



# P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)

## Spring, 2009 Newsletter



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### What We've Been Up To *Flower Power*

During the month of March, P.A.W.S. of Michigan (PAWS) sponsored a Flower Power fundraiser, which turned out to be very profitable – close to \$600. PAWS wishes to thank everyone who bought and/or sold the bulbs!

### *Texas Hold 'Em Party*

Besides all of the fun that was had once again, PAWS found the April Texas Hold 'Em Party to be a great financial success. This time, PAWS earned an additional \$3,900. Thanks to all of the volunteers and participants!

### *Spay Day USA*

As promoting and facilitating spaying and neutering of all companion animals is a top priority for PAWS, it was only natural that we participated in Spay Day USA. This annual campaign sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States is designed to “inspire people to save animal lives by spaying or neutering pets and feral cats. Many organizations and private veterinary practices across the country join together to raise awareness of the importance of spaying and neutering and to have as many animals sterilized as possible.

In honor of Spay Day, PAWS held two fundraisers, and earmarked the proceeds to go to our Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), specifically to spay and neuter animals for Spay Day.

The fundraiser that was held in February, was a Texas Hold 'Em party, and the second event which, was held on the official “Spay Day” itself – February 24 – was at Wendy's of Woodhaven, where the store donated 15% of its proceeds during the dinner hours to PAWS.

Our goal was to spay and neuter 70 cats and 30 dogs in a six-week period from February 16 through March 30. We wanted to offer the public a discounted price for the surgeries and subsidize the cost through money raised at the above events. Response to a wonderful article about the program written by Jim Kasuba of the News-Herald was overwhelming. All 100 spots sold out within two days of the article being printed. Those we couldn't accommodate – which were almost as many as we could service – were placed on a waiting list. Volunteers shared in driving carloads of animals weekly from a central meeting point to the All About Animals high-volume spay/neuter clinic in Warren. When all was said and done, 105 animals – 30 dogs and 75 cats, were sterilized. While the animals may not have particularly enjoyed themselves, the people we helped, many of whom

were unemployed or suffering from the effects of the economy, were extremely grateful to PAWS for offering the service.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who made this successful Spay Day possible, which included those who helped at the fundraisers, made phone calls, scheduled appointments, met with clients to complete paperwork, and drove animals to the clinic. This was a huge and very important project. By spaying and neutering all of these animals, we helped prevent countless unwanted puppies and kittens from being born, thus saving lives.



*Tell me, does my butt look big on this log?*

### *NASCAR And PAWS – A Joint Interest?*

So, who's your favorite NASCAR driver? How about #16, Roush-Fenway Driver, Greg Biffle? You might not currently be a NASCAR fan, but you can't help but appreciate Greg Biffle and become one of his fans!

The Greg Biffle Foundation was founded in 2005 by Greg and Nicole Biffle to create awareness and serve as an advocate to improve the well-being of animals by engaging the power and passion of the motor sports industry. Financial support for the foundation comes from a variety of sources including individual contributions, NASCAR Pets calendars, and the sale of various racing and other sports memorabilia.



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Last summer PAWS applied to the Greg Biffle Foundation for a grant, and in February we were awarded \$1,500. PAWS used the money to help subsidize the spaying and neutering of 66 cats and dogs from families who couldn't otherwise afford the surgery.

On behalf of PAWS, we thank Greg and Nicole Biffle for their generous support of our organization, and we applaud their compassion and efforts for animal welfare.

**2009 P.A.W.S. In The Park Event Underway**

P.A.W.S. In The Park is well underway and is slated for Saturday, September 19, at Young Patriot's Park in Riverview. Sponsors are being sought as well as donations for the raffle. This year's event will, once again, be a dog walk as well as a cat lovers' event. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, registration, contests, raffles, information table, kid's area, adoptions and much more. Information requesting event day volunteers will be sent out closer to the event.



If you know someone who would be willing to sponsor our event or who would be interested in donating a raffle prize, please contact Eve Howell, the event coordinator, at either her e-mail address: [emhowell1@gmail.com](mailto:emhowell1@gmail.com) or by phone at 734-282-4327.

