



P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)
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PAWS Elections

Talk of elections is everywhere, and it's time to think about elections for our Board of Directors. We have three seats open for a two-year term, commencing in January, 2009. All Members in good standing (those who have paid their membership dues) as of September 1, 2008, are eligible to run for a seat and to vote in the election (so make sure you send your membership renewal in soon if you received a renewal notice).

The Election Committee will have nomination forms available at our August 19 general membership meeting. Nominations will be due by our September 16 general membership meeting, and elections will be held at our November 18 general membership meeting.

Serving on the Board is a great way to get involved in P.A.W.S., but it does involve a significant time commitment. If you have any questions about the process or commitment, please email the Election Committee at info@pawsofmichigan.com.



PAWS Adoptions Are A Success

Since inception of P.A.W.S. in August, 2007, we have adopted in excess of 175 animals. P.A.W.S. foster parents and adoption volunteers attend events weekly, sometimes multiple times a week, to help these numbers grow as more and more of our furry charges find permanent, loving homes. They put in countless hours, both at home caring for their foster animals, and at the adoption events.

In addition to the weekly adoption events at area pet stores, P.A.W.S. participated in the following major adoption events this spring,:

Mid-Michigan Cat Fancier's Show at Yack Arena
Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo
Metro Shores Credit Union
Pet-a-Palooza
Roosevelt High School FFA Adoption Event
Charter Square Apartments - Troy
Wendy's of Woodhaven

Thank you to everyone who fosters animals and/or helped out with the events – you are true lifesavers for so many animals in need.



Third Friday Adoptions

P.A.W.S. will be participating at the Third Friday event in Wyandotte each month through August. Third Friday is a great time to come to Wyandotte – merchants run special sales, there are bands, food, and P.A.W.S. and Wyandotte Animal Control have great adoptable animals available for the public to view. We are located under the Wyandotte Business Association tent at Biddle and Elm. Great P.A.W.S. merchandise is available for sale, too. Come out and see us and the animals, and enjoy the fun of Third Friday! We're there from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m.!

Once Again – P.A.W.S. Does More

Bunny Rescue

One of P.A.W.S. volunteering endeavors is to assist at the Wyandotte Animal Pound. Recently, a man brought in two baby bunnies saying he found them on his property, and the mama rabbit was no where to be found. They were newborns and needed continual around-the-clock care. It was the mission of one of our volunteers to find someone who could foster these bunnies. It just so happened her pastor and his wife came to the pound to drop off a stray kitten right at that time. They happen to live on a piece of property that backs up into a wooded area. She asked if they would be interested in caring for the bunnies until they would be mature enough to be released. They took on that responsibility, and while one baby was too weak and did not survive – the other grew to be a healthy young bunny within a couple of weeks. They released him when they knew he could take care of himself, and he took off into the woods as if he knew exactly where he was going. We are certain he will come to visit from time to time to thank the couple for rescuing and saving him.



River Rouge Food Drive

With today's economy as it is, it has become very critical for Downriver communities to help fellow residents who are unemployed or in need of assistance with food. The City of River Rouge sponsors a food pantry, but it has become increasingly more difficult to keep the pantry stocked with necessary food items. When P.A.W.S. heard about their situation, our group volunteered to collect as many non-perishable food items as possible and donate them to the food pantry. There is also a critical need for those individuals who have pets and can no longer afford food for them. In addition to food for the residents, P.A.W.S. also collected pet food items to add to the pantry. Thank you to all who donated food or money to help this effort – it was a big success, and we were able to help restock the River Rouge food bank.

Membership Renewal

As our first anniversary approaches – it's time for many of us to renew our P.A.W.S membership. Avoid the rush – please renew early! See membership form on the last page of the newsletter. If you're not already a member, now is the time to join! Remember, you must be a Member in Good Standing by September 1 to run for a seat on the Board of Directors or to vote in the election in November.



