



**Molly Wogan, 12**

Molly loves cooking and baking, playing tennis, and being with her rescue dogs Riley and Gracie.

Molly has been volunteering at Cape Ann Animal Aid since she was 9 years old. She wanted to give back to show how grateful she is for her dogs. Because over 7 million animals are homeless in the US (more dogs than humans don't have homes) she decided she needed to do something more.

She created the P.A.W.S. Project – which stands for Precious Animals, Wonderful Shelters. The goal for this year long project is to help rescues and shelters by raising money, volunteering, and collecting items they need. She also wanted to make people aware of the homeless animal problem by documenting her project on Facebook.

Molly has traveled to Georgia twice to volunteer and save dogs from high kill shelters. One of the groups she worked with in Georgia is the one that had rescued her own dog, Gracie.

PAWS funding has rescued 40 dogs, all who have since been adopted in New England. Her original goal was to raise \$2500, which she did in the first 6 weeks. Now 8 months into this project PAWS has raised over \$18,000 in funds, collected over \$40,000 in donated items from companies, and volunteered over 200 hours helping hundreds of dogs. She supported more than

14 shelters and rescues in New England and in Georgia. Molly knows that this project will keep going in some way even after the year is over.

Molly is the daughter of Mindy and Jim Wogan.