

Making a Difference
Four Paws at a Time



P.A.W.S. OF MICHIGAN
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Winter 2015

Team PAWS Had a Bountiful Country Christmas



Team PAWS, a group for young people interested in helping our cause, recently sold \$131.71 in crafts at the annual Country Christmas held at the Trenton Cultural Center. The bake sale raised \$835. Thanks to Beth Ferda and Marie Burbo for their wonderful efforts. Marie who founded and ran the group for many years turned over the reigns to Beth. Beth is unable to continue due to her work commitments. Unfortunately, no new leader has volunteered to take over, therefore the group has been dissolved. If you are interested in reinvigorating this wonderful group, please contact Sara Dean, sara@pawsofmichigan.com





6th Annual Love Me Because... Pet Adoption Event at Hood's Do-it Best in Wyandotte was a HUGE success.

Love me because I am older. Love me because I am overweight. Love me because no one taught me better. Love me because I have medical issues. Love me because I have attitude. Love me because I am special. Love me because I need you. We are looking for special people to love these special souls.

Six women with a lot of passion and the goal of finding “fur-ever” homes for hard to place animals, planned and carried out the 6th annual Love Me Because event. Beth, Diana, Kim, Leanna, Patti and Terra are truly wonderful women.

Through sponsorship, donation jars, photo donations from Jacksin Galoxy, sale of merchandise, personalized i.d. tags, baked goods and hot dogs, as well as hundreds of raffle and silent auction items over \$13,000 was raised towards animal rescue.

Donations will be presented to Kitty Keepers Rescue, River Rouge Animal Shelter, Shelter to Home, The PAWS Clinic, and Wyandotte Animal Adoption Center (Pound Pals) from P.A.W.S. of Michigan and the Love Me Because Committee.

There were approximately fifty harder-to-adopt animals in attendance from the two

shelters and three rescue groups. Eighteen animals found their “fur-ever” homes!

P.A.W.S. of Michigan

Adopted Dogs: Adolf, Barney, Bradley, Brandy, Daisy/Skittles, Godiva, Lucy, Mila and Penny Princess

Wyandotte Animal Adoption Center

Adopted Cats: Babe Ruth, Chelsea, Bella and Courtney Love

Dogs: Kyta and Snowcone

Shelter to Home

Adopted Cat: Leela

Dog: Sally

The annual event is held at Hood's Do-it Best Hardware, located at 1844 Ford Ave. (Northline) in Wyandotte. They have been a fantastic partner with P.A.W.S. of Michigan incredibly supportive of this event its mission. The employees of Hood's are the best! Thank you to Ed, John, Patti, and the employees of Hood's Do-it Best.

Please support Hood's and the other sponsors who help make this event such a success.

AAA Pet Services

Cat Trees by Noel & Terra

Mayor Joe Peterson & Friends Regina

Andrew (home philosophy) Baskets by

Bonnie Glow Fish Studios

Symon Rental Wellness

Cahill Veterinary Hospital Dennis Prather

Downriver Dogs Obedience Training

GG Slippers (Joan Pollock) Leanna Cachia &

Friends Mary Gasiewski (Thirty-One)

Pat & Joe Demko Susan LePage

Yumi Bread

Comments From Rescue and Shelter Participants about the Love Me Because Event

“Year six and another successful Love Me Because thanks to a hard working committee, volunteers, community, adopters and supporters! Hood’s and the Crew look forward to this event every year; it is an honor to host Love Me Because and be a part of it! Many cats and dogs found happy, forever homes and are bringing joy to their new families. This is what makes the effort worth it in the end! Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all involved. Looking forward to the future!”

~ Patti, John and Ed Christie, owners of Hood’s Doit Best Hardware, Wyandotte.

“A unique event where every Shelter and Rescue roots for each and every Love Me Because pet in attendance. A celebration of true love.”

~ Sharon Lee, Keeper Kitties Rescue

“The River Rouge Animal Shelter would like to thank the LMB committee, and PAWS of Michigan for another stellar adoption venue. Although we didn't have any actual adoptions this time around, because of this event, we were able to send one of our approved, potential adopters your way, and a LMB dog with PAWS of MI found a furever home as a result. Our animals got a LOT of exposure, and we are still holding out hope that there will be the trickle down affect for our Momma T and the others as a result. Thank you once again for inviting us, and for making us at RRAS feel so welcome.”

