

Making a Difference  
Four Paws at a Time



# P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)

P. O. Box 2184, Riverview, MI 48193

Spring, 2010 Newsletter



e-mail: [info@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:info@pawsofmichigan.com)

[www.pawsofmichigan.com](http://www.pawsofmichigan.com)

## Help PAWS Be A Winner!

### *Save Thousands Of Animal's Lives*

Pepsi is sponsoring a great program in which they are giving away \$1,300,000+ each month to fund ideas that make the world a better place. We have entered our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic as one of the participants in this contest. All you have to do is go to the website shown below, and vote for us every day! It only takes a few minutes of your time, and you can be sure many animals will be helped by your vote if we win! Every vote makes a difference!

<http://www.refresheverything.com/pawsofmichigan>

## TEAM PAWS – Our Future!

### *Group Of Young Members*

“TEAM PAWS” are dedicated animal-loving students. The team began their special program in 2008, and they are a very integral part of P.A.W.S. of Michigan (PAWS), since the youth of today are our adult volunteers of the future.

Our current members include: Kai Belman, Teddy Belman, Amber Burbo, Nora Fillie, Shannon Fonville, Kaitlyn Monsivais, Nick Venier and Roy Venier. Their dedicated leader is Marie Burbo. The group meets every first and third Wednesday of the month at the Riverview Library from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Some of the many important projects in which they have participated have been making cage tags, bandanas and dog and cat toys. They also make crafts to sell for donations for PAWS. Recently, they put a box together for Shelter Appreciation Week and presented it to the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. Along with dog and cat food, they also search for coupons for the food to be used at the food bank. In addition, they dedicate a large amount of their time volunteering and attending many of the PAWS sponsored events. They collected 92 pairs of jeans for “Jeans for Teens” which were distributed to victims of Haiti as well as homeless teens in our area. They have walked in the Wyandotte Christmas Parade, and take command of the kids’ tent at the P.A.W.S. in the Park event each year. They also assist Santa at PetSmart for the Santa photo event. One of their more recent fundraisers took place at Wendy’s of Woodhaven where they received a percentage of the sales to assist in purchasing needed materials for their group. In conjunction with Earth Day, they were an integral part in helping to clean the area around the pond at Young Patriots Park in

Riverview and the Riverview Library. They also made Valentines and sent treat coupons to “Dogs Deserve Better” for their “Have a Heart Campaign.”

There are a limited number of openings at this time for students who are willing to be dedicated members. To become a member you must be between the ages of 12 and 18.

TEAM PAWS is self-funded, so donations to help them continue with their projects are always appreciated. Below is a list of items they can use

### *Wish List Items:*

Fleece material (even scraps)	Craft kits
Fabric scissors	Craft pieces
Fabric markers (reg. & thin)	Fabric scissors
Needle nose pliers	Liquid White Out
Craft beads (all sizes)	Copy ink
White copy paper	Craft ideas
Colored copy paper	Fleece clothes
Small & medium-sized key rings	Scotch tape
Black, red & blue ink pens	Laptop computer
Tote boxes for supplies/storage	Printer
Craft charms (holiday & pet-related)	
Craft safety pins (with no little circle on the end)	
Gift cards (Oriental Trading, Michaels, Crafts 2000, Joann Crafts and Office Depot)	

If you have any questions, ideas or would like to donate any of their wish list items or other items you think would be useful to this vibrant group, please contact, [marieandamber@comcast.net](mailto:marieandamber@comcast.net)



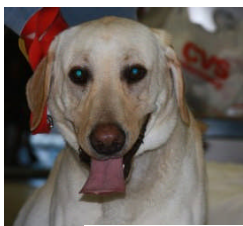
### **Bedtime Pet Prayer**

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
This king-sized bed is soft and deep.  
I sleep right in the center groove,  
My human being can hardly move.  
I've trapped his legs, he's tucked in tight,  
And here is where I pass the night.  
No one disturbs me or dares intrude,  
Till morning comes and, "I want food!"  
I sneak up slowly to begin,  
And nibble on my human's chin.  
For the morning's here,  
And it's time to play . . .  
I always seem to get my way.  
So thank you, Lord, for giving me,  
This human person that I see.  
The one who hugs, and holds me tight,  
And shares his bed with me at night.

