

Making a Difference
Four Paws at a Time



P.A.W.S.
of Michigan

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Restructuring P.A.W.S. of Michigan and Faerie Tales Cat Rescue

Following a continued decrease in volunteer support over the last several years as well as a continued yearly increase in expenses but decrease in funding, the P.A.W.S. of Michigan membership approved a restructuring of the organization at our November, 2015 annual meeting. This restructuring will ensure the continuation of funding programs that P.A.W.S. provides to the community, including the V-SNAP (a spay/neuter assistance program), Pet Food Bank and others.

The restructuring 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. Amid decreased participation, it allows P.A.W.S. to continue aiding the worldwide effort against animal homelessness, though in a different way than in previous years. It is our hope that by putting the adoption program on hold and eliminating the majority of expenses incurred from vet

care, we may be able to continue to provide the resources the community and animals have come to rely on.

All current funds will go towards the care of the remaining animals in our adoption program, in addition to backing our funding programs. Heartfelt gratitude to Faerie Tales Cat Rescue for assimilating our cat program into their organization.



Visit faerietales.org to find out more about this fantastic organization and how you can become involved.

All dogs in the program will remain the responsibility of P.A.W.S. until they are adopted, at which point the dog program will end. No new dogs will join the program during this time. Thank you to Velda Bohler for nine years of hard work and dedication running our dog program.

Another Wonderfully Successful Love Me Because



This year marks the 7th annual Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event. The 2016 Love Me Because Committee, consisted of six dedicated women. A special thanks to these special ladies, Beth, Diana, Kim, Linda, Patti and Terra. Over \$8,100 was raised towards animal rescue. The fundraising efforts included: the sale of 2016 Love Me Because merchandise, donation jugs, Valentine's Day-themed catnip toys and dog bandanas, sale of P.A.W.S merchandise, the ever successful & delicious bake sale, and hundreds of raffle items donated by family, friends, Hood's Do-it Best vendors, community members, volunteers and supporters. Linda (LMB Committee member), Dr. Kevin Corr & Animal Control Officer, Chuck Gillenwater sold hotdogs & chili dogs donated by Ramsey's Coney Island.

Donations were made to the following animal rescue groups: Faerie Tales Cat Rescue, Lucky Day Animal Rescue, Wyandotte Animal Adoption Center (Pound Pals) and River Rouge Animal Shelter (towards spay/neuter). The following programs received a donation within P.A.W.S. of Michigan: VSNAP (Valerie's Spay/Neuter Assistance program), The Hope Fund (assisting pets with health issues and high vet bills) and The Pet Food Bank (assisting community members who are struggling to feed pets). A donation will also be made to The PAWS Clinic in Taylor to assist the TNR program (trap, neuter & release spay/neuter programs) as well as helping with future building expansion.

Ten animals found forever homes!

P.A.W.S. of Michigan Adopted Dog: Kylee
Lucky Day Animal Rescue Adopted Cats:
Alice, Cogswell and Heidi
Wyandotte Animal Adoption Center
Adopted Cats & Dogs
Cats: Boogie, Brandy, Edward (Eddie) and
Lucky
Dogs: Orea and Samantha

The Love Me Because committee is very happy for those ten beautiful hard to place animals who found loving homes. Thank you to the shelters who work so hard for the animals and to the rescue groups who save these special souls. There were approximately forty harder-to-adopt animals in attendance from one shelter and three rescue groups. Hood's Do-it Best Hardware, located at 1844 Ford Ave. (Northline) in Wyandotte, has been a wonderful partner with P.A.W.S. of Michigan and has been very supportive. What does it take to make a successful adoption event? It takes a committee of hard-working dedicated people who

volunteer their time, a community that supports and gives with their hearts, a group of volunteers who believe in the mission, rescue groups that are energetic, and a place to hold the event that is welcoming and willing to give up the space.

Comments from participants:

On behalf of both Hood's and myself, I would like to once again thank everyone involved in the Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event. Many long time fosters and shelter pets found homes, which makes my heart and soul happy. To the adopters, thank you for sharing your love! ~ Patti, John, and Ed Christie, owners of Hood's Do-it Best Hardware, Wyandotte.

