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(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)

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This Is A Limited Time Contest

An Easy Way To Help PAWS

Please help P.A.W.S. of Michigan (PAWS) win \$10,000 by voting for us in the "America's Favorite Shelter" contest. If you go online by December 16, you can vote for PAWS at: <http://www.care2.com/animalsheltercontest/76416>.

Please ask your friends and family to vote for PAWS as well. If we can win this contest, it will go a very long way in helping the animals in the Downriver area as well as add more money toward our low-cost spay/neuter clinic, which we hope to open in 2010.

Where Has 2009 Gone?

The Holidays Are Upon Us!

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 is here, with Christmas and Hanukah not far behind which makes a holiday gift to PAWS a wonderful way to celebrate this special season. PAWS 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 PAWS are fully deductible to the extent allowed by law.

PAWS supports the following programs:

The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)

helps subsidize or fund the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for families who would otherwise be unable to afford to have their animals sterilized. The SNAP also helps fund sterilization surgeries for feral cats. So far in 2009, PAWS has funded or subsidized sterilization surgeries for approximately 240 dogs and cats who belong to families, and almost 60 feral cats.

The Pet Food Bank distributes dog and cat food (through local food banks) to families who can no longer afford to feed their companion animals. This program helps keep furry family members home where they belong and not surrendered to shelters due to their family's ability to no longer feed them.

The Spay/Neuter Clinic Fund helps PAWS to "fix" the animal overpopulation problem! We are currently trying to raise approximately \$70,000 to open a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in 2010. This clinic will sterilize over 8,000 animals each year at a cost that is comfortably affordable to most families. We have already raised over \$20,000, and the sooner we are able to raise the remaining \$50,000, the sooner we can open the doors to this very much-needed clinic.

PAWS General Fund is used to pay for veterinary care for the animals in our foster program. All animals adopted through PAWS 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 do not cover the cost of what these services actually cost, and we rely on donations and fundraisers to make up the difference. So far in 2009, PAWS has found permanent, loving homes for almost 200 cats and dogs!

A donation to the fund of your choice can be done by completing the form found on the last page of this newsletter and mailed to our P. O. Box. If you wish to make a donation through PayPal, please go to our website at www.pawsofmichigan.com to donate online. Regardless of how you donate, please make sure to let us know which program you are contributing to. Thank you for celebrating the holidays by assisting PAWS in making a difference – "four paws at a time."



Just Who Loves You, PAWS?

PetSmart Charities® – That's Who!

PAWS is the proud recipient of a \$10,000 grant for our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) from PetSmart Charities. This will provide assistance to sterilize a huge number of animals and will also assist families who may not otherwise be able to afford the sterilization for their pets.

We quickly put this much-needed gift to good use, as we have already helped 24 families through this grant. PAWS sponsored a recent transport of 34 animals to the Humane Ohio Spay/Neuter Clinic in Toledo, 13 of which were there due to the courtesy of the PetSmart Charities Grant.

We wish to thank PetSmart Charities for this generous grant and also a big thanks to our great team of volunteers who participated in making this grant possible!



In the early morning hours, PAWS volunteer, Jerry Golden, gathers the animals for the trip to Humane Ohio

And . . . Walmart Loves Us Too!

PAWS was thrilled to be the recipient of a \$1,500 Walmart Foundation donation, awarded to us on October 27. Walmart Foundation’s mission is to “provide opportunities that improve the lives of individuals in our communities including our customers and associates.” PAWS will use this generous donation to assist in opening our low-cost spay/neuter clinic; an endeavor that we know will support the Walmart Foundation’s mission. The donation comes to us through the generosity of the Woodhaven Walmart, and we thank them very much for their generosity.



Chrissy & Kris accepting the donation from Walmart officials

The Importance Of Spaying & Neutering

“No other disease or condition of companion animals takes as many lives as euthanasia. In fact, no other disease comes close.” (Janet M. Scarlett, DVM, MPH, PhD, Cornell University)

PAWS firmly believes that the only way to completely address the crisis of animal over-population and ensure a home for every animal is through spaying and neutering. Literally, millions of healthy, adoptable animals are euthanized each year in the United States because there are not enough homes for them. We can help save lives by preventing unwanted births.

To help "fix" the problem, PAWS is excited to announce our plans to open our own low-cost spay/neuter clinic in the Downriver area (Wayne County), hopefully in early 2010.

