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P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)



- PAWS Clinic now a reality – will open on September 19
- Grand Opening Celebration to take place on October 1
- Legacy for Life Tribute Tag Wall is a beautiful highlight of the clinic

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A Clinic Is Born

The P.A.W.S. of Michigan (PAWS) Clinic to Open September 19

We are very excited to announce that our long-awaited low-cost spay/neuter clinic will open on September 19! This clinic is partially funded through the generosity of PetSmart Charities® and The Pepsi Refresh Project, in addition to many donations and the hard work of so many of you. This clinic will save thousands of lives by preventing the birth of countless unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. It will also provide an invaluable service to the Downriver community by making high quality spaying and neutering services available at an affordable price.

You can find the clinic at 21210 Goddard Road, which is located between Pardee and Allen Roads in Taylor.

Save the Date

The Grand Opening open house celebration, will take place on Saturday, October 1 from 1:00 p.m. until - 5:00 p.m. More details will be available as the date gets closer, but you won't want to miss this chance to see the

clinic, meet our talented veterinarians and staff, and share in the celebration of opening this much-needed spay/neuter clinic.

Legacy for Life Tribute Tag Wall

One of the central features of our Grand Opening celebration will be the initiation of our Legacy for Life Tribute Tag Wall. Our very own, incredibly talented, volunteer, Linda Lee, painted a gorgeous mural on a wall in our clinic lobby. Tags honoring or memorializing a beloved two or four-footed friend or family member, or simply acknowledging your support of the clinic's mission, can be purchased with the money going to our clinic fund. During the Grand Opening celebration, those who have already purchased tags will be invited to hang them on the mural, where they will remain as a legacy for the lives they honor or remember.

It's still not too late to purchase your tag in time for this special ceremony. Simply print and complete the order form on our website and mail it in with your check. If we receive

your form prior to September 17, we will include you in the "hanging of the tags" ceremony at the Grand Opening. Tags will also be available for purchase after the ceremony, and may be purchased at any time after that from The PAWS Clinic.



Please watch for additional information about the Grand Opening celebration, as well as information about the clinic itself (including prices, directions, and how you may request an appointment) which will be available soon on our new clinic website, as well as through Facebook and upcoming e-mail newsletters.

We would like to thank each and every person who contributed in making this exciting and very important clinic possible. We could not have done it without you!





The welcome sign is hung – now we are hoping all of our other wishes come true as well!

Clinic Wish List

In addition to a microscope, if you would be interested in assisting us with any of the “wish list” items listed below, please contact Alyssa at xraygetdownnow@gmail.com.

Ongoing Needs

AA batteries
Clay cat litter
Soft soap
Staples (standard size)
Clorox wand toilet bowl cleaner refills
Dish detergent with degreaser
Dry dog and cat food
Hand sanitizer
Pink, blue, and white 3x5 index cards
Lysol spray
Post-its
Blank address labels
Ziploc sandwich bags

Line rollers
Pillowcases
Blankets, large towels, dish towels, in good repair (no sheets, please)**
Bleach**
Newspapers**
Distilled water**
Paper towels**
Hydrogen peroxide**
Laundry Detergent**
Dryer sheets**
Pine-Sol**
Trash bags (large and 13 gallon)**
Rubbing alcohol**
8-½ x 11 white and colored copy paper**
#10 security envelopes**
Postage stamps**
****greatest ongoing need**

Annual Board of Directors Election

“This year’s election will be held on November 16, 2011.”

Although November seems far away during these hot days of summer, it’s time to start thinking about our annual Board of Directors election. This year’s election will be held on November 16, 2011. Four board

seats are open for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2012.

As stated in the bylaws, in order to run for a seat on the Board or vote in the election you must be a Member in Good Standing (that is, dues

paid) two months prior to the election, which is September 16, 2011. Self-nomination forms will be available at our September general meeting, and they are due by our October general meeting.

Rescuer’s Creed



I promise I will take your unwanted animals.

I will heal their wounds, their diseases, their broken bones.

