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Four Paws at a Time



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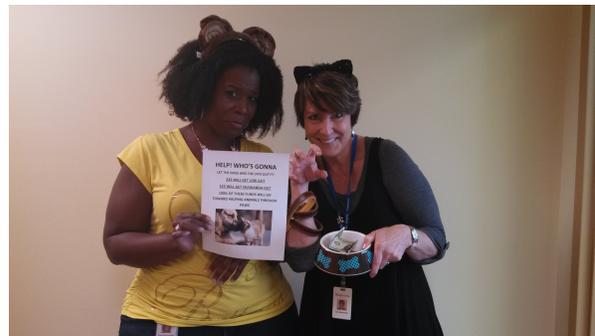
**Fall 2013**

## Corporations support P.A.W.S.

While our fosters, volunteers, and members are the best, P.A.W.S. couldn't do what we do without the support of our community. Adoption fees only pay a portion of the vet expenses we have for each and every animal in order to get them ready for their new families. Fundraisers and donations make up the difference, and are vital to our work. We thank each and every one of our donors!

We were particularly excited to have two corporations step up to support P.A.W.S. this quarter. Employees of **Walgreen's Specialty Pharmacy** in Ann Arbor hosted a month-long fundraising effort for P.A.W.S. during the month of October. Events included a pet photo contest, pet photos at PetSmart South Canton during P.A.W.S. of Michigan's regular adoption hours, and collections of pet food, and donations. For the first 3 Fridays in October, Walgreen's employees "locked up their leaders," where two managers were "chained" together and had to solicit donations for P.A.W.S. to be released. Employees could also pay to wear jeans during the month, with the money going to P.A.W.S.

All told, Walgreen's Specialty Pharmacy employees raised almost \$1,600.00 for P.A.W.S. of Michigan during the month of October. Lots of kitty purrs to our friends at Walgreen's for all their effort, and to P.A.W.S. member and cat foster Kim Vowles for suggesting P.A.W.S. as a fundraiser recipient, and to the committee at Walgreen's who helped orchestrate the events.



Walgreen's managers Lori and Shawanda are "locked up" during Walgreen's October fundraiser for P.A.W.S.

The **Bartech Group** of Southfield, also went above and beyond in their support for P.A.W.S. of Michigan, donating \$800.00 to P.A.W.S. The money was raised throughout the year by employees paying to wear jeans to work on Fridays, then voting on which organizations should receive the money. P.A.W.S. was one of three lucky groups selected by Bartech employees. P.A.W.S. president Kris Jordan was invited by Bartech to receive their donation and to talk about the

difference their donation made for the animals. Big sloppy puppy kisses to the animal loving employees of the Bartech Group!



P.A.W.S. president Kris Jordan accepts a BIG check from the Bartech Group

## **Donations Needed to Help “Raise The Roof” The PAWS Clinic Will Save More Lives**

The PAWS Clinic, the Taylor low-cost spay/neuter clinic launched by P.A.W.S. of Michigan in September 2011, is bursting at the seams and is engaged in a capital campaign to “Raise the Roof” on a new building. The clinic recently celebrated its second anniversary, and has already spayed or neutered almost 12,000 cats and dogs!! That translates into many, many thousands of animals that won’t be producing litters which would likely end up as statistics in animal shelters, or displacing animals waiting in shelters for their new homes.

The clinic needs a bigger building so it can make an even bigger impact for the animals

and families in our community Please consider a donation to The PAWS Clinic “Raise the Roof” campaign by sending your tax-deductible donation to  
The PAWS Clinic  
21210 Goddard Road  
Taylor, MI 48180



## **In Memory of Frankie, With Love**

By Sara Dean

As many of you know, P.A.W.S. of Michigan recently lost a dear foster dog named Frankie. He was a wonderfully funny dog, with eyes that would swallow you whole, and a rambunctious nature that belied his serious medical condition. He loved running and jumping fences much to the chagrin of his foster mom, Leanna Cachia, and was more than a handful as anyone who has ever met (or walked) him could tell you, but at the end

of the day, he would turn those eyes on you and everything was right with the world.

