

P.A.W.S. OF MICHIGAN  
Precious Animal Welfare Society  
P.O. Box 2184  
Riverview, Michigan 48193

Spring 2014

Making a Difference  
Four Paws at a Time



Website: [www.pawsofmichigan.com](http://www.pawsofmichigan.com)

## Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event Another Huge Success



Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event  
Final Numbers Released! Thank you  
again very much to everyone who  
participated in this year's Love Me  
Because Pet Adoption Event! Special  
thanks go to Beth, Jennifer (STH),  
Linda, Patti and Terra. Official  
numbers have been released, the  
grand total amount raised was  
\$11,500!!!

There were 16 adoptions

P.A.W.S. of Michigan

Oliver - cat  
Miss Winky - dog  
Jimmy - dog  
Mindy - dog

Kitty Keepers

Mia - cat  
Minette - cat  
Pete - cat  
Tennessee - cat

Wyandotte Animal Control

Abby - cat  
Bella - cat  
Diamond - cat  
Kyko - cat  
Larinia - cat  
Trapper - cat

River Rouge Animal Shelter

Sly - cat

Shelter to Home

Sid - dog

What a great day!! Funds were raised  
through the sale of Love Me Because  
Hoodies and t-shirts, P.A.W.S. of  
Michigan merchandise, Valentine  
themed catnip toys, personalize pet  
ID tags and yummy

bake sale items. Additional funds were provided through generous donations of raffle and silent auction items from Hood's Do it Best Hardware and its vendors, community members and supporters. Entertainment was provided by celebrity impersonator, Jacksin Galoxy

Red Sponsors (\$500+) were: AAA Pet Services, Cahill Veterinary Hospital, Glow Fish, Hood's Doit Best, Bonnie Hutchings, Phyllis Kafarie, Noel and Terra Muscat, Linda Muzyczka and Wellness.

White Sponsors (\$250+) were: B&W Interstate, Frank and Yumi Dalton and Dennis Prater.

Pink Sponsors are too numerous to mention but equally appreciated.

The proceeds were generously distributed:

Hope Fund (P.A.W.S. of Michigan): \$500  
River Rouge Animal Shelter: \$250  
Shelter to Home: \$250  
Keeper Kitties: \$250  
Wyandotte Adoption Center: \$500  
The PAWS Clinic: \$1000  
The remaining \$8750 to the P.A.W.S. of Michigan General Fund

Please click on the link to see a great video by Anthony U. DeCuir about this year's event:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaHC\\_olzni4&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaHC_olzni4&feature=youtu.be)

## Michigan Humane Society Workshops

MPAW Regional Workshop series offered this spring

This is a series of day-long workshops during May and June for animal sheltering and rescue folk. They are designed to be affordable, enjoyable, educational, and a way for groups from an area of the state to get together and network. Each series has different topics (based on survey responses from around the state) but all have a shelter medicine track and a general track. They'll be in Muskegon, Battle Creek, Boyne City, Munising, and Frankenmuth. MAACO is co-sponsoring them.

MPAW invites all animal shelters and groups to send staff and volunteers to one or more workshops. Additional information is available at their website: <http://michiganpaw.org>

## Bronze Medal for P.A.W.S Of Michigan

P.A.W.S. of Michigan was recently awarded the Bronze participation level for our organization through the

GuideStar Exchange. This is a testament to our organization's commitment to data transparency.

By keeping our report up-to-date with GuideStar, we are ensuring that timely and accurate information about our nonprofit organization reaches the 10 million annual visitors to GuideStar's website and millions of other viewers reached through GuideStar's network of donation providers, search engines, donor advised funds, foundations, and more.

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## Team PAWS News

Team PAWS has been very busy. In the past Team PAWS had a Kids booth at Paws in the Park, marched in Wyandotte's Thanksgiving Parade (where they passed out postcards with candy attached advertising the Love Me Because Adoption event, and displayed a tree with paper link chains that were signed by people who had made a donation). They also made crafts and baked goods for sale at the Country Christmas event in Trenton.