**By: Dawn From Animal Rights**

### Meet Fiddler Who Is Infected By Heartworm

Fiddler is a sad example of what happens when pet owners do not have their pets tested and treated with monthly heartworm preventative. He came to Wyandotte Animal Control and tested positive for heartworm when he made the trip to Humane Ohio on the monthly shuttle to be neutered. Heartworm treatment is both expensive and dangerous, but there was no question in the volunteers' minds that Fiddler needed to be saved. Volunteers raised the necessary funds to treat Fiddler, and he pulled through like a champ. He has since been adopted but continues to serve as a reminder to everyone how important and easy it is to protect your pets from this deadly disease.



*Fiddler – When he was dreaming of the day he would be adopted. His dream is now a reality for this lucky boy!*



### Heartworm Disease And Your Dog

Heartworm disease is a serious and sometimes fatal disease for dogs. It is caused by a parasite called *Dirofilaria immitis* that is transmitted by mosquitoes. Mosquitoes become infected by biting dogs that are already infected with heartworms. Any dog living or visiting an area that has mosquitoes and infected dogs is at risk of getting heartworm disease.

#### The Heartworm Life Cycle in Dogs

- A mosquito ingests tiny, immature worms, called microfilariae, in a blood meal from a heartworm-infected host animal.
- The microfilariae develop inside the mosquito, becoming infective larvae within two to three weeks.
- The mosquito transmits the infective larvae when it bites a new host.
- The larvae develop inside the dog's body tissues, then enter the bloodstream and move toward the heart and blood vessels. The larvae grow into adult worms inside the heart, where they will live until they die (about five to seven years). Adult heartworms can grow to over a foot in length.
- After five to six months inside the heart, female worms release microfilariae into the blood, and the cycle starts again.

#### Signs Of The Disease

Dogs infected with heartworms may not show any signs of disease for one or two years. By then, the disease may have already damaged the dog's heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys. The most common

signs of heartworm infection are a dry, chronic cough; general weakness; shortness of breath; and lack of stamina. These signs occur because the heartworms clog the heart and blood vessels, making the heart less efficient and reducing the blood supply.

All of the signs associated with heartworm disease will be more noticeable after extensive exercise. In advanced cases, the dog may have congestive heart failure, swelling in the abdomen or legs, weight loss, and/or anemia.

#### Diagnosing The Disease

The most common way to detect heartworm disease is from a blood test, which detects antigens produced by the adult female heartworms. Your veterinarian may also look at the blood sample under a microscope to see if any microfilariae are present. If the results of these tests are positive for heartworm, additional blood work, X-rays, and echocardiograms may be in order to further determine how extensive the infection is, the number of worms present in your dog's body, and the amount of damage they have done to the dog's vital organs. These tests can also help determine whether or not your dog will be able to tolerate the heartworm treatment.

#### Treating Heartworm

The vast majority of heartworm patients are treated successfully. Treatment consists of both eliminating the parasites and managing the heart, vascular, and systemic problems caused by the infection. If the infection is not too severe, your veterinarian will likely give your dog a special medication to kill the adult heartworms. Your dog will then need a month's rest to rid herself of the decomposing worms. Following this, you will need to give your dog some medicine to kill the microfilariae. Your pet should then be put on a prevention program to avoid becoming re-infected.

#### Preventing Heartworm

The easiest way to manage heartworm disease is to prevent it. This can be done with oral and topical medications. Discuss the available preventatives with your veterinarian to find out which medication is best for your dog. Many veterinarians now recommend year-round heartworm prevention.

#### Heartworm Disease And Your Cat

Heartworm disease is less common in cats than in dogs, because cats are not the "natural" host for the heartworm parasite. However, any cat living in or visiting an area that has mosquitoes and infected cats is at risk of getting heartworm disease. When they do become infected, cats with heartworm disease typically show less severe signs than dogs with the disease. However, heartworm disease in cats can be quite dangerous, even deadly. So it is important to have your cat tested, and the use of heartworm preventative is important as well.

*The above information provided by Gibraltar Veterinary Hospital.*

**Did You Know?*****Dogs And Cats Grieve Just As Humans Do***

An animal that is experiencing the loss of another animal companion may show signs of grief similar to those shown by a person grieving the loss of a human loved one.

Also, death and dying are two of the hardest facts of life to explain to children. Very often, the death of a family pet is a child's first encounter with this immutable law of nature.

Because our pets cannot speak, we don't really know what they are thinking. We must base our interpretations of their emotional state on their behavior – what they do in certain situations and under specific circumstances. When a person experiences the death of a human loved one, we may know they feel grief based on what they say. Very often, however, it is how they react and what they do that tells us they are suffering. They lose their focus, become listless and disoriented, don't eat and become disinterested in what is happening around them. They may cry or go without sleep or they may sleep more.