Last year we were blessed with several people who donated the use of tents, which certainly came in handy due to all the rain that day. Although this year we are not anticipating rain (keep your fingers crossed), we would certainly appreciate just as many tents or even more – you know –to keep all that bright sunshine out of our eyes. If you know of anyone who can donate the use of their tent, please have them contact Eve Howell at the above phone number or e-mail address.



*Whaddya talkin' about wrinkles?  
Who's got wrinkles?*

**Is Mamma Around?**

Every year many baby kittens that need their mother come to the pound, or someone may pick them up and start calling rescues. It is important to know that mamma may be out looking for food or could be in the process of moving her kittens. Here is a good idea to find out if mom is around:

If you find kittens in a safe place without a mother, such as a garage, a shed or under some bushes, please watch the location closely for several hours. You can put some sand around the kittens' nesting

place to check for footprints. If mamma is still tending to her babies, she won't be gone for long, and you will find her footprints. If you don't see footprints after a long period of time, and she does stay away too long, please contact your local Animal Protection Service.

With respect to feral kittens, they should remain with their mamma until they are able to eat solid food, but must be caught and tamed by the time they are eight weeks old, or they too may become feral and soon will be making babies of their own.

Please contact PAWS for suggestions on what can be done with kittens you may find and for getting assistance in having the parents sterilized, so they will be unable to "make" more babies. Please also understand that PAWS cannot take all babies into our program, but we do the best we can.



*I bet if I pray REAL hard I'll get a cookie*

**Calendar Of Upcoming Events**

**Every Thursday Evening – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Taylor PetSmart Adoptions 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!

**June 6 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Garage sale, at 22421 Haskell, Taylor. This is in conjunction with the Taylor city-wide garage sale. To arrange pick-up of items, please contact Angel at [1331angel@comcast.net](mailto:1331angel@comcast.net). To drop off items, please call Christine at (734) 709-0347.

**June 11, 12 & 13 – 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Daily**

Millionaire Party (Texas Hold-Em), Woodhaven Lanes, located at 20000 Van Horn, Woodhaven. Come and play while supporting PAWS. For additional information regarding the Party, please call 734-556-2164. The proceeds are designated to support PAWS' efforts to help many homeless animals.

**July 8-11**

Wyandotte Street Fair. PAWS will host its second annual "Precious Pets" photo contest at our booth under the awning of the City Hall. Please see our website [www.pawsofmichigan.com](http://www.pawsofmichigan.com) for a contest entry form.

### **P.A.W.S. Spay/Neuter Clinic**

PAWS has taken the next (giant) step in our passion for promoting the spaying and neutering of all companion animals by announcing our plans to open a spay/neuter clinic of our own! In April, we applied and were accepted into the National Spay/Neuter Response Team (NSNRT) mentoring program of Humane Alliance in Asheville, North Carolina. As one of the first high volume, high quality, affordable spay/neuter clinics in the country, Humane Alliance has developed a model system which they use to instruct and mentor other organizations.

Since our inception in the Fall of 2007, we have found homes for many homeless animals, and we have helped save many lives by facilitating and, in many cases, subsidizing spay and neuter surgeries through our SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program). We are very proud of what we have done and the number of animals and people we have helped. However, our experiences have served to re-emphasize how huge the animal overpopulation problem is. No matter how many cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies we take into our fostering program and find homes for, the calls for help far exceed the number we can accommodate.

The same is true in every animal shelter and every other rescue group. There are more animals being born that we collectively can scoop up and save. Often, it feels like trying to empty a bathtub with a Dixie cup while the tap continues to gush out and the water is overflowing the tub and running out into the hall. But the consequence here is much more than a mess to clean up. Animals are dying by the thousands in our area shelters (and by the millions nationwide) each year because there are no homes for them.

Continuing with the analogy, the most critical step in fixing the overpopulation problem is turning off the tap, or at least slowing the flow down to the point where we're making headway. Across the country, high quality (surgical care standards are not compromised), high volume (at least 25 surgeries per day), low cost (affordable to most people) spay/neuter clinics are making a difference. People who could not otherwise afford sterilization surgeries now have ready access to professional clinics specializing in this surgery at a price they can afford. And shelter intake and euthanasia rates begin to fall.

