

Making a Difference  
Four Paws at a Time



P.A.W.S. OF MICHIGAN  
Precious Animal Welfare Society  
P.O. Box 2184  
Riverview, Michigan 48193

Fall 2014

Website: [www.pawsofmichigan.com](http://www.pawsofmichigan.com)

## BASKET MAKING FOR PAWS IN THE PARK

Velda Bohler, Diane Desrosiers, Tammy Pilat, Linda Lee, Kim Vowles, Sara Dean and Lisa Lesley lent a hand in creating 60+ baskets for the raffle. A big thanks to Lisa's dad, Jim Greiner, for hosting the event and loaning out his basement.



September 7, 2014 marked the second annual raffle basket making at Jim's! Thanks to the hard work of Clare and Bridget Villarreal, McKenna Goers and Carly Desrosiers 100+ goodie bags were filled for PAWS in the Park.



## **PAWS IN THE PARK WAS A SUCCESS!!**

Despite the cold, windy weather...WE DID GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It appeared everyone had a good time: food, interest in our animals, and approximately \$13,400 raised over the course of the event (before expenses)! We did about the same last year with a beautiful day, so to raise a similar amount on a cloudy, chilly day is tremendous. We couldn't have asked for more support from the community!

Thank you so very much to every sponsor, vendor, item donor, participant and volunteer that played a role in the festival. Without your support the event would not have happened.

If you have any photos from the day that you'd like to share, please send them to [pawsinthepark@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:pawsinthepark@pawsofmichigan.com) or post them to the PAWS in the Park Facebook page.

## **Please Support those who Support PAWS**

We are so grateful to have so many sponsors this year! Please check them out!

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## Pasta Sale, “Quartermania” and Casino Fundraisers



“Quartermania” Fun

P.A.W.S. of Michigan has been busy raising funds to continue its mission to protect and care for homeless animals by placing them with foster families until compatible permanent homes can be found. The Pasta Shoppe Sale sponsored by Michelle Karshneski raised approximately \$500.00. Michelle also spearheaded our first (but not last) casino fundraiser to Motor City Casino on November 9. This event raised an additional \$600.00. Diane Desrosiers arranged an unusual and fun event at Rosie O’Grady’s on October 16. “Quatermainia” brought in approximately \$650. Thank you ladies, for all of your hard work!!!!

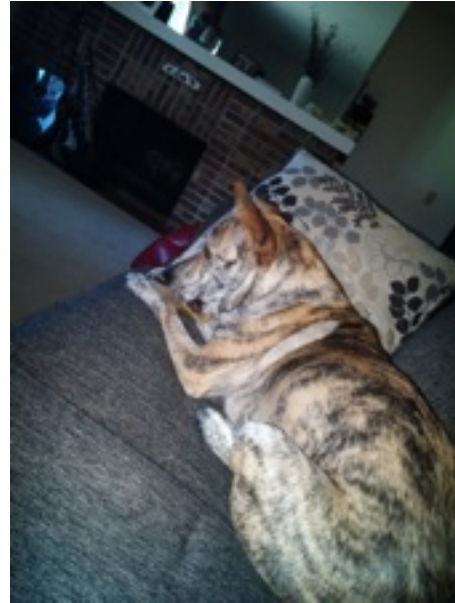


### Love Me Because...

The 6th annual Love Me Because adoption event is scheduled for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Hood’s Do-It Best hardware store. This event highlights harder to adopt dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. Some of these animals have been in shelter or foster placement for an extended time. Sometimes their own individual distinctions and identities cause them to live in cages far longer than their smaller, younger counterparts. Some of the pets are senior or have a special need. It may be as simple as being black in color, which makes them harder to place.

Mark your calendars now to attend this very special event. Besides the adoptable animals from P.A.W.S. (and other area rescues and shelters,) this day-long event will also include a bake sale, silent auction, raffles, personalized cat and dog tags, t-shirts and much more.