An animal that is experiencing the loss of another animal companion may react similarly. "Some animals can actually become depressed when they lose a loved one," says Monique D. Chretien, MSc, AHT, Animal Behavior Consultant. "They show symptoms similar to humans such as loss of interest in their favorite activities and sleeping more than usual. However, sometimes dogs and cats hide and sleep more than usual when they are ill, so you should consult with your veterinarian before seeing a behaviorist if your pet exhibits symptoms such as these."

Your pet may lose his appetite, become disoriented, or become more clingy. If the deceased pet was taken to a veterinarian to be euthanized, the grieving pet may sit at the window for days watching for its return. Animal behaviorists commonly call this emotional state, separation anxiety. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals conducted a Companion Animal Mourning Project in 1996. The study found that 46% of cats ate less than usual after the death of another cat companion. In some extreme cases, the cat actually starved to death. About 70% of cats meowed more than normal or meowed less. Study respondents indicated that surviving cats changed the quantity and location of sleep. More than half the surviving pets became more affectionate and clingy with their caregivers. Overall, the study revealed that 65% of cats exhibited four or more behavioral changes after losing a pet companion.

If your pet shows signs that she is grieving the loss of an animal or human family member, provide her with more attention and affection. Try to take her mind off it by engaging her in a favorite activity. If she enjoys human company, invite friends that she

likes to visit and spend time with her. You can also use environmental enrichment techniques such as balls filled with treats to help keep her busy. Hide toys at her favorite spots for her to find during the day. If your pet is too depressed over the loss, she may not respond to extra activity right away. The old saying, "time heals all wounds," has meaning for your pet, too.

If your dog is barking more or whining, distract her. Don't give her treats to distract her or you might unintentionally reinforce the barking. Giving attention during any behavior will help to reinforce it so be sure you are not reinforcing a behavior that you don't like. Give attention at a time when your dog is engaging in behaviors that you do like, such as when she is resting quietly or watching the birds. As the pain of the loss begins to subside, so should the vocalizing as long as it is related to the grieving process. You may also want to consult with your veterinarian regarding drug therapy to help decrease your dog's anxiety.

If you are thinking about adding another pet, wait until you and your surviving pet have adjusted to the loss. Forcing your pet to get to know a newcomer will only add stress to her already anxiety-ridden emotional state. Also, be patient – remember your pet misses her companion as much as you do.

*Content Provided by Petplace.com - Dr. Dawn Ruben*



**“Cat Got Your Tongue?”**  
***We Want To Hear From You!***

Let us know what you think about our members, volunteers, fosters, events, the newsletter and anything else we are doing. You could also add your own ideas for future events or thoughts you might have to improve our group. Your view is important to us! You may just see your thoughts in print in a future newsletter.



*“Just, sayin’!”*



**“Name the Clinic” Contest**

Put your creativity to the test and help us name PAWS' upcoming spay/neuter clinic. For a \$5 donation to the clinic fund, you can submit a name. The winner will be a guest of honor at the clinic opening and will have their picture or a picture of their furry companion displayed in the clinic. Send your entries to our P. O. Box to the attention of Clinic Contest. Good Luck!

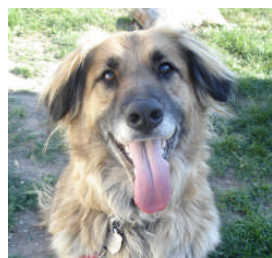


**Spay Day 2010 – A Big Success!**

Spay Day is an annual campaign of The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International to inspire people to save animal lives by spaying or neutering pets and feral cats. For the last three years, PAWS has participated in Spay Day, which encompasses the entire month of February. This year, we held two Spay Day fundraisers. One of the fundraisers was at Wendy's restaurant in Woodhaven which benefited our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP). We also sponsored a low-cost microchip clinic to raise funds for our upcoming spay/neuter clinic. In addition to these two events, we also transported 51 owned animals and feral cats to spay/neuter clinics in Warren and Toledo and either fully funded or subsidized the cost of their surgeries through our SNAP.

PAWS also participated in the HSUS Spay Day photo contest that was held in conjunction with other Spay Day activities. The contest is designed to raise funds for organizations participating in Spay Day.