Frankie was, in my opinion, the epitome of what rescue is all about. He was in the Taylor pound for 11 months due to a court case involving his owners, and when he was released to P.A.W.S. it was found that he had an enlarged heart among other medical issues. Thanks to valiant efforts by P.A.W.S. volunteers, funds were raised to get him the pacemaker he so desperately needed as well as assist with his other conditions. However, when it was time to have surgery it was discovered that he was not a candidate due to a poor valve. Leanna and countless others continued to fundraise and do everything possible to make him comfortable.

Sadly, we lost him much sooner than expected. His journey was peaceful thanks to the love of his foster mom, Leanna. Leanna was his biggest advocate, and it is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank her for everything she did for Frankie. Her love and strong belief that we could save him is what fueled each fundraiser, and her never-ending hope for the best is something we should all learn from. We are with you, Leanna. Thank you!

In honor of Frankie's memory, the P.A.W.S. of Michigan Board of Directors decided to transfer his remaining funds to the Hope Fund.

To everyone who donated to Frankie's care and who loved him and his big heart, thank you very much. Thank you for believing in P.A.W.S. and our ability to save lives. Thank you for supporting the rescue community in general. You are making a difference four paws at a time.

We love and miss you very much, Frankie. Have fun chasing squirrels in the clouds, buddy. I hope we are making you proud.



We miss you, Frankie!

## **Hope Fund Launched**

The Hope Fund is a new program of P.A.W.S. of Michigan. Named after Hope, a Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix puppy who suffers from a neurological disorder, the fund helps us pay the veterinary expenses of special needs animals – like Hope – who are brought into our program. Often the expenses for these animals are high and ongoing. The Hope Fund helps us assist those who may otherwise never get a chance. You may donate to the Hope Fund online at [pawsofmichigan.com/donate](http://pawsofmichigan.com/donate), or by mailing a

check to P.A.W.S. of Michigan at PO Box 2184, Riverview, MI 48193. Regardless of how you donate, please indicate your donation is for the Hope Fund. All donations to P.A.W.S. of Michigan, including those to the Hope Fund, are tax-deductible.



Hope

## Liquid Chaos inspires “Hope”

Thank you to Jared "Bull" Ammons, owner of Liquid Chaos Tattoo and Body Piercing, for hosting a second fundraiser for P.A.W.S. of Michigan in October. This time he helped us launch The Hope Fund. Thanks to Bull's talent and generosity, P.A.W.S. earned \$572, plus over \$82 in merchandise sales. Bull, thank you for all your ongoing support, and for giving HOPE to special needs animals.



An example of Bulls amazing work created at Liquid Chaos

## Be a Santa For Animals In Need

Looking for the perfect gift for the animal lover on your list? How about a tax-deductible donation to P.A.W.S. of Michigan in their honor? Recipients will receive an acknowledgement of your thoughtfulness, and both of you will get the satisfaction of knowing animals in need are getting help. You can designate your donation to: the general fund (for veterinary expenses), the V-SNAP (to help spay or neuter the animals of families in need), the Hope Fund (to help special needs animals) or the Pet Food Bank (to help feed the animals of a fellow community member struggling to make ends meet). Whatever donation you choose, know you're making a difference for needy animals during the holiday season.

## **Grant Helps P.A.W.S. of Michigan Spay/neuter 200 Free-roaming Cats**

Thanks to a very generous grant from an anonymous donor, P.A.W.S. of Michigan was recently able to offer \$5 spays or neuters for free roaming (feral or stray) cats. These are cats that live outside full-time who are being provided food and shelter by someone who cares for their well-being. Word of this special price spread quickly (the normal fee is \$25) and The PAWS Clinic sterilized all 200 cats in just under 7 weeks, in addition to their very full schedule of regular appointments. All cats were also given a rabies vaccine and a shot of ivermectin to kill intestinal parasites and ear mites, and were ear tipped to show they had been fixed. THANK YOU to this wonderful donor for helping us make a huge difference for these 200 cats, and prevent countless generations of litters being born.