~ Patty, River Rouge Animal Shelter volunteer

“I have helped out at the LMB adoption event for several years. There is so much love in the air at this event. It is my favorite adoption event of the year, because it represents a group of animals that weren't given the best circumstances in life for a variety of reasons, but they love anyway. My heart has always been drawn to the long- timers and the hard-to-adopt pets and my heart sings when I hear the bell announcing another adoption. Shelter to Home and I (personally) thank you for inviting us to participate in this grand event.”

~ Marilyn, Shelter to Home volunteer

“This event just gets better every year! We are so grateful to be a part of it! It is such a great way to get our harder to adopt homeless animals into forever homes! Thanks to Hood's management and employees for allowing this event to happen and all their help.”

~ Rose Darin, Wyandotte Animal Shelter volunteer.

“To me, this year’s Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event was about Community. An animal loving, supporting and dedicated Community, to which I am very proud to be a part of. To have the Wyandotte Mayor, Joe Peterson come and spend the day with us, selling chili and hotdogs all for the LOVE of the animals, that’s Community. When you have a Community who stands behind the hard work the many volunteers do, it shows, that is one of the big reasons Love Me Because is so successful. There are so many people to thank, so many people who have

touched my heart and so many animals who have touched and changed my life. Thank you to our “Community”!



*Terra Muscat, Love Me Because Co-chair & P.A.W.S. of Michigan member/volunteer
Pictured with P.A.W.S. Board Member Kim Vowles*



Patti Christie



Wyandotte Mayor, Joseph Peterson and P.A.W.S. member Linda Lee (not pictured Frank Dalton) served up chili dogs on a chilly day!!!

P.A.W.S. of Michigan Board Member Positions

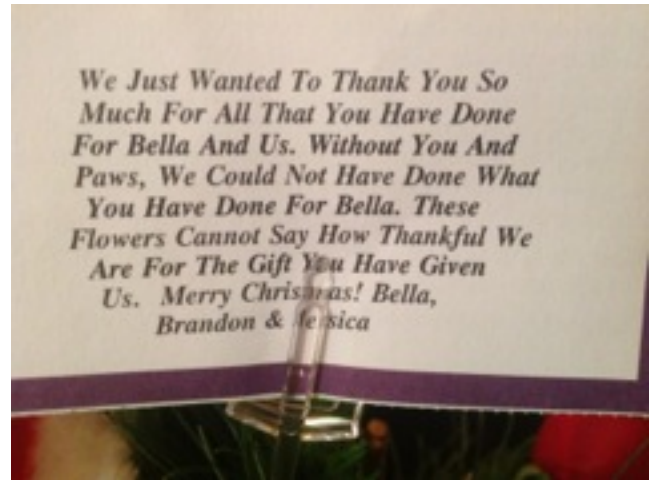
At the January 14, 2015 board meeting, the following positions were decided:

President - Sara Dean
Vice President - Diane Desrosiers
Secretary - Lisa Lesley
Treasurer - Kris Jordan
Director at Large - Velda Bohler
Director at Large- Michelle Karshneski
Director at Large- Kim Vowles



Happy Tails

The P.A.W.S. board received this email and attached photos from Board Member and Co-Dog Coordinator Velda Bohler. "This came from Bella's foster mom and dad. She is the pup who had the liver shunt surgery. Isn't it so cute? Thanks for helping me help Bella. This card is for you too. She had her stitches out a bit ago and will be having a bile acid test soon to see if the surgery is working. But Bella is doing great."



Thank you note from Jessica and Brandon



Adorable flower arrangement from Jessica and Brandon

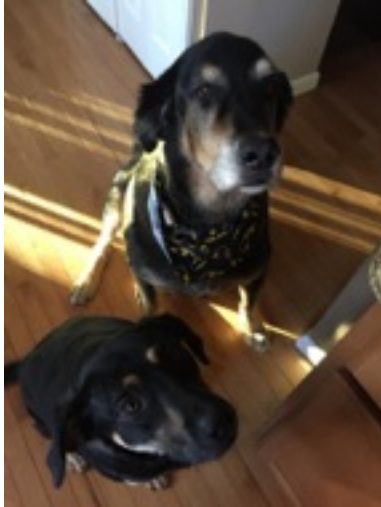
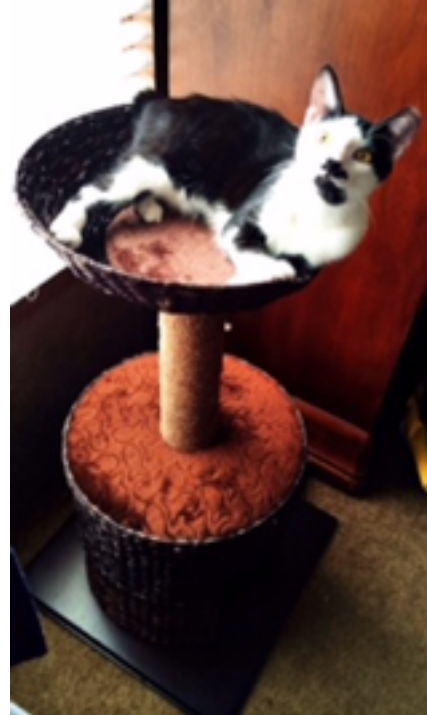
We adopted Mac from you in 2007 and he is the BEST dog! Thank you for saving him!
The Mastroianni Family