They recently made tie-blankets for the Love Me Because adoption event as well as other future events,

volunteered at the Woodhaven/Trenton Animal Shelter, discussed the importance of spay/neutering and then toured The PAWS Clinic. We also hope to help with Leanna's yard sale -- make signs and baked goods. A few students will volunteer to help at the sale.



Team PAWS Touring the PAWS Clinic

## Snowball and Trina Find a Fur-ever Home Together



Snowball

Snowball, a sweet and beautiful eighteen month old cat was born blind. She was rescued from the Taylor Animal shelter as a kitten. Diane Desrosiers was her foster mom. Diane also rescued another cat, Trina and her three kittens from her backyard. Trina then adopted other kittens who needed a mother. Trina and Snowball became fast friends as soon as they met. Trina became Snowball's "seeing eye cat."

Nancy Byer attended the Love Me Because event and met Snowball and Trina. A few weeks later Diane received an email from Nancy's daughter saying her mom was interested in Snowball and Trina. After a visit with Diane, Nancy adopted both Snowball and Trina!!!



Snowball and Trina in their "Fur-ever" Home



## Get Ready to CHARGE with P.A.W.S. of Michigan

P.A.W.S. of Michigan recently purchased a "Square" credit card reader. We will now be able to take credit cards for merchandise sales. Get ready to buy a T-shirt at the Wyandotte Street Fair in July.

## Update on "Hope" Fund



Hope

The “Hope Fund”, named after Hope, a Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix puppy who suffered from a neurological disorder, helps us pay the veterinary expenses of special needs animals – like Hope – who are brought into our program.

Two wonderful women, Sharon and Jessica, of Keeper Kitties fell in love with Hope at the Love Me Because event in February. Through FaceBook postings, they learned Hope was suffering seizures and would require an MRI. They contacted Patti from Hood’s Do It Yourself Hardware (sponsor of Love Me Because) and offered to make a You Caring Chip-in for her as they fell in love and thought she was the sweetest thing ever! Big sloppy puppy puckers from Hope and all of us at P.A.W.S. of Michigan to Kitty Keepers.

As many of you may already know, since this article was first drafted, we lost our dear Hope. P.A.W.S. of Michigan lost a dear friend. Thanks to the love and tireless energy of her foster mom, Leanna, and countless others who continue to fundraise and do everything possible to help other special needs animals like her, Hope will always be with us through her namesake the “Hope” Fund. Thank you Leanna, for all you did for Hope and all you and Hope will do for other special animals, four paws at a time.

## To Hope, With Love By Sara Dean, President of P.A.W.S. Of Michigan

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of beloved, special needs foster puppy, Hope. It is because of Hope that we now have our “Hope” Fund, which is used for chronic conditions or any veterinary care that is above and beyond routine care. She was a little spitfire, always ready for quick kiss or a quick run, even if it was just in a circle. Her Pomeranian/Chihuahua bloodline blessed her with one of the softest coats I’ve ever felt and a feisty-ness that never failed to bring a smile to anyone passing by. Just ask anyone who has ever held her squirmy, tiny body as her foster mom, Leanna Cachia, walked away.

Hope was ten-months old, nearly blind and suffering from neurological issues that were originally thought to be from an accident as a baby. Recently it was determined after several test results came back clear that most likely she was infected with encephalitis as a baby. Her disorder was simply the residue of the disease. There was no treatment for Hope other than keeping her seizures under control, and it was expected that Hope would live a normal life span, even possibly outgrowing her seizures. Unfortunately, that was not to be.

Thank you so incredibly much to the staff at Cahill Veterinary Hospital for trying so hard and doing everything possible to save little Hope. Your efforts will never be forgotten.

To Leanna, I can say all the comforting things that people say when we lose loved ones, but it will never take away the pain of such an unexpected loss. You are a fighter and one of the most passionate people I know. Thank you for giving Hope the life she needed, and as with our boy Frankie, being her biggest champion. We are all here for you in any way you need us to be.