Love Me Because is such a great event. It is so heartwarming to see folks turn out in such a big way to meet animals they know have had a hard time finding homes. Faerie Tales Cat Rescue was so happy to be part of the event bringing six hard to adopt former P.A.W.S. cats. These cats have never showed well and it was so exciting to see them get attention from understanding families at the event. The spirit of compassion and kinship between the rescues present, the volunteers and the participants is AMAZING. ~ Thank you - Kim Vowles and Sherry Molloy Faerie Tales Cat Rescue.

I have personally been involved in the LMB event for the past five years & actually adopted my sweetheart, Roland, after he went to LMB in 2012. To say that this is a wonderful event is an understatement. Not only does it allow us to meet so many more people (many of whom may not even know that they are missing out by not having a pet), it allows us to showcase some of the MOST SPECIAL animals who are left behind

because they may not be PERFECTmaybe they are not perfect for ANYONE, but this helps us to find out just exactly for whom they ARE perfect! A huge HEARTFELT "Thank YOU" to all involved. It is my pleasure to be involved & I plan on doing it for as long as we have this event." ~ Anita, Wyandotte Animal Shelter volunteer.

We were so thrilled to be invited to the LMB adoption event. The energy was so positive and everyone was cheering every time an animal was adopted. We thank all the LMB volunteers, Hoods Do it best employees and all that attended! So many special animals found their forever homes because of this great event! ~ Gretchen, Lucky Day Animal Rescue

A whole lot of heart & soul went into the 2016 Love Me Because Pet Adoption Event. I am overjoyed to say I belong to a wonderful Committee who plan the event. With every donation, with every email or phone call, with every facebook contact and with every person who I met through Love Me Because that supports, donates and/or adopts my heart sings. Event day is full of love and Hood's Hardware Store is bursting with positive energy. It is an honor to be part of such a wonderful event. Many thanks to all who make a difference and are involved with Love Me Because. ~ Terra Muscat, Love Me Because Co-chair & P.A.W.S. of Michigan member/volunteer.

Two P.A.W.S. of Michigan Dogs Are Still Available from Love Me Because

Emma and Capone are still available for adoption. If you are interested, contact Velda Bohler at velda@pawsofmichigan.com



Emma



Capone

P.A.W.S. of Michigan Resumes Subsidizing TNR for Feral Cats at The PAWS Clinic

Trap-Neuter-Return, commonly referred to as “TNR,” is the only method proven to be humane and effective at controlling feral/stray cat population growth. Using this technique, all the feral cats in a colony are trapped, neutered and then returned to their territory where caretakers provide them with regular food and shelter. TNR has many advantages. It immediately stabilizes the size of the colony by eliminating new litters. The nuisance behavior often associated with free roaming cats is dramatically reduced, including the yowling and fighting that come with mating activity and the odor of unneutered males spraying to mark their territory. The returned colony also guards its territory, preventing unneutered cats from moving in and beginning the cycle of overpopulation and problem behavior anew. Particularly in urban areas, the cats continue to provide natural rodent control.

Another significant advantage to TNR is that, when practiced on a large scale, it lessens the number of kittens and cats flowing into local shelters. This results in lower euthanasia rates and the increased adoption of cats already in the shelters.

The PAWS Clinic has been given funds from P.A.W.S. of Michigan and Love Me Because to assist the TNR spay and neuter program. Clients will be charged \$15.00 per animal and P.A.W.S. will pay the clinic the remaining fee. If you are caring for a feral animal and would like to have it spayed or neutered, call the PAWS Clinic at 313-451-8200 to schedule an appointment.

Multiplication Chart For Cats

2 uncontrolled breeding cats create the following:
2 litters a year at a survival rate of 2.8 kittens per litter.
With continued breeding:

Year 1 = 12 cats
Year 2 = 66 cats
Year 3 = 382 cats
Year 4 = 2,201 cats
Year 5 = 3,822 cats
Year 6 = 12,680 cats

Multiplying to a staggering
Year 10 = **80,399,780** cats!!!