Mac

he has been a people lover and such a great addition to our family. We couldn't ask for a better cat.

Erin



**Mac and
Bella**

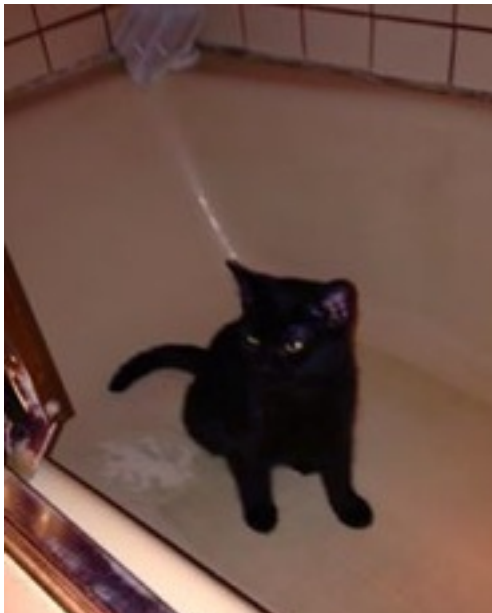
Igor in his “tree”

Sarah Niece Jules is doing amazing! We decided to change the way her name is spelled to Jewels, because she is certainly a Jewel! She's adjusting super fast. Jewels and Seagrump are already buddies! She absolutely loves my daughter, Jewels has gotten my daughter to sleep on her own now! So we are all loving having her as a part of our family! I'm so thankful for all the work y'all do! We are soo very thankful and happy to have her in our “fur-ever” home! She will never be outside ever again. She is absolutely stunning, and such a sweet baby girl!

Again, thank you for everything. I admire all of you for the work y'all do, and for

We adopted Igor 2 weeks ago. The first few days were a little rocky because our puppy Peaches just wanted to play, play, play! Igor wanted to hide. As time has passed he now comes to her to play and chase. Since day one

helping educate people on the reasons fixing your animals is so important!



Almost forgot, Jewels loves the bathtub!

If you have any “Happy Tails” to share please email details and a picture to: lisa@pawsofmichigan.com



There are so many people who help make P.A.W.S. of Michigan a success. Board members would like to send a huge “HURRAH” to Marie Burbo and Beth Ferda coordinators of Team PAWS. Thank you ladies for your incredible efforts!!!!

P.A.W.S. STATS

Total adoptions since we formed in August 2007 through February 28, 2015: 1,595

December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015: 53 cats/kittens 27 dogs/puppies

Spays and neuters at the PAWS Clinic between January 1, 2014 and February 28, 2015: 1,132 (including 134 feral cats)

Total spays and neuters at The PAWS Clinic since it opened in September 19, 2011 through February 28, 2015: 20,279 (including 3,485 feral cats)

The 20,000th surgery was conducted February 12, 2015!!!!!! WOW!!!



**December 1, 2014 through,
February 28, 2015**

Donations to the General Fund

Gary Albu
Richard Alexy
Laura Allen
Susan and Leonard Anderson
 In memory of Barry Kirk
Anonymous (3)
Brian Balloid
Leslie Bartes
 In honor of Velda Bohler, Bitsy and Benny
Chris Benson
 In memory of Barry Kirk
Molly and Craig Berner
Joan and Fred Buttery
Yumi and Frank Dalton
 In memory of Heisuke
Sav-On Drugs
 In memory of Christopher Clemons
Charmaine Guerriero
EEi Global
Barb and Bob Gulbranson
 In memory of Barry Kirk
B. J. Haire
Julie and Paul Headley
Jill and William Headon (2)
Carol and Joe Kastura
Vivian and Gerald Ketcham
Gayle Koan

Sue LaBell (3)
 In memory of Tramp
Dean Lynn (2)
Donna Onesian
Karen and Bruce Pease
Diane Rito (3)
 For Grace
William Roche

