

To our supporters, friends and volunteers:

In 2021 we were in the midst of a pandemic as with 2020. However, we were still able to work to save as many animals as possible. Best Friend is happy to report that we rescued and adopted over 120 cats and dogs this year as well as trap/neuter/return many community cats. There were a lot of animals adopted from shelters during the pandemic because people were home, but the need to rescue was the same, if not more than ever. Our board members and volunteers appreciate the people from the community that support us and are grateful for the donations we receive.

We consider ourselves truly blessed as do the animals in the following stories. They found their best friend in us.

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## *walker*

This handsome senior is Walker.

He was rescued from a South Jersey shelter and was at risk of euthanasia since the shelter was over capacity. Walker has not had the easiest life.

When he was rescued he had an embedded collar which needed extensive medical treatment. That didn't stop him from being the sweetest and most loving boy. Walker just want someone to cuddle with.

He loves yard time and leisurely walks in the sunshine.

Don't be fooled by his grey face, he still has energy, spunk and a will to enjoy life. We were so excited to find him a home where he would never have to worry about being in pain or struggling to survive.

When we found a couple who was willing to foster Walker, we had a sneaking suspicion that he would never leave. Walker quickly bonded with the resident female dog and stole the families hearts!!!

Now Walker is living the dream and couldn't be happier!!!!



## *Mamba*

This sweet girl is looking for a lap to keep warm! Mamba is a 3 year old female, vetted and up-to-date on shots.

She was surrendered (with her five kittens) to us after years of neglect. She's extremely friendly and will walk right up to anyone she meets. She can, however, be a bit temperamental so the perfect person for Mamba would have experience and understand her body language. She is like a typical house cat. She loves you one minute and wants all the rubs and then dislikes you the next minute and can't stand the sight of you. This is why we do not want her in a home with little children.

She's currently being fostered and wants to be the only animal in the home. After her years of neglect she deserves to be the center of attention!!!!

## Bonnie

This amazing, sweet and loving senior is Bonnie.

She is a Jack Russell mix, is 10 years old and weighs about 12lbs. Don't let her age fool you!!! She loves to play with other dogs while chasing them around the yard. She loves long walks and time roaming the backyard. Bonnie has not had the easiest life. She was rescued from a South Jersey shelter and came in with a ton of medical issues. She was extremely skinny, had a horrible ear and skin infection, needed to be spayed, have 4 mammary tumors removed, a dental and a cyst removed from her toe.

All because she was neglected by her previous owner.

Now that she has completely healed and her tumors were benign it was time to find her a forever home. Since she had such a hard life we just wanted her to be able to relax in her adoptive home.

Bonnie loves a good dog bed with a nice fleece blanket. Her motto is...If I fits...I sits!!!! As you can see in the picture, Bonnie has found her forever bed and her forever family!!!!



## Rocky

Who wouldn't fall in love with this beautiful 5 year old boy?!?!

Rocky was rescued from a local New Jersey shelter after he was dumped at a vets office when his owner could no longer care for him. He had a very ulcerated eye that had no choice but to be removed after his glaucoma went untreated. Glaucoma is preventable if eye issues are treated appropriately. We wasted no time in having his eye removed and now he is happier than ever and ready for his forever home.

He is neutered, vaccinated and FeLV/ FIV negative. Rocky should have been named Romeo because he is an absolute love bug!!! He loves to snuggle, play with toys, sleep in his cat tree and watch the birds. Rocky does seem to be cat friendly and would do well in a home by himself or with another low key female cat.



## Thrift Shop

**Best Friend's thrift shop located at 1750 E. Second Street, Scotch Plains**

Hours: Wed 11-3, Thursday 10-4, Fri 11-4 and Sat 10-4.  
In December we are entertaining Sunday afternoon hours.  
**We have had the shop for over 20 years.**

**Our shop is instrumental in financially supporting our rescue efforts!**

The Best Friend Thrift Shop needs your support now more than ever. Please consider shopping for your holiday decorations, gift items or just a warm pair of new gloves, a hat or scarf. We have collectibles, books, household items, dog coats, dog and cat toys. Many of our items are new! Our jewelry is phenomenal and our special jewelry consultant can help you select a perfect gift.

