



PAWS in the Park

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RIVERVIEW — When people use the expression “Gone to the dogs,” that’s usually not a good thing.

But for those who attended the Fifth Annual PAWS in the Park fundraiser September 15th at Young Patriots Park, they wouldn’t have it any other way. In fact, the event couldn’t exist in its present form without the canines.

Billed as a “party for pet lovers,” the event includes contests for dogs and their owners, awards, raffles and a silent auction. Cat lovers also participate in the event, but because cats and dogs aren’t always neighborly with each other, cats sit out the event at home while their human companions participate on their behalf.

Angel Parsons, the event’s chairperson, said no matter how well volunteers organize the event, its success can only be measured by the number of people who attend. “Everybody’s participation is what makes it successful,” Parsons said. “We can’t do it without people showing up.”

Each year, the event kicks off by naming the Grand Marshal, chosen on the basis of who raised the most pledges. This year that distinction went to Randy Felty of Southgate, who raised \$225 for the nonprofit animal rescue organization. Felty and his collie,

Blake, began the event by leading a march around the park’s reflection pond. For his fund-raising efforts, Felty was given an engraved plaque, along with four tickets to The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

For pictures and video, go to:
<http://www.thenewsherald.com/articles/2012/09/25/news/doc5061e5b2dda1f024020063.txt>

GFS Fun Funds

P.A.W.S. has been approved for GFS fun funds program!!

Here is some info on the program:

What is the Fun Funds program?

Participants in the program simply have to shop at GFS Marketplace stores. Over 1,000 items in stores are labeled for the Fun Funds program. Based on the quarterly purchases of cardholders, our organization earns up to a 10 percent rebate! All other products earn one percent. The more we spend, the more we earn.

What are the benefits for our organization?

Fun Funds is free! There are no costs up front, and the stores don’t charge a membership fee. The program is flexible—the participants aren’t limited to a small number of items: everyday items throughout our store are eligible. Participants also receive coupons and incentives from the stores to get them in the door and earn more money! Rebates are calculated quarterly, and a check is sent directly to our organization.

If you have any questions about this program please send an email to Velda Bohler at velda@pawsofmichigan.com

To find out more about how to join, go to:
<http://gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2502997>

Animal Safety

Diane Desrosiers was a guest speaker in Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Smolinski's First Grade Classes at St. Frances Cabrini Elementary. The students watched an AKC safety video, "The Dog Listener." Gem and Toby were on hand for gentle petting.

The students sent cat and dog shaped thank you notes to Diane and P.A.W.S.



Happy Tails!!!

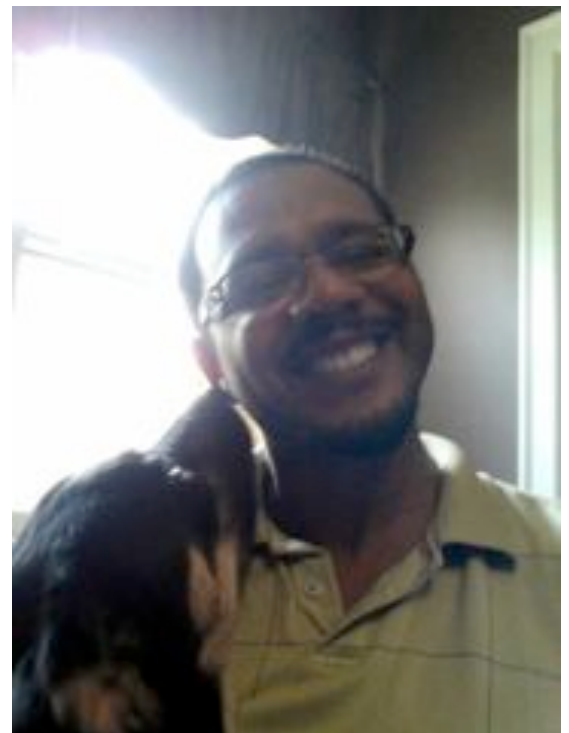


Claire (who used to be Macey) was adopted from P.A.W.S. a year ago. Nick (who used to be Rocko) was adopted from P.A.W.S. a few months ago. Both were adopted to the same home! Both were Velda's foster pups!

