Georgia Gives Day Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Georgia Gives Day?
   GAgives is an initiative co-created by the nonprofit sector itself. It doesn't support one cause or one locale – it's all of us in the state's nonprofit sector pulling together to ask you to stop and consider your life and your community without nonprofits. On December 3, 2019 we will challenge the public in a "flash mob of giving" focusing on one 24-hour period to see how much we can raise for Georgia's nonprofits.

2. When is Georgia Gives Day?
   Every year, Georgia Gives Day is held on Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year, the date is Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

3. What is this year's theme?
   Our theme this year is family. As the oldest no-kill animal shelter in Georgia, family is a big focus here at PAWS Atlanta. When we rescue from our local partner shelters, we rescue the whole family. We take in moms, not just their puppies, and we rescue siblings. No family member is ever left behind. PAWS gives each animal that comes through our gate the quality veterinary care, warm shelter, nutritional diet, and love and care that they deserve, because we believe that all pets are worth saving. Once an animal becomes a PAWS pet, our door is always open to them. The same is true for our wonderful adopters, fosters, and volunteers. We are present every step of the way. Once you join the PAWS family, you are part of our family for life.

4. How do I donate to PAWS Atlanta on Georgia Gives Day?
   We encourage our supporters to donate through the Georgia Gives Day platform: https://www.gagives.org/organization/Paws-Atlanta-Incorporated

5. When should I donate?
   All donations from November 1 – December 3 through our page will count towards our Georgia Gives Day goal of $30,000.

6. How do I become a fundraiser?
   Visit https://www.gagives.org/c/GGD/a/pawsatlanta and click "Fundraise" button on the right side of the page. You will be led through the steps to create your fundraising page. Please be sure to share your page through social media, emails to your network, etc. You will be surprised who gives to help PAWS save lives!

7. Why choose PAWS Atlanta on Georgia Gives Day?
   Over 53 years ago, ordinary caring citizens came together in search for a better way to help Georgia's homeless animals. They asked, "What can we do to make a difference? Together, they raised the money to open the DeKalb Humane Society with the overriding philosophy that it would be a no-kill shelter, where every animal would stay until they found a home. Over the years, we've grown, but our philosophy remains. We are Georgia's oldest no-kill animal shelter committed to saving lives for 53 years.

   Through our creative programs and partnerships, we are able to save over 1,000 animals every year.
   - Java Cats Cafe: Removing barriers for our feline friends
   - Holiday Lovin': Holiday dates with dogs
   - Wags N' Walks: Hikes with dogs
   - PAWS PALS: Summer camps for kids
   - Fox 5 Atlanta: Pet of the Day segment

   When you give on Georgia Gives Day – you join the PAWS family so together we can continue our livesaving work for the next 53 years. Thank you for caring about our animals. Your gift helps to save more lives.

8. Why do I have to donate through the Georgia Gives Day Website?
   This makes is easy for PAWS Atlanta to see how much we have raised at one point in time. The Georgia Gives Day platform is updated in real time.

9. What is a Power Hour?
   Throughout GAgives day, Sponsors will be hosting general and cause-specific Power Hours, awarding prize money to organizations that net the greatest number of donors in defined 60-minute increments.

10. Aprio Power Hour
    A $500 prize will be awarded to the organization that raises the most unique donors during each of the below hours throughout GAgives day. Open to all nonprofits.
    8:00-8:59am
    12:00-12:59pm
    4:00-4:59pm
    8:00-8:59pm
    11:00-11:59pm

11. How do you win prizes?
    Prizes are calculated by counting the number of unique donors to an organization over a period of time. A unique or distinct donor is defined as a single individual or entity that made his/her

donation online via the GAgives.org website and is identified via a unique email address. For purposes of awarding prizes, multiple donations from one donor to the same nonprofit will count as one gift (and thus he/she/it will count as one unique donor).

12. What is the Leaderboard?
    Awarded to the nonprofits with the most unique donors received between Nov. 1 to December 3. Eligible donations must be at least $5 and made via GAgives.org.