We are always in need of good, quality, in season donations. Due to space constraints it is best to call ahead for an appointment, 908-322-2502.

Our shop also serves as a drop off point for new gift items to be used for our tricky trays in 2022. We also accept cat food donations for our fosters and feral colonies. Volunteers are always needed and if interested you can fill out a volunteer application on our website [bfdaaa.com](http://bfdaaa.com).



**Visit the shop's very own Facebook page:**

[www.facebook.com/Best-Friend-Thrift-Store-878100778947212/](http://www.facebook.com/Best-Friend-Thrift-Store-878100778947212/)

# FUNdraising



## After a long Pandemic, it feels great to get out again!

We have some exciting **FUN**draisers planned for 2022. Best Friend will have a booth at the 2022 Super Pet Expo in Edison January 21-23, 2022. We hope to have a Pierogi Luncheon in late February/early March. Two Tricky Trays and two giant yard sales in April and October and other events which are now in the planning stages.

Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption Inc. is currently selling Best Friend wristbands for a \$2.00 donation. They are available at our Thrift Shop or we can mail them to you. Contact Sue at 201-349-6756 or [suellenhudak@gmail.com](mailto:suellenhudak@gmail.com) if you wish to have them mailed to you.

Visit [bfdaaa.com](http://bfdaaa.com) for the events as they become available.

## why people choose to foster...

I love all animals and see way to many living on the streets, vulnerable to abuse or abandonment. What better way to help them than by volunteering to be a foster parent. This includes housing, feeding and caring for the animal until they are adopted by a forever home. This was one of the best decisions I ever made. Every time I choose to foster, I am saving a life. I'm giving an animal something it hasn't had in a long time, maybe ever. The feeling of being fed on a regular basis, warm in a home and getting more kindness than they thought was possible. I go to bed and wake up in the morning knowing that I am doing what God wants us to do...to love and be selfless to help another creature.

**Be a foster...you are literally saving a life!!!**



## Paws for a Cause

**Paws for a Cause is an animal welfare awareness club at Westfield High School.**

The mission of the club is to help abandoned and stray animals in the local community. Specifically, the club spreads awareness throughout Westfield High School and the town of Westfield to encourage students, staff and residents to rescue pets. The club meets monthly to plan volunteering and fundraising events for Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption.

The club held a bake sale at the Best Friend Thrift Shop on Saturday Oct 30th, 2021. They raised \$145 during the sale. Since the club was founded, it has had much success and has greatly benefited both local animals and students at the high school. It has given students the ability to indulge their love of animals in a way that positively reverberates throughout the community, without needing to sacrifice more than a few hours a month of their time.



## Thank you!



A warm thank you to all the volunteers who dedicate their time to not only raise money for our rescue, but take the time to care for our animals and make their life enjoyable until a permanent home is found.

It takes only a little bit of your time to help us help the animals. If you can foster an animal, walk a dog, work at the thrift shop or distribute flyers please fill out the volunteer application on line at

[www.bfdaaa.com](http://www.bfdaaa.com)

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Need more information to apply for your employer's matching gift program?

Email us at [bfdaaa@gmail.com](mailto:bfdaaa@gmail.com)



**Care2Share Affinity Program**

Help us financially without costing you any money.

**Supporting Best Friend could not be easier! Just ask your bank representative to pair your account with our charity Best Friend.** Our group gets over \$800.00 per year by just linking your account as a supporter of Best Friend.. The more people that join, the more Best Friend can receive as it is based on a percentage of the enrolled accounts. However, we must have a minimum of 10 people and if we fall below 10 people we do not receive a check that quarter.

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Please visit our pets waiting for their forever homes at [www.bfdaaa.com](http://www.bfdaaa.com)

Monetary donations are tax deductible and are urgently needed by the rescue group.

Donations can be sent to

**Best Friend**, P.O. Box 335. Cranford, NJ, 07016

For more information call 908-322-2502

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

With Love from the Animals,

Lorraine Jakubowski, President

