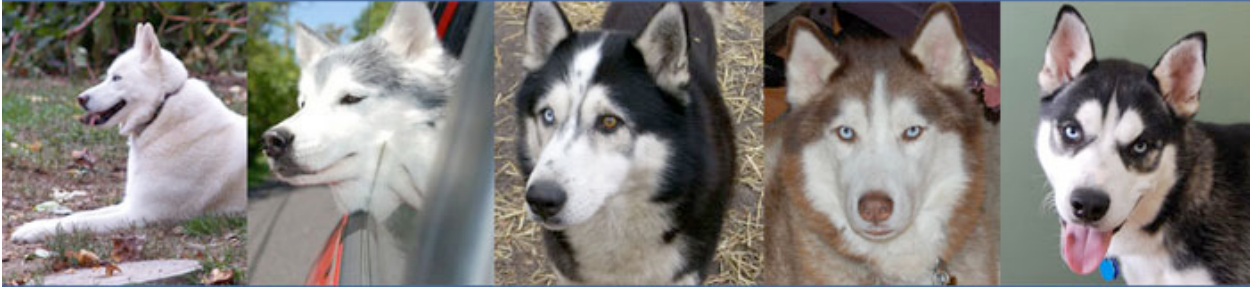




MaPaw

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As I write this, we have another new pup on his way to MaPaw. Igor was the name that he was given at the shelter. We hardly know anything about his past, but what we do know is heartbreaking. Igor was pulled from the shelter along with another dog by a "rescue". The rescue took both pups to the vet and were told by the vet that Igor was unadoptable due to age related health issues, as well as degenerative myelopathy. The rescue left the vet's office and drove back to the shelter to return Igor.

The shelter immediately contacted us and of course, we said we'll pick him up! We aren't sure how long we will have with Igor, but we will make sure he knows he is loved, cared for and part of a family. We'll also change his name to something a little more fitting for this older gentleman.

Igor is a perfect example of why MaPaw exists. Pups like Igor don't usually get a second chance. We are grateful that we get the opportunity to be Igor's "second chance"!

Meet the Newest Members of the MaPaw Family

Bear ~ 13 year old male Siberian Husky (not yet available)

Luke ~ 1 - 2 year old male Siberian Husky (not yet available)

Pup of the Month

Zeke is the classic Siberian with all of the breed issues ~ he is an escape artist and easily will climb chain link fence in kennel runs and fences. This boy needs a six foot privacy fence to keep him safe and sound. He is high energy and needs a canine companion to keep him entertained. Check out [his bio](#) to learn more about Zeke!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 11th - Adoption Day at Pickering Valley Feed, Exton, PA from 12 pm - 3 pm

Sunday, February 12th - Adoption Day at Petco, Pottstown, PA from 11 am - 3 pm

Saturday, March 10th - Beef & Beer Fundraiser at Gilbertsville Fire Company No. 1, Gilbertsville, PA from 5 pm - 10 pm (see below for more information)

Beef & Beer Fundraiser

We had such a blast at our 1st Beef & Beer fundraiser, that MaPaw decided to make it an annual affair!

Join us on Saturday, March 10th at the Gilbertsville Fire Company No. 1 in Gilbertsville, PA from 5 pm - 10 pm (dinner will be served from 6 pm - 8 pm). There will be door prizes, raffles, a bake sale and a 50/50 drawing! If you're in the mood for dancing ~ there will be a DJ providing the tunes...

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase your tickets.

Hope to see you there!

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Dora and Luke

On January 19th, Luke and his sibling Dora made their way to MaPaw foster homes. We had originally been contacted by the shelter where they were residing because both pups were quite shy and the shelter felt rescue would be their best chance. We were making arrangements to bring the pair into rescue when we got the call we were dreading ~ the shelter had an emergency and needed Dora and Luke out immediately. Our volunteers sprung into action and soon were on their way to pick up the pair.

When our volunteers picked them up, it was clear that Luke was quite ill and Dora seemed under the weather as well. Both were taken for immediate vet care. It was determined that both suffered from kennel cough, hook worms and whip worms. Luke and Dora were prescribed antibiotics for the kennel cough and Panacur for the worms.

On Wednesday (January 25th) afternoon, Dora was taken back to the vet because she was lethargic. The doctor administered some fluids and started her on another antibiotic. After the fluids, Dora was in better spirits and seemed more comfortable. Very early Thursday morning, Dora took a turn for the worse. Before she could be rushed to the emergency vet, Dora left this earth in the arms of her foster Mum blanketed by love and tears. We were robbed of the opportunity to get to know her and the joy of helping her find her forever home.



In the few short days we had to spend with Dora, she quickly formed bonds with her foster Mum and Dad. She was shy, yet would sneak a gentle kiss when you weren't looking. Devastated doesn't even begin to describe how we all feel. We are grateful that she knew love and knew that people cared for her before she left us so quickly.



