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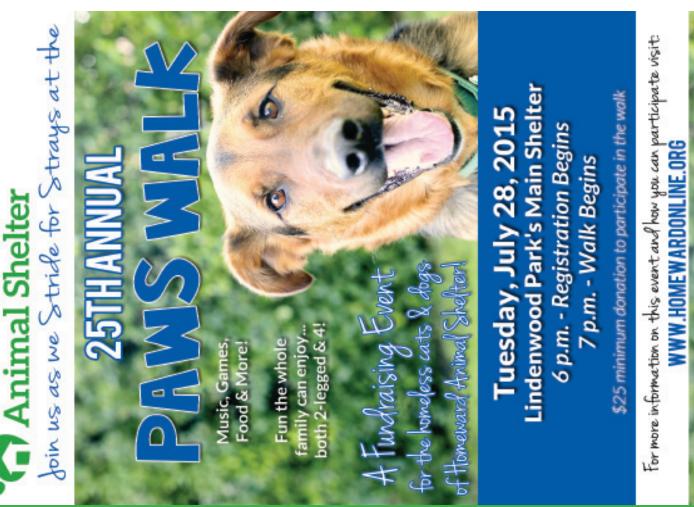
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# **Special Edition** 2015 NEWSLETTER 2 PAWS WALK EXTRA **Homeward** Animal Shelter RESCUE. SHELTER. PROTECT. REHOME.

# **25th Annual PAWS WALK to take place on July 28**

Music, Games, Food & More! Fun the whole family can enjoy both two-legged and four! This year marks the 25th Anniversary of PAWS WALK and we hope you will be able to partake in this momentous occasion!

Strays at the 25th Annual PAWS WALK on ance, various vendor booths and more! Tuesday, July 28 at Lindenwood Park's Main p.m. and the Walk begins at 7 p.m. This dogs of Homeward Animal Shelter. All proceeds help to provide food, shelter and veterinary care to the shelter animals as they await their forever homes.

lected by participants prior to the walk. A minimum \$25 donation is required to participate in the Walk. Gifts of \$75 or more will be matched by our generous sponsors, up to \$20,000. Individuals who raise at least \$75 or more get a FREE Paws Walk t-shirt, teams that raise \$150 or more get 2 FREE **Paws Walk t-shirts.** Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 individuals who raise the most and the top 2 teams who raise the most.

Pledge Forms to collect donations can be found at: http://www. homewardonline.org/wp-content/ uploads/2015/06/2015-Paws-Walk-Pledge-Form.pdf. You can also start your own fundraising page online at: https:// www.razoo.com/story/25th-Annual-Paws-Walk. Just click on the green Get Started! button and follow the steps to create your Rocket and Nebula. A life of love and comown fundraising page.

In addition to the Paws Walk itself. the event will include: music by RetroDisc, food by MSUM Catering, games by Games to Go, a photo booth by Timeless Images Pho-

Shelter in Fargo. Registration begins at 6 Grand Marshal, we held an online photo contest called Glorify Our Alumni from April or cat who was adopted from Homeward Animal Shelter (formerly Humane Society Fargo-Moorhead). We had 18 of our amazing adoptees enter the contest. We're proud to **Donations for Paws Walk are col**- announce that the 25th Annual PAWS WALK will be led by one of Homeward's finest, our very own shelter alum, Windsor. Windsor will lead this year's walk as the Event Grand Marshal, proudly representing shelter animals everywhere

> Windsor was adopted by Jim and Brenda Hagel on July 5, 2014. He came to the shelter as a surrender. Prior to arriving in our care he had been chained in a kennel and kept outside at all times. He came in with a severe ear infection and had draining sores and lesions under his collar from the pulling of a chain around his neck. Windsor's story quickly tugged at the hearts of the Hagels'. They decided to take a chance on him. And we're so glad they did! He now lives the life of luxury in West Fargo with his pet parents, Jim and Brenda, and three cat siblings: Bootstrap, fort, one that every shelter pet dreams.

> Here's a little O&A with Windsor's family: What made you decide to adopt a pet?

We had a little white Bichon named Tiger. W

Please join us as we Stride for tography, face painting by Monkey's Allow- loved him dearly. He was a cheerful, happy little dog who loved everyone. He had chronic pancreatitis, but the last year or so he'd been going downhill rapidly. He was To select this year's PAWS WALK losing his sight, his hearing, and he was so thin he looked like a walking skeleton because he wasn't eating.