Hope was a very special little girl, and it gives me a jolt when I remember that she's no longer with us. It comforts me to think of the Rainbow Bridge and all the animals who have crossed before her who are now running free without pain and who are filled with more love than they could ever know. I imagine that Frankie was there to meet her with his big eyes, and said "Come on Hope, let's go chase some squirrels!"

## OTHER ANIMALS BEING HELPED THROUGH THE "HOPE" FUND



Leah

Leah and Butterscotch: ongoing diabetes testing and treatments and food

Jimmy: hip surgery



Jimmy

Pippy: hip surgery

Claire: ear surgery

Often the expenses for these animals are high and ongoing. The Hope Fund helps us help 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 that 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.

## Upcoming Events



### Grosse Ile Animal Shelter Fun Run

May 10th from 8:30am-noon @  
Grosse Ile Centennial Farm  
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Sponsored by T.A.I.L.S., the Fun Run is a one-mile long run/walk at

Centennial Farm in Grosse Ile, MI benefitting the Grosse Ile Animal Shelter. P.A.W.S. will be holding adoptions during the event and selling our signature merchandise and custom-made pet ID tags. Help kick spring off with this fun event that benefits the animals from the Grosse Ile Animal Shelter and P.A.W.S. of Michigan.

Contact the Grosse Ile Animal Shelter for more information about the event.

### Leanna's Annual Yard Sale

May 17th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Leanna Cachia will host her annual yard sale on May 17th to benefit the P.A.W.S. of Michigan "Hope" Fund. The "Hope" Fund pays for the medical care for special needs and chronically ill animals in our program. The garage sale will be held at 22409 Independence in Woodhaven. There will be foster animals there as well as P.A.W.S. merchandise and ID tag making! We'll also be holding a bake sale.

Please start gathering items to donate to the sale now. Items can be dropped off beginning May 10. High quality items are requested as well as baked goods for the bake sale. No clothing, please

For more information, please email [fundraising@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:fundraising@pawsofmichigan.com).

## Adopt-A-Paw

June 1st 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Come and meet your new best friend at our second annual Adopt-a-PAWS event held at Eve's Poodle Salon, 3938 Fort St. in Lincoln Park, MI.

This fun event includes a bake sale, 50/50 raffle, and the sale of our signature P.A.W.S. merchandise and custom-made pet ID tags. Stop by and get a kiss from a friendly pooch at our "Love Me Because" "Smooch Booth." This promises to be a fun afternoon, so plan to join us!

## Car Show and Swap

June 1 8 am - 3 pm

Ford Motor Company World Headquarters  
Henry Ford II World Center  
East Lot (Off of Michigan-US-12  
Michigan Avenue & Southfield Freeway)  
Dearborn, Michigan

P.A.W.S. will have merchandise, bake sale items and foster animals at the event.

Swap meet setup starts at 7am  
Car registration 8-11am  
Voting 11am -1pm  
Award Presentations at 3pm  
Kids Coloring Contest  
Kids Choice-Best of Show  
Young Enthusiast Award

## Wyandotte Street Fair

July 9-12 10:00am - 9:00 pm

Every year P.A.W.S. of Michigan holds the Precious Pet Photo Contest during the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

For every entry, a jar displaying your pet's photo and name will be at the P.A.W.S. booth in front of Wyandotte City Hall. Votes will be cast by Fair patrons by placing a donation in the jar of who they feel should be the winner. The pets with the most money collected at the end of the Street Fair will win prizes donated by Pet Supplies Plus.

To enter, send a picture of your pet no larger than 4X6 (non-returnable) along with the entry form (found on our website: [www.pawsofmichigan.com](http://www.pawsofmichigan.com)) to P.O. Box 2184, Riverview, MI 48193. Make sure to include your \$10 entry fee made payable to P.A.W.S. of Michigan. Entries must be received by July 1, 2014



## Pasta Sale Success

P.A.W.S. Of Michigan raised \$586.40 from our recent Fun Pasta sale. We will repeat this wonderful fundraiser in the future.



