cats in the neighborhood.

6. Be Prepared

Cold weather also brings the risks of severe winter weather, blizzards and power outages. Prepare a disaster/emergency kit, and include your pet in your plans. Have enough food, water and medicine (including any prescription medications as well as heartworm and flea/tick preventives) on hand to get through at least 5 days.

3. Make Some NOISE!

A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their roost under the hood.



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

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

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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