1st Prize	$3,000
2nd Prize	$2,000
3rd Prize	$1,000

13. Where is PAWS Atlanta?
    5287 Covington Highway Decatur, GA 30035 (outside of Avondale Estates)

14. How do you adopt?
    PAWS Atlanta follows an adoption process to ensure that each cat or dog is placed in a safe and loving forever home. When you first arrive to the shelter, we welcome you to meet our animals and see who you connect with. Please feel free to sit and cuddle a kitty in our Cat Cottage or take a pup for a stroll on our walking trails.

    Once a match is made, an adoption application and interview is completed. You can find the dog and cat application on our website under the tab Adopt a Pet. You can complete this form at home or at the shelter. This is an open conversation to ask additional questions. We also request that all family members meet the new dog or cat to make sure s/he is the right fit for everyone.

    All adopters must be 21 years of age or older with a valid form of picture identification. PAWS Atlanta reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone for the protection of our animals. In some cases, we ask adopters to submit to a home inspection prior to finalizing the adoption.

15. How many years has PAWS been around?
    Over 53 years! We were founded by a group of volunteers in 1966 under the no-kill philosophy. Every animal who comes to us is safe and cared for until they found a permanent loving home, no matter how long it takes.

16. General information about PAWS
    PAWS Atlanta is a 501c3 non-profit organization located in Decatur, Georgia, 10 miles east of Atlanta. In the state of Georgia, animal control departments are overwhelmed and have extremely high euthanasia rates (some as high as 80%). Over 50 years ago, in 1964, ordinary caring citizens—teachers, homemakers, business people—came together and said that there must be a better way, and asked the question, "What can we do to make a difference?" Together, they rolled up their sleeves and began to raise money. Through bake sales, car washes, yard sales, and other

fundraising—little by little—they raised the money they needed to purchase a property and home (our current location). Here, as a completely volunteer-run independent organization, they started the DeKalb Humane Society (incorporated in 1966) with the overriding philosophy that it would be a no-kill shelter, where every animal would stay until they could find a new home. Over the years, new buildings were added and an adjacent property was purchased. In 2002, we changed our name to PAWS Atlanta. As an independent organization, we are Georgia's oldest no-kill animal shelter, and for over 50 years we have been working hard in our community to care for animals in need and entrust them into loving families.

PAWS Atlanta is a very special place in our community that includes our veterinary facilities and adoption center, along with a unique 3.5 acre wooded walking trail and off-leash area. These areas not only provide a peaceful place for prospective pet-parents to walk through pathways and interact with our animals, but also a special area for our animals waiting to be adopted to enjoy times to run free, play with other dogs, and check out our agility equipment and numerous toys. We believe that people and pets bring out the best in each other. Therefore, our mission is to build a community of caring, by people helping pets and pets helping people.

Our programs include:

- Pet adoption and foster services
  - Summer Lovin': Weekend foster program
  - Holiday Lovin': Holiday dates with dogs
- Bi-monthly pet wellness clinics
- Discount health preventatives
- Behavioral training to keep pets in their homes
- A pet food bank for loving pet parents going through hard times
- Summer camps for kids
- Community outreach and education

17. What kind of volunteer opportunities does PAWS Atlanta have?
    - Wags N' Walks: Hikes with dogs
    - Offsite Adoption Events: Help our pups find loving homes
    - Admin Assistant: Keep the PAWS team organized and on task to save lives.
    - Foster Home Inspector: Ensure all PAWS animals receive a high standard of care in their temporary homes.
    - Adoption Outreach: Support new adopters through follow-up phone calls so we can keep people and pets together.
    - Pet Wellness Clinic: Help to ensure our community's pets are healthy and vaccinated.

18. How do I volunteer?
    - http://www.pawsatlanta.org/volunteer
      - Complete our volunteer application

- Sign up for orientation
- Come to the shelter to volunteer or pick another opportunity.