We need your help to make this vision happen in our community. In order to get the PAWS clinic going, we need to raise a lot of money (\$35-\$45,000). It's a daunting amount, but we're confident we can do it with the help of our members, supporters and the many, many animal

lovers that are in our area. Any donation you can make toward the clinic would be greatly appreciated and will help us get it up-and-running that much more quickly.

We are still early in our planning process; therefore, we do not have all the details yet. We know the clinic will be somewhere in the Downriver area, and we hope to be able to open in the next eight to ten months. We're searching for a building now; if you know of one that might be a good fit (at least 2000 square feet, plenty of parking and grass for dog walking, zoned appropriately), please email the details to us and we'll check it out.

We also have started a wish list. The complete list will be posted on our website soon, but major items include a large kitchen-sized refrigerator, a smaller refrigerator for medicine, a washer and dryer, computers and monitors, and a printer/copier/fax machine suitable for a small office. All of these must be in good working order, as they will be well-used. All financial and material donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

PAWS is excited to take this step, even as we continue our efforts to find homes for homeless animals and help fund spay/neuter surgeries through our SNAP. We will keep you posted as our vision materializes in the coming months.

### **KIND News**

*KIND News* is a newspaper for children which teaches kids the value of kindness toward one another, animals, and the environment. It is a publication of the Humane Society of the United States. This wonderful and informational paper is published each month during the school year (September-May) in three separate editions targeted for different reading levels (grades K-2, grades 3-4, and grades 5-6). Each participating classroom receives 28 copies of the paper. Subscriptions are donated by people who "adopt" a classroom at an annual cost of \$30 per class.

In a world that is growing increasingly cold and desensitized, adopting a classroom is a wonderful way to help children grow into compassionate individuals. Please consider sponsoring a class for the upcoming school year. What a great gift for your child or grandchild and his or her classmates! Subscriptions must be received by June 15 to begin September delivery. If you are able to help, you may contact the Humane Society at (860) 434-8666 or contact them through their website at <http://humanesocietyyouth.org>. If you don't have a particular class in mind, please email PAWS, and we can offer some suggestions.

**Happy Tails Are Here Again!**  
***Titus Is One Whole Lotta Fun!***

Remember Titus – the pup with the hole in his tummy? Here he is all grown up! He is about 68 pounds! He is beautiful and truly loved by his new family. His story began when he was dumped off at the pound when he was only about five weeks old. The worst part was he had a huge opening in his tummy that was very infected. Titus and his new family are all so thankful that PAWS immediately took him to the vet and then into one of their loving foster homes. Titus knows he will be a big guy since he loves to eat food and treats



*Titus, feeling like a new pup!*

***Bobbie, The Kitty, (AKA) Murphy O-Grady***

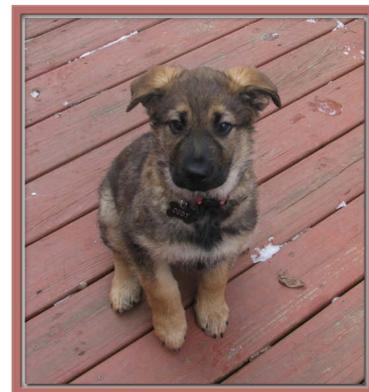
Jennie and Ken adopted Bobbie, the cat, last summer at Freedom Hill's Pet-A-Palooza event. He wanted a name change, so his mom and dad obliged. He loves his home and is a very happy kitty. He seems to have tapered off on the "in your face" behavior, although he is still a lover and licker! His favorite toys are pom pom balls, and he loves lounging by the heater vents or in front of sunny windows. He has his own bedroom with a kitty condo and plenty of space to run around. He has settled down a little, but is still quite a character! Since his first birthday was March 5, it was a great time to share this excellent report. He has really bonded with his new mom and dad and has become part of the family. He is truly a joy to have around. Jennie, Ken and Murphy all wanted to thank PAWS for raising him and providing such good care as long as they did.



