

PAWSITIVE MATCH RESCUE

Not For Christmas—For Life



Who as a child didn't dream about receiving a puppy for Christmas!? Or imagined as an adult seeing your children's faces light up on Christmas morning as they snuggle their cute new bundle of fur?

While in theory puppies appear to be one of the best presents imaginable, Pawsitive Match and many other rescues will not adopt out animals as gifts—for good reason!

1. First, and perhaps most importantly, dogs can live upwards of 12 years and are something you must commit to for their entire life. Each family member involved with the dog must be committed and prepared to care for them for this lengthy period.
2. Puppies are trouble! Sure they're cute and give lovely puppy-breath kisses, but they're also heaps of trouble! Puppies may cry at night, chew things they shouldn't, play-bite until trained otherwise, do their business in the house—the list goes on! Are all members willing to accept this responsibility and the training required to make the pup a happy family member? Has everyone truly thought of the effort and lifestyle changes that will have to happen?
3. Just like humans, dogs (and puppies) all have different personalities and the family's lifestyle and desires need to be considered before bringing a dog home just because he's "cute".



4. Giving a dog as a surprise doesn't allow the owner to pick out the dog appropriate for THEIR home. Sometimes people are scared of certain types of dogs, sometimes new owners want their dog to be able to participate in certain activities (ie. agility, snowshoeing, etc.) or an owner needs a hypoallergenic dog due to allergies.

5. Christmas is a busy time for everyone! There's Christmas parties to attend, little one's school events to be present at, family coming and going....this is a terrible environment to bring a dog into who is already confused because of their new surroundings.
6. Remember how little time it took for your kids to get bored of last year's gifts? Imagine how heartbreaking it'll be when they get bored of this puppy. Furthermore, children should be taught that pets are not "things" but are in fact living creatures with a lot of needs! Family members should be adopted, not bought!



Still hung up on the idea of giving a puppy for Christmas? Why not consider the following gifts instead?

- Put together a "puppy basket" including a collar, training book, toys, etc. It won't take long for the recipient to clue in to what you're getting at—and you get to spend the rest of the day looking at adoptable furbabies together and researching what each different pup will need.
- See if the rescue organization you're interested in adopting from would issue a gift certificate so you can pay for the dog but the recipient and any other family members can be the ones to pick him or her out.
- If now just isn't the right time to bring a dog home, consider sponsoring a homeless dog to receive the care they need or allowing the recipient to pick out some gifts for a specific rescue pup they like.

Merry Christmas from everyone at Pawsitive Match and thank you for your support in the last year!

Enjoy your time with your family—furry and otherwise!





Most everyone will remember Hurricane Odile and the damage it caused in Cabo in September.

Below is an update from the Humane Society

on how they've fared and how donations have helped them rebuild bigger and better!

OCTOBER

We are currently attempting to help as many cats and dogs as we can that are running the streets of Cabo homeless and abandoned by their owners. They have no food or drinkable water and many of them have sustained injuries due to the hurricane.



Our Shelter has been severely damaged. We lost our entire storage facility and everything that was in it. We lost

all of our vaccines and medicines due to having no electricity to keep the refrigerator operating. We lost ALL of our shade overhangs which keep the animals cool (or less hot). We lost almost all roofs and coverings. All of the windows in our Van were sucked out.

Most of our staff lost everything they own including their homes. But they have been coming to work everyday and we are supplying them with food and water for their families.

The good news is... We will work through this because we care about the people and the animals of Los Cabos. We will continue our fight to help rescue and save as many animals as possible because of the donations we have received through our Hurricane Fund.

We received a donation from Mars Corporation for supplies (Human food and necessities) to give out to families. We are giving those out today at a spay neuter clinic in one of the worst hit barrios along with pet food. So now we are able to not only feed the pets, but the families also



LOS CABOS HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

Cost for cat house and education room is just under \$30,000US. Concrete roofs, good lighting built to 1st world standards. Thank you to our donors who have made donations towards our Hurricane Relief Fund.



NOVEMBER

Greetings from Cabo San Lucas,

Because of all of you, we are in the rebuilding stage at the center. I took some photos today so I could share with you some of the progress.

- 1) The Cat House is complete on one side (Side two is almost ready). We will be adding all of the "cat" things over the next week (climbers, beds, etc)
- 2) The outside play area for the Cats
- 3) This photo shows the difference in construction prior to the new cinder blocks buildings (the green Shed will be replaced with Cinder block)
- 4) The office is being reinforced and reconstructed
- 5) New Quarantine Kennels
- 6) New Surgical Room



We are still in the process of collecting donations for a new onsite storage facility (the old one was 100% destroyed in the Hurricane)

We are also hoping to continue to replace the surrounding walls of the Center with Cinder Block walls (60% were replaced with "Wall of Hope" funds)

Thank you again for your generous support. We have never had funds to improve our facility in 15 years... Every penny has gone into our operating budget.

We are SO EXCITED!