While PAWS is extremely proud of the number of animals we have helped, either through our adoption program or our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), we have still been unable to entirely solve the problem. There are so many rescue groups, humane societies, shelters, veterinarians, and private citizens working hard to find homes for all the homeless animals, but there are far more born each year than all of us together can help. It is impossible to keep up. With unemployment as high as it is in our area, there are many families who want to get their animals spayed and neutered but simply cannot afford to do so. The PAWS clinic will work to make the cost of surgery affordable for most families, and our SNAP will help those who need additional assistance.

PAWS is proud to have been accepted into the National Spay/Neuter Response Team (NSNRT) of Humane Alliance in Asheville, North Carolina. Humane Alliance has mentored over 50

organizations, as these groups have launched successful spay/neuter clinics in their own communities and is currently assisting nearly 40 more clinics, including PAWS in order to get started with the program. Their successful model is reducing euthanasia rates in these communities, and we are very excited about being able to make an impact in our own community.

To get our clinic open we need to raise about \$70,000 start-up money. Please help in making a difference for the animals in our community with a tax-deductible contribution to our Clinic Fund. Donations can be sent to us at the following address:

**P.A.W.S. of Michigan
(Attention: Clinic Fund)
P.O. Box 2184
Riverview MI 48193**

To donate using PayPal, please visit our website at: <http://pawsofmichigan.com/Donate.html>. Be sure to indicate that your donation is for the clinic fund.



Don't make me have to get up from here!

Ways You Can Help PAWS – While He Help You Let Us Help You With Your Taxes!

Do you sometimes wonder what you can do with a gift you have received that you really don't want or for which you have no use? PAWS comes to your rescue to solve that problem. If you have a gift that you know is of no value to you – donate it to PAWS. We can make good use of unused gift cards or other gifts. We will use them for upcoming events and raffles to raise money for the group. If you feel you would rather have a gift donated to PAWS on your behalf – cash and gift cards from pet stores are very useful items for our shelter and in fostering animals – and it is a way to help your tax return with deductions at the end of the year!



MAMMA HELP! He's squishing me again!

P.A.W.S. in the Park



“ . . . and in the end, the love you take, is equal to the love you make . . . ”

P.A.W.S. in the Park – Saturday, September 19 had no boundaries. The sky was clear, and the sun shown ever so brightly. The atmosphere was fun and festive as the dogs and their families walked the park and visited at all the interesting tents. Anne Sokolowski and her dog, Gabrielle, headed up the walk as they were, once again, Grand Marshals after bringing in a whopping \$600 in pledges.

PAWS volunteers worked very hard to make this event the success it was. Their enthusiasm, dedication and donations were incredible. Several people donated tents, coolers, raffle prizes, while many kitchens were busy making great baked goods which were donated and sold.

Our sponsors were good to us again this year, and the City of Riverview was, once again, the perfect host for our event. The park was beautiful, and no other place in all of the Downriver area would have offered us a more picturesque setting. We would also like to thank the City of Riverview for their support of our organization. A special thanks to Councilmen, Jim Trombley and Andy Swift, for not only sponsoring our event, but also for judging our contest. Our celebrity host and judge, Jo-Jo Schutty MacGregor, livened the event with her outgoing personality and her dedication and love for animals was obvious. Clad in all green and white, we also know where else her love lies.

The contest seemed to be the highlight of the entire event, as many people lined up with their dogs to show their stuff. Best trick, best dressed and best kisses were among the most popular of the categories, while ugliest dog only had one entry, and that was highly questionable. We can't believe any dog is ugly. Winners were as follows:

Category	Pet Name	Owner Name
Best Mut	Daisy	Maureen Hannigan
Shortest Legs	Roary	Mark Novak
Longest Legs	Skeeter	Dave Taylor
Best Kisses	Morgan	Audra Corns
Ugliest Dog	Snoop	Nora Fillie
Most Unusual Bark	Bella	Drita Manaj
Most Obnoxious	Angel	Nancy Overholt
Best Dressed	Paco	Phyllis Wrubel
Best Trick	Ruby	Sheila Michalec

This year's event made a record setting profit of just over \$10,000.

In the end, it was obvious that our volunteers have plenty of love for animals in order to make this happen. It also took a lot of very, very generous participants and sponsors to make this event as profitable as it was. **“ . . . and in the end, the love you take, is equal to the love you make . . . ”** On behalf of PAWS and all of its precious animals, we thank each individual, who in any way, contributed to make this event as successful as it was!



A few of the participants enjoying the day!