*"Bobbie" (aka Murphy O'Grady) showing his loving nature*

***Cody – "Mr. Pudgie"***

Cody recently went for his second set of shots and check-up and Mr. Pudgie is already 17 pounds!! That's at only 11 weeks old! He sure is a feisty little thing – and a little "crazy" too. Three of his favorite things to do, BESIDES EATING, are pulling the kids pictures/schoolwork off the fridge and shredding the paper (he knows only **HIS** pictures belongs on the fridge!) He also loves shredding newspaper (has a need to get rid of that – only takes time away from him when the old folks want to read). He also takes the end of the toilet paper roll and RUNS with it (hmmm – don't want to go there with the explanation for this habit!) pulling a trail of TP behind him throughout the house. He is a sweet boy though, and he's getting pretty good with kisses. He's doing well understanding 'sit' and learning 'lay', and when he hears something interesting, both ears perk up to listen closely – just making sure the subject is surely about him.



*I think I need another treat very soon!*

***Chico Loves His Picture Being Taken***

It is very apparent that Chico loves having his picture taken, and his mamma doesn't mind reciprocating! You can also see, he gets along well with, not only humans – but REALLLLY big kitties! Mom has found it mandatory that he have a new sweater or jacket for every important occasion! Chico's the man – learning how to have mom and dad spoil him to the core! He says he had so much fun at his cousin, Lucien's birthday party, he can't wait for his own birthday party! He knows mamma will do it up right just for him!



*Where did this HUGE cat come from? And this is me and Cuz, Lucien, at his birthday party.*

***It's Me – Scarlet!***

I was found on Thanksgiving day while a PAWS member was traveling between Detroit and Toledo on I-75. She and her husband saw something in one of the lanes. To their horror, they determined it was me – a small kitten, all huddled up and frozen in fear as cars whizzed over me. I just knew they would return, so I stayed still and waited for them to get back to me. This great lady risked her life to run out in traffic to rescue me. They found an emergency vet, who evaluated me and determined that I didn't appear to have any outward signs of trauma except a scrape above my eye. However, my body temperature was dangerously below normal. I was dehydrated and suffering from an upper respiratory infection. Prognosis – guarded, but I was stabilized quickly, so they continued on their way to Cleveland with me for the Thanksgiving holiday. By the time we got back to Detroit, I was well on the road to recovery, though not completely out of the woods. I responded well to medication and the TLC received from my rescuers and my foster mom. My eyes cleared, and I became stronger, although I had several upper respiratory infections for the first couple of months. I have now outgrown this, but I had a bit of a setback later when I began losing my hair. I was diagnosed with demodex, a form of mange. After several months of recovery, I am now ready for my very own forever home. AND I'M WAITING FOR YOU!



*"This is my before and after picture – have I become one purrrr-dee girl or what?"*

***Sometimes "Happy Tails" Aren't All Happy***

Hero was an eight-month old Basenji/Shepherd-mix puppy who was brought into the Wyandotte Pound as a stray. After not being claimed, he was sent to Humane Ohio to be neutered. Prior to surgery they found he had a grade six (out of six) heart murmur, so surgery could not be performed. The doctors at Humane Ohio thought his murmur was the result of a condition called PDA. He was returned to the pound, with his fate unknown. Step in the pound volunteers! They researched PDA and found it could be surgically corrected, so it was assumed he could live a normal life. After an evaluation from one of our veterinarians, she also thought the condition was PDA and that it was correctible. PAWS agreed to take him into the foster program and cover the cost of surgery. Our hopes were high, and Hero was taken to a cardiologist at Advanced Veterinary Care Group in Canton for testing and surgery. Testing determined his condition was not PDA, but that his left ventricle valve was not opening properly and was causing

strain on his heart and lungs. It was something that could not be corrected or treated. Unfortunately, Hero would eventually succumb to congestive heart/lung failure. The cardiologist could not predict when this would happen – days, weeks, months . . . but likely no longer than a year.

Rescue stories are full of happy endings, and we love to share them with our supporters. Sadly, however, we sometimes encounter unhappy endings as well. Most of these we keep to ourselves, as they are painful and hard for many individuals, but we wanted to share Hero's story. Hero's foster mom quickly made the decision to keep Hero at her home, living as part of her family, until that fateful day would arrive. She was bracing for the inevitable. In the meantime, Hero was allowed to live out his life and be a "normal" pet and experience the love and safety of a dedicated guardian and a comfortable home.