Since our vet let us know we needed to think about letting him go soon, we knew is a fundraising event for the homeless cats & 20 - May 25. Participants could be any dog last summer would be his last. We decided to get another dog before we lost Tiger,

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#### Below: Windsor smiles for the camera as he enjoys a nice pat on the back from his dad, Jim Hagel





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partly to help soften the blow, but also to give him a little boost. I'd been reading how an older dog can benefit from having a younger one around. We started looking at small dogs to be a companion for him, but one that wouldn't want to play too hard, so an older dog. Tiger got along with any dog, and the small dogs we looked at were fine, but they didn't seem to peak his interest.

We really only looked at Windsor on a whim. We weren't looking for a large dog, but as soon as Tiger saw him he got really excited. He started following him around and really connected with Windsor. Jim and I had serious reservations about getting a large breed, but we decided to give it a chance. I'm so glad we did!

Tiger did perk up and he started eating, because he wanted to keep up with Windsor. Unfortunately, he was so sick that part only last a few weeks, but he also improved in other ways. Tiger always loved taking walks, but with Windsor we saw new purpose in Tiger's steps. I think with his failing eyesight, having Windsor to walk beside gave him confidence. Despite how sick he was, he kept up and there was a spring in his steps. Tiger had a wonderful last summer. We enjoyed seeing Windsor bloom too, and enjoyed getting to know him. After Tiger passed, Windsor was a balm for our hearts, and had become a cherished member of the family.

#### How would you describe Windsor's personality?

Windsor is an incredibly happy, and well-adjusted dog. His tail is constantly wagging. When he's especially joyful, his wag turns into what we call "circle tail" because it flies around in a huge circle. He loves people, especially kids. He's playful, energetic, and easily distracted. We laughingly refer to him as "adorkable."

Windsor loves to be babied and taken care of. He enjoys a good coat brushing, and gets super excited when I get his toothbrush out. We discovered shortly after we got him he had a broken tooth, and 2 fractured ones. We got those pulled, and once he was healed, regular brushing became part of his lifestyle.

#### What is Windsor's favorite past time?

Windsor is fairly high energy, and he loves going for walks and playing fetch. One of the first things we did after we got him was to fence our yard so he could run and chase the ball. He really enjoys water too so we got him a kiddie pool for the summer. We discovered his love for water last summer when we visited the headwaters at Itasca. As soon as he saw all that water he got so excited that he literally dragged our niece in to play. She was holding his leash, thankfully she kept her footing!

#### What kind of impact has adopting Windsor made in your life?

This question made me grin. Know the Miley Cyrus song Wrecking Ball? The line kind of fits for Windsor "He came in like a wrecking ball." We had small, older, low energy pets - a 14 year old dog, a 14 year old cat, and a 13 year old cat. Windsor burst into our lives with an unexpected, yet welcomed, intensity. One thing that really stands out - thanks to him we're more active. He gets 2-3 walks a day, as well as ball-playing sessions. I work from home, and before I would get lost in front of the computer for hours. I rarely took any kind of break. Windsor insists on them. Every couple of hours I get his cold nose nudging my arm "C'mon mom, let's play ball!" Jim walks Windsor first thing every morning, pretty much rain or shine. He gets early afternoon walks, and usually an evening walk, or at least more ball fetch. We got a ball chucker and watching him run full out is a thing of joy in itself. How many times was he able to do that in his old life?

#### Is Windsor excited to be the Grand Marshal for the 25th Annual Paws Walk? What is he looking forward to most?

Windsor loves a good walk, so he's pumped! We're excited too. We took part last year for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed it. What a great fundraiser, and such a fun evening. A few friends who voted for Windsor are also excited. Jim agreed to wear a crown on the walk in exchange for their support lol.

#### What advice do you have for people who are thinking about adoption a pet?

We didn't realize a dog being hyper or super anxious at first is not uncommon in a rescue. It makes sense, and it can take 2-4 weeks for them to start feeling at home and settling down.

We had picked Windsor up on a Friday for a 2 week trial (He hadn't been cat tested) and by Sunday evening I had left a tearful message on Homeward's answering machine saying "I'm sorry, I don't think we can keep him. He's too high energy and I don't think we're the right fit. We'll be bringing him back in the morning." Jim and I were exhausted, wondering who this crazy dog we brought home was.

