



# **OPERATION PAWS FOR HOMES**

**New Adopter Veterinary Partnership for New Adopters**

**Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Finding Forever Homes for Dogs  
Operating in Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC and PA**



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Operation Paws for Homes is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization devoted to the *rescue, rehabilitation and placement* of dogs who have overcome great odds and deserve wonderful, caring forever homes. These dogs are rescued from overcrowded high kill shelters in the southern region of the United States, primarily shelters in South and North Carolina, as well as Virginia. We also rescue a few international dogs partnering with shelters and rescues in India and Turks & Caicos who rescue dogs from dangerous and deplorable conditions.

Our organization is **volunteer-powered** by a dedicated group of animal lovers who have seen the horrors and sad fate of dogs who find themselves abandoned and left to fend for themselves in the world. At the rural shelters, the staff faces demanding and constant challenges every day: a lack of adopters, underdeveloped spay/neuter programs in their counties, and, in many instances, an uneducated population that does not understand the need to spay/neuter or engage in rescue activities. With limited resources and few adoptions locally, the shelters are forced to put down 50% - 90% of their dogs.

After visiting these facilities and seeing the heartache on the faces of the shelter staff and the dogs in their care, we started OPH to help give these deserving dogs a second chance. We have some of the best **Shelter and Rescue Partners**. There is no better feeling than pulling out of the shelter's parking lot with 25 lucky dogs who are being given a new lease on life! At OPH, our partnerships are comprehensive - In fact, part of our mission is to support these facilities through financial and in-kind donations, guidance and resources.

OPH does not operate a shelter or have a physical location. We rely on foster families who open their homes to give love and attention to each dog while it waits for a forever home. In addition, we partner with wonderful boarding facilities who care for our rescue dogs. Through the foster program and our partners, we learn about each dog and its needs. These dogs have been through a lot and it may take days or weeks to allow their personality to completely unfold. We strive to provide as many details as possible to potential and future adopters which increases the likelihood of a good match for each dog and family.



**Together We Rescue.**



Operation Paws for Homes has been rescuing dogs from high kill shelters for the last 7 years!  
We have met some truly fabulous dogs - over 7,000 as a matter of fact!





## About Our Adoptions

Operation Paws for Homes provides pet adoption services to families located in Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland, Southern Pennsylvania and neighboring states. We believe in responsible adoptions and strive to work with each adopter to find a good match for their home and lifestyle. Our adoption process includes completion of an application, a review of reference checks and vet checks, and an interview and a personal “meet and greet” where the family can meet and interact with their potential new four-legged family member. Throughout this process, we work to ensure each family and dog are the right fit for each other.

**We are fortunate to have some incredibly committed volunteers who help Operation Paws for Homes find forever homes for over 1,200 dogs each year!**

The key to that statement is - **volunteer!** We are proud that OPH is driven by caring individuals who give their personal time to help rescue these dogs and provide them with the opportunity to find an amazing future. In addition to adoptions, volunteers carry out education and outreach events and conduct donation drives for our partner shelters in the south.

Our goal is to offer a second chance to dogs abandoned in shelters and out of time. Sadly, without our help, all of these adoptable animals would face almost certain euthanasia - usually within days or hours of arriving at the shelter. Each year, we rescue hundreds of wonderful dogs. We work hard to unite them with forever families who will give them the life and love they deserve. These dogs are saved only because of the dedication of our incredible adopters, fosters, donors and volunteers.



## ABOUT OUR FUNDING

**OPH IS 100% DONOR FUNDED**

Operation Paws for Homes receives no funding from federal, state or county governments. As a result, we rely on the generous donations from our supporters and the adoption fees for each dog in order to save the dogs in need that join our rescue organization. In addition, we have a hardworking Grants Team who research and solicit funding from animal rescue organizations. Without these vital funds, we could not continue our mission to make a positive difference in the lives of the dogs - and the people - who we save.

Together we rescue.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Operation Paws for Homes is seeking partnerships with local veterinary offices to support our adoption program and to help ensure that each animal that comes through the organization and is adopted sets out on the right foot about being placed into a loving, permanent home. We are proud to have rescued dogs from high kill shelters for over seven years. Each year, we rescue and place more than 1,200 dogs and, since our founding, have met some truly fabulous dogs - over 7000 as a matter of fact!

**THE CHALLENGE:** All adopted dogs are required to have a vet visit within 14 days of adoption. We ask families to have their adopted dogs seen by a vet to ensure next vaccines are taken care of or planned, to have the dog evaluated by the vet to establish a baseline for later health and wellness checks, and to ensure the family receives additional information on how to care for their new pet after adoption. Even the most well-intentioned adopters may not anticipate the responsibilities of bringing a new puppy or dog into their homes.

Operation Paws for Homes has an extensive application process to ensure applicants understand that adopting a living creature is a serious commitment. While each of our dogs are evaluated by a vet and given all age appropriate vaccines prior to adoption, many puppies or young dogs require additional booster vaccines. In addition, each adopter is responsible for ensuring their dog is kept on heartworm prevention – which must be prescribed by a veterinarian. For our dogs who have received heartworm treatment in rescue, it is important that they plan to have the dog retested in 8 months post-treatment to ensure success.