PAWS would like to thank all of our members and supporters who entered their precious pets in the contest, and/or voted. Through your efforts and those of our adorable furry participants, PAWS earned \$849.80! The HSUS stipulates that all money earned through the photo contest must be used for spay/neuter programs, and PAWS chose to add this nice sum to our clinic fund.



*Meet Moxie – the winner of the photo contest – you can see he is delighted to have received the most votes out of all of our PAWS' entrants, and his mamma, Donna Hall, has just as big a smile about this honor for Moxie!*



**How Important Are Coupons?**

Lana, one of our wonderful volunteers, met with our secret angel, Barbara, recently for the tenth time, to go shopping at PetSmart. Armed with a handful of coupons, they were able to purchase \$247 worth of food for our pet food bank for a remarkable price of only \$114, which was a huge savings. We are told there was no room for even one more item in their overflowing cart!

Lana also found many coupons in her mailbox at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter from other caring individuals. This is definite proof on how worthwhile the coupons are. And the best part is, when the item is on sale, and a coupon is used, it makes the purchase that much more profitable with the savings.

**Precious Pet Photo Contest  
Wyandotte Street Fair**

Do you have the most precious cat or dog **EVER?** Or maybe you have the most unusual pet? Would you like to show off your pet at the Wyandotte Street Fair on July 7-10? Then this contest is for you and your special pet.

For every entry, a jar displaying your pet's photo and name will be at the PAWS booth located in front of the Wyandotte City Hall during the Fair. Votes will be cast by fair goers who will place a contribution in the jar of the pet they feel should be the winner. The pets with the most money collected at the end of the street fair will win Pet Supplies "Plus" Gift Cards as follows:

	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Cat</b>	<b>Most Unusual Pet</b>
<b>1st Place</b>	\$100	\$100	\$50 (1st place only)
<b>2nd Place</b>	\$50	\$50	
<b>3rd Place</b>	Gift Basket	Gift Basket	

Every entrant will receive a gift bag, compliments of Pet Supplies Plus, that will be available for pick up at the street fair.

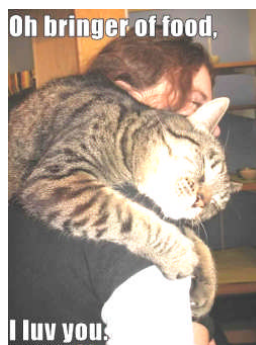
To enter, send your \$10 entry fee payable to P.A.W.S. of Michigan, along with a picture (no larger than 4" X 6") of your pet. Also, please complete the information below and send all of this to the following address:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep in mind your picture entry is non-returnable.

Since space is limited, you will want to enter the contest as soon as possible. All entries must be received no later than July 2, 2010.



*Don't accept your pet's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful!*

*~~Ann Landers~~*

**Volunteer Spotlight Is Picture Perfect!  
Erin Beard Offers A Variety Of Talents**

The Spring 2010 spotlight is shining on Erin Beard. She was chosen because of her dedication and outstanding commitment in helping animals in need.

As a founding member of PAWS, Erin has proven to be a top-notch volunteer! She started out by volunteering at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter and taking pictures of adoptable animals and posting them online. While this may sound like an easy job, it is very time consuming. Getting animals to sit still, get a good picture of the animal, cropping the pictures, uploading them online and writing profiles for each animal can take hours!

After hearing the fact that the least adopted cats are black and black and white cats, she decided to bring awareness to these often overlooked animals. To do this she created the event "Noir Et Blanc" at the River's Edge Gallery where black and black and white cats were shown among the works of art to show how they, themselves, are works of art. The event was a lot of fun as well as a huge success!

Erin also expands her volunteer work into her daily job. Since she works at an elementary school library she is able to promote animal welfare to students. She has even organized events such as having rescue animals at the school book fair where students could sit down and read to the animals. The children were very excited to read to their favorite animal.

Her volunteer work doesn't stop there! She also works on fundraising, adoption events, is a member of the shelter adoption committee, was co-chair of the 2009 P.A.W.S. in the Park event, served on the board of directors for two years and is a member of other various committees.

PAWS would like to thank Erin for all that she has done, and continues to do, to help animals in need.



*Erin telling this little kitty how cute he is!*



**Volunteers Of The Month**

Congratulations and a big thanks to our most recent volunteers for the months of February, March and April:

**February, 2010 Volunteer – Tom Abraham**

Tom is the designer and creator of our beautiful new website for PAWS. He also is the first to admit he is

a "foster failure," which is actually a good thing when it comes to rescue animals. Tom recently adopted one of his fosters, Brutus, the wonderful dog. His original intent was to only foster Brutus until a good forever home became available for him, but as is typical of many of our volunteers, Tom decided he just couldn't give him up after Brutus spent some time at his home and became another member of the Abraham family.

