

Making a Difference  
Four Paws at a Time



# P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)

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## We Did It!

Because of all of your patience, wonderful support and votes, P.A.W.S. of Michigan (PAWS) is officially a grant recipient of \$50,000 from the Pepsi Refresh Project. After five months in the contest, we finally finished in fifth place for the month of September. We now have enough funds to officially begin our work on opening the new low-cost, high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinic. This clinic will save thousands of animal lives every year!

We'll keep you posted on our progress as we move toward our grand opening, which is tentatively planned for the Spring of 2011.



*This is Napolean highly encouraging people to vote for PAWS in the Pepsi Challenge Contest!*



## P.A.W.S. In The Park A Success Once Again



Once again, this year's P.A.W.S. in the Park was a huge success! After an early morning rain shower, we saw the skies clear, and people started streaming in just in time for the opening stroll around the pond. The day's events got into full swing with many popular activities going on throughout the day, including demonstrations by the Fuzzy Lightning Flyball team and new contests and games for dogs. Old favorites such as the ever-happy clowns from Clowns Around Redford, the silent auction and raffle, contests, great music, a nature walk, kids' activity tent, canine good citizen testing, low-cost microchipping and "Ask the Vet" were there. This year, we increased the animal adoptions area by inviting several of our fellow adoption organizations to join us. Our great photographer and the very talented pet psychic stayed busy all day. Everyone had fun, and we received a lot of positive feedback from vendors and pet-people.



*One of the smarter entrants – he drove himself to P.A.W.S. in the Park this year!*

Our only disappointment was that one of our main food vendors wasn't able to get his food truck started, but we did have Stone's Pizza, Kettle Corn and a bake sale tent to satisfy the hungry!

Even with no "big dollar" sponsor this year, we were still able to raise \$8,800, which was split between our general fund and our spay/neuter clinic fund. We registered a record breaking 93 people and 117 dogs this year. Many more unregistered folks attended, but they missed out on getting their snazzy T-shirts and tote bags provided by The Shirtery!

The fundraising committee thanks all of the volunteers who helped make P.A.W.S. in the Park such a success. We couldn't have done it without you.



## Pet Foster Mom

There I sat, alone and afraid.  
You got a call and came right to my aid.  
You bundled me up with blankets and love.  
And when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.  
I learned that the world was not all that scary and cold.  
That sometimes there is someone to have and to hold.  
You taught me what love is; you helped me to mend.  
You loved me and healed me and became my first friend.  
And just when I thought you'd done all you could do,  
There came along not one new lesson, but two.  
First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go.  
I've done all I can, and you've learned all I know."  
Then you bundled me up with a blanket and kiss.  
Along came a new family, they even have kids!  
They took me to their home, forever to stay.  
At first I thought you sent me away.  
Then that second lesson became perfectly clear.  
No matter how far, you will always be near.  
And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on.  
I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.  
But I'll never forget what I learned that first day.  
You never really give your fosters away.  
You gave me these thoughts to remember you by.  
We may never meet again, and now I know why.  
You'll remember I lived with you for a time.  
I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

### Pondering Gift Suggestions?

Christmas . . . The Most Wonderful Time of Year. That is, until we have to decide what to buy for our pets and our loved ones.

Here are some wonderful suggestions that PAWS has for you!

A PAWS 2011 Pet Calendar \$10.00 each (see Page 6 for additional information).

Remember a cherished pet or loved one with a Legacy for Life Tribute Tag (see Page 5 for form). With the Spay/Neuter Clinic opening soon, this is a great time to support PAWS and honor/memorialize a pet or loved one. Gold Medal Tag - \$100, Have A Heart Tag - \$50 or Circle Of Life Tag - \$25.

Fido & Fluffy told us that they are begging for a new Pet ID Tag. A PAWS volunteer can make these tags while you browse through the available animals at Wyandotte Animal Shelter, or you can order the tag of your choice, and we will mail it to you. Various shapes, sizes and colors are available. The cost for the tags run between \$6 to \$9 each.

