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A slideshow of pictures of June's life is attached to our website.

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In Memory of June Robbins by Marjorie Wentworth



Monday, March 17 our beloved mother, teacher, coworker, and friend left this world to be with her husband, Charles.

June led a full and dedicated life. She had a masters degree from SUNY Oswego in Reading and taught in both the Fulton and Oswego school districts for over 36 years. Even after retiring in 1986, she taught speed reading and learning styles to nursing students. She also helped start the Oswego County Teachers Center.

June was a member of the NY State Reading Teacher's Association and served as the President from 1978 - 1979. She was honored with teacher of the year in 1986.

June was also an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma and a member of the "Water Babies" at the YMCA where she swam three times a week.

We have been honored to have June work everyday with the dogs and cats here at Paws & Effect. She always had a smile and a word of encouragement for everyone. She became "Grandma June" to everyone who entered, both two-footed and four-footed friends. With bows to make and beds to sew, her sewing machine was always humming.

June was one of the original members of Paws Across Oswego County and could be seen at all of the fund raisers. At our upcoming open house and fund raiser on Sunday March 30th, we will all be wearing angels to honor her memory.

My mother truly made this world a better place. Many people were blessed to have her in their lives and I will always be honored to be called her daughter.

Thank you to every one who sent cards, flowers, condolences, and came to celebrate her life on Friday.

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3rd Annual Open House and Animal Group Fundraiser



Upcoming events!

Sunday March 30th

12:00 – 5:00

3rd Annual Open House and Fundraising Event

The updated list of attendees is also on our website—
www.pawsandeffectinc.com

Saturday May 17th
10am—4pm

A Bark Heard Around the World

Yates County Fairgrounds
Penn Yan, NY

Mealworms

Sale!!

Mealworms are a tasty treat for your reptiles and Hedgehogs!

Wild birds love them too.

50 count container only \$2.00



Sunday March 30th 12:00-5:00

Paws Across Oswego County and the staff at Paws & Effect would like to welcome you to our annual open house and fund raiser. Come in to meet all the non-profit animal groups in our area and shop at the silent auction to benefit them all. Refreshments will be served and we will give tours of our facility. There will be door prizes, free samples and raffles. Dog trainers will be available for those with questions about training or behavioral issues. Food representatives will be here with information regarding pet nutrition. As always the staff will gladly answer any questions you may have.

The Groups that have responded so far are:

- ◆ Adopt a Puppy
- ◆ Cat Coalition of Central New York
- ◆ Girl Scout Troup# 708—Selling cookies
- ◆ Kindred Kingdoms Wildlife Rehab
- ◆ Oswego County Humane Society
- ◆ Puppy Mill Rescue
- ◆ United Friends of Homeless Animals
- ◆ Basset Hound Rescue
- ◆ Dogs Deserve Better
- ◆ Harbor Hound Greyhound Rescue
- ◆ OCAWL
- ◆ Paws Across Oswego County
- ◆ Ruby's Rescue
- ◆ Syracuse Cat Coalition

Raffles

All funds made from raffles will be split between all groups attending.
 Tickets for our raffle are available now at the shop and at Dayle's Dog Grooming in Fulton.
 1st Prize—Handmade Dog Quilt made by Nancy Kennedy
 2nd Prize—Huge Dog or Cat Basket
 3rd Prize—Slightly Smaller Dog or Cat Basket

We also have tickets available for our 50/50 Raffle
All raffles will be drawn on March 30 at 4:30

Coupon - 1/2 Price for your first Game night

Tuesday evenings

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Good through April 15, 2008

Meet the Fosters

Note: We foster dogs through Paws Across Oswego County. They are a not for profit group made up of volunteers who work on donations and fundraisers. If you are interested in meeting any of our fosters, please call the shop to make arrangements.



Marshall

Marshall came to Paws & Effect the first week in March. We believe he is a Cockapoo who is two to three years old. He warm eyes will melt your heart. He is very loving and likes to cuddle. He gets along well with other dogs and loves to play. He is housebroken and in good health. He is scheduled to be neutered on March 24th and will be available for adoption after his recovery. You will certainly not regret bringing him into your home.

Mikey

Mikey is a very sweet Dachshund who is four to five years old. He is housebroken and loves to curl-up on a vacant lap. He loves attention and will make someone a wonderful pet. He came to us already neutered. We are currently waiting for the results of his blood work to ensure he is as healthy as he seems to be. As soon as we get his test results back, he will be available for adoption.