Darlene Rudnick (3)
Kathleen and Rick Sawicki
Rita Scheer
Connie and Gary Scott
 In memory of Barry Kirk
Rodney Schurch
Betty Short
Elyse Siber
Mary Sullivan
 In memory of Barry Kirk
Nicole Summit
Lorrie Tanton (3)
Firmin Troye
Mary Wueker (3)
Ryoko Yamasaki

Donations to the V-SNAP

Anne and Louie Gmoser (2)
Eva Halliday
Lisa and Doug Lesley (2)
Lori and Robert Toon

Donations to the Pet Food Bank

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chasey
Feed Rite Pet Supplies (2)
Mary Girrback (2)

Donations to The "Hope" Fund

Linda and Steve Balogh
Nancy Bogan
Tim Bogan
Sarah and Todd Feliner
Susan and Christopher Finger
Andrea Hirtzel
Michelle Karshneski
Laraine Lesley
Linda Muzyczka (2)
 - For Leah and Butterscotch
 - In memory of Colby Turner
Sharon and Edward Robinette
Donna Schall
Christine Scott
 In honor of Velda Bohler and Snuggles
 (Mama)

In Kind Donations

Tanya Ridley
Southgate Animal Hospital

Sponsorships

Andre Barros
Jillian
Anne Rowland
Juliet

Family Memberships

Tom Abraham and Alyssa Stafford
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chasey
Yumi and Frank Dalton
Angela Holdwick
Cathy McCormick
Sherry Soja-Malloy

Individual Memberships

Janet Fillinger
Frank Golden
Michelle Karshneski
Jerry Osborne
Pam Vida
Kimberly Vowles

Senior Memberships

Jeanine Dotson

Supporter Member

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Pet Memberships

Lindsay and Cooper Dalton
Samijaye, etc. Karshneski

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wyandotte Street Fair

July 8-11, 2015

Volunteers are needed. The Co-coordinators are Stephanie Doran and Sara Dean. Sara will be unable to attend this year. If you are interested in helping coordinate the P.A.W.S. booth, please contact Stephanie at stephanielyndoran@gmail.com or Sara at sara@pawsofmichigan.com.

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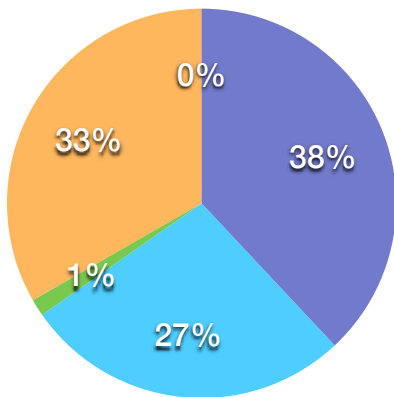
P.A.W.S. OF MICHIGAN GENERAL MEETINGS

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30
Riverview City Hall Room B or C
14100 Civic Park Drive
March 25, 2015
April 29, 2015
May 27, 2015

P.A.W.S. of Michigan Annual Financial Report 2014

P.A.W.S. of Michigan Income 2014

| CATEGORY | DOLLARS |
|---|---------|
| Donations: regular, Hope, V-SNAP, food bank | 48,301 |
| Fundraisers/Merchandise sales | 34,638 |
| Membership | 1,798 |
| Adoption Fees | 42,258 |
| Other <1% | 43 |



Total Income: 127,037

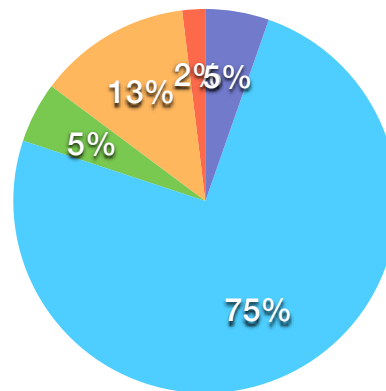
“Hope” Fund Income \$14,808.57 Expense \$16,432.16

V-SNAP Income \$3,503.20 Expense \$6,436.16

Food Bank Income \$466.85 Expense \$143.58

P.A.W.S. of Michigan Expenses 2014

| CATEGORY | DOLLARS |
|--|---------|
| Administration: Office supplies, insurance, PO Box, postage, printing, storage unit, tax preparation | 8,144 |
| Veterinary: regular, “Hope” Fund, V-SNAP, member feral spay/neuter fund | 113,614 |
| Fundraising - | 7,770 |
| Charitable Donation: funds from LMB and the Jill Fox bequest donated to other organizations | 19,570 |
| Other: Primarily volunteer reimbursement | 2,935 |



Total Expenses: 152,032