Calendar Of Upcoming Events

Every Thursday Evening – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Taylor PetSmart Adoptions – located on Eureka Road

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

Every Saturday Afternoon – Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Canton PetSmart Adoptions – located on Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road. Visit our cats anytime at the Luv-A-Pet Center at the Canton PetSmart.

Third Tuesday Each Month – 6:30 p.m.
PAWS General Meeting – Riverview City Hall – Activity Room B or C. Bring a friend and learn more about PAWS! **(Please note – no meeting in December)**

November 12-14 – 4:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m. each day
Woodhaven Lanes, 20000 Van Horn Rd. Come play Texas Hold 'Em and support PAWS. All proceeds from this event go to support PAWS' efforts to help homeless animals. For additional information, call (734) 556-2164.

November 17 – 6:30 p.m.
Annual election of the PAWS Board of Directors to be held at the general meeting. There will be a “pre-holiday potluck” at this meeting. Come and join the fun!

November 21 – PAWS on Parade
Wyandotte Holiday Parade.

Immediately after the parade (in the basement of the Wyandotte City Hall), there will be an adoption event entitled, **“Adopt Me Because . . .”**. This event is in honor of those precious animals who have been overlooked all year at other adoption events. They would like to find their forever home before Christmas. These animals say . . . **“Love me because I am older; love me because I am overweight, love me because no one taught me better, love me because I have medical issues, love me because I have attitude, love me because I am special, but most importantly – love me because I need you.”**

December 6, 13 & 20 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Woodhaven PetSmart
Pictures with Santa

December 5 & 6, 12 & 13 & 19 & 20 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) – Canton PetSmart
Pictures with Santa

Spotlight Volunteer – A Real Winner***Rose Darin – A Real Multi-Tasker!***

PAWS volunteers are the heart and soul of our group. Each of our precious volunteers brings unique experiences and talents, and we love matching these skills with our needs to get the job done.

So when PAWS began looking for a building to house our new spay/neuter clinic, Rose Darin was our obvious choice. A full-time realtor with Carol Bollo & Associates for 5-1/2 years, Rose had the knowledge and experience we needed, as well as a passion for our mission that makes her the ideal person to be looking for our clinic's home. Rose has been busy searching MLS listings for the perfect building, as well as fielding many calls from our members who have found a potential site for our clinic and quickly following up on each lead. She's a tough negotiator when it comes to reaching a "deal" – definitely the kind of real estate agent you want on your side!

Rose came to PAWS while volunteering at the Wyandotte animal shelter, almost two years ago. She is hard-working and energetic and not afraid to get her hands "dirty" (which is good, since that's pretty much a guarantee at the shelter). Rose was inspired by the many awesome PAWS shelter volunteers, and decided to help out at adoption events. She then became a proud PAWS member a little over a year ago.

Her favorite part of volunteering is the adoption events. "I love to see people find their new family member, and I really **LOVE** watching animals get a new lease on life with their forever families! It is an overwhelming feeling of gratitude and happiness mixed together," says Rose.

In addition to her job as a real estate agent, Rose works part-time as a respiratory therapist at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. She's looking forward to being able to retire in another ten years, so she can spend much more time with all the events and programs that PAWS organizes, and hopes to volunteer even more at the Wyandotte Shelter.

Rose also has furry friends at home that she loves to spend time with. Freddie is a sweet, adorable min-pin who captured Rose's heart when he found his way to the Wyandotte shelter about a year and a half ago. Rose and John, her husband of 25 years, also share their home with three feline family members: Ginger and Olivia, who came to them four years ago from a woman on Grosse Ile who rescues cats, and JoJo, a stray who adopted Rose and John three years ago.

With two jobs, a husband, and four companion animals, it's hard to believe Rose has time for anything else. But she spends a lot of her days helping out at the Wyandotte shelter, checking into

potential buildings for the upcoming PAWS spay/neuter clinic, and volunteering for many other PAWS events. PAWS is truly blessed to have this wonderful, enthusiastic, and talented volunteer in our group – as are the many animals whose lives she has enhanced.



Rose with her handsome boy, Freddie

Spotlight Volunteers Offer A Variety Of Talents
August Spotlight Volunteer – Kim Skidmore

Among other things, Kim is recognized for all the work she does at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. She is responsible for setting up Pound Pals (a 501c3 that collects funds to be used for vet bills for the animals at the Wyandotte Shelter). She is also the acting liaison between the Shelter, PAWS and the City of Wyandotte. Kim took on the coordination of the removal of 28 Himalayan cats and kittens from a breeder and the subsequent release of those cats into foster homes. Kim also co-chaired one of the most loved fundraisers this year – that being the Most Precious Pets Photo Contest at the Wyandotte Street Fair.