Raffle Tickets For Sale

We are currently selling raffle tickets to raise much-needed funds for P.A.W.S. The cost for tickets is \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5. The winners will be announced at P.A.W.S. In The Park in September. The prizes will be: 1st prize - \$500, 2nd prize – iPod and the 3rd prize – Sonicare Toothbrush.

If you can help sell raffle tickets, or would like to buy some, please email us at info@pawsofmichigan.com.



Ink Cartridge/Cell Phone Fund Raiser

We continue to collect used printer/copier ink cartridges and cell phones as a general fundraiser. If you have used cartridges or cell phones, please drop them off at one of two locations (either the Wyandotte or Riverview Library). We are asking that members also ask a business with which they are associated to sponsor us, by signing up online or by giving us their cartridges and phones.



P.A.W.S. Garage Sale

P.A.W.S. will be participating in the Riverview City-Wide Garage Sale which will take place on October 4. This is another major fundraising effort for the group. You can help by saving items to donate to the sale – no clothing, please!



Kitten Shower Scheduled for Canton PetSmart

P.A.W.S. will be sponsoring a kitten shower at the Canton PetSmart on August 9 from noon until 3:00 p.m. This fun event is like a baby shower, but for kittens. If you would like to participate, please bring shower gifts to donate to our furbabies (dry and canned kitten food, cat litter, KMR kitten milk, and PetSmart gift cards are especially needed). We'll bring the kittens – lots of them – who need good homes, and they'll be available at a discounted adoption fee. Light refreshments also provided.



P.A.W.S Apparel

If you are interested in ordering official P.A.W.S of Michigan merchandise – please go to: <http://www.cafepress.com/pawsofmi>

You will find a huge array of apparel, children's wear, stuffed animals, pet tee shirts and many other gifts with the official P.A.W.S. logo on them.

Canton PetSmart Adoptions

The Grand Opening of the Canton PetSmart store on Michigan Avenue east of Beck, took place on June 28 and 29. It was a great weekend for P.A.W.S. as we adopted six animals into loving new homes. Fluffy, our P.A.W.S. mascot, was there to greet customers and prospective adopters, and the P.A.W.S. crew had a great time talking to people about our wonderful adoptables.

This store is P.A.W.S. new home base for adoptions. We are fortunate to have the use of the Luv-A-Pet Center, which makes it much easier for people to view our pets for adoption anytime during the week. Adoption events are held weekly at the store on Saturdays from noon until 3:00 p.m. Additional adoptions take place at the Woodhaven PetSmart (West and Allen Roads) on Friday evenings from 6:00 until 8:00 pm.



Some of our happy PAWS members at the Canton Store Grand Opening



Did You Know?

Did you know that the practice of head butting by cats is to let people know that they feel comfortable and love them. They also have glands in their foreheads that can secrete a subtle scent – referred to as pheromones. Pheromones allow cats to communicate with each other. Some cats will head butt which labels you as "taken". When your kitty rubs against you with his head, he is, in effect, claiming you as his own.



Also, cats often yawn and stretch when they wake up in the morning, but they rarely yawn in the evening when they are tired. Cats also yawn in times of conflict. For example, if there is a dish of food nearby, but the dog is standing over the dish, your cat may have conflicting urges: One urge is to eat and the other is to protect himself. In this case he might yawn as a displacement behavior.

Calendar Of Events

Every Friday Evening – 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
 Woodhaven PetSmart Adoptions – located on Allen Road at West Road.

Every Saturday Afternoon – Noon until 3:00 p.m.
 Canton PetSmart Adoptions – located at Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road.

First Monday of Each Month
 Transport from Wyandotte Shelter to Humane Ohio

Third Tuesday Each Month – 6:30 p.m.
 P.A.W.S. General Meeting – Riverview City Hall Activity Room B or C . Bring a friend!

Third Friday of Each Month (through August)
 Adoptions of P.A.W.S. and Wyandotte shelter animals at Wyandotte Third Friday event, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., corner of Biddle and Elm in Wyandotte.

August 9 – Noon until 3:00 p.m.
 Kitten Shower at the Canton PetSmart.