Hood’s Do-It Best is located at 1844 Ford Road in Wyandotte. P.A.W.S. is very grateful for their ongoing support! For more information, please visit the Love Me Because Facebook page (“Love Me Because Adoption Event”) or the Love Me Because website: [www.lovemebecause.org](http://www.lovemebecause.org).



**Cookie**

## Happy Tails

Cookie has been doing great. She really fits in with our family, she is such a goof. She loves our kids and plays exceptionally well with them. She is very close to being housebroken. She had a bit of a relapse due to the medications she is on for allergies. She got to itching more than what we felt was normal so we got her checked out and the vet put her on antibiotics and prednisone. The itching has cleared up, but the meds make her have to go to the bathroom alot, and sometimes she can't control it. I think she will happy to be done with those. But we are happy to have her and she really helps complete our little family.

Dear Paws,

My wife Amy and I would like to send you an update on Meadow the 14 year old senior we adopted from PAWS recently. I knew I wanted her from the moment I saw her and her incredible little face. We are so happy that Meadow has become a part of our family. She is a great dog !! When we first got her she was a little shy which is expected , but she has really come out of her shell and become herself. Also when we first got her she was having difficulty walking due to her arthritis but we have noticed a significant improvement over the time we have had her. We are so excited for this. She actually walked a city block the other day !!! She gets along amazingly with our pit bull and our four cats. We take her for daily walks in her very own personal carrier so she doesn't have to actually walk but still gets the enjoyment of going with us and our pit Kado and enjoying the neighborhood. People always comment on her when they see us walking her in her carrier. We want to thank Leanna Cachia for rescuing and fostering her and also PAWS for letting us adopt her.

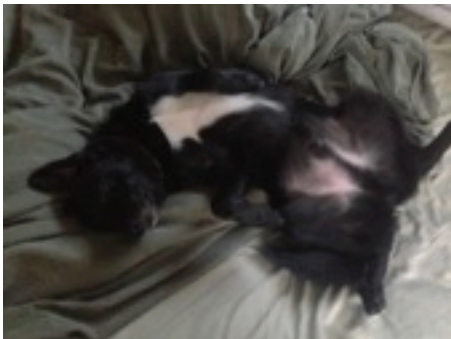
She has been an amazing addition to our family and we couldn't be happier.  
Thank you,  
Ken & Amy Crum



### **Meadow**

Cole is in his new home. His owner has rescued three dogs from the streets of Detroit and trained them. Love this guy!!!!!!

Velda



**Cole**

In 2013, my family welcomed Gizmo into our lives. My daughter desired a companion for our cat, Mr. Dingles. From day one, she insisted on a girl cat. So for her fourth birthday, I took her to our local Petsmart. When she held Gizmo for the first time, she immediately fell in love. They formed an inseparable bond right away and have been cuddle buddies ever since. Gizmo is an extremely affectionate cat and is not shy about meowing for what she wants. She quickly got along with our German Shepherd as well as Mr. Dingles. She sleeps next to one of us every single night. Gizmo is by far one of the sweetest and most gentle cats we've ever had the pleasure of knowing. We are extremely fortunate to have her in our lives.



**Gizmo**

Hi Sarah,  
I hope everything is going really well for you and your family! I just wanted to send you a quick update on the girls. They are doing great, every day has been a blast with them. They are still working on potty training but have made great progress in other areas. They know "sit", "down", and "come" pretty well (as long as there isn't anything more

interesting going on). It's amazing how fast they learn and how motivated they are by food. They have an abundance of toys but still want to chew on any new object they find; they must be teething really bad. We have been going on walks every day and they are fantastic on the leash... Until they get distracted by a car, new people, or decide to tackle each other (typical puppy business). You were so right about them hating the cold. I feel terrible because they shake when we go out in the mornings and evenings so we got them jackets. Of course they think the jackets are toys but they are learning. We have ALL done a lot of learning this week but everything is working out wonderfully. The girls have their vet appointment on Thursday and hopefully the sample will come back negative. I will keep you posted on that. I wish you and your family all the best!  
Jeanette