Probably one of the best gifts ever for you're your pet and yourself is to microchip your pet or purchase a gift certificate to have a pet microchipped. Microchipping saves lives and helps your pet to be returned home safely if he or she should become lost or wanders away and forgets how to get back home. Microchipping and gift certificates are \$25.

Cash donations are always welcome and needed. Pick your favorite program.

1. General Fund
2. SNAP Program (Spay/Neuter assistance program)
3. Pet Food Bank Program
4. PAWS Spay/Neuter Clinic Fund.

If you would like more info or are interested in any of these wonderful gift ideas, please either drop by the Wyandotte Animal Shelter located at 1170 Grove Street, Wyandotte, Michigan (next to the Wyandotte Recycling Center) or contact our volunteers at PAWS of Michigan [info@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:info@pawsofmichigan.com).



*Those we love don't have to be exactly like us!*

### Love Me Because . . .

Love me because . . . I am a senior . . . I am overweight, . . . I need to be an only cat . . . I need a good home.

In November 2009, PAWS hosted an adoption event in the basement of Wyandotte City Hall following the Christmas Parade. This year we are planning to host another "Love Me Because" adoption event scheduled for February 5.

If you are looking to adopt, watch for more information in your PAWS emails, our website or on the PAWS Facebook fan page.

If you have some time on your hands and are interested in becoming a committee member or PAWS volunteer at this event, please email [terra@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:terra@pawsofmichigan.com).

### Save Your Fleece

PAWS is collecting pink, red, white, and heart-patterned fleece to make blankets for our Second Annual "Love Me Because . . ." adoption event, which is planned for February 5. If you're a crafter and have any of this material to donate, please contact Terra at [terra@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:terra@pawsofmichigan.com).



### Five Reasons To Go Senior!

November is Adopt-A-Senior-Shelter-Pet Month; which is a time to remember older dogs and cats who are often the last to be adopted. The best reason to "go senior" is that you'll be giving them a second chance, and you'll be a hero in their eyes every single day. Top five other reasons to "go senior":

1. What you see is what you get. No surprise on size or personality.
2. Easy to teach. Older pets have more focus than youngsters.
3. They settle in quickly. All they want is to be part of the family.
4. Fewer acts of destruction. Seasoned dogs and cats know what a chew toy or cat condo is for.
5. They enjoy easy livin'. Exercise is great, but a nap is super!



*Matilda – A beautiful example of a senior looking for a home! She's an Australian Shepherd/German Shepherd Mix*

**Help Team PAWS**

**Wendy's Fundraiser**

Please join TEAM PAWS, our youth group, for dinner at Wendy's of Woodhaven on November 27 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wendy's will donate 15% of all of their proceeds (including drive-through) during those hours to Team PAWS to help them with their group expenses.

**Turn Trash Into Cash!**

TEAM PAWS has also joined up with Terracycle to collect items and turn them into everyday products. Please save your clean items and bring them to our monthly general meeting or to schedule a pickup or drop off, please send an email to: [teampaws@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:teampaws@pawsofmichigan.com)

Items to save are:

- Capri Sun & Honest Kids drink pouches
- Candy wrappers from Mars, Wrigley & Cadbury
- Cookie Wrappers from Keebler & Nabisco
- Bear Naked bags & wrappers
- Scott bath tissue, towels, napkins & flushable moist wipes packaging
- Huggies diaper packaging
- Avenno tubes

- Star buck coffee bags
- Oscar Meyers Lunchables
- Sprout packages Unilever spreads tubs & lids (I Can't Believe It's Not Butter, Country Crock, Brummell & Brown and Promise)
- Frito-Lay snack bags (chips, Cheetos, Fritos, Doritos)
- Scotch Tape dispensers and cores
- Malt O Meal cereal bags
- Elmer's sticks & bottles
- Neosporin tubes

**As always, TEAM PAWS would like to thank you in advance for your support!**

**Flower Of The Month Fundraiser Is Back!**

Team Paws is again sponsoring its popular "Flower of the Month" fundraiser through Ray Hunter Florists. See the information below if you are interested in helping Team PAWS with this great program.



**Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.**

**Help Support**



by Joining the



**Flower of the Month Club**

**W**e have twelve reasons for you to enjoy our beautiful flowers and plants throughout the next year. These make great gifts for friends, teachers, hairdressers.

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| January - Miniature Carnation Bouquet                  | July - Asiatic Lily Bouquet                                       |
| February- Cyclamen Plant <small>4.1/2 hour Pkg</small> | August - Gladiolus Bouquet  |
| March - Shamrock Plant <small>4.1/2 hour Pkg</small>   | September - Indian Summer Bouquet                                 |
| April - Tulip Bouquet                                  | October - Alstromeria Bouquet                                     |
| May - Annual Plant <small>4.1/2 hour Pkg</small>       | November - Holiday Cactus <small>4.1/2 hour Pkg</small>           |
| June - 6 Stem Rose Bouquet                             | December - Festive Poinsettia Plant <small>4.1/2 hour Pkg</small> |

**One Time Charge of \$25.00 for ALL 12 Months!**

**YOUR TWELVE MONTHS WILL START JANUARY 2011 AND BE GOOD THROUGH DECEMBER 2011**

**Special Notice:**

By Purchasing this special package you will be helping P.A.W.S. of Michigan! To help us raise the most money we can, please take this to your friends, neighbors, families and places of employment. P.A.W.S. of Michigan receives \$5 from every sale.

Orders can be placed from now through December 6th and must be turned in no later than December 7th to Marie Burbo  
 Or Feel Free to Place your order on our website at [www.adxlonline.com](http://www.adxlonline.com), when ordering online please reference P.A.W.S. of Michigan as salesperson

You pick up your flowers at any one of the Ray Hunter

**Locations**

- Southgate • 16153 Eureka Road
- Woodhaven • 21015 Allen Road
- Flat Rock • 28801 Telegraph Road

Any Questions email [teampaws@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:teampaws@pawsofmichigan.com) or Please call our Ray Hunter Representative Lynn at (313) 308.0500 ext 116

### **Volunteer Spotlight – Linda Lee** ***Brings Fun, Business & Talent To PAWS***

PAWS member Linda Lee has a way of making things fun for those around her. With her gift for storytelling, her great sense of humor, and her cute giggle, Linda is a welcome member of any group activity. But Linda knows how to dig in and get down to work too, as she plans fundraisers such as P.A.W.S. in the Park and volunteering at many of our events. This combination of talents makes her an appreciated and valued member of PAWS.

Linda brings great business experience to PAWS. After a long career in marketing at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, Linda retired in 2001, though she continued as a contractor in project management at BC/BS for several more years. Beginning in 1999 and through the present, Linda has been an adjunct instructor at Davenport University, teaching a wide variety of business and marketing classes. Prior to beginning her career at BC/BS, Linda taught elementary school at a Catholic school in Rochester, Michigan. Madonna Ciccone (later just “Madonna”) was one of her students!

In addition to her business experience, Linda brings wonderful artistic talent to her volunteer activities with PAWS. She has a B.A. degree in graphic design from Michigan State. Though she worked as an artist and taught art after she graduated, art became more of a hobby after her career at BC/BS began. Since most of us at PAWS can't even draw a stick figure, Linda's talents are often called upon. An upcoming project for Linda is drawing the mural for our Legacy for Life Tribute Tag wall at The PAWS Clinic, which is a project she's excited to start on.

Linda lives with her two rescue dogs, Derby and Indy. Derby is a Norwich Terrier (Linda loves 'em) whom she got as a puppy soon after her beloved Buttercup, another Norwich, passed away. Indy was rescued from a shelter in Indiana. He was in bad shape, so much so, that Linda couldn't even determine what breed he was. DNA testing determined that the now healthy and spoiled Indy is a Cairn Terrier.