Letter to Donna from Diego's new family:

"Thank you so much for introducing us to our new son, Diego. He's adjusting well and adores his big sister, Maverick. He's a bit rambunctious for his 2.5 year old sister, but that's to be expected. Maverick put her older sister, now deceased, through her paces when they were introduced, too. They spent the afternoon playing in the backyard and especially enjoyed jumping through the sprinkler together. Last night, we tried having Diego sleep downstairs in a closed-in area in the foyer where Maverick slept as a puppy. Maverick was in the bedroom where she usually sleeps. Diego whined for a couple minutes before escaping to come upstairs. Eventually, they both came into the bedroom and calmed down. Diego made it through the night without needing to go out. Yeah! This morning, they're chasing and playing. Like most siblings, they fuss when they're together and fuss when they're separated.

I'm going to PetSmart later this morning to get a few more toys and a name tag for Diego. Thanks so much for allowing us to have even more joy in the house."



Askari & Wallace

Letter to Velda from Venus' new family:

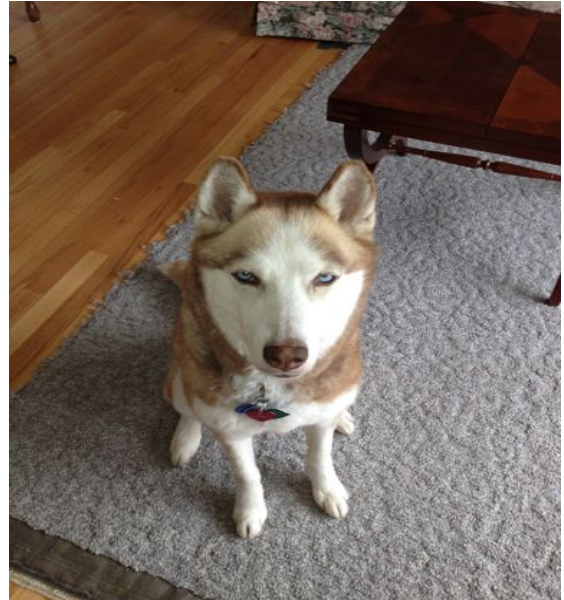
Thought Venus looked so pretty in this picture and wanted to share! We are headed to our first vet visit tonight! I am sure she will not be this relaxed :) but I am bringing one of the dogs with me so maybe that will help.

Hahaha

Diane



Lisa and Doug Lesley (Lisa is the new newsletter volunteer) beat P.A.W.S. to the punch when a purebred Siberian Husky was left at the Allen Park Shelter last Easter. They rescued the 6 year old now named Tsarina Alexandra Leszczenski, or Lexie for short, just after Easter.



Winston and Bruce Forrest were brought together at the Michigan Humane Society Tent Event at the Taylor PetSmart store. Adopted through P.A.W.S. of Michigan this past August, Winston was given up by his owner at the event (we knew he was coming to us) and because he was neutered and up-to-date he was able to go to his new home the same day. Bruce had been looking for the right dog, since his previous dog had passed away a couple years ago. He saw Winston on Diane Desrosiers Facebook page and asked how to meet and adopt Winston. Since P.A.W.S. had not invested money in Winston, Bruce made a donation in lieu of an adoption fee. Winston was microchipped and sent home with Bruce and Joan Forrest of Taylor. Diane has known the couple since she was a child.



Bruce and Winston

3rd Annual Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event

The 3rd Annual Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event was the MOST successful yet!

The hard working Love Me Because committee started planning the 2012 event months before it was held. Thirteen passionate women had a strong desire to get many hard to adopt animals into forever homes in addition to raising money to help even more animals. The goal was reached!

Special thanks to: Alyssa, Ashley, Beth, Diane, Patti C, Patti R, Phyllis, Rose, Sara, Terra, Valerie, Verne & Yumi.