**THE INTERVENTION:** Most adopters are happy to follow through with this commitment, where other adopters may struggle finding the right vet for them and costs can be prohibitive. By offering a free wellness check for new adopters, you will be helping to set them on the road to success. They have come in with the best intentions, but find themselves quickly overwhelmed and may give up quickly without seeking out training.

### ROLE

We are looking for veterinary offices to partner with to help new adopters transition into life with their new family member(s) - one adoption at a time. We would like to offer **one free health and wellness office visit with each adoption**. The office visit would be complimentary where the vaccines, tests, preventatives and prescriptions would be up to you in terms of costs and/or discounts. The goal would be to get new adopters started on a path of success with their new dog. We want them to see that caring for the health and wellness of their new dog are essential to their long-term success as pet owners and we hope this first free "foot-in-the door" office visit will encourage new owners to sign up for additional services with you.

### YOUR

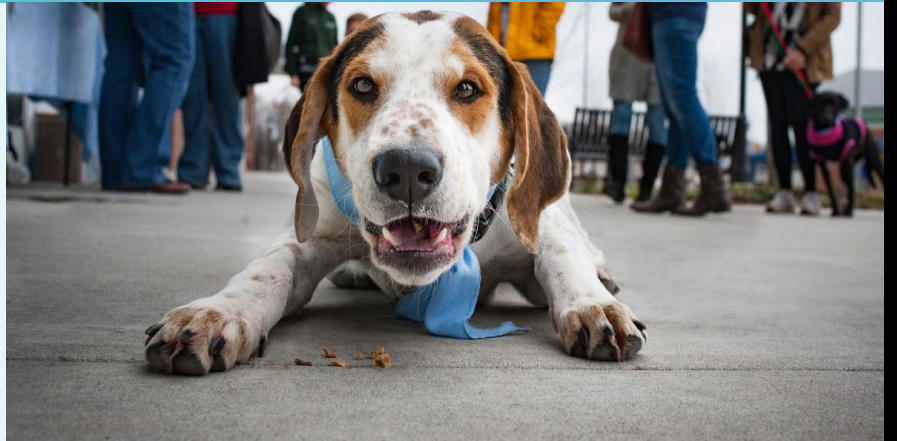
All dogs who are adopted through OPH receive age-appropriate vaccines to include rabies, Bordetella, and DHAPP. The number of DHAPP vaccines are dependent on age and length of time in the rescue. All puppies receive a minimum of two DHAPP vaccines prior to adoption. We do not administer lyme, leptospirosis or other vaccinations. Microchips are implanted in all dogs; however, we occasionally are unable to administer the implant and adopted dogs may come with the microchip and need further assistance.

# PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

By becoming an OPH Partner, you are helping to ensure our adoptions are permanent.

Operation Paws for Homes dogs come from high kill shelters in the rural South where spraying and neutering are not common practice.

These shelters have a 50% - 90% euthanasia rate without rescue intervention.



As an Operation Paws for Homes New Adopter Veterinary Partner, you would not only be helping dogs find their forever homes, but your partnership will allow us to divert our time and energy to other critical areas of the organization. Instead of processing and spending time and energy to re-home dogs, we can focus on building our capacity and resources to save more lives.

## Training Partnerships include the following:

- 🐾 Logo on the [OPH website](#) with a live link to your business website (5,000 website hits per week)
- 🐾 Company flier/pamphlet included in each adoption packet distributed (1,200+ dogs adopted annually)
- 🐾 Live link to your business added to our electronic Trainer Resource Database, publicly available on our website (5,000 website hits per week)
- 🐾 Company added to an official OPH recommended Trainers List distributed to adopters requesting training referrals
- 🐾 Flier included in each swag bag distributed to guests at OPH's largest fundraiser, [Bark, Wag & Wine](#), held in September (400 guests annually)
- 🐾 [Facebook](#) posts with a live link to your website (18,000+ likes)
- 🐾 Tweets on [Twitter](#) with a live link to your website (1,300+ followers)
- 🐾 [Instagram](#) posts with a live link to your website (2,900+ followers)
- 🐾 1 OPH Mutt Magnet or Bumper Sticker



## 🔍 Numbers at a Glance

**5K**

website hits  
per week

**18K**

likes on  
Facebook

**1.3K**

followers on  
Twitter

**2.9K**

followers on  
Instagram

**1.2K**

adoptions  
annually

**400**

Bark, Wag & Wine  
attendees annually

# PARTNERSHIP FORM

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## OPTIONAL DONATION

Please accept an additional donation to support your mission: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed

Online Donation Submitted

Invoice Me

## SIGNATURE

I agree to the terms set out in this partnership.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Typing your name satisfies the signature requirement.

## OPTIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES



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Thank you for joining us in our mission!

# CONTACT US

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EVERYONE CAN HELP!



We would love to hear from you!

Please return a copy of this agreement and your logo (JPG or GIF) to:

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Find us on:    

To learn more about Operation Paws for Homes and our work, please visit our website at [www.ophrescue.org](http://www.ophrescue.org).  
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