September Spotlight Volunteer – Carol Parker

Carol took on the responsibility of being the editor of the PAWS newsletter, and she attempts to make the newsletter beautiful, fun, and informative in order to attract the attention of the public, so that PAWS will become well-known in the Downriver communities. She has published the newsletter quarterly since our inception. Our newsletter is an important reflection of our organization, and Carol always makes us look great!! Carol also volunteered at P.A.W.S. in the Park, and helps out at many of our other fundraisers. She also enjoys spending time volunteering at the Wyandotte animal shelter.

October Spotlight Volunteer – Terra Muscat

Terra is currently chairing the pet food bank committee and the "Hard to Adopt" event. Terra volunteers regularly at the Wyandotte shelter, and fosters cats for PAWS and coordinates the weekly schedule of cats in our Luv-A-Pet center at the Canton PetSmart store.

Random Acts of Kindness

It seems PAWS is often the recipient of random acts of kindness, so we feel it is important to let others know about these nice deeds. You will find a very special column in future newsletters for those who show their love for the animals. Could you be the one who will be featured in the next newsletter?

Our Friends at Southpointe

Southpointe Veterinary Hospital in Allen Park has been a good friend to PAWS since our inception. The doctors and staff provide excellent care for our foster animals, but Southpointe also supports us in many other ways. Southpointe and their customers regularly donate food and supplies to PAWS, and the staff sells our magnets as an ongoing and profitable fundraiser for us. Southpointe always keeps a donation jar on the counter for us, and their customers are very generous! Dr. Kim Cox and other members of their staff (including Dr. Cox's incredible tortoise, Thaddeus) have volunteered their time and talent to P.A.W.S. in the Park for the last several years, implanting microchips, trimming toenails, and answering questions from the public at the popular "Ask the Vet" booth.

Southpointe's newest gift to PAWS is a monthly "Spay Day" program that began in June. Dr. Carol McKee volunteers her time on those days and sterilizes a large number of our foster animals, as well as many of the animals from the Wyandotte Shelter. Dr. McKee and her staff also sterilize feral cats as part of a TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program.

To facilitate spaying and neutering the large number of animals handled on Spay Day, Dr. McKee follows the Humane Alliance protocols for high volume, high quality surgery. The organization known as Humane Alliance based in Asheville, North Carolina, is the organization that is mentoring PAWS as we open our own spay/neuter clinic. Dr. McKee offers us discounted prices for Spay Day surgeries as well as for vaccinations and deworming. Her assistance enables PAWS to help even more animals.

Dr. McKee is always pleased to be able to assist PAWS in their mission to lower and eventually end, the number of animals needlessly euthanized each year in our community by promoting the spaying and neutering of all companion animals. "We all need to be a part of the solution of the euthanasia of healthy animals. I feel by volunteering my time for this, I am doing a small part to help," says Dr. McKee.

PAWS considers it a huge help and is very grateful for the ongoing support of Drs. McKee and Cox, the owners of Southpointe, as well as all of their wonderful staff. We couldn't do what we do without their invaluable help!

He's Not Just "The Popcorn Guy!"

Robert Beaudette, owner of Kettle Corn of Michigan, was one of the sponsor's at this year's P.A.W.S. in the Park. He not only generously donated half of the money he took in at the event to PAWS, but went even further. He offered a bag of popcorn to anyone who adopted on event day. But it didn't stop there, Bob's heart was even more generous when he donated the \$60 fee for a little girl to adopt a Wyandotte Shelter cat. Our favorite popcorn guy also donated his time at the low-cost shots clinic recently by selling his delicious popcorn and donating all of the proceeds back to the animals! Bob, you are our favorite "popcorn guy," but you are also a very special person to us and all of the precious animals!



Our favorite "popcorn guy" busy at work popping the corn!

Brooke Lafayette – Future Veterinarian

Brooke Lafayette is described by her mother as a diehard pet lover. Brooke recently celebrated her 12th birthday, and she told her mother she wanted to spend \$50 of her birthday money to buy toys and food for animals who needed them. Brooke favors dogs, and she hopes to someday become a veterinarian. She is always doing something for animals, especially her own dog, Nemo. Brooke and her Mom recently brought her gifts to the PAWS drop-off center at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. We know with Brooke's determination, she will someday become the veterinarian she longs to be!