## Shelter And Rescue Assistance Grants

At the annual meeting in January, a shelter and rescue assistance program was established to allow local municipal shelters and 501c3 rescues to apply to P.A.W.S. for support when they have a special need or to help pay for spaying and neutering or other medical expenses of their shelter animals before adoption. Three grants were awarded at the April board meeting. Recipients were: Pound Pals Downriver Taylor, Paws for Help/Pug Lady Kingdom and NBS (Non-Breed Specific).

## P.A.W.S. of Michigan Receives Generous Donations

Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice(R) program hopes their gift helps to further support our important work.

BASF Corporation made a generous donation. They will again be a "Precious" sponsor for this year's P.A.W.S. in the Park.

Tara Sturgis Memorial Fund/Community Foundation of Flint approved a \$500.00 grant for our general fund.



## Happy Tails



Peyton calls Annie her "sister."

**If you have any "Happy Tails" to share please email details and a picture to [lisa@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:lisa@pawsofmichigan.com)**

## **P.A.W.S. STATS**

Through April 3, 2014  
adoptions:

- 25 cats/kittens and
- 32 dogs/puppies

Total adoptions since we formed in August  
2007 through April 30, 2014: 1,530

Total spays and neuters at the PAWS Clinic  
January through April, 30, 2014: 2,216  
(including 504 feral cats)

Total spays and neuters at The PAWS Clinic  
since it opened in September 19, 2011  
through April 30, 2014: 14,586 (including  
2,292 feral cats)



### **February 8 through April 23, 2014**

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

Anonymous Donor (4)  
Kathy Beauregard  
Jessica Carcone  
Jacqueline Cartwright, in memory of Brownie  
Lou Davis  
Jonathan Frisch  
Ann Gerhardt  
Lana and Jerry Golden

Michael Grabowski  
Jill and William Headon  
Clara Heier  
Colleen Horn  
Creative Montessori Academy, Southgate  
Joe Kastura  
Henry Klenner  
Bonnie Koch  
Sue Labell, in memory of Tramp (2)  
Douglas Limbaugh  
Kathryn Limbaugh  
Ellen Locke  
Dean Lynn  
Thomas and Karen MacDonald, in  
honor of Tina Schenevar  
Kim Martin  
Michelle Martin  
Bill McMurtry  
Linda Muzyczka, in memory of Jerry Mech  
Donna Onesian  
Nancy Pierce  
Kelly Randall  
Karen Rooser, from Check, LockBox, DMIS  
at Comerica Bank in Livonia  
Diane Rito (2)  
Rita Scheer  
Nicole Summitt (initiated a Microsoft Corp.  
matching gift)  
Elaine Sisung  
Felicia Szczepanski  
Mary Ellen Warner  
Washington Elementary School, Wyandotte  
Gary and Eileen Withun (2)  
Mary Wuerker  
Melanie Zalewski

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

Donna and Robert Hinzmann,  
in memory of Valerie Koths  
Kim Martin  
Maral Meyers  
Lori and Robert Toon

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

Patricia Love  
Kim Martin  
Catherine Schneider

### **Donations to the Clinic Fund**

Patricia Love  
Kim Martin  
Catherine Schneider

### **In Kind Donations**

Feed Rite Pet Supply  
Anne Gmoser  
Nancy Pierce  
Southgate Animal Hospital

### **Family Memberships**

Kim Martin  
Terra and Noel Muscat  
Sherry Soja-Molloy

### **Individual Memberships**

Betty Britz  
Jacqueline Cartwright  
Frank Golden  
Amber McKenzie  
Anna Ransford  
Cindy Vlachos

### **Senior Memberships**

Patricia Love

### **Supporting Memberships**

Tom Coffey

### **Pet Memberships**

Finn Cartwright

### **Donations to The “Hope” Fund**

Janet and George Choike, for Claire  
Laura and Jeff Clinansmith, for Leah  
Kyle Doede, for Claire  
Kim Martin, for Hope  
Linda Muzyczka, in memory of Cooper  
Muzyczka  
Gail Pacurai, for Claire  
Elaine Sisung, for Hope



P.A.W.S In The Park September 13, Young  
Patriot’s Park



TEAM PAWS Country Christmas  
December 20-21 Trenton Cultural Center