September 13
 P.A.W.S. in the Park event. See additional information at the end of this newsletter for complete details.

September 21 – 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
 Wyandotte Shelter Vaccine Clinic.

September 27 and 28 – 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
 Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo. City-Wide Adoption Sponsored by the Michigan Humane Society at the Detroit Zoo.

October 4
 P.A.W.S. Garage Sale during the Riverview City-Wide Garage Sale.

For all of the above “events,” it is necessary that we have plenty of volunteers to make each event a success.

Please e-mail us at infor@pawsofmichigan.com if you are interested in volunteering.



Our Newest Members

Individual Membership
 Michelle Karshneski

Family Memberships
 Chuck & Mary Giles
 Kelly, Jeff, Brent & Kaley Faber
 Michael & Dianna Bowdler
 Kolniak Family

Student Membership
 Lexi Faber

Pet Members
 Levi Faber (Maltese/Poodle)
 Chase Nixdorf (Canine)
 Molly Nixdorf (Cockatiel)
 Cooper Faber (Canine)
 Princess Kolniak
 Moe Kolniak
 Bobo Burns (Yorkie/Poodle)

Goods, Services and Monetary Donations

Goods and Services

Mary Ann Arthur	APAW-Allen Park High School
Chuck Bissell	Southpointe Veterinary Hosp.
Anne & Louie Gmoser	Kendra & Family
Cindie Walentowicz	Roosevelt High School FFA
Eve Russell	Metro Shores Credit Union

Monetary Donations to General Fund

Mary Ann Arthur	Janice & Robert Anschuetz
Mrs. E. Biretz	Kurmit & Robin Burke, Jr.
Christine Brennan	Melissa & Andrew Cummins
Jay & Kris Jordan	Michelle Karshneski
Linda Lewis-White	Gerald & Suzanne Labell
John Young	Kay Octaviano
Pauline Regna	Stephen & Mary Ormsby
Patricia Webber	Edward T. Richardson
Beate G. Williams	Wendy's of Woodhaven

Monetary Donations Designated for Lily

Virginia Ashe	David & Nicole Arnold
Holly Graves	Downriver Coney Island
Sheng-Wen Huang	Gerald & Suzanne Labell
Petco Foundation	Anne Sokoloski
Karen & Gary Stone	Fergie's Fish & Chips

Monetary Donations – In Memory Of . . .

Faber Family – In Memory of Bruno
 Helen Hightower – In Memory of Beau – (English Setter - Fourteen Years Old)
 Michelle Karshneski – In Memory of Husker
 Michael & Diane Prichard – In Memory of Smokey

Monetary Donations Designated for SNAP Fund

Maral Meyers	Carol Parker
Sandy Roberts	Maral Meyers

Monetary Donations Designated for Spencer

Sheng-Wen Huang

Monetary Donations Designated for Grace

Pierangela Gauci	Edward & Betty Wiczorek
Jay & Kris Jordan	

Monetary Donations Designated for Mackie Fund

Sheng-Wen Huang	Linda Muzyczka
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Monetary Donations Designated for Kobi

Lawrence & Myra Morton

Donations for Humane Ohio Gasoline Fund

Lana Golden

Spay/Neuter Deposits Donated

Edie Belman – Amber
 V. Michael Cook – Hanna
 Vicki Gunnell – Allyson
 Patricia Wood – Gavin

Happy Tails Story . . .

Remember our injured pup, Lily? Well, Lily has recovered and is now in her furever home. Lily was adopted in May by Mel and Sharon Diaz, and is now happily living the life of love and pampering she was meant to. Lily's story touched so many people. Her happy ending was featured in the Downriver section of the Detroit Free Press on June 29 (thank you, Mary Lenzion!) She was also featured in United Animal Nation's spring *Journal*. (UAN helped us care for Lily by providing an emergency LifeLine grant when she needed surgery).

This was Lily as she awaited her furever home . . .



Here is a picture of Lily after her recovery with her new family. Lily's letter to her P.A.W.S. foster mom, Donna Hall, regarding her happy ending follows the picture!



