

# Pawprints

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PALS FOR PAWS

Pals for Paws, Inc. is a local animal rescue organization run by caring volunteers in our community. We are a not-for-profit 501c3 organization. Our goals are to 1) place abandoned and abused animals in loving foster care until "forever homes" can be found; 2) support Spay & Neuter Clinics; and 3) educate the public about responsible pet care.

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## OUR FEATURED PET:

### China

What a cuddle-bunny China is!!! She's amazingly affectionate and gentle. I'm struggling not to get attached, and really want to keep her for myself !!! Someone left her at my doorstep only yesterday, and already she's figured out I'm the "alpha". It really pains me to leave for work because she just rolls those baby-brown eyes as if to say "you're not REALLY gonna walk away from this love-magnet... are you???" China is not just amazingly affectionate, she's also amazingly well-behaved. I just can't imagine how anyone could treat her as "the one that got away". Approximately 12 weeks old, China is crate-trained, housebroken, doesn't chew, and doesn't bolt or wander off. She acts more like a professionally trained 3-year old instead of a rambunctious toddler!!! A true prize in anyone's book. Snatch her up quick, before I change my mind!!!



## CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOG FOR YOU....

By Dina Brandenburg

The vast majority of problems people experience with their pets result from a lack of knowledge rather than a lack of time, money, or love.

There are many factors that should be considered before you bring a dog home. If a particular breed or mix interests you, research the history and function of the breed by using your local library or the internet. Make a list of traits that are important to you including breed or mix, gender, age, temperament, color/pattern, size, and coat type (long or short hair).

Think about your finances ahead of time. Can you afford a dog? How much will you pay for your pet? Estimate the cost of food and treats, bedding, veterinary expenses, training, and doggie toys.

Consider your space. Do you have room to accommodate the type of dog you want? Where will the dog sleep at night? What furniture, if any, will the dog be allowed to use? What furnishings or personal items will be off limits and how will you enforce this?

If, after careful consideration, you have decided upon the type of dog that is right for you, please consider adopting a dog that has been rescued. These animals need and deserve a second chance. Pals for Paws works to place adoptable dogs and puppies that need our help in loving foster homes where they can be well cared for and socialized until permanent homes can be found for them.

Ultimately, dogs that are placed in foster care will make better pets than those who spend day after day in a cold, impersonal shelter with limited human interaction. Many Pals for Paws dogs are already crated-trained and know basic commands.

If Pals for Paws does not have the type of dog you want, they may be able to find it for you. The Pals for Paws organization networks with many other rescue groups around the state and country. Our staff members are available to help answer your questions and address any special needs or concerns you may have.

To help offset the expenses associated with animal care and rescue, Pals for Paws charges a standard \$150 adoption fee. Adoption applications are reviewed and references are checked to ensure that each animal goes to a good home.

## VOLUNTEERING....

Pals for Paws could not exist without the support of our active volunteer network. We have many opportunities for you to get involved in animal rescue if you are interested in helping our cause.

We are always looking for new foster families, loving people who can provide care for an animal in their own homes until the animal is adopted. Pals for Paws covers all of the expenses for our foster families. We pay for veterinary bills, food, bedding, and other supplies. The foster family provides the love, attention, and socialization that the animal needs. Foster care is very rewarding work! If you love animals and are only looking for a temporary commitment, please consider foster care!

We also need people who can work at adoption events, provide transportation, staff spay and neuter clinics, and assist us at fundraisers. Please call Pals for Paws at 454-8796 for more information on ways that you can help.

