

Dagwood's Bio

Dagwood's story is one that settles into your chest and doesn't let go. He arrived at a rescue in 2023 with an unknown past and very little idea of what life in a loving home could be. To new faces he can wear a tough, stubborn Bull Terrier exterior — guarded, blunt, and slow to trust — but to those who earn his heart he's an unapologetic mush potato: goofy, deeply loyal, and endlessly affectionate.

While at his first placement there was a brief moment of hope when a meet seemed promising, Dagwood was returned just days later due to circumstances beyond his control. After looking into what happened, it was clear the situation came down to a lack of education and respect for Dag's boundaries. That news devastated us — Dag had already become a staff favorite and had quietly woven himself into the fabric of those who cared for him.

That's why bringing Dagwood to Paw Paw Canine Rescue & Recovery felt like the right thing to do. Here he wasn't a case file — he was a friend. Many of our team had a long-standing friendship with Dag from the beginning; they knew his quirks, his soft spots, and how to earn his trust with patience and consistency. Those relationships made all the difference. At Paw Paw he's surrounded by people who understand him, show up for him daily, and celebrate the small victories with the kind of devotion only true friends offer. We are, and always will be, #TeamDaggy.

Dagwood is not available for adoption at this time, but that doesn't lessen our commitment. We are determined to keep supporting him, learning his language, and advocating for him — confident that with continued training, consistent boundaries, and the right person who truly understands him, there will be a day when Dagwood finds his perfect match. Until then, he has a team of friends here who love him fiercely, who read his eyes, listen for his story, and patiently help him show the world the loyal, loving dog he is underneath that stubborn shell.

