



## **Shop local – Adopt local**

Some say that you can always count on your friends or family when you need a laugh, a smile, emotional support or financial support. Me? I rely on my pets. They may not be able to give me financial support, but they sure can make me laugh and smile. They've helped me through some tough times when maybe I just needed a paw on my arm to remind me that they were there for me. I have 28 possible paws to rest on my arm – yes, that means I have seven pets – three dogs and four cats. There's plenty of love to spread around with that herd.

The Lucky Paw, 35 York St., is a great place to shop for your furry friends and reward them for all they do for you. They carry various pet supplies, beds, collars, leashes, toys, foods and treats. The Lucky Paw is also a great place to shop for pet themed gifts, metal and wooden pet related signs made by local Gettysburg artists. The Lucky Paw also supports non-profits such as "Canines for Kids" which is an organization dedicated to training service dogs for disabled children. Prior to March, The Lucky Paw also supported Forever Love Rescue by giving some of their adoptable kitties another place to hang out and meet people. Stop in and visit Stacey, the owner, and see what all this adorable store has to offer and remember to "Like" The Lucky Paw on Facebook so you can keep up to date on all of their products and events.

If you're in need of a furry friend to lift your spirits, now is a great time to consider Forever Love Rescue at 39 Queen St. Kitten season is upon us and Forever Love Rescue has taken in a lot of homeless kittens in the last few months. However, they have older residents too who are looking for their furever homes. Adoption is the purrfect choice. You are adopting a kitty who has already received its vaccinations and has been spayed or neutered. There is an adoption fee, but it's a nominal fee considering what the rescue has already spent making sure you are adopting a healthy kitty. You can find their adoptable cats on their website, [foreverloverescue.com](http://foreverloverescue.com). If you aren't able to adopt but still want to help there is a tab on their website called Ways To Help. "Like" Forever Love Rescue on Facebook to see what's happening at the "kitty corner".

Now and always, be safe and take good care of yourself. There's only one of you and you can't be replaced. Shop Local. Adopt, don't shop. For upcoming GARMA events, visit our website [www.gettysburgretailmerchants.com](http://www.gettysburgretailmerchants.com)

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