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

New P.A.W.S. of Michigan Executive Board

P.A.W.S. of Michigan is pleased to present its new board and executive officers.
Stephanie Doran - President, Diana Lenaway - Vice President, Kris Jordan - Treasurer, Linda Lee - Secretary, Gina Angellotti, Velda Bohler and Lisa Lesley - Members at large. Thank you to our new board.

Fun, Fuss Free and Totally Free Ways to Help P.A.W.S. of Michigan



Here are a few ways to help P.A.W.S. of Michigan that won't cost you anything but a bit of time. If you shop with Amazon or Kroger, you can designate P.A.W.S. of Michigan as the charity you want to support. Remember, if you have already designated us on your Kroger card you have to "reup" in April. Searching the net or shopping online? Designate PAWS of Michigan on Good Search/Good Shop. When you walk your dog, load WoofTrax on your phone and use it every time you walk! Go to our website www.pawsofmichigan.com and look under the tab 'Other Ways to Help' for more information.



Happy Tails

We just wanted to give you a two month update on our kitten, Fish (formerly Maci). We adopted her on Nov 7 from the Canton Petsmart. She was three months old at the time. She has adjusted wonderfully to our home and our family (which includes two dogs).

She loves her canine siblings a bunch. She loves to play with them. It's funny to see our almost 70 lb dog trying to play with our 5 lb kitten. She has been so sweet to her dog sister, Bella, following her surgery this past wed. She keeps checking on her and laying by her. Precious! Fish also loved her first Christmas. She loved her gifts but seemed to really love the wrappings the best.

Thank you for allowing to become Fish's forever family. We love her so much!!
Tammy Taylor



Maci now Fish

Happy kittens are napping on Sarah's bed. Getting Mia to accept the new friend was easier than I expected. Coexistence is going very well. They play with each other and even eat together. WOW.

Happy New Year!

Christine Goins



Snow now Maggie and Mia

Just wanted to update you on the kitties. They are both doing really great. We kept them in a smaller room for the first few days, but visited them often. By the second day, Clyde started to engage and come to me during my visits to them. We left the door open on the fourth night and let them roam the house while we were all in bed and the house was quiet.

Since then they've had open access to the whole house and they wander from room to room to see what's going on. Clyde has been loving and cuddly and purrs a lot. Bonnie is still playing shy but every day is better – she likes to sit on our laps in the evening so we can pet her.

Kate Riddle



Bonnie and Clyde

From Velda Bohler: Have a short happy tail with a picture. Karen Jenkins fostered this little doggy. She is the older dog that we did the anal surgery on. She is doing great now. So glad we helped her. "Hard to believe she's been part of our family for over a year. She is one happy little love bug."



Hazel

I wanted to let you know that Sophie (Jenga) is still scared, but she has eaten and used the litter box. She has her own bedroom and she seems to be making it home. I made several places for her to hide and several beds for whichever she prefers at the moment. She mostly stayed in the carrier last night. I left it in the bedroom with the door open, but I found that she slept on one of the beds that were out in the open. This morning I checked on her and she made a bed out of a handle bag I have in the closet. Lol! I couldn't find her and discovered she was inside the bag in the closet. I had to take a picture. I thought you might find it cute. Even though she's scared she's getting more comfortable.

Enid VanDeneede

This is my previous foster cat, Frodo (now named Sergio), he is a handsome boy who won the lottery when he found his family. He has an amazing family who adore him. I'm sure he thinks the same of them. He now enjoys plenty of shoeboxes, toilet paper roll, his favorite apps on the iPad and he scored a remote mouse for Christmas for his hunting pleasure. Thanks Miloser family. This is exactly why I foster, fundraise and host/coordinate the Love Me Because Event.

Kim Vowles



Jenga now Sophie



Frodo now Sergio

A (Happy) Tale/Tail of Two Sisters

Kylee and Kayla are nine year old Cocker Spaniel sisters. They were surrendered by their owner and fostered by Christine Proudlock. Kylee was adopted fairly quickly but Kayla had some health issues. Due to ear infections, Kayla's ear canals had completely calcified. Dr. Mair of VCS removed both ear canals. In addition, Kayla is blind. During her recovery, Christine found a large tumor on Kayla's paw. It was removed by Dr. Mair. Despite not yet knowing if the tumor was cancerous, the mother of one of Dr. Mair's employees asked to adopt Kayla. She has worked with special needs dogs in the past and was approved by Christine.