I will give them the medical attention they need and deserve.

I will nurture their starvation and give them a warm place to sleep.

I will spay and neuter them, vaccinate them against the diseases

that can harm them.

I will buy them toys, blankets, balls and teach them to play.

I will speak softly to them.

I will try to teach them not to fear, not to cry and not to hate.

I will whisper sweet, kind, gentle words into their ears, while gently trying to stroke their fear, their pain and their

scars away.

I will face their emotional scars and give them time to overcome them.

I will socialize them, potty train them, teach them to be obedient, show them dignity

I will hold their paws and stroke their ears if they have endured too much and walk them over the Rainbow Bridge.



Meet Your Board

Don't allow yourself to be fooled by Christine Romano's age – there is more to her than meets the eye. PAWS' youngest board member is sensitive, caring, honest, empathetic, and passionate about animals and their welfare; all things you would hope for and expect from someone involved in animal rescue. But what about all those things you don't know? Well, read on, and we will share more with you!

Chrissy was born in California and grew up in LBC, or rather, Long Beach, California. She lived there until she was seven. At that time her family relocated to Michigan. Chrissy spent most of her childhood in Wyandotte, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 2002 at the top of her class. After graduating from Specs Howard where she tied for the valedictorian position, Chrissy attended and graduated in 2007 with honors from Eastern Michigan University's School of Business, with a degree in Entrepreneurship. She is currently utilizing her education and intelligence with all of her

many efforts for The P.A.W.S. Clinic, where she has written grant requests that have earned \$51,500 total for the clinic, including the famous Pepsi Grant that gave the final push in funds that finally allowed for work to begin in earnest on the clinic.

She has also been involved in everyday work at the clinic as she researched everything from hardware for the building to software, and spending Saturdays at the clinic with the various construction remodels that were needed.

In addition to her work on the clinic, Chrissy has volunteered at nearly every level that PAWS offers, including volunteering at adoption events, fostering animals, helping out at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter, along with many fundraisers, including P.A.W.S. In the Park, microchip clinics and the millionaire's parties. She manages to do all of this while maintaining a forty-hour a week job!

Even with all of this, Chrissy is not an "all work and no play" girl. She loves going to the

movies with her long-time boyfriend, Devin McGill; shopping with her mother and sister and attending a book club once a month with her closest friends.

Chrissy is a vegetarian, gardener, *Desperate Housewives* watcher, awesome vegan cupcake baker who loves bees, honey, crepes, and lattes.

Chrissy has two dogs and three cats of her own; all rescues, of course. She is happiest basking in the sun, and loves warm weather – the hotter the better. Chrissy is a traveler, and has been overseas to France, England and Spain. Here in the States she has visited San Diego, Savannah, Sequoia National Park, Shenandoah National Park, Washington D.C., New Orleans and most recently kayaked in the Gulf of Mexico.

Chrissy is a multi-layered, multi-faceted, multi-tasker, who is a dynamic force of energy, with goals, dreams, and determination.

And as a side note, in the summer, she also gets cute freckles.



Chrissy & Devin

COMING SOON – Original Penguin Artwork

One of our members happens to have a connection with some very creative penguins who reside in a zoo in Tampa. She asked Tinkerbell and Titus if they would be interested

in donating some of their original artwork to help raise funds for PAWS.

You can see Tinkerbell concentrating deeply on her donated original piece of artwork for our

next PAWS fundraiser.

Be sure to watch for the upcoming opportunity to obtain this unusual piece of art and help PAWS with another great way to help the animals!



PAWS Volunteers Of The Month

We run out of months to honor all of the wonderful PAWS volunteers to be recognized.

For the month of April, Amy Van Sickle, who is the Advisor of the “Art Smart” art club at Riverview Community High School is our gal! The students at the school organized “Sweats for Pets” and a student dance late last year to raise money for the pet food bank. In April, we received a check for \$1,000 from these events. Of that amount, \$900 went to our pet food bank, plus the Art Smart students purchased a Legacy for Life tribute tag for our clinic mural.