All of us at PAWS are heartbroken that this was all we could do for him, but so grateful that his foster mom was willing to care for and love him for as long as she could. Unfortunately, Hero did not survive for even as long as we had hoped. It was a sad day for everyone who knew Hero. His name is so appropriate – we know Hero would want to be remembered for what he could do for other animals in need of expensive medical care. Even though we can't change Hero's ending to a happy one, there are so many others whose happy endings depend on us. Only with your support can we help them. This is one time that PAWS felt the sad story needed to be heard. We want people to know that we do all we can for animals – even when the future may seem bleak. We don't just take in animals to turn them over at a quick rate, sometimes we take the ones that just need somewhere to live a happy life for as long as they can and allow them to experience a loving home for the time they have with us. With this in mind, we felt it was necessary to get his story out there and obtain donations to help other animals who may need special care in the future. We did all that could be done to give this little guy a happy life – as short as it was – so, on behalf of the legacy of Hero, please consider a donation in his name.

Thank you to our foster mom for dealing with this very difficult situation. We can't save them all but we do the best we can.



*Hero at his foster home.*

### ***Spotlight Volunteer Is More Than Dedicated***

Having a fellow PAWS volunteer offer a tribute on behalf of one of our own is a great honor, and this is an example of the wonderful devotion that is shown by Lorraine Mlostek.

Several years ago I was going through a crisis when I met a rock of a woman. I had just lost my 15-year old kitty, Kellie, and soon after, I adopted a precious Maine Coon cat that I named Little Rickie. When I adopted him I noticed his eyes and nose did not appear to be healthy. His health continued to deteriorate and after taking him to three different vets in four months, much medication and \$800+ later, he finally began feeling better.

It was then that I tried contacting people I thought may be able to give me some answers on how something like this could have happened. Finally, I received a call from the most caring and understanding woman by the name of Lorraine. She was sympathetic and understanding about what I'd been through with Little Rickie, and that began a close and ever-growing relationship, who had more wisdom of animal rescue than anyone I have ever known. It was then I felt the desire to work with animal rescue.

One thing I will always remember was when I was heartsick over a kitten that someone had thrown out of a car window. A caring individual saw what had happened and rescued the kitten from the side of the road and brought it to our rescue group. We took the kitten in, and through my tears, I asked Lorraine why something like this could happen? I just couldn't believe someone would do this to a poor defenseless kitten. Lorraine said, "Sandy, we live in a throw-away society – people abuse and throw away their children, their seniors and they will abuse and throw away their animals, and that is where we come in – the rescue groups take them in, love them and care for them until we are able to find them their forever homes." I remember being so touched with emotion. I could hardly believe this was all real yet all the time knowing she was so right. We worked closely together in that group and continue to work closely together to this day. I have learned so much from this strong lady and am blessed for having gotten to know her.

I am proud to say that Lorraine is more than my friend; she is my mentor who is a compassionate and loving lady who is full of wisdom. She has made such an impression on so many and will truly always have a special place in my heart for the immeasurable love and care she has for animal rescue. Lorraine is a hard and never-tiring worker in this group and has many things she works on behind the scenes about which most people never know.

Lorraine administered all of the recordkeeping (memberships, donations, adoptions, foster animals, sterilization dates/reminders) for the first 20 months of our existence. She set everything up herself and did a great job organizing it. She also handled sending out all of our thank you notes until just recently. Everything she did had a personal touch to it. Her thank you notes are legendary; always very personalized and often included pictures of an animal someone donated to or "in memoriam" cards for memorial donations. She would do an abundance of research to get as much information as she could about an honorary or memorial donation to make sure she could personalize the acknowledgement and thank you -- her cards meant so much to the recipients. She also made personalized laminated membership cards for all new and renewal members, and the reminder forms she sent out for memberships were personalized as well. It was obvious she took a lot of pride in what she did, and it made the group look very professional.