**The “Girls”**

Our friend, Marie, from PAWS asked me to send a brief story about our cat Fred. We officially adopted Fred in July, but in our hearts he's been ours for about a year now. We first came upon Fred at Petsmart in Woodhaven last winter. He is a big boy with pretty stripes and big goofy white feet. He has pointy tufts of hair at the tips of his ears. He also has an eye with a lifted lid, making him look flawed to some, but not to us. Fred was born with a crushed skull and was abandoned by his mom. Vets wanted to put him down but his foster mom, Marie, fought to keep him alive. With time he healed and after a little "plastic surgery" he was able to keep the sight in both of his eyes. Because he had to be kept separate to heal and handled carefully he was a bit delayed in his socialization. Let's just say he showed us how sharp his claws were when we visited him at the pet store!

And visit we did! At least once or twice a month we'd go visit Fred at the Friday adoption night. We wanted him, at least most of us did. My two girls and I had to convince my husband that adding one more to our house of two cats and dog wouldn't be "too much!"

This past summer we went for it and added Fred to our little house's zoo! It took only a few weeks for him to become comfortable. He now plays with our dog Molly and other two cats, Quincy and Stormy. And you'd never know he suffered brain trauma because he comes running when you yell "Fred, Fred, Fred!" and will play fetch for a solid hour with our daughters' hair bands! We can pick him up and pet him. He hops in bed periodically and will lay with you while you read a book.

He has make our family bigger and better. We love Fred and are very grateful to his foster mom, Marie, for working with us to make this the perfect adoption!

Alexis



**Fred**

## **On Facebook**

Kathy wrote: "Thank you so much to P.A.W.S. of Michigan for my new kitten. Jack is in good spirits and loves his new home here. He adapted very quickly. He used the cat box ten minutes out of the carrier, sniffed the house and the other cats through the door. Tigger is laid back and plays with him. This evening they are running around the house. Tracy is still a little skittish and hiding. In a few days she will come around. He played for hours today, then napped on my chest for an hour and a half. He loves snuggling next to me in my blanket too. My mom, aunt and cousin stopped in to see him and they loved him too. He is a lover and fits in our family very well. I just want to say, thank you again. Your program has been a blessing to our family."

**Jack**



## **From one foster to another:**

Vinnie came from a hoarding situation on the day of Leanna's garage sale. We doggy sat for his foster mom, Sue. My daughter, Amber, fell in love with him. When Sue texted to say she was back in town I replied that Amber had "dognapped" him. Sue said she knew she liked us for a reason!! We adopted him on July 5th and changed his name to Charlie. He and our dog Nina are best friends. They love going for walks, visiting PetSmart and going camping.  
Marie Burbo

**Charlie and Nina**



If you have any "Happy Tails" to share  
please email details and a picture to:  
[lisa@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:lisa@pawsofmichigan.com)

## Lexi's First Christmas Tree

By Nancy Logan Gratz 2007

She sits at the bottom of the tree . . .  
And looks straight up to the top.  
She should not think of climbing up,  
We know that she should not.

However, what we think is of no  
consequences.  
She's got it in her mind, To test those  
bouncy branches,  
Maybe she'll forget about it, Forget about  
it? "NOT!"  
Her eyes never waver . . . She's going  
up . . . And now

The decorations are such fun to bat around  
And they swing back from her touch  
Those little white lights look pretty but . .  
They burn her nose too much

Little berries, HMMMM good enough to  
eat  
But maybe she had better not . . .  
They are really stuffed with cotton, and  
They will make her sick ALOT

Mimi is scolding her now 'Lexi' don't you  
dare go up that tree again . . . Now you just  
take care  
To be a good little kitty and stay down on  
the floor  
Or . . . Mimi will have to put you behind  
the closet door