The month of May was the month to honor Ray Ferda. Ray, a licensed electrician, has spent countless hours working on the wiring and installation of new electric receptacles and fixtures at the clinic – all as a personal donation. The electrical needs of the clinic are enormous, and Ray has made sure that all aspects are covered every step along the way, even as our requirements changed.

Ray also coaches our wonderful PAWS softball team!

June was the month that Mike Romano was recognized. Mike is a professional carpenter and has donated many hours of his time and talent to assisting PAWS with the renovation work at the clinic. In addition to tearing down and rebuilding walls, Mike has installed interior window frames for two rooms in the clinic including the operating room. He also installed all of our cabinets and he handcrafted our countertops. Mike also helped prepare our floors for new tile.

And The Winners Are ...



One of the favorite Wyandotte Art Fair booths is the PAWS' Precious Pet Photo Contest. Here are the 2011 winners.



Congratulations!

Cat Winners:

Addison – 1st

Callie – 2nd

Dr. Jeckyl & Mr. Hyde – 3rd

Dog winners:

Skrappy - 1st

Penny Lane - 2nd

Joey (Jo Jo) - 3rd

Most Unusual (Turtles)

Steffie & Tessie



Happy Tails

Chloe (AKA Bubbles)

Chloe's human mom, Georgie, recently sent an update on Chloe who has proven to be a sweet girl and has re-

cently celebrated her first birthday. Chloe is a wonderful family dog and has been a great addition to her new family.

It is apparent by looking at her beautiful photo, that she has settled in perfectly at her new forever home!



Chloe relaxing after a hard day of "relaxing!"

Lucy – Our 3-Legged Friend

Lucy was found by a wonderful lady by the name of Elaine after she had been hit by a car. This angel took Lucy to two vets to obtain evaluations. Both vets told Elaine that Lucy's leg should be amputated up to her shoulder. This wonderful lady sought out PAWS, and we brought Lucy into our rescue and took care of her health issues. Elaine and her family then nursed Lucy back to health after her amputation and prepared her for adoption.

In the meantime, the original owners were located, but unfortunately, they did not want Lucy once they saw her leg. Poor Lucy! All she wanted was to continue to share her unconditional love with her family – but they were unable to provide that same love for her.

because she has been able to help both Rudy and Lucy, and as you can see, Lucy has made herself at home with the two of them.

As it turned out, another rescue angel arrived by the name of Tanya and wanted to adopt Lucy. Tanya already had another older doxy dog named Rudy, whom she rescued from a puppy mill. Tanya has the perfect doxy touch,

Tanya recently let us know that Lucy is doing GREAT!!! She's been getting used to everything in her new home and has been adapting really well. She and Rudy are getting along great. Today they even spent time grooming one another. She's eating well, and is simply just cute and adorable. She loves her bed and splits most of her time between snuggling with Rudy and Tanya.



Lucy enjoying music from her upstairs neighbor.

They are Entrepreneurs and Animal Lovers

Rebecca and Karalyn are caring animal lovers, as shown by their recent project. Recently their dad put together a stand for them to use as a puppet theater or lemonade stand. The girls immediately wanted to use it for a PAWS' fundraiser. A shopping trip was in order, and price comparisons were done in order to find the best values to keep their overhead down. Mom donated 1/2 of the start-up capital, and the two girls used their own allowance to make up the difference. They used a big chalkboard for their 'Wall of Fame' where customers could donate

\$1 to have their pet's name displayed and the customer then received a complimentary cup of lemonade at the same time. They also hand-painted garden stones with the PAWS' logo on them, which people could purchase for a donation of their choice.

The girls live on a one-way street with very little traffic, but they still managed to raise more than \$40 in only 4 hours! They plan on selling more lemonade throughout the summer to raise even more money. They are hoping to find a more populated location for their next lemonade stand in order

to capture more attention!

The girls adopted their own kitties about four years ago from the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. Doc was left behind when his previous owner moved out of his apartment, and Hide was a stray that was never claimed. (Both had already been neutered and front-paw declawed, so at some time, somebody had cared for them.) They are both very smart, sweet boys, and while it took a while for them to adjust and make friends, they now get along swell, and the girls love them!



