

Making a Difference  
Four Paws at a Time



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## 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](mailto: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](http://pawsofmichigan.com), or email [info@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto: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

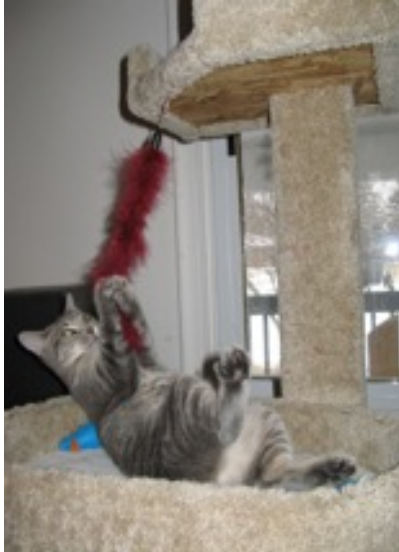
### Happy Ending for Eden

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  
Charmaine Guerriero  
Jeff & Deana John, in honor of Teddy  
Sue LaBell

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Sue LaBell, in memory of Tramp (3)  
Michelle Karshneski, in memory of Scooter  
Parritt  
Michelle Karshneski, in memory of Toes  
Carol & Joseph Maciolek  
Joseph & Jeannette Marth, Jr.  
Carol McKee, in memory of Skylar  
Carol Moxlow  
Melanie Paryaski  
Bruce & Karen Pease  
Sandra Popvich, in memory of Joanne Loch  
Diane Rito (4)  
David Roehl  
David & Susan Sabbath  
Kathleen & Rick Sawicki, in memory of  
Chloe  
Elaine Sisung  
Felicia Szczepanski (3)  
Noreen Thier  
Frances Truant, in honor of Jerry  
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  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Chasey  
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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