She looks at Mimi with huge black eyes  
and wonders . . .  
Why can't she just go up again to see what  
is there  
Well, she thinks . . . she will wait . . .that's  
fair  
No use getting up in Mimi's hair

She curls up now . . under the tree so  
bright  
To take a long cat nap . . . Mimi walks  
away with a smile  
Lexi thinks . . . I'll climb up there during  
the night  
When Mimi's asleep for a while

Now there's no rhyme to this "Tail"  
Since Lexi has only half of one  
I just wanted to share with you  
Lexi's first Christmas tree, what fun!



Lexi

Nancy belongs to the Poetry Society of  
Michigan. Her poems and short stories are all  
true.



# A Story to Warm Your Heart

The following article was written by Abbie Wisusik as a class assignment. She lovingly describes the inspirational adoption of her dog, Magnum.

“Here is the story on how adopting my dog, Magnum, influenced my life. My family and I own a German Short-haired pointer named Lilly. One day my mom and I saw on Facebook that there was another one of those dogs up for adoption. His name was Magnum. My dad didn’t really want a second dog at that moment. Since Magnum was in such bad condition, my dad wanted to help him. So our family decided to be foster parents. That’s where this all began.

My dad contacted the shelter that Magnum was held in. All of the workers loved the idea. So my dad and I went to the shelter to pick him up. When we got there, we saw Magnum. He was shaking like a leaf and he was as skinny as a twig. Since he was stressed out from being in his cage, he began to lose fur. Once we took him to our home he was so happy! He was acting like a bull in a china shop. After a couple of months of training Magnum, he was as healthy as can be! We decided that it was time to put him back up for adoption.

On Saturday, a man came driving up to our house. ‘Oh no, this is going to be it.’ I thought to myself. I’ll admit I got a little teary eyed. Over the few months we had him, my family and I had gotten so emotionally attached to him. ‘Bye Buddy,’ I said to him,

‘hope to see you soon.’ Then, Magnum was gone.

After Magnum was gone, I was living in a sea of grief. I missed him running up to greet me every time I walked in. I missed how he’d be right by your side. I missed everything about him. After a week or so, I was home from school. My mom decided to stay home with me. Then she got a phone call . . .

‘He did what?’ *Hmmmmmm what could she be talking about?* I pondered to myself? ‘Ok. Fine. Where do I pick him up?’ she asked. *Pick who up?* All my questions remained unanswered. She raced out the door. After ten to fifteen minutes she came back, but this time, she had company. Magnum ran in, jumped right onto the couch (his favorite spot to sleep), smiled and sighed as if he were to say, ‘I’m finally back home.’ Magnum kept running away and his new owner couldn’t take it anymore. ‘What?’ I asked. I was so shocked. My mom had a sneaking suspicion that Magnum was trying to run back to us, but my dad didn’t quite believe that.

This all happened in early December. We would have to keep Magnum until someone else decided to adopt him. Then a brilliant idea struck upon my dad. ‘Hey!’ he whispered to me. ‘What?’ I answered back. ‘I know what we’re getting your mother for Christmas.’ ‘Oh, what?’ ‘MAGNUM!’ he said with a huge grin spread across his face. ‘You mean we’re adopting Magnum?’ I asked. I got all giddy inside! This was the best Christmas present ever!

This whole adoption really impacted my life. I believe that everyone, including pets, should get a second chance. Even if you’re beaten down and no one wants them, there’s no

reason to give up. He's such a strong, loving dog. Magnum was the final piece to the puzzle that is my family. I'm so glad we got this opportunity. Our lives would be very different without Magnum. His adoption story was the best thing that happened to our family."



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 Sue Doute, Lana Golden, Linda Muzyczka and Carol Parker the ladies who send out our "Thank You" cards.