**March, 2010 Volunteer – Diane Desrosiers**

Diane is better known as the "answer lady" for dog temperament issues. Diane is a certified dog trainer who temperament tests the dogs at the Wyandotte shelter and for the PAWS program prior to a dog being placed for adoption. She is also the co-dog program coordinator for PAWS, and a regular volunteer at the Wyandotte Shelter. Diane sits on the food bank committee, runs our ink cartridge collection program, regularly helps with fundraising events, and has fostered both cats and dogs.

**April, 2010 Volunteer – Mary Gasiewski**

Mary is appreciated by PAWS for all of her hard work at the Wyandotte Shelter. She sits on the adoption committee at the shelter, coordinates volunteers for shelter events, helps with the monthly shelter shuttles to Humane Ohio, sits on the PAWS fundraising committee and sends out our weekly "tail count" emails to track which animals and volunteers will be at adoption events. She is "on top" of which of the shelter's animals have been adopted and sends e-mails to let everyone know that many of the shelter rescues have found their forever home.



**Thank You - MALARKEY'S IRISH SPORTS PUB!!**

PAWS would like to thank Malarkey's Irish Sports Pub in Southgate for hosting a fundraiser for us on May 1. Many of our members and supporters and their friends and family came out for an evening of socializing. All Malarkey's employees were happy to wear our t-shirts, which prompted sales of the popular shirts to many customers at the restaurant. Malarkey's ran several 50/50 and prize raffles, with all proceeds going to PAWS.

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped to sell raffle tickets during the evening – You are the best!



*The bevy of beautiful Malarkey's waitresses donning the PAWS apparel*

**Rescue Angels**

Tail tucked between your legs; confusion in your eyes. I know it's hard to understand that someone heard your cries. When loneliness is all you know and pain is all you feel, and no one can be trusted, and hunger's all too real. That's the time the Lord sees you and lets you know He's there. That's when He sends His messengers – the hearts that love and care. Yes, rescuers are angels; you cannot see their wings. They keep them neatly folded as they do their caring things – the medicine to make you well, good food to make you strong and finally to help you learn that hugs are never wrong. The perfect place then must be found; the home where you can live secure and safe, and happy with joy to get and give when you reach your "Forever Home" – your place to feel whole; the Angels smile, and off they go to save another soul.



**Donate Used Ink Cartridges And Cell Phones**

Don't throw out your used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Recycle them, and help PAWS at the same time. PAWS will return the cartridges and phones for cash to help our programs. You can drop off cartridges and phones at the following locations:

**Riverview City Hall**

14100 Civic Park Drive

**Riverview Public Library**

14300 Sibley Road

**Wyandotte Animal Shelter**

1170 Grove

**Wyandotte Bacon Memorial Library**

45 Vinewood

**For The Love Of Animals**

PAWS and Pound Pals thank Cathay House for hosting "For the Love of Animals" on June 3. This delightful evening of delicious food, great wine and liqueur, wonderful entertainment, and good friends also earned lots of money for the animals at the Wyandotte shelter (through Pound Pals) and the PAWS spay/neuter clinic. Our deepest appreciation goes out to Cathay House for hosting this terrific event, and to the event sponsors and donors: Nicole Charnley, A Piece of Cake Liqueur, Mel Printing, Mirage Entertainment, Cada's Hair Studio, Downriver Dogs Obedience, and Southgate Anytime Fitness.



*Help me and all of my stepbrothers and stepsisters get out of jail and find our furever home!*

**PAWS Shares "Sloppy Puppy Kisses"**

A big sloppy puppy kiss to Julie and the group from Life Uniform in Livonia for donating TONS of scrubs from their recent trade-in event. The scrubs will be used by staff and volunteers at the PAWS spay/neuter clinic. Life Uniform also helped to promote our mission and programs to all of their customers. You are the best, and we appreciate you very much!