Well, a good night's sleep and a new day made the difference. I called Monday morning letting them know we're going to keep him the full trial period and they responded by sending their trainer to our house to give us a few tips. That helped boost our confidence, and gave us something to work on with Windsor while we waited for the obedience class we signed up for to start.

The best advice I have is give the adoption time. Your new family member has to settle in and feel safe and at home, and that means an adjustment period. Don't be afraid to reach out to Homeward or others for advice on how to handle certain situations. For example, the first night Windsor tore a hole in his kennel pad, so I had removed it. The following days he started refusing to kennel, so I called Homeward to see if they had any suggestions. One thing they recommended was I crawl in the kennel with treats and coax him in, which I did. Then I was to throw treats in, let him go in, eat them, and leave.

It went well, but he still didn't want to stay in the kennel. Somehow a light bulb went off in my brain and I went out to the garage where I had put the torn pad. I brought it in, put it in his kennel ripped side down, and asked him to kennel. He did so immediately. He started chewing on his bedding again, and I told him "leave it" and he never chewed on it again. But he wanted a bed, that's why he didn't want to go in his kennel. There will be trial and error things like that as well.

Does Windsor have anything else he would like t add?

Windsor is excited to meet everyone, but he's not really excited about meeting other dogs at times. If another dog is too eager, or bouncy, or maybe comes in to sniff his nose, Windsor will often react with a growly bark. He likes his doggy space. He does gleefully welcome people and kid attention though, and he loves a good belly rub, or hug. Now that we've had him the required year, I'm looking forward to talking to the therapy dog people and seeing how we can get Windsor into the program. He would do well in it, and I think it would make him happy to be involved.

# Thank You to all our 'Glorify Our Alumni' Paws Walk Grand Marshal Contestants!



Windsor 2015 Grand Marshal

Cecil 1st Runner Up







**Temperance (Tempie) 3rd Runner Up** 

Olive 4th Runner Up

## Upcoming Microchip Clinics at the shelter:

- Tuesday, Aug. 4th (5pm 7pm)
- Saturday, Sept. 19th (11am 1pm)
- Cost is \$35 per pet
- We do not take appointments...first-come, first-serve basis

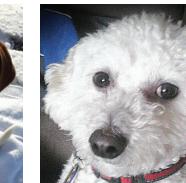


Homeward Animal Shelter with your check or money order. If you wish to use your credit or debit card please fill out the information on the envelope provided.

THANK YOU!



Deakon 2nd Runner Up



Louie 5th Runner Up

Thank you to all our Homeward (formerly Humane Society Fargo-Moorhead) Alums who entered the 'Glorify Our Alumni' Paws Walk Grand Marshal Photo Contest. We had eighteen amazing former shelter adoptees participate in the contest. All eighteen contestants listed in alphabetical order include: Boomer, Bran Stark of Winterfell, Cecil, Deakon, Dug, Hazel, Kaiser, Little Ricky, Lo-

tua, Louie, Olive, Princess, Punky Brewster, Spike, Temperance (Tempie), Tinkerbell, Watson and Windsor. To learn more about each contestant

and to read their story visit: https:// www.360photocontest.com/299.

And to this elite group of alumni, we are so very happy and grateful you have each found the loving homes you erve. You're all winners in our

# Homeward Animal Shelter



# **25THANNUAL PAWS WALK** Tuesday, July 28th, 2015 Lindenwood Park's Main Shelter

6 p.m. Registration Begins, 7 p.m. Walk Begins

A Fundrasing Event for the homeless cats & dogs of Homeward Animal Shefter!

## 2015 Pledge Form

PARTICIPANT/TEAM NAME:		Phone:	PHONE:		
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#### **Event Rules:**

- \$25 minimum donation to participate in the walk.

- Dogs must wear I.D. and be on a non-retractable leash at all times during the event.

- Dogs must be kept under control

- Walkers must clean up after their dogs.

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For more information on this event or to print off additional Pledge Forms please visit our website. www.homewardonline.org.

Our Homeward Alum, Windsor, will proudly lead the walk as this year's Paws Walk Grand Mar **Event Grand Marsho** 



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