Of her love of animals and volunteer work with PAWS, Linda says "I can't remember a time in my life when there wasn't a dog or a cat (or several pets) in my home. I truly can't imagine life without a furry companion! Diane Desrosiers and I were involved in a fundraising group for a local shelter, and the group unfortunately disbanded around the same time that the PAWS group was forming. I attended a PAWS meeting in the Fall of 2007 and really liked the group. I was so impressed with its dedication to helping animals, and I was amazed at how 'hands on' and active the members were. I've really enjoyed working (and having fun) with the

PAWS people and knowing that we're saving animal lives at the same time. Perfect!"

PAWS is grateful for Linda's hard work for our group and her willingness to freely share her talent and experience with us.



*Linda enjoying some special time with her pups!*

### **Volunteers Of The Month**

Big sloppy puppy and kitty kisses to the following individuals who were honored for their devotion to PAWS and the animals:

#### ***August, 2010 Volunteer – Kaye Ross***

Kaye is always one of the first to raise her hand when we ask for volunteers. She always volunteers for our millionaire parties, and has spent a lot of time at our booth at the Downriver Cruise in July. Kaye was on the P.A.W.S. in the Park committee and coordinated the chili cook-off with the Riverview Fire Department. Kaye and her dogs, Splash and Romeo, were the Grand Marshals at this year's P.A.W.S. in the Park event . . . meaning Kaye collected the most pledges for the event. Thanks, Kaye – you're the “bestest!”

#### ***September, 2010 Volunteer – Yumi Dalton***

Yumi is a tireless volunteer at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. She always works especially hard to keep the dog runs clean and the dogs happy and healthy. She and her husband, Frank, help at many offsite adoption events, including regularly taking animals from the shelter to our adoption events at PetSmart. Yumi always has her happy face on and is friendly and appreciated by all who work with her.

#### ***October, 2010 Volunteer – Michelle Karshneski***

Michelle has been cleaning cages at Canton PetSmart once a week for several years now. She often buys treats and supplies for the kitties who stay at the Luv-a-Pet Center during the week. She was an important member of the P.A.W.S. in the Park committee, serving as co-chair for the games and contests, co-chair for volunteer coordination, and chairing the bake sale committee. Michelle also donated several items for the P.A.W.S. in the Park raffle. What would we do without people like Michelle?

**Support Our Spay/Neuter Clinic**

Help support P.A.W.S. of Michigan as we “FIX” the animal overpopulation problem. We have successfully won the Pepsi Challenge Contest and now look forward to completing our plans for our clinic, which we plan to open in the Spring of 2011.

This clinic will sterilize over 8,000 animals each year at a cost that is affordable to most families.

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

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

**Gold Medal Tag - \$100**

**Duplicate Tag - \$25**

	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

**New Date For General Membership Meetings**

Beginning in 2011, the PAWS general meetings will be moved to the **fourth Wednesday** each month (from the third Tuesday). We will continue to meet at the Riverview City Hall, 14100 Civic Park Drive at 6:30 p.m. in Activity Room B. There will be no meeting in December 2010. So the first meeting to be held in 2011 will take place on January 26.

**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.

**Fourth Wednesday Each Month – 6:30 p.m.**

PAWS General Meeting – Riverview City Hall – Activity Room B. Bring a friend and learn more about PAWS! **Note: Remember the meeting dates have been changed from the third Tuesday each month to the Fourth Wednesday each month beginning with the January, 2011 general meeting. Remember, there will be no meeting in December, 2010.**

**November 26-28 – 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. (License #M61273)**

**December 9-11 – 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. (License #M61222)**

Come and have fun at our Millionaire Parties at Woodhaven Lanes, 20000 Van Horn (corner of West Road and Allen Road) in Woodhaven. Texas Hold-Em and table games to benefit PAWS. Proceeds to be divided between the general fund and the spay/neuter clinic fund. If you need additional information, please call 734-556-2164

**November 27, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Wendy's of Woodhaven is allowing TEAM PAWS to have another great fundraiser. Come and help the group by having dinner!