Both sisters are doing very well in their "fur-ever" homes. This indeed is the best of times!



Kylee and friends



Kayla (being held) and friends

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



P.A.W.S. of Michigan would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who has been a member, donor, foster, volunteer, Facebook sharer and just general supporter of this organization. With your help, P.A.W.S. has done some truly great things since its inception in 2007 and this will simply be the next step. Join our mailing list and stay tuned to Facebook for

exciting information about upcoming fundraisers and other ways to help. Thank you for your support!

Clinic Stats

Total Surgeries 2015: 6,941
Feral: 1,442

Total Surgeries 2016 through 2/29/16:
1,616
Feral: 214

Total Surgeries since opening September 19, 2011:
27,179
Feral: 4,924

No telling how many unwanted litters prevented!

Adoptions

33 Cats/kittens: Bambi, 1Bella, 2 Bella, Bonnie, Charcoal, Cleo, Clyde, Dakota, Emmie, Fern, Ginger, Jasper, Layla, Lightening, Lilly, Lucy, Oliver Penelope, Peter Parker, Rainbow, Randy, Ricky Screaming Mimi, Snow, Storm, Sunny, Tamara, Thunder, Tiger, Tigress Tsunami, Simon and Smudgy

8 Dogs/puppies: Bianca, Cooper, Heath, Kayla, Kylee, Mary Jane, Molly II and Whisper



Donations to the General Fund

Leslie Bartes

Bd's Mongolian Grill

Molly and Craig Berner (2)

Lorelei Boyd

Betty Britz

Pat Burns

Jessica Collins

Estate of Jill Fox

Ellen and Alfredo Francesconi

Charmaine Guerriero

Jill and William Headon

Carol and Joe Kastura

Janet Kroll

Bradley Kummler

Sue LaBell (3) – in honor of Tramp

Jacqueline Livernois

Judy Michalak

Michigan Department, Ladies Auxiliary to VFW

Carol Moxlow

Linda Muzyczka – 1) in memory of Odin Dean

2) for Leo and Butterscotch

Donna Onesian

Joan Pashkot

Karen and Bruce Pease

Melissa Powell (2)

Pamela Reedy

Sarah Ridenour

Diane Rito (3)

Nadine Ritz

Kathleen and Rick Sawicki

Ben Trueman in memory of Bobo

Dorothy Waltz

Mary Wuerker

Ryoko Yamasaki

Donations to the V-SNAP

Anne and Louie Gmoser (2)

Cathy McCormick

Sherry Soja-Molloy

Lori and Robert Toon (2)

Donations to The “Hope” Fund

Andrea Hirtzel

Donations to the Clinic Fund

Mariana and Robert Merrow

In Kind Donations

Tanya Ridley

Southgate Animal Hospital (2)

Kimberly Vowles (2)

Sponsorships for Kirk

Hannah Jackson

Andrea Jacobs (2)

Melanie Landelius

Stephanie Rideout

Family Memberships

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chasey

Lou Ann and Tim Durand

Marlene and Larry Glanz

Lana and Jerry Golden

Angela Holdwick

Kathy McCormick

Gloria Reeves

Nadine Ritz

Individual Memberships

Sherry Soja-Molloy

Kimberly Vowles

Supporting Member

Donna Gagnon



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

6:30 P.M. in Activities Room B

Riverview City Hall

April 27

August 24

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 running a raffle.**

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.

Wyandotte Street Fair

July 12-16

**P.A.W.S. of Michigan will have a
merchandise tent. People will vote
for the Cutest Cat, Dog and Other in
the Downriver area by making a
donation. Make sure you enter your
pet in the "Precious Pet Photo
Contest." More information will be
posted on our website**

**www.pawsofmichigan.com closer to
the date.**