Carly Desrosiers Has A Caring Heart

Carly Desrosiers, daughter of Diane Desrosiers who is a PAWS member and owner of Downriver Dog Obedience, recently did something that warms every animal lover's heart. For Carly's seventh birthday her Mom and Dad had the usual "kid's birthday party" for her. But Carly requested a bit of a twist to the typical kid's party. She requested her guests bring cat or dog food in lieu of gifts for her. As we all know, there are very few kids who would give up the thought of great new toys for themselves in order to collect food for animals in need, but Carly endearingly did just that. Carly proudly was able to collect a combined total of 180 pounds of cat and dog food for Our Lady of the Angels and the Fish and Loaves food banks. Carly, PAWS is very, very proud of you – and we know your family is as well!



Our Lady of the Angels' volunteers, Victoria, Marvel, Joanne & Christina with Carly, and the picture on the right is volunteer, Armondo with Carly at Fish and Loaves

**Happy Tails Are Here Again!
Remember Lily? Just Look At Her Now!**



This is me with my pretty pink cast – during my recovery

You may have remembered Lily, who was one of our first special needs pups. PAWS spent a tremendous amount of money to “fix” this little girl up. Some people wonder why would we spend so much money to mend a “broken” animal, when the funds may have been distributed amongst many non-special needs animals. Well this is why we do these things. Take a look at Lily shortly after her surgery . . . and take a look at her now! Seeing this answers that question! Lily recently had her family send us a happy update about what she’s up to!

“Lily hasn’t communicated with you guys in a while and asked me if I would send you a little update (her typing and computer skills aren’t quite up to snuff yet). Lily is doing great, both from an emotional as well physical standpoint!

She has become a solid member of the family and quite the snuggle bug. She has a new “sister”, Doodles, who is a rescue pup as well. Along with our vet, we all felt she had probably been a “puppy mill” dog. Doodles and Lily have become pals and can often be seen playfully chasing each other around the house and “wrestling” as Lily calls it. Lily will often walk up to Doodles and drop her favorite toy right on Doodles’ head as an invitation to play. More often than not, Doodles will take her up on her offer, and they will spend the next half hour playing tug-of-war.

We all would like to thank you, once again, for the work you do and specifically for bringing Lily into our lives.



This is the answer as to why we do the things we do!

Nolan (aka Bobby) Loves To Watch TV

“Bobby” (Nolan) got a forever home and a new name because of the big **N O** on his left side. His mom and dad’s last name is Olson, so they really liked the fact his initials are on his side. They say he is a very healthy and happy boy is now longer than his new eight-month old sister, Lily. His vet says he is sure to be a big boy. He’s very rambunctious and makes lots of trouble keeping his mom & dad as well as his sister, Lily, on their toes. He is also quite the lover and sleeps with his mom & dad when he isn’t running around like a mad man. He and Lily love each other and get along most of the time until he wears Lily out. His favorite TV program is Planet Earth, or any program with birds, fish or dogs.



This is why my mamma fell in love with me – I love when she cuddles me!

Cooper (aka Lil Guy) Definitely A Happy Boy!

I asked my mamma to write a note to say hello and let you know that I am doing very well. My mamma tells me that it is hard to believe that something so tiny has filled her heart with so much love. She thinks PAWS did a wonderful job raising me. I have met mamma’s entire family, her close friends, and we visit with our neighbor family (including Brody the golden) on a daily basis. Mamma took vacation days when I came to live here, and we think it really helped our “bonding” process and get us all into our “routine”. Yesterday, I was a star, since I made an appearance at mamma’s work. On Saturday, I will go with mamma to her nephew’s flag football game.

The potty training is going better than anyone expected, and I have had only one accident (which mamma said was her fault – not mine!) Last night was the first time I was able to sleep through the night. I did that because I knew mamma had to return to work and wanted to do my part and help her out with a little sleep. I have tons of toys to play with and love every one of them – especially when I can interact with people. OOOPS, I did discover how to dig the other day (ha ha) and had a ball playing with ice cubes on the kitchen floor. Mamma tells me I have a great personality.



A nap is required after a hard day of play!

I had a great time at my puppy shower. All of the adults loved to watch me romp around the house and play with the toys, and making friends with the young Springer that was also at the party. I think everyone loves me!



This is my mamma, Mayme, giving me all the presents everyone brought. What a life for a dog . . . all these presents and a pretty mom who loves me so much!

My life is so perfect . . . Mamma thinks it is okay to make a huge mess with this tissue paper – and no one gets upset!



Twinkie Has A Birthday Party!

