

Making a Difference
Four Paws at a Time



Website: www.pawsofmichigan.com

Jimmy Gets a Second Chance

Jimmy came to us from a high-kill shelter in Ohio. He had been hit by a car and had a broken hip. He was in a lot of pain, and in danger of suffering a horrible death, the facility uses the hideous practice of gassing animals. P.A.W.S. volunteer, Leanna Cachia, learned about him and arranged his rescue. The shelter's volunteers were so glad to see him get into rescue that they paid for his shelter "pull" fee and transportation costs. They had already paid for the limited vet care and medication he'd received. Jimmy made his way to Michigan, where one of our veterinarians determined that he needed a femoral head ostectomy (FHO) procedure. A FHO involves removing the head and neck from the femur bone in the leg. Without the procedure, Jimmy would likely have developed terrible arthritis, to the point where he might have had to be euthanized in a few years. We knew that wasn't an option for this sweet and gentle year and a half old dog.

Jimmy's procedure went well and he is now recovering with his foster parents, Dave and Tiffany. Jimmy loves the family's two

children, ages 2 and 4. He's undergoing physical therapy, and will soon be ready for his fur-ever home. Sloppy puppy kisses to everyone who helped Jimmy get his second chance



Jimmy

New Programs Launched with Help of Generous Donation

Last year, P.A.W.S. received an extremely generous donation from the estate of Ms. Jill Fox. Ms. Fox was clearly an animal lover,

and P.A.W.S. was determined to honor her memory and her generosity by ensuring we used her bequest to help many animals. At our November general membership meeting, P.A.W.S. dues paying members voted to use a portion of Ms. Fox's donation on the following programs:

- The recently-launched Hope Fund, which was designed to help pay the medical bills of special needs animals in our program.
- A member feral fund, allowing dues paying members to spay or neuter feral cats for only \$5 at The PAWS Clinic.
- A shelter and rescue assistance program, allowing local shelters and rescues to apply to P.A.W.S. for support when they have a special need or to help pay for spaying and neutering of their shelter animals before adoption.

The membership also voted to make a generous donation to The PAWS Clinic to help the clinic purchase a much-needed larger building.

Our deepest sympathy and gratitude to the family and friends of Jill Fox. She was a special lady.

A Star is Born

Former P.A.W.S. foster dog Matildee had her moment of fame in early January, when she was named Purina Pro Plan's "Rally to Rescue®" Pet of the Week. Since 2005, Rally to Rescue has helped small rescue organizations like P.A.W.S. give adoptable pets the care they need and the loving homes they deserve. Thank you to Matildee's foster mom, Velda Bohler, for the great care, love,

and concern she showed Matildee in the time she was in Velda's care.



Matildee's story, as told on the Rally to Rescue Facebook page; "Matildee was one of [P.A.W.S. of Michigan's](#) special needs puppies. She was born soon after her pregnant mother was rescued from a shelter. For the first few weeks of her life, she was a healthy, growing puppy. Suddenly her growth stopped. The rescue found out that she had three high liver functions that needed to be cared for so she could continue to grow. She finally became big enough to get an x-ray and an ultrasound, but nothing was found. More tests were done, but still, nothing. In the meantime, all of her brothers were adopted. Additional testing and exploratory surgery was performed. Everything came back clear, but her liver functions remained high. At eight months, Matildee was finally cleared for adoption. And, at last, her fur-ever home was found. Though she is still not cured, she has found a family who will love her – no matter what the future might bring."



Matildee, now named Rylee, playing in the snow with her new fur-ever family

2014 Board of Directors Announced

The P.A.W.S. Board of Directors for 2014

Sara Dean – President
Velda Bohler – Vice President
Kris Jordan – Secretary
Michelle Karshneski – Treasurer
Diane Desrosiers – Director at Large

There are still two open seats on the Board. If you are interested, please email Sara Dean at Sara@pawsofmichigan.com.

Thank you to Marie Burbo for her two years of service on the Board. We appreciate all your time and effort on behalf of P.A.W.S.

Membership Has Its Privileges

Although P.A.W.S. gratefully accepts the volunteer efforts of anyone who wants to help us, dues paying members have an extra advantage. Those who pay their dues are entitled to run for the Board of Directors, and to vote for all organizational business at our annual meeting each November. Dues paying members are also eligible to utilize our new member feral fund, described in the new funds article. Dues are very inexpensive, but they go a long way to help the animals in our programs.

Individual membership: \$20/year

Family membership: \$30/year (two votes per family)

Youth membership (16 and younger – no voting privileges): \$10

Senior membership (65 and older): \$10

Supporting membership - \$250

Your pets can become a member of P.A.W.S. for only \$5 each! No votes for our furry members, but they get the satisfaction of knowing that they're helping their less-fortunate friends

To become a member, visit our website at pawsofmichigan.com, or email info@pawsofmichigan.com.



Happy Tails

Lucky Is An Inspiration

On one of those brutally cold nights in late January, P.A.W.S. got a call from the manager at the South Canton PetSmart store. A customer had found a tiny carrier left in a parking space. The manager found a filthy matted little dog stuffed in the carrier. P.A.W.S. foster Linda Balogh went right away and got the dog. As Linda was bathing and grooming him, she realized that neither he nor she could open his mouth. His whole muzzle was matted with hair but Linda felt there was something else. She immediately took Lucky to one of our veterinarians, who anesthetized him and found a rubber band wound twice around his muzzle with his hair matted around it. The rubber band was imbedded into his snout, and the wound was severely infected. Lucky, who is lucky to be alive, has been cleaned up and is on medication to treat the infection. We're all stunned and disgusted that anyone could have committed this act of cruelty to an innocent animal, and so grateful that he's safe and loved now.