Karalyn & Becca at their local lemonade business with their dog cousin, Wrigley. Mom & Dad are very proud of these brilliant young ladies – and rightfully so! PAWS is proud of them too!





Special birthday hugs, sloppy kisses and good wishes from all of the animals you have helped!

Happy Birthday PAWS!

As of August 22, PAWS celebrated their fourth birthday. It seems like only yesterday we were just “thinking” about creating such a grand rescue group, and now it is definitely our reality!.

Word has it that all of the animals who have been helped along the way send special birthday hugs, sloppy kisses and good wishes .

It makes all of the hard work so worthwhile as we look back at the

accomplishments of this great group in such a short time

Thank you to all who have made PAWS what it is today!

P.A.W.S in the Park Coming Soon!

Preparation for PAWS’ 2011 “P.A.W.S. in the Park” is moving into its final stages

P.A.W.S. in the Park will be held Saturday, September 17 at Young Patriots Park in Riverview. This event will feature a stroll around the pond with people and their pets for pledges, event t-shirt, “Ask the Vet” , demonstrations by the Fuzzy Lightning Flyball Team; a nature walk; low-cost microchipping; animal adoptions; canine good citizen certificate testing; contests; raffles; music; refreshments; pet photography; kids’ activities;

musical sit games (like musical chairs, but for your dog), Clowns Around Redford and much more.

What we need most is YOU! We need you to tell everyone you know about P.A.W.S. in the Park! If you could distribute flyers to your friends, relatives and neighbors and ask them to register online or by mail) and to collect pledges. On-line registration and pledge sheets and instructions, can be found at: pawsofmichigan.com. Information can be found in our flyers as well.

If you could sign up and volunteer to help make this event our biggest, most successful one yet, it would be appreciated! If you have questions, please contact Angel Parsons at: angel@pawsofmichigan.com

Since the event runs from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m., we plan to have two shifts of volunteers. That will allow you to volunteer and still enjoy the day.

See application on Pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter.



One of last year’s P.A.W.S. in the Park entrants enjoying his ride

Meet Your Best Friend At The Zoo

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo will take place on September 24 and 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. Set up is Friday, September 23. If you think you would be interested in assisting

with this fun event, please contact Velda at: velda@pawsofmichigan.com for details. Important for foster parents – please mark these dates on your calendar so that you can bring your fosters for show. As always, PAWS and the

Wyandotte Shelter will be in attendance both days.

If you or anyone you know is looking for their forever pet, please let them know about this great event.



Getting ready for day two at the zoo!



Pre-registration (Entries must be received by 9/14/11)

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Dog's Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

1st Pet, w/shirt \$20 Add Pet \$5 _____

Additional shirt \$10 _____

Shirt Size: ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

EVENT DAY REGISTRATION \$30

Proof of current rabies vaccination is necessary

Waiver

Considering the purpose and objectives of this endeavor, the rules, procedures, care and protective measures taken by P.A.W.S. of Michigan, the City of Riverview, and permission extended to me to enter my dog(s) to participate in this year's P.A.W.S. in the Park, I hereby take full responsibility for my health, physical ability and that of my family and dog(s) to take place on this special event. Thus, I waive any and all claims against P.A.W.S. and the City of Riverview. This waiver specifically includes claims against P.A.W.S.' volunteers, staff, et al, along with members of the P.A.W.S. in the Park board members, vendors and others assisting P.A.W.S. in this event. This waiver also includes any claims by my family, heirs, their assigns, associates, et al for any accidental injury I/we may suffer while taking part in this event. I further agree and promise via this waiver that I, my family and pet(s) will abide by the rules set forth by P.A.W.S. of Michigan.