While Twinkie was not necessarily considered a “special needs” dog – she was considered a bit of a “senior.” Senior dogs and cats often times have more difficulty finding forever homes, since many people want only puppies or kittens.

Well, Twinkie was able to find the perfect family, and as you can see by her picture at her 12th birthday party, she is living “the life” and is the center of attention at her new home.

She has a wardrobe as big as most humans and finds life wonderful now that she has found the her furever home!



Twinkie at her 12th birthday party – not looking a day over 5!

Sunny Sings Happy Birthday To Twinkie

Meet Sunny, he is a PAWS rescue kitty, who was originally “fostered” by one of our volunteers, Sandy Roberts. You may recall, last Christmas, when he visited Santa at PetSmart, he whispered into Santa’s ear, that he really wanted to stay with his foster mom and his new brother (Little Ricky) and his new sister (Bonnie), and Santa obliged. Like some of the other “special needs” pets, Sunny has a couple of little issues – like feline asthma (it only acts up when he plays too hard) and feline acne (which is kept under control with Stridex). So he has also found a purrfect forever home too.

He just wanted to let you know he can sing with his happy face – as you can see here while he sings the Happy Birthday song to Twinkie! Is there any doubt that he was **really, really, really** happy here.



“Happy Birthday, Dear Twinkie – Happy Birthday To Youuuuuuu!”

It’s Me, Sam, The MSU Kitty, And I’m All Healed!

I found my forever home July of 2009 after being at an adoption event at PetSmart in Canton. My mamma had just gotten a new place and felt that it would not be a home until she had a cat to keep her company. Then she found me – the perfect companion. I was about 1-1/2 years old at the time, and she knew that the first time she held me, that she couldn’t leave the store without me! I knew exactly what to do to win her heart. Mamma

says I am friendly and loving, and I begin purring even before she begins to pet me! My favorite thing to do is to sit on the window sill to await mamma’s arrival when she has been away. She calls my name from outside, and I get so excited that I can’t help but meow and meow, and then I run to the door to greet her. At night, I love to curl up in a ball and sleep right next to mamma. I am such a super playful boy, and I love to pounce on my mamma’s hand when she moves it under the covers! Mamma has a lot of playful toys for me, but she could easily save her money, and I would be just as happy with finding other things in the house to play with – like her hair ties. I have a huge collection, and I love those, because I can smell my mamma’s hair on them – and it smells so good. It makes me feel that she is near, even when she is away. She knows how to spoil me, and I just love it – especially when she hugs and kisses me.

We want to thank Kris from PAWS, Dr. McKee from Southpointe, as well as the entire staff there, because they sure took good care of me. If it were not for them, I know I would not be the happy, healthy and vibrant kitty that I am today.



*On the left – me with my broken leg;
On the right – me now – HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY!*

A Pet’s Ten Commandments

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Separation from you is likely to be painful for me.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don’t be angry with me for long and don’t lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if you think I don’t understand your words, I do understand your voice when you speak to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Please do not hit me – think before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you, because I love you!
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I’m not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too will grow old someday.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, please go with me. Never say you can’t bear to watch. Don’t make me face that journey alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, since I have always loved you unconditionally, please be there for me when I will need you the most!

PAWS Donations and Memberships

General Fund

Anonymous	Michael Austin
Nancy Beasley	Susan Fera
Kris & Jay Jordan	Gilberte LaBelle
Ann Little	Susan & Sharon Lepage
Kenneth Keglovitz	Diane & Raymond Rito (2)
Robert J. Rose, Jr.	Jennifer Simon
Lori Sulik	Barney Trupino

Memorial Donations to General Fund

In Memory Of:	From:
Obi-Wan	Suzanne Doute
Delores Johnson	The Gilmore Family
Gary Budnick	Joe & Terri Kitz
Judy Ahles	Audrey Holmes
Judy Ahles	James B. Richards Agency
Judy Ahles	Gary & Ruth Wiegand
Fiona	Dianne Paul
Loretta Persello	Tuppyn & Silky

Honorarium Donations to General Fund

In Honor Of:	From:
Kerrie's Wedding	Carolyn Cogswell
Cooper (fka Lil Guy)	John & Lucille D'Alessandro
(adopted from PAWS)	
Donna Hall	Mayme D'Alessandro

Donations to the SNAP

Robert W. C. Durfee	Donna Hall
Kris & Jay Jordan	Kenneth Keglovitz
Kimberly & Robert Tiberia	

Goods and Services

Wayne Ferris	Nora Filli
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