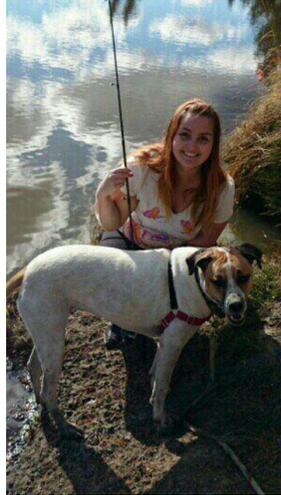
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If you would like to continue to assist the Los Cabos Humane Society in rebuilding, please visit [this link](#).



DANIELLE TOWNSLEY

PMRF Foster and Adoptions Team

My entire life I have volunteered with animals and had a passion for those who were in bad situations. I started fostering with Pawsitive Match in 2012 (?) because I felt I wasn't stable enough to offer a forever home to someone. From there I started to help in many other areas and have furthered my passion. Pawsitive Match has allowed me to surround myself with other animal lovers burning with the same passions and desires, and I've never felt like a part of such a wonderful community. Watching my foster dogs evolve into who they truly are and helping people find their perfect match really brightens my day. I've always had a soft spot for sad puppy eyes, and as a volunteer I get to watch the sad puppy eyes fill with



confidence and comfort, which is something I think a lot of rescue dogs have forgotten. There are so many ways to help animals in need, and the happiness and feelings of success are truly so addicting. There is nothing better than animal rescue.

TERI WAGNER

Cambrian Volunteer, Transport Volunteer and Photographer

I have volunteered for many different organizations. It started with my mom and I volunteering on Christmas day when I was 9, feeding the less fortunate. I was hooked on volunteering from that day on! I have spent a lot of my years volunteering for charities that support research and a cure for different human conditions. While I still believe these are important organizations, I needed a change. I needed to volunteer in a place where it had more happy endings than sad. I found myself browsing the web and

came across PMRF. The PMRF family welcomed me with open arms and I have to say, it's a great fit! I am currently volunteering at Cambrian, on the transport

team, and I volunteer my business hours to photograph some of the dogs that come into the rescue. The joy I get while spending time with these wonderful creatures is boundless.

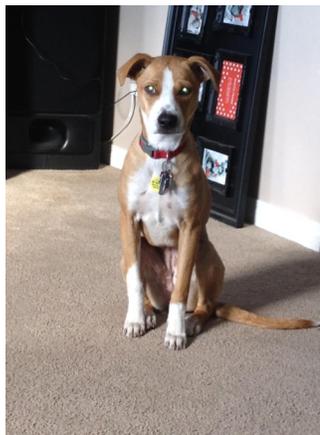
Not only do I make new furry friends every time I take a shift, I get to meet some truly amazing people who also volunteer along with me. I enjoy every minute and I am so grateful to be blessed with an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these dogs.



DOG OF THE MONTH—HILTON



Hilton is an adorable young girl that has come to Canada from Mexico to find her perfect home. This energetic girl loves to play outside and lives for her daily walks. She can be nervous meeting new people or dogs, but is very playful and social once she's had a chance to meet them. Hilton is great with kids, and is currently living in a home with cats. She is housetrained and lovable, just waiting for the right family to take her



home.

Hilton's dream home would be one with another doggy playmate to keep her company. She loves her new life in a Calgary, and would be a great fit for a growing family. Hilton is looking for the perfect family to call her own and she promises to give them tons of love

If you are interested in adopting Hilton, please fill out an application on our [website!](#)

40 DOGS ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER!

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| Bramni | Murphy |
| Mia | Cash |
| Tucker | Madi (Tata) |
| Polly | Nikki |
| Bridget | Scarlett |
| Aly | Hero |
| September | Bosco (Ukee) |
| Glow | Doki |
| Lena | Marianne |
| Ivory | Taylor |
| Barbie | Gretchen |
| Boots | Lily |
| Cactus | Tuka |
| Virgil | Bandit |
| Kodos | Chewy |
| Binky | Callie |
| Nina | Haven |
| Odile/Finnegan | Pancho |
| Lanie | Pedro |
| Nellie2 | |
| Tyler | |



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Introducing a Rescue Dog to your Home

Are you introducing a new rescue dog to your home and to your existing dog? Set yourself and your new dog up for success by having a solid integration plan in place.

"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!" - Benjamin Franklin

Step 1. - take your new rescue dog out to yard and walk around the perimeter or wherever your new dog is permitted. Take your time. This is intended as an awareness walk to bond you and your new dog and to introduce your new dog to your existing dog's scent.

Step 2. Have your new dog's stuff ready – water bowl and food with a tasty treat in it. - must be really yummy. Have a crate or room or xpen set up that will be new dog's safe zone for a few days. Now let your new dog be in that area for one hour. Just observe her, have a cozy bed ready. Play soft background music. Your existing dog needs to be completely out of the picture at this step. Make sure that your new dog can see you ,but avoid the urge to smother the new dog with love and attention. Just let him/her process the new environment and enjoy your quiet presence.