At the 2012 event, 20 animals found forever homes and one was being fostered with a good possibility of adoption! ~ **A record for adoptions was set.**

Over \$5300 was raised towards animal rescue ~ another record for this event! The fundraising included donation jars for each of the four rescue groups (P.A.W.S. of Michigan, Wyandotte Animal Control, Shelter to Home and Basil's Buddies), the sale of Love Me Because tee shirts, cat/dog personalized keys, Valentine's Day themed cat nip toys, personalized pet ID tags, P.A.W.S. merchandise, a huge bake sale, hundreds of raffle and silent auction items (generously donated by Hood's Doit Best Vendors), Community Members, Volunteers and Supporters. A donation was made to Pound Pals and The PAWS Clinic Karma Fund.

A total of approximately 50 harder to adopt animals were in attendance.

P.A.W.S. of Michigan Adoptions

Cats

Melody
Sophie
Alex
Leelu
Bessa
Issabella
Dublin

Dogs

Roscoe
Kennedy
RJ
Buddy

Wyandotte Animal Control

Cats

Juno
Rockwell
Wendy
Naomi
Lola
Baby

Dog

Freddy

Shelter To Home

Cats

Tinka
Nala

Basil's Buddies

Cat (Yet to be named)

Being fostered with hopes of adoption.

Hood's Doit Best, located at 1844 Ford Ave. (Northline) in Wyandotte, has been a wonderful supporter of P.A.W.S. of Michigan and this event. The employees of Hood's are the best! This family owned business goes above and beyond to help animals. They clear out many aisles to make room for the animals and provide the raffle items and the baked goods for this successful and uplifting day. Thanks to Patti, John, Ed and the employees of Hood's Doit Best. Please stop by Hood's to thank the owners and employees for supporting P.A.W.S. of Michigan. Remember to shop the hardware department and visit the beautiful gift section while you are there!!

Comments about the 2012 event

"Words cannot express the overwhelming appreciation to everyone who contributed to the LMB event! Volunteers, rescue groups, vendors, employees, local businesses, people near and far, friends and family supported the event to make it a success! Placing some of the harder-to adopt animals in "forever" homes gives them a second chance at a happy, fulfilled, loving life and we are elated to be part of making that happen! Thank you again to all who participated!"

~Patti Christie, Hood's Doit Best & Co-Chair of the Love Me Because Committee

"Year Three for the LMB event was all we had hoped for and more. It is such a great feeling to know that so many difficult to adopt animals are now in loving homes because of this event!"

Can't wait until next year! Thanks to Hoods Doit Best -an odd match made in heaven for our groups!"

~ Rose Darin, Wyandotte Animal Control Volunteer and Member of the Love Me Because Committee

"Shelter to Home is grateful that P.A.W.S. invites us to participate in this event each year. We had 2 adoptions this year, and a woman who adopted my foster cat at last years event came back to see us this year. I think the event, and the idea behind it, sticks with people and they have a real respect for what we are trying to do for these special animals. I believe the event will continue to grow and become something the community looks forward to each year."

~Phyllis Smith, Shelter To Home & Member of the Love Me Because Committee

"A very emotional & successful Love Me Because event has given me an extremely proud feeling being a part of something so amazing & wonderful. The local businesses, supporters, volunteers, donors, family & friends, employee's of Hood's Doit Best have all come together to save the lives of animals & support their well being. 20+ animals have been given the 2nd chance they have been dreaming of, a loving & forever home where they will be cherished as a member of the family. Thank you doesn't seem enough but please know you have touched my heart & the hearts of MANY people & animals. I can't wait to see what dedicated group can do in 2013!!"

~ Terra Muscat, P.A.W.S. of Michigan Member & Co-Chair of the Love Me Because Committee

The 4th Annual Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 2, 2013.**

For updates on the 2013 event, "Like" Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lovemebecausepetadoptionevent

This year's Committee consists of 13 hard-working, dedicated, amazing women who are putting their heart and souls into planning the 2013 event. This year's dream is to place many harder to adopt animals into forever homes and raise money to support the foster/adoption program, financial subsidy and transport program for low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for those in need including strays and feral cats, a Pet Food Bank program that collaborates with human service food banks for families in need of pet food and volunteer support to Wyandotte Animal Control.

