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## Blue Jean, Norma Jean and More from the Walkathon

By Steve Arnold, Helping Paws volunteer

The story first appeared in our September newsletter about mom Jean and her pups Blue Jean, Norma Jean and Billie Jean and the caring families who adopted them. Blue Jean's and Norma Jean's adoptive mothers had a chance meeting at a recent Tag Day and had arranged to meet at the Helping Paws "Paws in the Park" for a family reunion. This is "the rest of the story".



The "Jeans" Reunion

Felicia Para saw Blue Jean at the shelter and knew he was "the one". Farley (his adoptive name) now goes outside on a lead, but he will soon have a fenced yard. He is up to 12 pounds and continues to thrive. He also loves his oatmeal shampoo baths.

Janet Vykvuta and her family are Helping Paws volunteers who had adopted two cats and another Chihuahua. Norma Jean (now called Sammy) is the newest member of their family and she was immediately accepted by the other animals.

Here's a bonus: What Felicia and Janet did not know was that Jean, the mother of Blue Jean and Norma Jean, would also be at the Walkathon with her adoptive mother, Rachel Jaster of Crystal Lake. Rachel had adopted Jean (now named Rosie) in June after their previous dog had died. She was looking for a smaller dog and immediately connected with Jean.

Billie Jean has also been adopted, but she was not at "Paws in the Park".

At the Walkathon, Farley and Sammy recognized each other immediately and began roughhousing. Despite a few yips and growls, it was obvious that they relished each other's company and their playtime together. Rosie was content to have Rachel hold her and to be fussed over by everyone.

There were many other wonderful dogs and their caring owners at the Walkathon and we sincerely thank all who attended. All dogs are special to their families and here are three examples. Buddy, a 10-year old lab mix, has been the top fundraiser the last two years. He and his owner, Cheryl Riley, have attended every Walkathon. Buddy has two bad knees, but he still gets around and wouldn't think of missing this event. Max, a shepherd who has been trained as a service dog, attended with his owner, Christine Selof. Max's story about his friendship with Christine's autistic son, Bryce, appeared in a previous newsletter. Molly, an eight-year-old Yorkie, was relinquished at the age of six months because, unlike the other three Yorkies in the household, she would not use a litter box. She was adopted by Sherry Mugavero, whose mother-in-law is a long-time shelter volunteer and board member. She called Sherry about Molly and the adoption took place that day.

We were able to rescue these abandoned dogs and help them find permanent homes, but too many others are not as fortunate. The staff and volunteers of Helping Paws are here to help you find the animal who will be your forever friend.

We had a wide variety of events at the Walkathon, including a dog photographer, a sketch artist, Flyball (dogs retrieving tennis balls in a relay race format), the Hot Dog Eating Race, the Fashion Show and our version of Musical Chairs. We thank all who participated and all of our wonderful vendors and their variety of products for making this a most enjoyable day. We are looking forward to seeing you all there next year.



Christine Selof and Max

## Helping Paws Open House

October 10 12-2pm

Join us for our Annual Open House on October 10, 2010 featuring our current lovable cats and kittens and our playful dogs and puppies along with refreshments and good company. Learn how you can adopt, foster, donate or volunteer. Hope to see you there.

**We couldn't do it without you!**

## Upcoming Events

October 16 - Wish List Day, McHenry Walmart  
2019 N Richmond Rd., McHenry, IL

November 6 - Adoption Event 10a.m. - 2p.m.  
Nature's Feed 2440 Westward Dr., Unit C  
Spring Grove, IL 60081 (815) 675-2008  
[www.naturesfeed.net](http://www.naturesfeed.net)

November 6 - Adoption Event 11a.m. - 3p.m.  
McHenry Petsmart 3370 Shoppers Dr., McHenry, IL

November 14 - 4th Annual Panting for Paws  
5k Run/Walk - Visit [www.pantingforpaws.com](http://www.pantingforpaws.com) for more information or to sign up.

Visit our website <http://www.helpingpaws.net> for more information on donating or volunteering.