**Feeding The Hungry**

PAWS of Michigan volunteers are working hard to help people in our community to keep their animals fed by assisting our local food banks. PAWS is providing donated pet food to six local food banks. Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers of this program and to all of you who have donated food or money. If you are able to donate, please drop off food at:

**Wyandotte Animal Shelter (734) 324-4445**

1170 Grove, Wyandotte (next to the recycle center)

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Feed Rite Pet Supply (313) 928-5506**

2979 Fort St., Lincoln Park

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Latta Feed Co. (734) 282-5745**

415 Goddard, Wyandotte

Monday through Friday: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

or:

e-mail [petfood@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:petfood@pawsofmichigan.com) or you can call and leave a message at (734) 629-3897 to make other arrangements. Donations of cash or gift cards are also gratefully accepted and can be mailed to the PAWS P.O. Box to the Attention of "Pet Food Bank Program."

Additionally, volunteers are needed! If you are interested in getting involved with this much-needed program please e-mail Terra Muscat at:

[terra@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:terra@pawsofmichigan.com)

or

[petfood@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:petfood@pawsofmichigan.com)



*"How much is that doggie in the window? (Meow meow!)  
The one with the waggley tail?  
How much is that doggie in the window? (Meow meow!)  
I do hope that doggie's for sale!"  
I really need someone to boss around, and this doggie would be perfect!*



## Happy Tails Are Here Again!

### *Tippy's (aka Torro/Tori) Journey*

A true story told by a true animal lover! Torro showed up one day at our back deck acting all wild and bossy. He'd act real mean and nasty to our other "backyard stray" cats that we've been feeding on the deck for a few years. We've been trapping, neutering and returning them here with the tremendous help of a big-hearted and truly great lady from PAWS. So finally it came time to see if we could trap Torro. One day we were successful, but he was not pleased. He had to be "fixed" because he was not very pleasant to have around. At one point we were asked if we wanted him euthanized instead of returned here to us, so he would not continue picking on our other cats. No way would a cat lose its life on our watch! So the deed was done, and he was released back to us.

I guess he was really angry with us, because we did not see him for a couple of weeks. Then one day while I was out on the deck, he appeared and jumped up on the deck to see me. I honestly thought that he was going to shred me into ribbons knowing his past acts, and due to the fact our last encounter was not a good one being he had been neutered. But to my surprise, he started a sweet soft "meow" and dropped down to his tummy and rolled over onto his back. I could not believe it was the same cat. He rubbed up against my legs and kept meowing and walking around me. So I brought out food for him, and he literally inhaled it. Shortly after that he taught me that he likes to be brushed while he ate. LOL. Gosh, they're such great teachers! In the meantime we were looking for a real home for him, because we just knew that our cat, Ricky, who had adopted us some time ago would not accept any other cat in **HIS** house.

We finally placed him with a couple who likes black cats, but it just didn't work out. Because Torro, who went to his new home as Tori (just because he no longer was a bully cat), became such a loving, adorable and extremely smart cat, we could not just put him in a shelter or anywhere else, so he came back home with us, much to the dismay of our cat, Ricky, which was not unexpected. So now Tori became Tippy. The long introduction of the two cats began!!!! The usual sorts of things went on . . . the hissing, spitting, stalking – mainly by Ricky – along with the screaming, boxing matches, the "kabuki" dances, trying to figure out which litter box was whose, etc. Ricky was not happy, but that didn't stop Tippy from "worming" his way into this family, since he was so very happy that he had a furever home and no longer had to be out in the elements for the remainder of his life. It's been about six months now, and they still haven't figured out who the alpha cat is. We know it's really Ricky, and Tippy really doesn't care, as long as he can live his life in a nice and loving home forever. It's amazing what kind of cat Tippy turned out to be

after his 'surgery'. He is totally mellow, sweet, laid-back, gentle and tries to avoid any conflicts with Ricky. They are working it out, and it's amazing to watch and observe their antics. We are so very blessed to have BOTH of them. It's so worth giving a chance to a poor stray. All lives have changed for the better. We are truly blessed to have him in our lives and in our hearts. We can't imagine life without him. And, by the way, my husband is allergic to cats, but we get Acepromazine drops from the vet's office, and we put one drop a day into their food and it totally neutralized their dander.

We don't know how long Tippy had been out on the streets on his own. The vet thinks he's about seven to eight years old. He had a very long journey to finally find us and we're so very grateful that he did – including Tippy!!

Something everyone should know . . . this is a lesson in why you should always get your animals spayed and neutered. It can change their personality completely – causing them to be sweet and loving animals! Additionally, for individuals who may be allergic to cats, but could find a place in their heart and home for a cat, you might try Acepromazine drops to prevent an allergic reaction!



