

PAW PRINTS

Pet Placement Center's
Quarterly Newsletter
Summer 2022



MEET OUR NEW SHELTER MANAGER, BROOKE BOURGEOIS!

I was born and raised in New Orleans and grew up surrounded by dogs, cats, rabbits, and ferrets. In my fondest childhood memories and photographs, I am surrounded by our family pets.

Having an interest in the legal field, I worked at our parish prosecutor's office, and then in our parish attorney's office. There, I was assigned a project that would privatize and allow the New Orleans SPCA to run our municipal shelters, which struggled with ongoing leadership challenges and abysmal live-release statistics.

Believing I could improve the lives of the animals and transform the image of shelter, I began a decade-long journey managing one of Louisiana's highest intake and kill facilities. After 10 years of battles and triumphs, we had a 90% live release rate; a state-of-the-art facility; and countless new programs, rescue partnerships, and advocacy, transparency, and education initiatives. Wanting to experience the nonprofit sector of animal welfare, I left Jefferson Parish to become the Director of Operations at Weld County Humane Society in Greeley, CO. There, I gained experience in fundraising and grant writing, and worked with the board of directors to develop a strategic plan for the organization.

I am happy to be back in the south and honored to be a part of Pet Placement Center. I plan to revamp the shelter's protocols in terms of herd health, provide our animals with enrichment to ensure their stress levels are minimized, build a stronger volunteer and foster base, establish partnerships with crowded local municipal shelters, engage with our community, and grow our donor base through advocacy and networking so we can help as many animals as possible.

I relocated to Chattanooga with 5 dogs: Mini Cow, 10, a Staffordshire mix who was deemed unadoptable; Panda, 5, a bully seized from a hoarding and cruelty case; Frank, 16, a Chihuahua adopted as a fospice dog; Landry, 3, a mini bull terrier, adopted from a combat veteran who was deployed; and Bindi, a 1.5-year-old Chihuahua who was seized from a hoarding case and is rather feral. I have also owned cats throughout the years. My dogs love kittens and I have bottle fed neonates throughout my shelter career.

I love how friendly and welcoming everyone in Chattanooga has been. I am eager to explore the city and its majestic landscapes. I enjoy whitewater rafting, hiking trails, and taking my dogs to canine-friendly venues.

I'm proud of the work we have done thus far and immensely grateful to the staff, board, volunteers, and amazing adopters for welcoming me with open arms.

Sincerely,
Brooke Bourgeois

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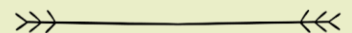
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HAPPY TAILS



Bo and Belle came to us after their owner passed away. They ended up in a municipal shelter, found separate homes, but were later returned. As a bonded pair, we knew their separation would equate to two failed adoptions. Belle is 11, deaf, and very reliant on her brother Bo. Bo is the happiest boy you will ever meet, and he always keeps a watchful eye on his sister Belle. We were ecstatic the day they headed to Huntsville, AL, with the kindest couple who wanted nothing more than to nurture them after losing their beloved dog to a long illness. We know this family will fill the hearts of two dogs who lost everything.

Thelma was surrendered after her owner fell very ill. At 11 years old, she'd only known one owner/home. Shelter life was initially difficult. It took her weeks to show her beautiful face, but with love and patience, she settled in. Because she was timid and didn't seek attention like many of our cats do, Thelma was often overlooked—but we knew, in time, her second chance would be worth the wait. Thelma's new Mom drove all the way from Nashville to adopt her, and we were so overjoyed to send her off to her forever home, where she will have her own person and her own quiet abode.



Paddington was surrendered by his family who was moving. He was adopted from another local shelter as a puppy, so through no fault of his own, he'd had two shelter stays in his first year of life. As a very energetic dog, he could be a bit of a handful for the average adopter (who's not training for a marathon). We were contacted by a family that had driven down from Massachusetts in their camper to spend the week hiking and sightseeing in Tennessee. During their trip, they had hoped to adopt a deserving dog from the south to take back home to the Northeast. Paddington was that deserving dog, and it was so wonderful to watch him drive away in a big camper with his new family!

Ali Mills was with us just a few days shy of one year. She came in with her litter of kittens, all of whom found homes quickly. She's not the kind of cat you'd expect to take so long to find a home, aside from the fact that tabby cats are overlooked because they're so plentiful in shelter environments. Fortunately, we found the nicest couple who was eager to show her how to live in a loving home and excited to introduce her to their cat. We were thrilled to find a family to support Ali as she transitions from shelter life to home life, and look forward to more updates on our special girl.



Thank you, Jordan Taylor, with The Austin Sizemore Team, for creating Realtor for Rescues and sponsoring the adoptions of some of our special pets. We are so thankful for this partnership and mission to support us saving lives!



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Josie & Rowan, Sarah Malone

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IN MEMORY OF PETS

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Shepherd Boy, Bentley Nell Merrell

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