## **PAWS in the Park 2013: A Huge Success!**

It is with infinite gratitude that we express our thanks to everyone who participated in PAWS in the Park 2013. The event was a tremendous achievement and we couldn't have been as successful without your support. Whether you were a sponsor, donor, vendor, pledge participant, volunteer or simply showed up and enjoyed the beautiful day, your involvement was invaluable. Thank you so much for everything! Together we are making a difference!

## **“Canines Rule the Day at PAWS in the Park Fundraiser”**

The News-Herald: Sunday, October 06, 2013  
by Jim Kasuba

RIVERVIEW — Not too many dogs can resist a walk in the park.

While it's not uncommon on any given day to run into other canines and their human companions with the same idea in mind, one day each year Young Patriots Park is transformed into one big dog walk — or, as organizers of the PAWS in the Park event like to call it, a pet lovers festival.

PAWS in the Park is the largest annual fundraiser for the Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan, a nonprofit animal rescue group that promotes spaying and neutering of companion animals.

While funds are raised in a variety of ways prior to the event, such as sponsorships, vendor fees and registrations, other donations count on people showing up for the event, such as those received through merchandise sales, cash donations, a silent auction and raffle ticket sales.

For that reason, this type of event is partially at the mercy of weather, but this year that wasn't a problem, since Mother Nature was more than cooperative with ample sunshine and mild temperatures on a mid-September weekend.

“The weather was absolutely perfect,” said Sara Dean of Wyandotte, PAWS in the Park chairwoman. “The event went wonderfully, better than could ever have been expected. We raised approximately \$13,500 over the course of the event.”

That amount is almost twice what was raised during last year's event, when a little more than \$7,000 was raised for the cause. Dean attributes the success of this year's event to a greater number of vendors, sponsors and registrations.

Verne Felty of Southgate was named grand marshal, keeping the honor within the family. Last year, Felty's husband, Randy, earned the title of grand marshal after he raised the most pledges.

Games also were popular and one that always gets a lot of attention is the peanut butter licking game. The winner of this contest is the first dog to lick a spoon clean of peanut butter. What makes the contest more entertaining is the fact that the other end of the spoon is in the owner's mouth.

Another popular contest that returned was musical sit, which is a variation of musical chairs. As the music plays, dogs and their owners go around in a circle and when the music stops playing, the last dog standing is out of the contest.

Other games and contests helped hold the interest of pets and their owners, including contests for best kiss, best bark and best owner/doggie dance. Dean said she added several new contests this year, bringing the total to about a dozen.

She said the contests raised money through a \$20 fee paid by contestants.

Dean said that although a small portion of the money raised at PAWS in the Park goes toward putting on future fundraisers, approximately 90 percent goes directly back to the foster animals. She said funds are used to purchase food, cat litter, cages and other

supplies, but in particular donated money helps to pay the cost of veterinary bills for animals waiting to be adopted.

This was Dean's first year as chief organizer of the event and she learned a few things about what to do and what not to do. She's confident that her newfound knowledge and experience will help her to continue growing the event.

"I have a good list of how to do things better in the future, so you can be sure it will be even bigger next year," she said.

Contact Jim Kasuba at 1-734-246-0881 or [jimk@heritage.com](mailto:jimk@heritage.com). Follow him on Facebook and @JKasuba on Twitter.

## Upcoming Events

### Pet pictures with Santa Claws

December 7 and December 14, 11am-4pm  
PetSmart, 47142 Michigan Avenue, Canton  
This event is take your own photo with a \$5.00 donation.

### Country Christmas

December 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-7pm  
Trenton Cultural Center, 2427 West Road

Join Team PAWS and P.A.W.S. of Michigan in celebrating the holiday season during the Trenton Cultural Center's "Reindeer Games." P.A.W.S. volunteers will be there baking and selling warm cinnamon rolls (YUM), accompanied by some of our adoptable animals. This annual event is a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

Donations of unbaked cinnamon rolls are most welcome. If you would like to volunteer time or materials please email [Marie@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:Marie@pawsofmichigan.com) or text/call 734-775-0940



### **Love Me Because...**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Love Me Because adoption event is scheduled for Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Hood's Do-It Best hardware store. This event highlights harder to adopt dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. Some of these animals have been in shelter or foster placement for an extended time. Sometimes their own individual distinctions and identities cause them to live in cages far longer than their smaller, younger counterparts. Some of the pets are senior or have a special need; it may be as simple as being black in color, which makes them harder to place.

