

P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)

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Mission Statement

At P.A.W.S. of Michigan we believe in the intrinsic value and sanctity of all animals and advocate for their humane, compassionate, and responsible treatment. It is our mission to protect and care for homeless animals by placing them with loving foster families until compatible permanent homes can be found and to engage in benevolent and charitable activities to support this goal. We are dedicated to lowering the number of animals needlessly euthanized in our community each year by promoting the spaying and neutering of **all** companion animals and in educating the public on the importance of responsible animal guardianship. Working in alliance with other rescue groups and animal welfare agencies we seek to develop a network of like-minded individuals who strive to eliminate animal suffering and create an animal-friendly community. We believe that our values, decisions, and conduct should reflect our mission and be a model for others in their care and treatment of animals.



Who is P.A.W.S.?

P.A.W.S. (Precious Animal Welfare Society) of Michigan is an all-volunteer group formed in August, 2007. It promotes the humane, compassionate, and responsible treatment of all animals. It is our mission to protect and care for homeless animals by placing them with loving foster families until compatible permanent homes can be found, and to engage in benevolent and charitable activities to support this goal.

Interim Board Members:

Velda Bohler
Eve Howell
Kris Jordan
Karin Pigott
Kim Skidmore

Foster Program

It is impossible to overstate the importance of a Foster Program. Such a program enables P.A.W.S. to greatly increase the number of animals rescued. It directly involves community members saving lives. **P.A.W.S. covers all veterinary care for the fosters. For every foster home that is found, another animal's life is saved.**

The Goal of Foster Care

To care for a dog or cat in your home until an appropriate, permanent home is found.

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."

~Immanuel Kant~

How Does Fostering Help?

- Fostering prevents the euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats.
- Fostering provides comfort and safety to animals that have endured hardships while waiting for their "forever homes."
- Fostering allows these animals, whom in most cases have been in kennels or shelters for months, time to 'debrief' and become socialized in the home/family setting.
- Fostering enables P.A.W.S. to learn the individual personalities of these animals ensuring a wonderful match with the new permanent adopter.



Frequently Asked Questions

Does the foster parent have to pay for anything?

P.A.W.S. covers all veterinary costs for the fostered animals. All animals are checked by a veterinarian, given all necessary vaccinations and shots, spayed/neutered and given flea, tick and worming preventative medicines.

I have a dog (or cat). Will the foster animal get along with him/her?

All animals are temperament tested prior to placement in foster care. We assess each individual animal and consider the needs and situations of the foster home. Whether you have children, and/or other pets in the home, we strive to make an appropriate match between you and the foster animal.

If I fall in love with the foster animal can I keep him/her?

Although it is not P.A.W.S.'s goal to have fosters adopt the animals in their care, with the approval of the adoption coordinator, in some cases, you may permanently adopt and keep the animal, if you so desire.

How do I start the process of fostering an animal?

If you are interested in fostering an animal, please send an email to pawsofmichigan@hotmail.com. Someone will get back to you. If you have any other questions, they can be answered at that time.



Did You Know?

Tail wagging is similar to a human smile in that it is a social signal meant to communicate an emotional state. A dog will wag its tail for a person or another dog and may do so for a cat, mouse, or even a moth. If the dog is alone, however, it doesn't wag its tail. Thus, when you give a dog a bowl of food, it will wag its tail to say, "Thank you. You've made me happy." But if it walks into an empty room and finds its bowl full of food, tail wagging doesn't occur. In stressful situations, dogs may display a stiff body posture and wag their tails slowly and methodically. In this instance, the tail wagging combined with the dog's posture and surroundings can signal a dangerous situation.

Adoption Fees - CASH ONLY!

NOTE: Occasionally, fees may be higher than those listed, depending on the circumstances surrounding a particular animal.

Cats	\$100
Declawed Cats	\$125
Kittens	\$75 plus refundable \$25 spay/neuter deposit
Declawed Kittens	\$100 plus refundable \$25 spay/neuter deposit
Senior Cats (8 years or older)	\$60
Dogs	\$175
Small breed dogs (less than 20 pounds)	\$225
Puppies	\$175 plus refundable \$50 spay/neuter deposit
Small breed puppies	\$250 plus refundable \$75 spay/neuter deposit
Senior dogs (7 years or older)	\$85
Senior small breed dogs (9 yrs or older)	\$125

Wish List

Topping our wish list would be homes for all unwanted animals. We're trying our best to make that a reality, but we could use your help with the following types of donations:

- ♥ Collapsible cages
- ♥ Pet carriers
- ♥ Dog/puppy and cat/kitten food
- ♥ KMR (milk replacement for kittens)
- ♥ Kitty litter
- ♥ Dog and cat beds
- ♥ Dog and cat toys
- ♥ Leashes and collars
- ♥ Folding tables
- ♥ EZ-Up tents
- ♥ Computer paper
- ♥ Monetary donations



Meet Some Of Our Fur Babies Who Would Love To Adopt You!

Liberty - Female Shorthair Kitty



Hildy - An Adult Pekinese



About the Animals

All animals in our program have received age-appropriate vaccines, and are surgically sterilized if they are six months or older. All cats/kittens are tested for feline leukemia and FIV, and dogs are tested for heartworm if they are old enough. The adoption fees for our animals help defray the cost of these tests, surgeries and vaccinations, as well as any other required, veterinary services.

