



# PAW PRINTS



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## The Hidden Jewels

By Debbie Rose, Helping Paws volunteer

Sometimes, when we don't take the time to stop and look beyond the surface, we miss life's greatest treasures.

Marco and Polo are two of those treasures. Brought in at the age of around six months, these two brothers are now almost a year old. Both are shy and can be a little frightened of men but instead of giving them a chance, most people pass them by.

I had the opportunity to get to know Marco and Polo at Helping Paws Open House on Sunday, Oct. 10, when I and some other volunteers brought them both into the fenced yard behind the shelter to run and play in the sun.

Because some of us were strangers to Marco and Polo, they held themselves back at first. But a little gentle coaxing and giving them some time to get to know us worked wonders. Within minutes of being outside and having the chance to act like the young dogs they are, they were off running, chasing each other, catching balls, and romping through the yard having the time of their lives. None of us could stop smiling and laughing as we watched the sheer joy on their faces.



MARCO

Marco and Polo are hidden jewels who need someone to look beyond the surface. They need someone who understands them and has the patience to work with them, love them and help them gain the confidence they need and deserve. If you are that special person, please stop by and give them a chance. Don't judge them in their kennels. Take them out into the yard and spend some time watching them blossom from shy and scared into happy, funny, silly playful dogs just waiting for the opportunity to start loving life – and you.



MARCO AND POLO



POLO

P.S. Marco and Polo are available for adoption separately or together. Ask at the front desk to learn about area trainers offering discounts for dogs adopted from Helping Paws.

## A Treasure Chest of Success Stories

By Debbie Rose, Helping Paws volunteer

We'd like to introduce you to just a few of the dogs who have been adopted from Helping Paws in the past year. Thanks to all of you who share your wonderful stories with us on Facebook! Please continue to send them in to us.



MISS FERN

We adopted Fern 6 months ago and I just want to tell you she is doing great. There was a time of adjustment but now she puts a smile on everyone's face on a daily basis. Best of all she has given life back into my 13 year old Retriever! Thank you for bringing her into our family!

-- Kristin Erickson-Chipman



SIMON

I just wanted to let you know how much he has really come out of his shell and all the joy he has been bringing us. I can't say enough thanks to Helping Paws for taking care of him and all the great work everyone is doing there.

-- Sarah Loeffler



GRACIE

Just want you to know that Gracie is doing very well! We have had her for 3 months and she truly is a part of the family! We enrolled her at A+ Dog Obedience School and today she won 1st place at her graduation! This from the dog who cowered in the back of the kennel and would not let anyone go near her.

-- Sharon Heller-Bandel

## We want to hear from our cat families too!

If you have adopted a cat from us, please let us know how he or she is doing. Post your story and a picture of your pet onto our Facebook page,

## Upcoming Events

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 11-13 - Helping Paws Garage Sale  
9a.m. - 5p.m. Cash Only Crystal Court Plaza  
5593 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake, IL  
Visit <http://www.helpingpaws.net> for donations and additional information.

November 13 - 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.