Recycled Love

When your family is ready to bring a new dog into your home, think about adopting an older dog. Before adopting, be sure that everyone in the home meets the dog, including other pets in the household. All dogs have different personalities and abilities. Be patient. What you want and expect from your new friend needs to be taught and reinforced. There are many reliable resources. Trainers, groomers, and the former foster home are always willing to help you through the transition. Always remember to reward the behavior you want and be fair with expectations.

Take time to get to know your new best friend. Find out the strong points of his personality. Everyone in the home should take time to bond with the newest member of the family. If your dog shows fears, do not force him too quickly into a stressful situation.

Both my dogs had former owners - they were recycled. My first, a female about 5 years old, was afraid of loud noises and new places. She had been a throw away, put out of a car and left sitting at the side of the road. She waited there, but no one came back for her. She is our tender soul, but it took us a very long time to convince her that she had found her forever home. We worked with her fears and reassured her. She has become a very loving and wonderful friend.

Our second adoptee was about 10 years old when he came to us. He drooled so badly for the first month that every one in our house had to have a towel on their lap to keep dry. His pacifier was a tennis ball - he carried it everywhere. The drooling stopped and now he brings much joy to our lives. His ball still comes along on car rides and when he wants to play.

I was once told by an owner of an older adopted dog that she didn't know what she would do without her new friend. She just knew they were meant to be together. Why else would anyone consider not keeping such a treasure for themselves?

The pure love of a dog who feels the love, trust, and security of a new forever home is amazing!

Enjoy your best friend!

Marjorie Wentworth

Studies have reported over 8 million animals are euthanized in shelters across the US. PLEASE spay and neuter.

If you have room in your home and in your heart, consider adopting a dog.

You won't be sorry!

If you would like to make a donation in memory to Paws Across Oswego County send a picture and tell us about your much missed and loved pet and we will place it in our next newsletter



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"We have more in store for your best friend."

Training Classes

Game Nights

Tuesday Evening
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Instructors: Kathy Shumway and Marjorie Wentworth

Please call 343-0001 the day of the event to reserve a spot!

One-on-One Training

Work on individual issues

Instructor: Kathy Shumway

Sessions scheduled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Call 315-343-0001 to set up an appointment.



Additional classes are planned for later this year. Watch for updates in the newsletter and on our website

www.pawsandeffectinc.com

Do you have a question for our trainer? Email her at dgtrainer@twcny.rr.com.

The Retractable Leash



The retractable leash was first created for teaching dogs to track. Before the retractable leash, handlers of tracking dogs would have to carry a 30 or 40 foot leash to allow the dog to follow the scent. When the tracking was done, the handlers had the tedious job of winding the leash up while making his or her way to the dog. The retractable leash was the perfect solution. The handler was able to command the dog to search and let the dog go. Once the dog located the goal, the handler could follow the leash to where the dog was waiting, reeling the leash in as she or he walked.

The retractable leash has become popular with many pet owners. In fact, the majority of dogs entering our shop on a daily basis are on retractable leashes. Hence the reason for this article.

Retractable leashes are great if you are taking your dog to a wide open area and you want the dog to be able to wander and explore but still be on leash. They are not, however, the right equipment to use for daily walks or when taking your dog on busy streets or to shopping areas.

The purpose of a walk is not for the dog to wander. A dog that is walking in front of the dog owner is a dog that is in control of the walk. From a leadership point of view, the dog owner should always be in control. The retractable leash sends the wrong message to the dog about who is in charge.

Leadership issues aside, the retractable leash can be dangerous for the dog and the owner. If the dog on a retractable leash sees something of interest, the owner has little control over the dog's actions. The dog can easily dart out into traffic or tangle with an unfriendly dog, and there is little the owner can do. Yes, these leashes do have buttons to stop the dog from increasing his or her distance from the owner. However, by the time the owner pushes the button, it may be too late to control the situation.

In the pet store, when you bring your dog in for grooming or a boarding stay, it is important that you have control of the dog from the moment you walk in the door. There could be other customers in the store with their dogs. Dogs can be unpredictable, and we want to avoid contact between dogs that have not been properly introduced. A retractable leash makes this difficult. Although it is not mandatory at this time, we recommend that you use regular leash when coming to our store.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 343-0001.

Basic Obedience

2 separate classes
Monday evenings and
Thursday Evenings
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Instructor: Kathy Shumway and Marjorie Wentworth

Thursday - April 3rd class full
Taking reservations for Monday classes starting on April 28th.

Puppy Kindergarten

Saturday mornings
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Instructor: Andrea Jones ABCDT
Call 439-2594 for more
Information on upcoming classes.