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

P.A.W.S. OF MICHIGAN,
PO Box 2184, Riverview, MI 48193

9:30 am Registration

11:00 am Walk Begins

Complete event schedule is available at www.pawsofmichigan.com

Dog Award Categories:

Best Wag Best Bark

Best Handshake Best Dressed

Best Kisser Best Trick

Best Ears

Best Owner/Doggie Dance

Building a Billionaire
for Paws & Tails



P.A.W.S.
of Michigan

P.A.W.S. of Michigan is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit organization. Our mission is to help find homes for homeless animals and to promote spaying and neutering. Only through sterilization will we realize an end to over population as well as needless euthanasia.



P.A.W.S. in the Park

A Party for Pet Lovers

Presented by

P.A.W.S. of Michigan

**Saturday,
September 17th
YOUNG PATRIOTS
PARK Riverview
Time: 11am-4pm**

A dog walk and cat lovers event to help raise funds for homeless cats and dogs and to help families with spay and neuter. Event includes t-shirt, goodie bag, contests, awards, kids fun place, performances by the Fuzzy Lightning Flyball Team, clowns, DJ music, pet adoptions, \$25 microchipping, raffles, silent auctions, Ask the Vet, Canine Good Citizen Certifications and more....



Pledge Sheet

P.A.W.S. in the Park pledge for _____
Pet's Name Owner's Name

Name	Telephone	Amount

TAKE THE PLEDGE!

Although pledging is optional, by doing so you can help raise even more valuable dollars to save the lives of animals in need. Earn free registration and more when you collect pledges. Whether \$1 or \$100, every dollar raised helps support the P.A.W.S. of Michigan's mission to find homes for animals and to help families with spay and neuter.

Pledge Rewards:

- \$50 — Free Entry including t-shirt (event day also)
- \$75 — Free Entry including t-shirt and PAWS keychain
- \$100 — Free Entry including t-shirt, PAWS keychain, and dog tag
- \$200 — Free entry including all of the above and a framed photo of you and your pet

BONUS

Grand Marshall Award: The person who raises the most money will be our 2011 Grand Marshall and will lead off this year's event. They will also be honored with an award and four tickets to The Henry Ford. **PLEDGES MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN 10:45 AM on the day of the event to qualify to be the Grand Marshall.**

ESPECIALLY FOR CAT LOVERS—Cat lovers are encouraged to participate and walk in honor or memory of their beloved cat.



Making A Difference...
 Four Paws at a Time...



**PAWS Donations
Goods and Services**

Cheryl Alt (2)
Kathy & Ray Bozman
Christie Wilczynski
Steve & Linda Balogh
Jean & Keith Lombardi
Kris & Jay Jordan
Sheila White
All About Animals Rescue
Anne & Louis Gmoser
Katherine Kalaydjian
Geri Heskett
Christine & Chuck Ladd
Southpointe Veterinary Hospital

Joan Pollock
Tanya Ridley
Stan Blonski
Latta's Feed and Pet
Lana & Jerry Golden
Karin & Jeff Pigott
Doris Buckenberger
Chris Pousak
Ed Kim
Corina King
Solutia, Inc.
The Faber Family
Beth & Ray Ferda

Donations to the General Fund

Christopher Hoover
Diane & Raymond Rito (2)
Michelle Babcock (3)

Terry Migliaccio
Stephen Dragicevic
Linda Duval

Donations to General Fund From

Sue LaBell(2)
Karen Kolniak
Sheila White
Cristy Smith
Noreen Thier

In Memory Of

Zero
Tramp
Moe
Pete Phillips
Inky Smith
Allie

Donations to General Fund From

Gale Wilinski

In Honor Of

Gary Dovre's
60th birthday
Lana Golden

The Faber Family

Donation to SNAP Fund

Mary Duzak
Marge Gallup
Ellen Pates
Anonymous, IBM Corporation
Employee Charitable Giving
Campaign (5)

Audrey Johnson
Gilda Miller
Mary Ellen Jones

Donation to SNAP From

Jeannette Wackro

In Memory Of

Louise Schmockel

Donation to Clinic Fund

Louise O'Meara
Anne & Louie Gmoser
Kris & Jay Jordan
Elizabeth Belcher
Stacy Scully