Because of Dora's quick passing, we watched Luke for any change in his condition. Our worst fears were realized just a couple of days later when his breathing became labored. He was rushed to emergency care and admitted immediately. Chest x-rays revealed that our poor boy suffered from pneumonia. IV fluids and several antibiotic injectables were administered. All we could do was wait and hope that he would be okay. Finally this morning, the update from the hospital was good news. Luke no longer had a fever, no longer had difficulty breathing and the best news ~ he could return to his foster home! His appetite has returned and he is now resting comfortably at his foster home.

Luke has a long way to go in his recovery, but we are ecstatic that he is making improvements. He will have a follow up in a week to have another chest x-ray done and to assess his progress.

Dora ~ You left us far too soon. We are so very grateful for the time we got to spend with you. Your gentle, sweet kisses are sorely missed and you have left your paw on our hearts. Wear your silver harness proudly, dear friend.

Luke Portrait Auction on eBay

Luke's emergency care and medication have helped Luke begin his road to recovery ~ they've also left MaPaw with some pretty expensive bills...

Artist, Kathryn Armstrong, has created a beautiful portrait of our adorable boy. Until February 11th, you can bid on the portrait and 90% of the final sale price will be donated to MaPaw for Luke's medical care.

[Click here](#) to view the portrait and make your bid today!

Four MaPaw Pups Find Their Forever Homes!

MaPaw started off 2012 by helping 4 of our pups find their forever homes!

First up was Luna. She is a gorgeous 7 year old gal who came to MaPaw when her family faced some life changes that meant they no longer were able to care for Luna. When she met her new canine sibling, it was as if they were old friends.

Next up was a pair ~ Meadow and Shelby! Both girls had been among our longest adoptable residents. Meadow had originally come to MaPaw in February 2011 with her sibling Brooke. Brooke was soon adopted and Meadow patiently waited for her own home. Shelby joined MaPaw in August 2011, an unsocialized pup who was scared of her own shadow. When we were contacted by a family that wanted to give both girls a home together, we were ecstatic!

Mason was our final adoption of January. Mason originally came to his MaPaw foster home as a 4 month old puppy that the shelter felt needed rescue. After several months, he was adopted. Sadly, Mason returned after his family faced life changes that couldn't include him. Mason didn't give up on his forever home search and he finally found the perfect match!

What a great way to start off 2012! We can't wait for more Happy Tails for our very deserving pups!

MaPaw is Now Offering a Lower Price (and Free Shipping) on 2012 Calendars!

Calendars are now \$12 with free shipping! Make sure to get your calendar today!

Our cover features Biloxi, who was only 4 months old when he joined his MaPaw foster home. He had been taken to a rural shelter after he had been hit by a car. He had a fracture in his pelvis and leg. Unfortunately, he did not receive medical care and the fractures healed incorrectly on their own. When MaPaw was contacted about Biloxi, we quickly found room and made arrangements for him to go to a specialist. The doctor felt that although the fractures had healed on their own, Biloxi was still able to walk and did not feel that surgery was necessary. Biloxi has found his forever home and he is now a certified therapy dog. Biloxi is a shining example of why MaPaw does what we do. We are so proud of Biloxi!

[Click here](#) to order your 2012 MaPaw calendar today! [Click here](#) to learn a little more about some of the wonderful MaPaw alum featured in this year's calendar!

Foster Homes Needed

Our network of foster homes is MaPaw's greatest asset. While we wait for the construction of the kennels to be completed, our foster homes are what allow us to bring more dogs into rescue. Once the construction of the kennels is complete, we will still need our foster homes to help the dogs in rescue to settle into family life and learn their manners (housebreaking, crate training, walking on a leash, etc.). While the kennels will allow us to bring more dogs into rescue, our foster homes will help those dogs get their second chance at becoming a member of a family again.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions about fostering or [click here](#) to submit an application to foster a MaPaw dog.

Shop the MaPaw Store

We have some great gifts for Husky lovers! T-Shirts, Car Magnets, Siberian Love Bead Bracelets and MaPaw Cookbooks! [Click here](#) to start shopping! We've added a new design to our [CafePress store](#) and will be adding more soon!

Ways to Help MaPaw

1. Search online using [GoodSearch](#). Sign up today and start searching!
2. Shop with [iGive.com](#). For every purchase you make from any of the many stores available through iGive, you help MaPaw earn a donation.
3. [Sponsor a MaPaw Permanent Resident](#). We currently have 8 dogs that are permanent residents of MaPaw, which means that they will stay with their foster home for the rest of their lives. Some of our residents have behavior issues, while others have medical/health issues.

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4. [Donate a Kuranda bed](#). Our dogs love these beds, but we don't have enough for everyone. Our senior pups especially love these beds and benefit greatly from lounging on them.
5. Donate any item(s) found on our [wish list](#). We also have a [wish list on Amazon](#).
6. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).