A very lucky, healthy and happy, Lucky

Keke Has a Happy Home

Just an update on Reba now Keke
She loves being with my fiancé, our dog Roscoe and our recently adopted kitty sister, Sadie. She loves to explore the house and jump all over things, especially when hearing the sound of a bag of treats! She likes taunting Roscoe into chasing her and then diving under a couch to hide. She and Sadie wrestle and lick each other's faces. Keke is a great addition to the family. We love her so much!

Krissy Chau

Happy Ending for Eden

Eden seems happy in her new home and has been excited running from room to room and lap to lap, purring all the way! Now she seems to have calmed down a bit and is taking more naps today. Here's a picture of her we just took on her new kitten perch!

Thank you so much for taking care of this wonderful kitten!

XOXOXO and some purrs! Sincerely,

Kristin, Ethan & Eden



Eden at Play

Christmas Fundraiser Successes

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped in our two December fundraisers; Pictures with Santa Claws at the South Canton Petsmart, and Country Christmas, at the Trenton Cultural Center. These events helped participants get into the holiday spirit and raise much needed funds for animals.

Christmas is a busy time, so we are especially grateful to all the volunteers who took some time out of their busy holiday schedules to help P.A.W.S. Our volunteers are the best!

P.A.W.S. STATS

2013 adoptions: 309

- 164 cats/kittens and
- 145 dogs/puppies

Total adoptions since we formed in August 2007 through January 31, 2014: **1,484**

Total spays and neuters at The PAWS Clinic since it opened in September 2011 through January, 31 2014: **12,918 (including 1,854 feral cats)**



Donations to the General Fund

Anonymous Donor (7)
Cynthia & Gary Bower
Betty Britz
Frank & Yumi Dalton, in memory of Heisuke
Mayme D'Alessandro
Susan & Christopher Finger
Douglas Grant
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Jeff & Deana John, in honor of Teddy
Sue LaBell

Donations to the General Fund

Sue LaBell, in memory of Tramp (3)
Michelle Karshneski, in memory of Scooter
Parritt
Michelle Karshneski, in memory of Toes
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Chloe
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Noreen Thier
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Frances Truant, in memory of Terra-Becca,
my collie, my friend
Gloria Woods, in honor of Gwen
Mary Wuerker (3)

Donations to the V-SNAP

Carol McKee
Southgate Animal Hospital
John & Dolly Valinty

Donations to the Pet Food Bank

Colleen Armstrong
Patricia Grant

Donations to the Clinic Fund

Carol McKee
Linda Muzyczka, in memory of Hobie
Brandenburg

In Kind Donations

Lisa Abela and Friend
APAW –Allen Park High School
Sue Doute
Eve's Poodle Salon
Feed Rite Pet Supply
Anne Gmoser
Marilyn Osborn
Jerry Popowicz, Sr.
Tanya Ridley

Family Memberships

Tamara Barber
Velda and Kevin Bohler
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Frank & Yumi Dalton
Tim & Lou Ann Durand
Donna and Tom Hall
Cheryll & Wilfred Owens
Kendra Pauline
Sharon, Kevin & Carly Roberts
Nadine Ritz & Jeff Bohler
Laura & Matthew Turner

Individual Memberships

Gina Angellotti
Sue Doute
Janet Fillinger
Michelle Karshneski
Kim Kontos
Carol McKee
Sandy Roberts
Chrissy Romano-McGill
Cristy Smith
Kim Vowles

Senior Memberships

Gloria Reeves

Pet Memberships

Lindsay & Cooper Dalton
Twink, Grey, Mini, Jackson, SamiJaye,
Lilianne Karshneski

Sponsorships

Animal

Abe & Bentley
Reba
Reba

Sponsor

Allison Tucker
Janet & George Choike
Rose & John Darin

Hope Fund

Animal

Leah

Sponsor

Jeff and Laura
Clinansmith (3)

ASPCA Winter Weather Tips

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, cats can freeze, become lost or stolen, or be injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to fatal infectious diseases, including rabies.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes choose to sleep under the hoods of cars, where it is warmer. Then, when the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed in the fan belt. To prevent this, bang loudly on the hood of your car and wait a few seconds before starting the engine, to give a cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Dogs frequently lose their scent in snow and ice and easily become lost. They may panic in a snowstorm and run away. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season.
4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when she comes in out of the rain, snow or ice. Check her sensitive paw pads, which may bleed from snow or ice encrusted in them. Also, salt, antifreeze or other chemicals could hurt your dog if she ingests them while licking her paws.
5. If you own a short-haired breed, consider getting a warm coat or sweater for your dog. Look for one with a high collar or turtleneck that covers your dog from the base of her tail on top and to the belly underneath. While this may seem like a luxury, it is a necessity for many dogs.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold. Your companion animal could freeze to death.
7. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only long enough to relieve himself.
8. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs and may be difficult to house train during the winter. If necessary, paper train your puppy inside if he appears to be sensitive to the weather.
9. If your dog spends a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities, increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep his fur thick and healthy.

10. Antifreeze, even in very tiny doses, is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Because of its sweet taste, animals are attracted to it. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle. To prevent accidental poisonings, more and more people are using animal-friendly products that contain propylene glycol rather than the traditional products containing ethylene glycol. Call your veterinarian or the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) if you suspect your animal has ingested poison.
11. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter. Leave the coat in a longer style, which provides more warmth. Remember that such a style will require more frequent brushing due to dry winter air and static electricity. When you bathe your dog, make sure she is completely dry before you take her out for a walk.
12. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep far away from all drafts and off the floor, such as in a dog or cat bed or basket with a warm blanket or pillow in it.

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