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Trick or Treat

Calendar Of Events

October 20 and 21, 2007

Howl-O-Ween
Macomb Gibraltar Trade Center

October 23, 2007

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
General Meeting
Riverview City Hall, Activity Room B

October 27, 2007

9:00-1:00 p.m.
Child Protection and Safety Festival
Southgate YMCA
For additional information, contact:
Christine Proudlock at christineproudlock@wowway.com

November 23, 2007

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Gift wrapping at Borders

November 27, 2007

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
General Meeting
Riverview City Hall, Activity Room B

December 16, 2007

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Gift wrapping at Borders



Past Events

Blessing of the Animals

It was so heartwarming to see so many people, who truly love their animals, coming together for this blessing. All religions were welcome to bring their fur babies (and some UNfur babies). A water station was set up with bowls available for any animal who was thirsty. And, of course, there was an OOP's station too. We saw many dogs, cats, hamsters and even a hermit crab. Children proudly carried in their small animals, and it was great to see youngsters being so gentle and caring. They loved our board, and it was left at the church to be displayed for another week or so, along with some flyers. Rev. Pete Petroske and Liela Abass, who is the director of religious education, welcomed our group and thanked us for attending. She also introduced the group and our attending members and encouraged the people to take flyers and ask questions. Father Pete also had his cat there (her name is Sister Mary Agnes). P.A.W.S. members who attended were: Janet Fillinger, Valerie & Judy Koths, Lorraine Mlostek and Sandy Roberts. Sandy brought Little Ricky and Valerie brought her Belushi and PAWS kitten, Precious.

Pictures From Blessing of the Animals



Wyandotte Vaccination Clinic

Thank you to Kim Skidmore and all the volunteers who put on the Wyandotte vaccination clinic. It was a big success. Two hundred thirty animals received vaccines.

P.A.W.S. First Adoptee

Brody

I am doing wonderful in my new home, and the people I adopted tell me I am a real sweetie. I sleep in bed with someone different every night and am being showered with love from tons of kids. I am doing great with my potty training – having only a few accidents, but the people I adopted tell me it was actually their fault, because they were not paying good enough attention to my signals!! I am really enjoying the Nordstrom Family, and they say they are enjoying me as well. They have a seven-year old dog named Scooter, who really likes me too! We have become good buddies and play all the time. Hope all is well with all of your other rescues. Thank you for letting me adopt the Nordstrom family - I love them, and they tell me they love me too!

Brody "adopted" the happy Nordstrom family (below)



**Animal Rescuers' Creed
(Author Unknown)**

I'll never bring about world peace. I won't single-handedly save the rain forest. I'm not a brain surgeon and I'll never transplant an organ to save a life. I don't have the ear of a powerful politician or world power. I can't end world hunger. I'm not a celebrity, and God knows I'm not glamorous! I'm not looked up to by millions around the world. Very few people even recognize my name. I'll never win the Nobel prize or end global warming. There are a lot of things that I'll never do or become.

But today I helped place an animal! It was a small, scared, bundle of flesh and fur that was dumped at a shelter, or on the streets by unfeeling people who didn't care what happened to it, but yet who were responsible for it having existence in the first place. I helped find it a loving home! It now has contentment and an abundance of love, a warm place to sleep and plenty to eat. Two little girls have a warm and playful new friend who will give them unending affection and teach them about responsibility and love. A wife and mother has a new free spirit to cuddle, nurture and care for. A husband and father has a furry friend to sit in his lap at the end of a hard day of work and help him relax and enjoy life. And he has a sense of satisfaction that when he is gone all day at work, there is a gentle spirit in his home keeping watch over his family.

No, I'm not a rocket scientist. But today, I made a difference! And I'll do it tomorrow too, if given a chance.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Levels

_____	Individual Membership	\$ 20
_____	Family Membership	\$ 30
_____	Youth Membership (15 and under)	\$ 10
_____	Senior Membership (60 and over)	\$ 10
_____	Supporter	\$100
_____	Tail Wagger's Club	\$250
_____	Business/Corporate	\$500
_____	Pet (Name of Pet _____)	\$ 5

Contributions

\$ _____ – In Honor Of _____

\$ _____ – In Memory Of _____

\$ _____ – Special Contribution _____

Membership entitles you to voting privileges within the group as well as a copy of the quarterly newsletter.

If mailing your membership fee, please mail to:

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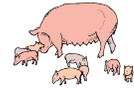
Our Homeless Fur Babies . . .



*. . . and homeless near a thousand homes I stood,
and near a thousand tables I pined, and wanted food.*

~~ William Wordsworth~~

Animal Funny . . . What We Do For Or Animals



Piggies on the Highway

While driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in California, a farmer, taking a truckload of pigs to the slaughter house, had an accident, and his truck overturned. All of the pigs escaped and were running all over the highway.

A kind young man in a convertible comes along and sees the pigs. Fearing they would be hit by other cars and trucks, he gathered them together and put them in his convertible.

Other drivers seeing all these pigs in his car kept gawking, nearly causing more accidents. A trooper comes along and pulls the guy over and asks why he has the pigs in his car, since this now is causing quite a commotion on the highway. The young man explains, and asks the trooper what he suggests that he do with them.

The trooper says, "I think you should take them to the zoo." The young man agrees and goes on his way.

The next day - the same trooper driving along the PCH sees this guy again with all the pigs in his car - causing a commotion once again.

So the trooper pulls him over and says, "I thought I told you yesterday to take those pigs to the zoo."

The young man said, "I did - and we had so much fun, today we're going to Disneyland!"



*After a long day at the adoption fair –
You just need some relaxation time!*



**Until one has loved an animal, a part
of one's soul remains unawakened."**

~~Anatole France~~