*Ricky is the black and white boy, and Tippy is the black cat. Tippy has a white tip on his tail, hence, the reason behind his name*



### *All About Barney*

Barney was a little boy with many siblings who came to us from a home with too many dogs. Our wonderful PAWS volunteers went to the lady's home and took 12 puppies; 8 of which were eventually taken into Metro Area Animal Adoption Association's foster program, and the other 4 went to PAWS foster homes. Shortly after Barney was neutered and went to his foster home, he was adopted into his forever home. Happy Happy Tails!



*Barney posing perfectly as he keeps watch over his new household*

**Support Our Spay/Neuter Clinic**

Help support P.A.W.S. of Michigan as we “FIX” the animal overpopulation problem.

We are currently trying to raise \$40,000, the remaining balance of \$70,000 needed to open a Low-Cost, High Quality, High Quantity Spay/Neuter Clinic in the downriver area of Wayne County, Michigan.

This clinic will sterilize over 8,000 animals each year at a cost that is affordable to most families. The sooner funds are raised, the sooner we can open our doors to this much-needed clinic.

Purchase tags as a memorial or honorarium of friends, family members or pets. The tags you purchase will be permanently hung on the beautifully muralled wall at the clinic and you will receive an invitation to the “Hanging of the Tags” event to be held during the clinic grand opening festivities.

*Gold Medal Tag*



*Have a Heart Tag*



*Circle Of Love Tag*

*Tags Pictured Above Are Actual Size*

**Purchase a Legacy for Life Tribute Tag**

Please help make a difference to the animals in our area by:

- ✘ Purchasing a memorial/honorarium tag to be permanently placed on our Spay/Neuter Clinic walls
- ✘ Purchasing a duplicate tag to keep or share. Duplicates will be mailed to you.
- ✘ Making a tax-deductible contribution to our Clinic

**Thank you for your support of PAWS and our goal to open a Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic.**

Do something special for a pet lover, a pet or for yourself!

**Gold Medal Tag - \$100**

**Duplicate Tag - \$25**

	18 Characters
	18 Characters
	18 Characters
	18 Characters
	18 Characters

**Have A Heart Tag - \$50**

**Duplicate tag - \$20**

	15 Characters
	12 Characters
	10 Characters

**Circle Of Life Tag - \$25**

**Duplicate tag - \$15**

	12 Characters
	10 Characters
	10 Characters

Please indicate your tag preference.

If you would like to purchase a duplicate tag, check the appropriate box(es) next to each level.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation without purchasing a tag in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Check  Cash Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please visit our website at [pawsofmichigan.com](http://pawsofmichigan.com) and click the “DONATE” button to donate online



**PAWS Donations**

**Goods and Services Donations**

Kelly Faber	Al's Auto Glass
Jerry Osborne & Thomas Todd	Tanya Ridley
Denise & Luke Thornsberry	Gary Olsen
Michelle Karshneski	PetSmart Taylor
Feed Rite Pet Supply	Rob Dyszewski
Barb & Scott Withers	Life Uniform, Livonia
Southpointe Veterinary Hospital	Cathay House
A Piece Of Cake Liqueur	Nicole Charnley
Downriver Dogs Obedience	Mel Printing
Southgate Anytime Fitness	Mirage Entertainment
Cada's Hair Studio	Dr. Carol McKee

**Donations to the General Fund**

Diane and Raymond Rito (4)	Wendell Kennan
Larry Rich	Philips Vallakalil (2)
Margaret Toth	Jean Lombardi
Shirley Diepenhorst	Velda Bohler

**Donation to General Fund From In Honor Of**

Patricia Grant	Lana and Jerry Golden
Jerry Osborne	Lana Golden
Amy Holihan	Gunner
Michael Funke	Spinx and Tut
Mark & Carrie Enderich	Maggie's 1st birthday"

**Donation to General Fund From In Memory Of**

Curt & Corkey Bellew	Sable Tasha Bellew
Sandy Roberts	Nellie Carl & Spike
Tena Bobrin	Zsa Zsa Plotkin
Pat Grzegorek	Maggie, Bear & Gretchen

**Donations to SNAP Fund**

Gilda Halawani	Kristi Attard
Cindy Pollack	Margaret Toth
Kris & Jay Jordan (3)	Nicole Redfield
Lisa Reinhardt-Kosal	Christine Pierce
Shirley Casey	

