

Making a Difference
Four Paws at a Time



P.A.W.S.
of Michigan

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Precious Animal Welfare Society

P. O. Box 2184

Riverview, Michigan 48193

June 2016

Same Mission - Revised Statement

The restructuring of P.A.W.S. of Michigan approved at the Annual Meeting, November 2015, shifts the focus of the group solely to fundraising by eliminating the adoption program and placing all resources on charitable activities that support our funding programs. Our revised mission statement:

P.A.W.S. (Precious Animal Welfare Society) of Michigan is a 501 (c) (3), all-volunteer organization. Our mission is to advocate for the humane, compassionate, and responsible treatment of all animals by promoting and funding spaying and neutering efforts, as well as supporting other initiatives that provide care and comfort to animals in need

Join P.A.W.S of Michigan For Some Fun In the Sun

Riverview Summerfest

Young Patriots Park - Sibley Road

June 17-18

P.A.W.S. of Michigan will have a booth selling our signature merchandise and a 50/50 raffle. The raffle winner will be drawn at the end of the Wyandotte Art Fair.

Other Happenings at Summerfest:

Friday, June 17

Food, Craft & Community Vendors 5-10 p.m.

Classic Car Show 5-10 p.m.

Inflatables 5-10 p.m. (Price TBD)

Beer Tent 5-10 p.m.

Cruizin' Jupiter 6-10 p.m.

Fireworks at Dusk

Saturday, June 18

All American Fishing Derby 10 a.m.-Noon

Riverview Police Crime Prevention tent

featuring Reno the Police Dog TBD
Inflatables Noon-8 p.m. (Price TBD)
Food, Craft & Community Vendors Noon-9
p.m.
Riverview Police Bike Rodeo TBD
Riverview Fire Department Open House TBD
Cardboard Boat Races 4 p.m.
Riverview Fire Department Car Burn TBD
Old Time Games TBD
Beer Tent 4-10 p.m.
Hype Syndicate 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Square Pegz 8-10 p.m.



Two P.A.W.S. of Michigan Dogs Are Still Waiting for a Fur-ever Home

EMMA is a three to four-year-old, forty-five-pound bulldog. This cutie is probably an English/French bulldog mix with a bit of Beagle for good measure. She has a charming under-bite. Emma is friendly, sweet and active, housebroken and 100% adorable. She will need some work with manners, her former home did no obedience training. She is fine with cats but should be the only dog.

Is Your Pet the Most Precious?

P.A.W.S. of Michigan will once again be represented at the Wyandotte Art Fair. Do you own THE most Precious Pet? Visit our website www.pawsofmichigan.com for a registration form to enter your pet. Art fair participants will vote by donating money to their favorite's jug. P.A.W.S. of Michigan merchandise will be available as well. We would love to have additional volunteers. Shifts begin Tuesday July 12 through Saturday July 16. Shift times are 9:30-2:00, 2:00-6:00 and 6:00-9:00. If you want to help out, please contact Stephanie at stephanielyndoran@gmail.com



CAPONE is an eight pound, seven-year-old Chihuahua. He is shy at first but warms up quickly. He loves to be held and petted. He would do best in a quiet home with adults and older children. He is a sweetie!

If you are interested in giving Emma or Capone a fur-ever home, contact Velda Bohler at velda@pawsofmichigan.com



To Give Us a Room in Your Home?



“Kute, Kourageous and Kontagious” It Has to Be Kirk!!!!



Kirk at six weeks

Do You Have Room in Your Heart . . .



Kirk was born July 16, 2015 to a very emaciated mom. She had eight puppies but only five survived. Kirk has birth defects. His ankles, wrist bones, and ligaments have not formed correctly. He is seeing a specialist who put him in a splint at six weeks. He will

need to continue seeing the specialist until he is ten months or splint changes.



Kirk November 2015

He will need a procedure to correct hip dysplasia once he is older and his bones aren't as soft to remove the femur head from his upper leg bone. Right now he is being a happy puppy while his muscles grow. He may need work on his other knee. Kirk was a **HUGE HAPPY HIT** when he joined us for the April general membership meeting. Please consider helping Kirk through a sponsorship or donation to the Hope Fund. Better yet, get in line to give him a fur-ever home!!!!



Kirk January 2016

A Feral Life

By Robert Merrow

The following is an excerpt of Robert's article. The entire article is available in the lobby of The PAWS Clinic

Editor's Note: Robert Merrow has dedicated several years to bettering the lives of feral and stray cats. He is an advocate of TNR - trap-neuter-return - and through his TNR efforts he has stabilized the population of his own colony of cats. Mr. Merrow is tremendous supporter of The PAWS Clinic, and his support is greatly appreciated. Following is an excerpt from an essay he wrote about his experiences with the ferals and strays who have been lucky enough to cross his path. It shows that the life of a feral cat is not an easy one, but captures the essence of the love so many feral caregivers feel for their colonies. Note that P.A.W.S. of Michigan made a donation to The PAWS Clinic to fund \$10 of every TNR spay/neuter surgery!!

I never gave cats a second thought, especially feral cats, until one day a cat came into the yard. It looked hungry so I gave it some of my dog's food. The cat hung around for a while and was gone. It came around the next day and looked at me from a distance, I gave it more dog food. That day I went out and bought some cat food for it. The cat stayed a little longer each time it came and soon was staying most of the time. That was the beginning of my Feral Colony.