Dear Mom,

Just wanted to let you know how my first day has gone with my new family. I am enjoying myself very much. They are very nice people and have given me run of the house and backyard. I have almost mastered the flippety-floppety pet door thing. The food here is just terrific. I have some kibbles in the morning for breakfast and some Beneful moist food for supper. Yum! My new brother, Mr. Zoomer, is a bit standoffish, but we have not had any trouble. He let me know yesterday that he does not like me to get right into his face and, he gave me a quick snap. But you know how quick I am, and he missed me nya-nya. He did let me sniff him a bit without any grumbling (just not his face, hmmf). He is just old, and I can tell that he is just letting me know that it is his house and no young whipper snapper, as he called me, will take it over. So what's a whipper snapper?

Anyhow my new mom went out and bought me some treats and a couple toys. One is a squeaky rubber elephant that I just love to sit and chomp on just to hear the squeak-squeak noise, and she also bought me a tennis ball which I just think is way cool. I have been teaching my new mom how to play fetch and I think she is getting the hang of it.

Yesterday my new aunt came over and brought my five-week old cousin (Pug puppy) to meet me. We had a great time rolling around on the floor. He would pounce on me and bite my ears and I would paw at him to roll him on the floor and then push him with my nose and lick him. I knew he was a little fella so I didn't play too rough with him. We had a great time, and I hope he comes over more often. I also met Steve when he came home from working at the Detroit Zoo. I barked at him for coming into my new house without knocking. Hey, how was I to know he lived there? Anyhow, we made friends right away and I sniffed the news on his clothes for a long time. I got whiffs of Rhinoceros, Elephants, and a bunch of other animals. I like him, and he likes me back. I have made myself at home and take naps on the couch with my new mom and dad. Last night just before bed I fell asleep on the couch on my new mom's legs. She is so nice. I slept on the bed with my new family and was a good girl, except that my new dad snores more than me! We got up early, and I went potty outside. I have an appointment this afternoon with my new doctor, Dr. Crisp, (cool name for a doctor huh?). My new mom said Dr. Crisp is going to check my elbow and just give me the "once over". So what's the "once over"? Tell dad that I still love him, and you of course, and I will never forget you guys. Thanks for the wonderful care and attention you gave me, and thanks now for sharing me with my new family. I know I have found my lifetime home and family here. Well gonna go and see what the rest of the family is doing (you know how nosey I am!)

Love and Licks

Lily



A BOY AND A DOG

~~Marty Hale~~

I want my boy to have a dog,
Or maybe two or three . . .
He'll learn from them much easier
Than he would learn from me.

A dog will show him how to love
And bear no grudge or hate;
I'm not so good at that myself
But dogs will do it straight.

I want my boy to have a dog
To be his pal and friend,
So he may learn that friendship
Is faithful to the end.

There never yet has been a dog
Who learned to double-cross,
Nor catered to you when you won
Then dropped you when you lost.

And The Winners Are . . .

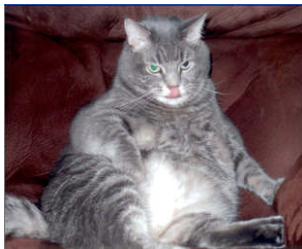
One of the most exciting fundraisers P.A.W.S. has sponsored this year was the Pet Photo Contest at the Wyandotte Street Fair. Contestants paid a \$10 fee for each entrant, and the categories included: the most precious dog, most precious cat, and most unusual pet. The pictures were displayed at the P.A.W.S. booth during the fair. Each winner was chosen based on the number of votes received from fairgoers. The votes were determined by the amount of donations dropped into jugs, which displayed each contestant's picture. The cash amounts (votes) ranged from pennies to large bills. The total amount raised by the "votes" amounted to \$1,853 for the 104 entrants.

There were first, second and third place prizes for the kitty and doggie categories, and there was one first place prize for the most unusual pet. Additional prizes were given to each entrant, and those prizes were generously donated by Pet Supplies Plus.