Mark your calendars now to attend this very special event. In addition the adoptable animals from P.A.W.S. and other area rescues and shelters, the day-long event will also include a big bake sale, silent auction, raffles, personalized cat and dog tags, t-shirts and much more. Since our first event in 2009,

**Love Me Because** has found permanent homes for 57 harder-to-adopt animals and raised more than \$20,000 towards bettering the lives of homeless animals.

Hood's Do-It Best is located at 1844 Ford Road in Wyandotte. P.A.W.S. is very grateful for their ongoing support! For more information, please visit the Love Me Because Facebook page ("Love Me Because Adoption Event") or the Love Me Because website: [www.lovemebecause.org](http://www.lovemebecause.org).



### **Donations to the General Fund**

Mary Anderson  
Anonymous (7)  
The Bartech Group  
Kristine Barton  
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Tracy Eichelberger  
The Estate of Jill Fox  
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Michael Grabowski  
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Mary Wuerker (2)  
Jonnell Witekus  
Gary & Bethany Zaborowski

## **General Donations in Memory**

<u>From</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Peggy Evans	Frank Dyszewski
Viorel & Gabriela Ban	
Connie M. Cessante	
The Dyszewski Family	
John & Pat Glynn	
Kris & Jay Jordan	
Patricia Love	
Tommy & Carol Love	
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## **General Donations in Memory**

<u>From</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Mary & Kenneth Bloomfield	Judy the Shih Tzu
Geri Heskett	Lorraine Mlostek
Brenda Walker	Dianne Paul
Sheila White	Pete Phillips
Sue LaBell	Tramp

## **General Donations in Honor**

<u>From</u>	<u>In Honor Of</u>
Norm & Lyn Campbell	LouAnn Durand's birthday
Amber Hunt	Sara Dean
Jill Welch	Sara Dean

## **Donations to the V-SNAP**

Geri Heskett  
Linda Lee  
Denise Montgomery  
Monica Raj  
Lori Toon

## **Donations to the V-SNAP in Memory of Valerie Koths**

Judy Koths

## **In Kind Donations**

Bubble Puppy  
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Anne Gmoser  
Geri Heskett  
Eve Howell  
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Liquid Chaos Tattoos & Body Piercing  
Tanya Ridley  
Southgate Animal Hospital (2)

## **Donations to the Pet Food Bank**

Janet Fillinger  
Geri Heskett  
Denise Montgomery

## Donations to The PAWS Clinic Fund

Janet Fillinger  
Linda Lee  
Tom & Karen Schwartz

## Family Memberships

Kim & Dan Crudo  
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The Gasiewski Family  
Bonnie Gasior  
Geri Heskett  
Lisa & Doug Lesley  
Nikole O'Neill  
Christine Proudlock  
Susanne Schlueter

## Senior Memberships

Nancy Gratz  
Linda Lee  
Sue LePage  
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Linda Muzyczka  
Carol Parker  
Brenda Walker  
Sheila White

## Supporting Membership

Judy Koths

## Pet Memberships

Wally, Zoe, & Ernie Doute  
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Indy & Derby Lee  
Lexie Lesley  
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## Sponsorships

### Animal

Coco  
Coco  
Coco

### Sponsor

Carol Horn  
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## Sponsorships

Coco	Denise & Thomas Niemczewski
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'Lil Mac	Tom Jakems
'Lil Mac	Steve Jordan
'Lil Mac	Nancy Pierce
Matildee	Barbara Savage
Taylor Kittens	Pam Johnston

**Happy**

**Holidays**

**Kitty Kisses**

**And Puppy Puckers**

**From**

**Everyone**

**at**

**P.A.W.S Of Michigan**