Donation to Clinic From

Tom & Karen Schwartz
Kris & Jay Jordan
Kris & Jay Jordan

Donation to Clinic From

Mary & Anthony Gasiewski

Donations to the Pet Food Bank

Anonymous Angel Barbara (2)
Arlene Kalis
PetSmart Taylor

Cyndi Stanhope
Rob Dyszewski
Kim & Dan Crudo
The Fairy Hobmother
Dianne Paul

In Memory Of

Frankie
Rocky West
Dixie Cofield

In Honor Of

Karin Pigott

PetSmart Woodhaven
Latta's Feed and Pet
Sheng-Wen Huang

New and Renewal Memberships

Individual Memberships

John Bernard
Linda Duval
Christine Roano
Verne Felty

Rob Dyszewski
Valerie Crowley
Kim Skidmore
Sandy Roberts

Family Memberships

Jennifer & Frankie Palumbo
Jennifer Roman-McDougal
Valerie & Judy Koths
Kelly, Jeff, Kaley, Brent Faber
Lana & Jerry Golden
Velda & Kevin Bohler
Cristy Smith
Janet & Paul Fillingier

Karen Kolniak
Jill & Jared Skoviak
Michael & ana Bowdler
Kris & Jay Jordan
Eve & David Howell
Angel & Terry Parsons
Chuck & Mary Giles
Diane Desrosiers

Senior Memberships

Jeannette Wackro
Ellen Pates
Dianne Paul

Sheila White
Noreen Thier

Pet Members

Bailey & Abby Dyszewski
Princess, Comet, Star Kolniak
Ozzy Smith
Pixie & Isis Paul

Cooper & Willy Faber
Bubba & Magoo Parsons
Sparky Giles

Membership/Donation Form

Please complete this section for either membership and/or donations

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Membership Application

Membership Levels

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

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

Donations to P.A.W.S. of Michigan

Type of Contributions

\$ _____ In Honor Of _____
\$ _____ In Memory Of _____
\$ _____ Special Contribution (Indicate Cause) _____
\$ _____ SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program) (helps families who cannot afford to sterilize their pet)
\$ _____ P.A.W.S. Spay/Neuter Clinic
\$ _____ Pet Food Bank

If mailing your membership fee, please mail to:

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Fairy Hobmother Grants A Surprising Wish!



PAWS member Sue Doute has a blog for her "Island Cats," Wally, Ernie, and Zoey, and noticed that out in the "blogsphere" there's a generous individual called the Fairy Hobmother, who lives in the UK. She grants donation wishes to worthy organizations. Wally, Ernie, and Zoey wished for a donation to PAWS, and Sue received an e-mail from the Fairy Hobmother, which follows:

Do You Have "Time?"

One of the most important things we can give our pets is "Time." The time to love them, care for them, and train

"Greetings, I am the Fairy Hobmother from Appliances Online (from the UK)! My mission is to bring joy and happiness to the world's bloggers by providing treats for great, hard work in the blogosphere! Whilst searching the web, I noticed your recent comment on this post on a blog that I visited recently. From this comment I understand that your one wish would be for a donation to PAWS. After looking at the charity's website, it is clear to me that it is a very influential charity, so I would love to donate to it. If you would like to accept this gift, then the only thing that the Fairy Hobmother requests in return is that you give us a brief

them. Animal shelters and rescue groups across the country are filled with pets whose families didn't have

mention in your blog (with a link). It can either be a full post or simply a brief mention at the bottom of one of your regular pieces. As an added bonus, any of your readers that leave a comment on that post and make a wish, could be visited by me! I hope to hear from you soon. Have a great day! Thank you, Jennifer, Morrison Appliances Online"

Sue posted as requested on her BLOG, and the Fairy Hobmother granted us a lovely donation. Thank you, Sue (and Wally, Ernie, and Zoey), for putting us in touch with the Fairy Hobmother!

"time." Every year, the "Time is up" for 12 million companion pets. Do you have the "Time" to make a difference?