## **P.A.W.S. STATS**

**Total adoptions since we formed in August 2007 through November 30, 2014: 1,498**

**August 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014:**

**61 cats/kittens 35 dogs/puppies**

**Total spays and neuters at the PAWS Clinic January 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014: 6,220 (including 1,385 feral cats)**

**Total spays and neuters at The PAWS Clinic since it opened in September 19, 2011 through November 30, 2014: 18,590 (including 3,173 feral cats)**

## **Put P.A.W.S. on your Holiday Gift List**

As the days get colder and the leaves fall from the trees, our thoughts begin to turn to the holidays. It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving has passed, with Christmas and Hanukah coming upon us quickly.

A holiday gift to P.A.W.S. of Michigan is a wonderful way to celebrate this special season. P.A.W.S. has many programs in need of donations, and you can designate your gift to any of these programs. What a wonderful way to honor a loved one, or to make yourself feel special knowing you are helping animals in need. All donations to P.A.W.S. are fully deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## **P.A.W.S. supports the following programs:**

**Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (V-SNAP)** – helps subsidize or fund the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for families who couldn't otherwise afford to have their animals sterilized. This program has helped many, many families do the healthy, responsible things for their pets.

**Hope Fund** - The "Hope Fund", named after Hope, a Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix puppy who suffered from a neurological disorder, helps us pay the veterinary expenses of special needs animals – like Hope – who are brought into our program.

**General Fund** – Our general fund is used to pay for veterinary care for the animals in our foster program. All animals adopted through P.A.W.S. are sterilized, tested for leukemia and FIV (cats) or heartworm (dogs, if they are old enough), have received at least their first vaccines, and have been dewormed. Our adoption fees usually don't cover the cost of what these services cost, and we rely on donations and fundraisers to make up the rest. So far in 2014, P.A.W.S. has found permanent, loving homes for almost 200 cats and dogs!

You can make a donation to the fund of your choice by sending a check to P.O. Box 1284, Riverview MI 48193. You can also donate online through Paypal, at [www.pawsofmichigan.com](http://www.pawsofmichigan.com). Regardless of how you donate, please make sure to let us know to which program you are contributing. Thank you for celebrating the holidays by

helping P.A.W.S. make a difference, four paws at a time.

The PAWS Clinic is our sister organization, whose mission is to reduce animal homelessness and needless euthanasia by preventing the birth of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. This 501c3 low-cost spay/neuter clinic was launched by P.A.W.S. of Michigan in 2011, and has spayed or neutered over 18,000 cats in dogs since then. The clinic has outgrown its current leased building and is raising money to purchase a new, larger building so they can save even more lives. You can donate to The PAWS Clinic through P.A.W.S. of Michigan, or directly at 21210 Goddard Road, Taylor, MI 48180, or online through Paypal at [www.thepawsclinic.com](http://www.thepawsclinic.com).

**Please visit our website**

**[www.pawsofmichigan.com](http://www.pawsofmichigan.com) for specific ways you can help**



**August 1, 2014 through,  
November 30, 2014**

### **Donations to the General Fund**

Linda and Terry Adams  
Gary Albu  
Laura Allen  
Anonymous Donor (7)  
Nicole Batty  
Janet Bloomfield

General Fund donations continued:

Jeff, Kelly, Brent and Kaley Faber  
-in honor of Lana Golden

Robert Fryer

Anthony and Mary Gasiewski

Gayle Hernandez

Geri Heskett (2)

-in memory of Iola and Joe Selan

Julia Johnston (2)

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### **Sponsorships**

Robert Cepuch: Butterscotch, Kit and Leah

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Diane Desrosiers

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



DECEMBER 20  
**TEAM PAWS**  
**COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**  
TRENTON CULTURAL CENTER



FEBRUARY 7  
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**P.A.W.S. OF MICHIGAN**  
**GENERAL MEETINGS**  
Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30

January 28, 2015  
February 25, 2015  
Riverview City Hall Room B or C  
14100 Civic Park Drive