The 2013 Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event at Hood's Doit Best in Wyandotte on Saturday, February 2nd features:

- Pet by adoptions P.A.W.S. of Michigan, Wyandotte Animal Control & Shelter To Home
- Event t-shirts
- Silent auction
- Raffle including items donated by local businesses, artists, and fellow animal lovers
- Bake sale, items generously donated by volunteers and members of the community
- Multiple appearances by the famous P.A.W.S. of Michigan's "Fluffy" and much, much more!

New this year is the Love Me Because Sponsorship/Donor initiative, which consists of three categories:

RED Love Me Because Sponsorship - \$500

- Your Logo on the Event T-Shirt
- Your Business Card or Logo on a Heart-shaped Cage Decoration
- Your Logo in the Event Booklet
- Your Logo on a Large-sized Leaf on the Event Tree

WHITE Love Me Because Sponsorship - \$250

- Your Business Card or Logo on a Heart-shaped Cage Decoration
- Your Logo in the Event Booklet
- Your Logo on a Medium-sized Leaf on the Event Tree

PINK Love Me Because Sponsorship - \$25-\$100

- Your Name in the Event Booklet
- Your Logo or Name on a Small-sized Leaf on the Event Tree

The Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event Committee hopes you see you at the event and asks you to share the information about the event with family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Together we can help place animals into forever homes.

For more info please contact:
 Terra Muscat – Love Me Because Coordinator
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 Patti Christie – Love Me Because Coordinator
patti@hoodsdoitbest.com

Your Donations Help Us to Help Them, Four Paws at a Time!!!!

Kitty Kisses and Puppy Puckers From everyone at P.A.W.S. Of Michigan



Monetary Donations

Clinic Fund:
 Rob Dyszewski
 Jackie Sizemore

General Donation:
 Marcia Arnold
 Michelle Babcock
 Helen Beline: In memory of Michael Courtney
 Michelle Boatin
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 Meghan Bryant

Dennis Burris
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 Mrs. Johnson’s First Grade Class
 Georgina and Jack Kesterson: In memory of Michael Courtney
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 Linda Muzyezka
 Josephine and Mario Pacifici: In memory of Michael Courtney
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Sandra Vasko: In memory of Michael Courtney
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Pet Food Bank:
Tamara Barber
Denise Montgomery

SNAP Fund:
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Geri Heskett
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Maral Meyers
Judy Michalak
Denise Montgomery
Diane Paul
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Lori Toon
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Donation of Services or Supplies

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Petmate Dorskocil
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Salon Mischa
Salon Mon Ami
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Somata Spa
Wayne Sourbeck
Spanitz Bros. Sausage
Pete Spanitz
Elizabeth Spernoga: In memory of Toby
Sports Brew Pub
Sportsman's Pizzeria
Lisa Stahl: In memory of Colleen Smith
Stone Pub
Stroh's Ice Cream
Stroia Securities Services
Sweet Girl Photography
Taco Especial
Taylor Vet Clinic
The Grind
The Polish Carpenter
Mickey Traynor
United Pet
Rhonda Vernes
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Brenda Walker
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Suzanne Doute
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Linda DuVal

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Terri Fitzpatrick and pets Hagitha and Druzilla
Bonnie Gasior
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Lana and Jeff Golden
Nancy Gratz and pet
Geri Heskett and pet
Mary Hilton
Kris and Jay Jordan
Karen Kolniak and pets Comet and Star
Valerie and Judy Koths
Michelle Land
Linda Lee and pets
Danita and Mark Machcinski
Carol McKee
Judy Miiilchalak and pet
Denise Montgomery
Linda Muzyczka and pet
Jerry Osborne
Jennifer and Frankie Palumbo
Diane Paul
Christine Proudlock
Gloria Reeves
Nadine Ritz
Sandy Roberts
Sharon and Kevin Roberts
Kim Skidmore
Cindy Smith
Cristy Smith and pet
Marlene Terteling
Kristine Thomas
Brenda Walker and pet
Sheila White

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