Step 3. After an hour is up, put your new dog in a crate or room where you can close the door or put a barrier around pen or a blanket over crate and let your existing dog out for one hour to get the scent of the new dog. At no time can they make contact. There should be a "no dog zone" between them.

Step 4. Remove barriers but new dog is still in safe zone – this is a completely protected area. Both dogs can see each other and you can see how they are responding. Do NO more than the new dog or your exiting dog can handle. Slow and easy for many steps. These interactions should only be 2-5 minutes in length. Watch for distance decreasing (playful body language, relaxed/loose and wiggly) and distance increasing signals (stress signs, calming signals). Then let your existing dog outdoors while you let the new dog walk through house on a dragline or on lead with you. Keep new dog near you for an hour or so. Then put new dog back in her safe zone to relax and let existing dog in to relax also. From here you should start to see some patterns and start to decide if you continue with more of the same etc. most of all slow and easy over several days. Slow integration. And slowly introduce one room at a time.

Please note that every dog and every situation is unique. These represent very general steps. If you have any concerns about safely introducing your rescue dog into your home, then be sure to contact a qualified professional to assist you.



The PMRF 2014 Christmas Wishlist!

The Pawsitive Match Christmas Wishlist includes a list of symbolic gifts to help you honor your friends and family by making a donation in their name. By making a donation through our Wishlist, you and the recipient will be happy to know that your gift will go toward dogs in our care!

You have the option to download a PDF Thank-You Certificate that informs the recipient that a donation has been made on their behalf! All purchases will receive a tax receipt.

Please click [HERE](#) to purchase an item from our Christmas Wishlist!



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- **Foster!** Without foster homes, we cannot save dogs. Fostering is an incredibly rewarding experience, and all supplies and expenses are covered by Pawsitive Match.
- **Donate!** (monthly or one time donations) Any amount helps to cover the soaring costs of rescuing.
- **Volunteer!** We are always looking for volunteers to join our team and have many different positions, each with varying time requirements.
- **Transport!** Let us know when/where you're going on vacation, you may be able to escort dogs back and save their lives!
- Consider Pawsitive Match as a memorial gift in memory of someone, or as a gift in honour of someone and a special event in their lives (ie. Birthday, graduation)
- Donate supplies to our holding facility (bleach, paper towels, etc. Please contact pawsitivecambrian@gmail.com for the current needs)

Thank you so much for your support. Without you, we cannot continue saving the lives of our furry friends.

HAPPY TAILS



BENITO

We adopted Benito March 13, 2014 and could not be more happy with this dear little fellow. He is a wonderful dog full of love and charm as well as having pretty good manners. I am

astounded at how good he is. I babysit my daughters two dogs on a regular basis so was concerned as to how he would fit in. No problem! They all became best buddies. Ben—new name—runs free at the dog park with them. I was so concerned that he might take off that he was on leash for a while and it was difficult to know he wanted to be free with his buddies. They have so much fun together now. Ben is a true blessing in my life and I am so grateful that I was able to give him a "forever" home. By the way, Kim who looked after him before adoption, was great and very helpful. Thank you for all your hard work at rescuing all these precious animals.

CHIKIS

Thanks so much for your email. Chikis is doing really well, and has adjusted seamlessly into our home. She and her "brother" Bernie absolutely love each other!

She has had a few medical issues that have been address (I've been working with Angela on these), but now she's down to an ear and eye infection that are getting better by the day.

We didn't change her name but we tend to just call her "Cheeks".. she knows it well now. She has learned awesome manners and knows to sit and wait to be told "ok" for her meals. I can't say enough about what a wonderful dog she is... and SO lovey!! She's put on almost 10 pounds so far, about 5 more to go. Her coat is looking much better as well.

3x a week she goes on group walks with our walker, and she has been having a great time. I've attached some pictures from our walker. She didn't go yesterday because of her eye infection, and our



walker said Bernie wasn't the same without her. So cute.

I can't say enough about how awesome and supportive you all have been from Pawsitive match. We go to the dog park everyday after work and I am always singing your praises and encouraging people to adopt. We love our pure bred Bernie, but we will only be adopting rescues moving forward.

Thanks for touching base, and please pass along my thanks to everyone, including the originating shelter. So happy we got

the chance to make Chikis' life, the life she so deserves!

NINO

Niño is doing very well! I kept his name and he is starting to recognize it.

- He keeps me incredibly busy - I didn't think having a dog would be THIS much work but I'm getting used to it. Both he and I are developing a routine. He seems to know my schedule now. He now just snoozes in my bed while I get ready to go to work instead of anxiously pacing around my condo.
- We go to the dog park at least once a day and he goes to doggy daycare once a



week so he is getting tons of socialization. • He's become much calmer over the last month. It's wonderful to see what a routine, exercise and some training has done.

- EVERYONE thinks he is the cutest ever and folks often comment on how well behaved he is. We still have a few things to work on (namely, recall, getting him used to being tied up and left alone while I go into a store and jumping), but he's made tremendous progress on all training fronts.