This contest was a real hit with the fairgoers, so this will certainly be an annual event for P.A.W.S. in the future.

We want to thank the committee and all who volunteered their time for this great fundraiser. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS -
AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE CONTESTANTS!**



While no one would argue with "Poop Cat" about winning first place in the kitty division - we believe he is a real cutie as well as a big boy! He was entered by his owner, Jenny R.



It appears that Kristin H. and her pups just got home from helping the Easter Bunny. They took first place in the doggie division.



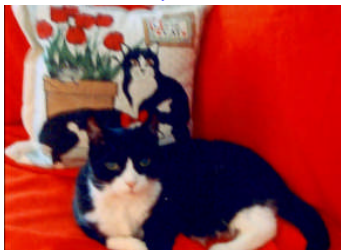
Kitties, "Michief" and "Macee" were entered by their owner, Cynthia B. She couldn't help but make this a duo entry - who could decide who the cutest is here? They took second place in the kitty division.



Taking second place in the doggie division was this beautiful pup entered by Katie T.



And who could resist this little cutie who is named Marley and was entered by Marie V.



Meet Josie who belongs to Christie W. - the third place winner in the kitty division. Can you see why the creator of the pillow chose her as the model?



And last but not least - these two best friends took the winning spot for the Most Unusual Pet - their names are Rodney, and Dana and they were entered by their owner, Jennifer R.

PAWS In The Park

Seems too early to think about fall, but not too early to plan for our major fundraiser – P.A.W.S. in the Park, and actually September 13 will be here before you know it! Eve Howell, Vice President and Chairperson of our fundraising committee, will serve as the event director. Eve has a tremendous amount of experience directing major events and always delivers high-quality, fun events that raise a lot of money. Co-directing with Eve is P.A.W.S. Board Member and Secretary, Erin McGill-Beard. – Erin brings her dedication to the cause and tremendous enthusiasm to make this event a huge success.

This is a fun event for our group. As well as serving as a major fundraiser, it is also a great opportunity to let the community know who we (Precious Animal Welfare Society) are and what we stand for. What better setting for our event than Young Patriots Park in Riverview. This is a beautiful park with a path that encircles a picturesque pond which serves as a perfect area for our walk and picnic. For those naturalists, there is a nearby path that runs through the woods and someone will guide them on their nature walk. The smell of roasting hot dogs will be in the air, and participants are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and picnic with their pooch!

Event activities include a lead-off march around the pond, nature walks, contests, raffle, micro chipping for only \$25, “Ask the Vet” with Dr. Kim Cox of Southpointe Veterinary Hospital, and food for sale. Major sponsors include City of Riverview, PetSmart, Southpointe Veterinary Hospital and the News-Herald. We thank each of them for their support.

This year we will be promoting cat lovers to be part of our event. As you all know, the majority of homeless animals are cats. Although we would highly prefer cat lovers NOT to bring their cat (I think the cats would second that), we are encouraging cat lovers to show their support. A cat lover can participate in honor of or in memory of their cat, or they can be assigned a picture to wear of one of our foster cats. Cat lovers can also partake in a contest with the ‘cat’egories being ultimate cat crazy person, most cat paraphernalia, most cat-like and cutest cat photo. As with the dog awards, we will also have awards for the cat lovers too!

Our entry fee is \$20. Although pledging is optional, it really helps us raise more funds. Please try to encourage your family and friends to participate. Please see our website, pawsofmichigan.com, for more information about this great event! See attached application.

Volunteers . . . volunteers . . . volunteers . . . We need people for fun jobs. It takes a lot of people to put this event on. If interested in volunteering, please e-mail: info@pawsofmichigan.com

Membership/Donation Form

Please complete this section for either membership and/or donations

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Membership Application

Membership Levels

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

Types of Contributions

\$ _____ In Honor Of _____
 \$ _____ In Memory Of _____
 \$ _____ Special Contribution _____
 \$ _____ SNAP* (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program)

***Helps families who can't afford to spay or neuter their companion animals.**

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