(Red was the suspected father of several litters). For almost a year I tried to trap Red, but he always escaped my clutches. I had a little cat door in the side of the garage for Mama to go in and out. I put a trap near the opening the night before, in the morning I saw Red go in and after a few minutes I put the trap over the opening and a heavy flower pot in the back, then I made some noise and he ran out in the trap.

The cats do some amusing things. Miss Black, who disappeared in 2012, was a climber. She would run up all the ramps and

catwalks in the garage. Mama 2 never does much of anything but hang around and let me pet her. Moe is my favorite. He lives in the house, sometimes. He is the leader of the group. When Pauley was neutered, I had him rest in the basement. He climbed the cement wall and got into the drop ceiling. I followed him from corner to corner for two hours. He fell down a hollow corner and behind the wall. I took my sledge hammer and pounded and pounded for half an hour before I broke through and grabbed him. Needless to say, he went outside.

Moe, Pauley, Holly and Dolly were born in the grass bag of my lawn mower. I was getting ready to cut the grass when I heard a little peep. I looked in and saw eight green eyes looking at me. It was so cute.

I've had thirty cats in the last five years. Some have walked away, some have been poisoned and some hit by cars. Half of the cats I have were born here and half I trapped for an old lady down the street. All the cats I've had hold a special place in my heart!

Some of Robert's Cats



Moe



Smokey



Thomas

Happy Tails

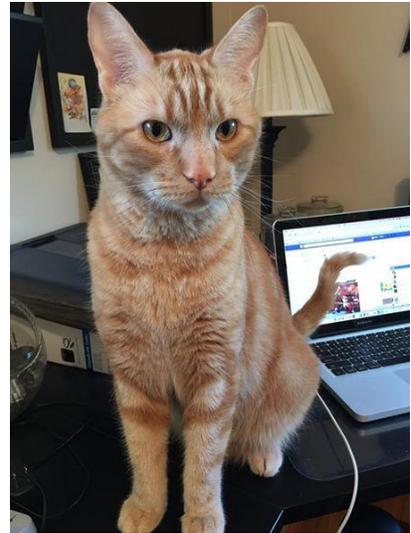
Fairy Tale Cat Rescue keeps us updated on former P.A.W.S. of Michigan foster cats.



We have had our kitten, Fish (formerly Maci from the Canton store) for 6 months now and just love her to pieces!! Here's a picture of her taking over our big (70lbs) dog's bed. He just lets her! She loves our dogs and our family. She's quite a talker and purrs constantly. You can tell she belongs to my 16-year-old daughter though because whenever Lydia gets home from school, Fish follows her upstairs for love and attention. Thank you so much for choosing us as her forever family.
Tammy & Lydia Taylor



Victoria is doing amazing! She is absolutely wonderful and I love her so much already. I believe you did tell me about the distemper and she has her first vet appointment next week to get started.



Just wanted to let you know Morris is doing great. He came in and just took over! He is so cool. He's not fazed by anything. He loves hanging out with my husband in his office. Thank you for allowing us to bring Morris home. We just love him!!

From Kim Vowles former P.A.W.S. of Michigan Cat Co-coordinator and current President of Fairy Tales Cat Rescue:

It's Angel Kittens week!! I just received an update on Skye. Skye took a long time to place because she wouldn't let anyone touch her. I couldn't take her to PetSmart events because it was too stressful for her. A nice young man was looking for a playmate for his cat and knew by Skye's eyes she was supposed to be his! I literally had to corner her in the bathroom to get her in the carrier in order to go to her fur-ever home. He, his other cat, Geppetto, and Skye are getting

along great. They could not be happier.
Makes us happy, too! She is a lucky princess.



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

Clinic Stats

Total Surgeries 3/1/16 through 5/31/16:
1,883
Feral: 416

**Total Surgeries since
opening September 19, 2011:**
29,062
Feral: 5,340

**No telling how many
unwanted litters prevented!**



March 1 through June 1 2016

Donations to the General Fund

Anonymous

Laura Allen

Denise Beckhorn

Mary and John Girrback

Lana and Jerry Golden

Mark Heck

Sue LaBell (3) in memory of Tramp

Harry Kierner

Janet Kroll

Carol McKee

Melissa Powell

Diane Rito (2)

Patricia Schoenbergr

Mary Wuerker

Donations to the V-SNAP

Anne and Louie Gmoser

Kim Martin

Donations to The “Hope” Fund

Doug and Lisa Lesley

Kim Martin

Lisa Zelinski

In Kind Donations

Southgate Animal Hospital

Sponsorship

Jerry Bringard – Kayla and Kirk

Nicholas Myer - Kirk

Family Memberships

Marie, Rusty and Amber Burbo

Carol McKee

Kim Martin

Individual Memberships

Betty Britz

Jerry Osborne

Senior Membership

Patricia Love

Supporting Member

Tom Coffey

P.A.W.S. of Michigan General Meetings



6:30 P.M. in Activities Room B

Riverview City Hall

August 24

Riverview Summerfest June 17-18

Wyandotte Street Fair

July 12-16



Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!!!!

Remember to keep pets indoors. More pets run away during the Fourth of July period than any other month.