She refused to ever accept reimbursement for the supplies she used, just saying it was her way to donate. She spent countless dollars on paper, ink, and stamps – all out of her own pocket.

She also made every effort to be at all Friday night adoption events at Woodhaven Petsmart, making specialized posters of adoptable animals (for example, mothers whose kittens had all been adopted, black cats, special needs animals plus many others), taking late shifts (11:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. at millionaire parties), and helping at many other fundraisers and adoptions.

Every member of PAWS is very grateful to Lorraine for all the hard work for nearly two years of our existence.

Congratulations, Lorraine, on being chosen the PAWS Spotlight Volunteer – your knowledge, expertise, volunteerism and love for animals is appreciated! God Bless you our sweet friend!



*Lorraine – showing her "happyface"!*

**Local Animal Food Bank**

PAWS is pleased to announce a new program to help keep pets in their family homes as they should be rather than in a shelter! Due to the current poor economy, many people are finding it more and more difficult to feed themselves, much less their animals, so they have been forced to give up their loving animal companions. We will be accepting donated pet food and will distribute it to area food banks. The food banks have agreed to distribute these pet food donations while they distribute their regular food. If you have pet food to donate or need more information on where to receive food, please call us at 734-629-3837 or send an email to [petfood@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:petfood@pawsofmichigan.com).



*I'm sure glad this is only a baby carrot*

**Cabrini Elementary School Says Thank You**

Several of our PAWS volunteers, along with Sam, the cat, and Lexie, the dog, recently visited the first grade classes of Cabrini elementary school in order to teach the children about safety when around pets. Sam and Lexie received plenty of petting and love from the children and said they want to go back again. Teachers, Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Smolinski, said the children enjoyed the day so much they insisted on writing loving and artistic thank you notes (shown below).



*Artistic Thank You Notes From The 1st Graders*

**PAWS Donations and Memberships**

**General Fund**

APAW	Charles & Christine Ladd
Kathleen Starr	Wendy's of Woodhaven
Dan & Kim Crudo	Wayne & Pat Farmer
Suzanne Labell	Harvey & Diana Kromrei
Mary McIsaac	Kay Octaviano
Jennifer Portis	Larry Rich
Tracy Balazy	Chuck & Florence Bissell
Seitz Middle School Character Building Class	
Assurant Health Foundation – Matching Gift for Sandy DiDomizio	

**Donation to SNAP Fund**

Edward Bender	Amy and Larry Cathey
Ann Gmosher	Mary Gregory
Mary & Robert Doroshewitz	Pat Grzegorek
Donna and Tom Hall	Mary Jean Mulligan
Christine Bernhard Viegas	Evi Szabo
Greg Biffle Foundation	

**Donation From:**

Sherri Look  
 Tonya Mayrand  
 Pound Pals Downriver  
 Philip Munie  
 Donna Hall  
 Heather Schmidt  
 Cristy Smith  
 Mary Ellen Cunningham (2)

**In Sponsorship Of:**

Hero  
 Hero  
 Hero  
 Kerri  
 Julia  
 Latte  
 Scarlet  
 Vinny

**Donation From:**

Alyssa Tom Abraham to The SNAP Fund  
 Tamara Barber  
 Valerie & Judy Koths to The SNAP Fund  
 Jenny Linne  
 Dr. Carol McKee  
 Drs. Carol McKee & Kim Cox

**In Memory Of:**

Collette  
 Karleigh, Darby & Roy  
 Eugene "Gene" Wackro  
 Bear Bear  
 Simon Johnson  
 Guy & Jari,  
 in Honor of Joyce Blair

Caroline Nickerson to The SNAP Fund  
 Bruce Pease

Groucho  
 Cinder, Biscuit & Boomerang  
 Kira  
 Frankie

Christine Proudlock  
 Tom & Karen Schwartz

**Spay/Neuter Deposit From:**

Debra Pascoe  
 Jacqueline McCurley  
 Carol Long  
 Erica West  
 Ron Lamm  
 Ann M. Bos  
 Ronald Brown  
 Cassandra Koshorek

**For:**

Arabelle  
 Boots  
 Skittles  
 Poppet & Garnett  
 Luigi  
 Mabel  
 Mario  
 Missy