**Donations to SNAP Fund**

Stacey & Douglas Baumann	Kerri the Kitten
Anne & Louie Gmoser	Dolores Thiede

**Donations to Spay/Neuter Clinic**

Linda Lee	Nancy Delosier
Mary Doroshewitz	Gwendolyn Flowers
Harry & Kathleen Starr	Delores Renew
Dan & Denice Szczesny	Maral Meyers
Sheng-Wen Huang	Rose Darin
Shirley and Douglas Jenzen	Linda Muzyczka

**Donations to Spay/Neuter Clinic:**

<b>From</b>	<b>In Memory Of</b>
Michael Romano	Judy Ahles
Kris Jordan	Kitty Ebright
Mark & Nicole LaVeque	Stevie

**Donations to Pet Food Bank**

Barbara, Our Angel	Christine Ladd
St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop	Nitya Ganesh (3)
Angel & Terry Parsons	Phil Metz
Michelle Karshneski (2)	Cindy Frederick
Tim & LouAnn Durand	Linda Lee
Brownie Troop 75086	Shannon McNamara
Karen Hoffman	Dale Page

**Sponsorships From**

Ralph & Lydia Odell  
 Ralph & Lydia Odell  
 Sheng-Wen Huang  
 Sheng-Wen Huang  
 Sheng-Wen Huang  
 Mary Schwartz  
 Paula Ban  
 Erin Beard  
 M. Wright  
 K. Corwin  
 Jill Knight Skoviak  
 Cristy Smith  
 Stephanie Featherstone  
 Kathy Abbott  
 Frank & Yumi Dalton  
 John Sayre  
 Sharon Tappa  
 Rose  
 Tracy  
 Debi  
 Marsha  
 Anonymous (3)

**For**

Shiver  
 Frankie  
 Bebe  
 Petunia  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna  
 Wyonna



**New and Renewal Memberships**

**Individual Memberships**

Jerry Osborne Betty Britz

**Family Memberships**

Jennifer and Frankie Palumbo Michael Funke  
 Corky & Curt Bellew Tamara Barber

**Senior Memberships**

Pat Grzegorek

**Pet Memberships**

Allie Grzegorek



**Cruisin Downriver**

Please come visit the PAWS tables at the upcoming Downriver Cruise on Saturday, June 26. **George's Used Cars** has been so kind as to offer us a prime location in front of his upcoming lot to be located on Fort Street (just north of Sibley Road) in Riverview. The George Kaltsas Family has also offered to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers and bottled water for us to sell and then allow PAWS to keep all of the profits. PAWS and the animals wish to thank the Kaltsas Family, since this will allow our group to get just a little closer to realizing our low-cost, spay/neuter clinic. All proceeds from this event will go toward the low-cost clinic. Also, don't forget to visit our sister organization, Pound Pals, as they will be set up about 3 blocks north of us in front of Salon Mon Ami.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Eve Howell by e-mail at [emhowell1@gmail.com](mailto:emhowell1@gmail.com) or by calling her at 734 642-7788

**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 A. Bring a friend and learn more about PAWS!

**June 18, July 16 & August 20 – 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
City of Wyandotte Third Fridays Event. Adoptions of Wyandotte Animal Shelter and PAWS animals in downtown Wyandotte.

**June 26 – All Day**  
Downriver Cruise – we will be located at George’s Used Car Lot on Fort Street just north of Sibley in Riverview. See article on Page 9 for additional information.

**July 7 through July 10 – 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
PAWS booth at the Wyandotte Street Fair, featuring our Precious Pet Photo Contest. Complete details will be on our website beginning in June (see form on Page 4 of this newsletter).

**July 24 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and July 25 (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**  
Ninth Annual Pet-A-Palooza. Palace of Auburn Hills.

**July 31 – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Low-cost microchipping at Riverview City Hall. Microchips are \$25 each or two for \$40. With proof of adoption from a shelter or a rescue group, the cost will be only \$20 per chip. All microchips include automatic free registration. Volunteers will also be on hand to make collar ID tags for your pet.

**August 5- 7 – 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Each Day**  
Come and have fun at our Millionaire Party at Woodhaven Lanes, 20000 Van Horn (corner of West Road and Allen Road) in Woodhaven. Texas Hold-Em and Blackjack games to benefit PAWS.

**September 18 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
“P.A.W.S. in the Park – A Party for Pet Lovers.” This is our annual major fundraising event, which will feature contests, a pet boutique, low-cost microchipping, “Ask the Vet,” DJ, food, and much more. More details to follow in the next issue of the newsletter, but save the date!

**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)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ P.A.W.S. Spay/Neuter Clinic  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pet Food Bank

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

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