**Pictures With Santa**

Pictures with Santa - Bring your furry companion to have his or her picture taken with the jolly old elf, Santa Paws, at one of these locations. (Note - volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please email [info@pawsofmichigan.com](mailto:info@pawsofmichigan.com) if you can help). See below for locations and times.

**December 4 and 5 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**PetSmart Canton South, 47142 Michigan Avenue, (east of Beck Road)**

**PetSmart Taylor, 23271 Eureka**

**December 11 and 12 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**PetSmart Canton South, 47142 Michigan Avenue, (east of Beck Road)**

**December 18 and 19 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

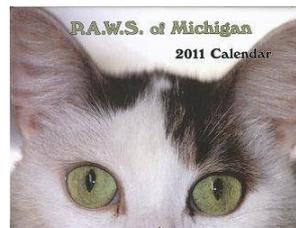
**PetSmart Canton South, 47142 Michigan Avenue, (east of Beck Road)**

**PetSmart Taylor, 23271 Eureka**

**PetSmart Woodhaven, 23470 Allen Road**

**2011 PAWS Calendars**

The PAWS 2011 calendar showcases beautiful full color pictures of past and present rescue animals. Each of these animals were either taken into foster care by one of our wonderful volunteers, or were cared for at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter.



Calendars are being sold for \$10 each. Get yours today at the following locations:

**Wyandotte Animal Shelter**

**1170 Grove St.**

**Wyandotte, MI 48192**

**Hood's Do-it Best**

**1844 Ford Avenue**

**Wyandotte, MI 48192**

**Southpointe Veterinary Hospital**

**10581 Allen Road**

**Allen Park, MI 48101**

**Monkey's Resale**

**12466 Fort Street**

**Southgate, MI 48195**

You can also order a calendar through the mail by sending a check for \$12 (includes \$2 for postage) to:

**P.A.W.S. of Michigan**

**Attn: Calendar**

**P.O. Box 2184**

**Riverview, MI 48193**



**Reasons Your Pet Wants To Be Microchipped**  
***A Happy Reunion Story***

Last summer I lost my cat, Eddy, due to a heart condition. My vet's office knew I had lost Eddy and that I was interested in getting another cat, so they called me right away when someone brought in an abandoned cat. The vet's office did a combo test and a distemper for him right away. I went in to meet him and set out to foster him. He was young and already four-paw declawed and neutered. I named him Corgan. However, I proceeded to call the local shelters and reported him found should anyone call looking for this little guy.

I fostered him for 21 days before taking him to get his second distemper vaccine. Just for the sake of it, I asked if anyone had scanned him for a microchip. I figured no one would microchip a cat, but as an added precaution, we scanned him just the same. **BEEP!** A microchip was located, so we called the numbers registered to the chip and were able to reach a lady who said the cat had belonged to her daughter who gave him to a lonely coworker in 2008. The cat's original owner contacted me the next day and could not believe the story of how the coworker apparently abandoned the cat outside. to

Here he was a declawed cat who was left outdoors fend for himself for over a month when the new owners moved to Ann Arbor after finding out the wife was pregnant.

He was depressed at my house and uncomfortable around my dogs. The original owner came from Milan to sign him over to me as a foster cat. However, the moment she walked into my home, Corgan stood up, meowed his cute little meow and ran to her as fast as his little legs could carry him. She dropped to the floor, and the cat who acted like a bump on a log at my house was suddenly acting like a kitten. His original name was Domino, and he nose bumped, licked and purred his way into exhaustion when he saw his lost pet mom. After talking to her for over two hours, she decided that she just couldn't sign him over, so I waved good-bye when they went home together after a tearful hug from her. I've received two letters and a Christmas card from "Domino" and his family letting me know how happy he is once again. He is the reason I got my cats micro-chipped. If my furry family members ever got outside, I would want someone to find them and care for them as I did for Domino until I could get reunited too,

**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**