**Honorary Gifts**

Anonymous, in Sponsorship of Scarlet, in Honor of Cristy Smith's Birthday, for Rescuing Scarlet on I-75  
 Patricia Grant, in Honor of Lana & Jerry Golden, For All They Do For PAWS  
 Steve & Jeanne Paul, to The SNAP Fund, in Honor of Kris Jordan's Birthday  
 Melissa Wright & Jeremy Waara, to The SNAP Fund, in Honor of Kris Jordan's Birthday

**Goods and Services**

Michelle Karshneski Metro Shores Credit Union  
 Jeff Pigott Southpointe Veterinary Hospital  
 Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant  
 Wyandotte Federal Credit Union

**Our New And Renewed Members**

**Individual Memberships**

Betty Britz	Terri Fitzpatrick
Catherine Franciosi	Helen Hightower
Jenny Linne	Jerry Osborne
Jennifer Romano	

**Family Memberships**

Tamara Barber	Tim & Lou Ann Durand
Noel & Terra Muscat	Naim, Char & Kira Saiti
Jill & Jared Skoviak	

**Silver Family Memberships**

Carol McKee & Gordon, Emily & Kathryn Hopcian  
 Curt & Corky Bellew

**Youth Membership**

Rachel Fowler

**Pet Members**

Sable Bellew	Hagitha & Druzilla Fitzpatrick
Missy Franciosi	Sandy Hightower
Poop Cat & Skeletor Romano	

**Important Information You Should Know**  
**Foods Which Are Poisonous For Our Pets**

There are many common foods on the human table that are deadly for cats and dogs. It is vital to know about them to avoid causing severe or fatal illness in your loyal companion. Understand that even though a certain food is nontoxic to you, this does not necessarily mean that the food is nontoxic to your dog or cat. Familiarize yourself with the top human food culprits.

Check the food you are sharing carefully. Many of these ingredients are tucked away in cookies, breads, cakes, preserves and other processed foods. Also ensure that your pet eats a healthy and balanced diet. Minimize snacks from the human table – it encourages poor manners from the pet, and it blurs the line between what is good food for the animal and what is not.

Contact your vet immediately if you see any signs of weakness, poisoning, lack of coordination, lethargy, frothing from the mouth or any other unusual behavior after consuming any of these foods. Delay can be fatal, so do not hesitate.

The following lists indicate many food items that should be avoided for your beloved pets:

- ✘ Onions & garlic
- ✘ Pear, apple, plum, peach, apricot and avocado pits, (contain cyanogenic glycosides resulting in cyanide poisoning)
- ✘ Chocolate (contains Theobromine)
- ✘ Raw potatoes and potato peelings
- ✘ Rhubarb leaves
- ✘ Moldy/spoiled foods
- ✘ Macadamia nuts/walnuts
- ✘ Yeast dough
- ✘ Coffee grounds, beans & tea (caffeine)
- ✘ Hops (used in home brewing) and alcohol
- ✘ Tomato leaves & stems (green parts)
- ✘ Broccoli (in large amounts)
- ✘ Raisins and grapes (damages the kidneys)
- ✘ Cigarettes, tobacco, cigars
- ✘ Nutmeg
- ✘ Turkey skin and raw fish
- ✘ Voltarin (in arthritis medication) – **Very Fatal**
- ✘ Baby Food (can contain onion powder)
- ✘ Citrus oil
- ✘ Fat trimmings (Can cause pancreatitis).
- ✘ Human vitamins containing iron (can damage the lining of the digestive system)
- ✘ Large amounts of liver
- ✘ Mushrooms
- ✘ Cherries and elderberries
- ✘ Eggplant

**Membership/Donation Form**

*Please complete this section for either membership and/or donations*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Membership (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. of Michigan**

**Type of Contributions**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Special Contribution (Indicate Cause) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program) (helps families who cannot afford to sterilize their pet)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PAWS Spay/Neuter Clinic

*If mailing your membership fee, please mail to:*

**P.A.W.S. of Michigan**  
**P. O. Box 2184**  
**Riverview, Michigan 48193**