



# P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)

## Winter, 2010 Newsletter



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### 2010 Board of Directors Elected

Congratulations to our 2010 Board of Directors:

#### Board Officers

President – Kris Jordan  
Vice Pres. – Chrissy Romano  
Secretary – Karin Pigott  
Treasurer – Angel Parsons

#### Directors-at-Large

Velda Bohler  
Valerie Koths  
Terra Muscat

We applaud these members for their willingness to serve on our Board of Directors and congratulate the newly elected or re-elected members on their two-year terms.

Special thanks to our outgoing Board members, Erin Beard (Secretary, 2008-2009) and Eve Howell (Vice President 2008, Director-at-Large 2009) for their two years of service as Board members. We appreciate all of your time, energy and hard work during your terms! A big thank you is in order, as well, to Karin Pigott for her two years of service as Treasurer. The Treasurer position is arguably one of the most difficult positions in the organization, requiring a huge amount of time and attention to details. Karin did an amazing job with our books, and we're all very grateful to her.



### Founding Member Dies

Lorraine Mlostek, one of the founding members of P.A.W.S. of Michigan (PAWS), passed away after a courageous battle fighting cancer.

Lorraine was a very good friend to all. One of her best friends from PAWS was diagnosed with breast cancer, and Lorraine was the first person she called. Lorraine was her "rock" and support. Shortly, thereafter Lorraine was diagnosed with liver cancer, so they began their brave fight together. They would discuss treatments, diets and "feelings." They lost their hair together and cried together. They managed to do all of this while continuing to do something they both loved, which was volunteering for PAWS.

Lorraine was the "sign maker" for events and she created the cage cards for our adoptable pets. Until the Spring of 2009, she handled all of the recordkeeping duties of PAWS, along with beautiful personalized thank you notes to people who contributed to the organization. In addition, she

also managed the membership roster for the group. Lorraine kept herself very busy and donated not only her time, but also necessary donated the supplies, stamps, paper, and any other items that were necessary to perform her duties to the cause.

Lorraine was very dedicated to helping animals. Not many people know that her original involvement in animal rescue was fostering kittens. Years later, she would keep in touch with the adopters of those kittens and always made time to answer questions regarding cats and kittens and rescue work in general. Often she got phone calls from people who had been given her number to answer rescue questions. If she didn't know the answer, she would manage to find someone who did. She was always willing to go the extra mile!

Through her rescue work Lorraine developed a loyal camaraderie of friends. Not "just friends" but really good friends. She made the effort to take an interest in people's lives. She truly cared and was always ready to step in and help out – no matter what the need. She was a mentor to many who were both in the group or not part of the PAWS at all. While Lorraine was feeling her worst, she would continue to visit a friend's mom who was very sick and in a nursing home. She and would bring her little treats that she knew the individual liked.

Lorraine had a true volunteer spirit. She regularly came to evening adoptions at the Petsmart locations and participated in many PAWS events.

Donations made in her honor to PAWS are being contributed to the SNAP Fund which assists in getting more pets and feral cats sterilized in order to help reduce the homeless pet population. This was a cause that Lorraine truly believed in and supported.

Lorraine is survived by her three sons, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.



*PAWS will miss you,  
Dear Friend!*

**2009 By The Numbers**

2009 was another wonderful year as PAWS helped many animals in so many ways. Our foster families found permanent, loving homes for 260 animals (208 cats and 52 dogs). Through our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) we paid for, or subsidized, the cost of getting 280 “owned” and 74 feral cats sterilized. Additionally, our pet food bank program collected and distributed 1,293 pounds of dry food and 284 cans of food for dogs and 1,365 pounds of dry food and 102 cans of food for cats to hungry animals. This program just began in June of 2009! THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, donors, and adopters who helped make 2009 such a success for PAWS.

**2009 Year-End Financial Report**

**2009 Income**

Adoption fees	\$ 21,896
Membership fees	1,998
Donations & fundraisers*	46,969
Grants	15,527
Product sales (less cost of goods sold)	3,956
SNAP Fund (donations & payments)	19,774
Special events (charitable gaming)	16,924
Miscellaneous income	1,550
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>\$ 128,594</u></b>

*Includes \$25,769.36 in the spay/neuter clinic fund*

**2009 Expenses**

Operating expenses & capital purchases	\$ 8,536
Fundraising and adoption expenses	6,449
Insurance	998
Special events expenses	7,529
SNAP Fund expenditures	17,869
PetSmart Grant expenditures	1,737
Veterinarian expenses	45,396
Foster & adoption related expenses	2,715
Miscellaneous expenses	705
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 91,934</u></b>

**We Love A Parade!**

On November 21, 2009, PAWS volunteers bundled up and braved the winter cold once again to walk in the Wyandotte Christmas Parade. Volunteers and dogs alike had a wonderful time making their way down Biddle Avenue while waving and passing out candy to the crowd along the street. Our mascot, “Fluffy” the dog, and all of his other four-legged furry friends were a big hit. This is the third year that PAWS has participated in the parade, and we can’t wait until next year!



*Fluffy with some of his furry and not-so-furry friends!*

*PAWS members lining the avenue with their four-legged friends!*



**Love Me Because . . .**

Immediately following the Wyandotte Christmas parade, PAWS hosted an adoption event in the basement of the Wyandotte City Hall. This special event, “Love Me Because . . .” was designed with the hope of getting some attention for harder-to-adopt foster and Wyandotte Animal Shelter animals. Our good friends at Shelter to Home and Pug Lug Kingdom rescues joined us in displaying their own beautiful animals.

The event was a lot of fun, and we were able to do some fundraising for the PAWS spay/neuter clinic and pet food bank by having a raffle, snack table (complete with baked goods, coffee & hot chocolate) and our donation jars.

The raffle items were donated by local businesses, and volunteers of PAWS and Pug Lady Kingdom. Many thanks to those who donated or helped with the raffle. Two Wyandotte Animal Shelter animals were lucky enough to get adopted at the event, which is proof that adoption events work!

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers of PAWS, Wyandotte Animal Control, Shelter to Home, and Pug Lady Kingdom for helping to make our event successful and memorable. Countless hours were put into this event, and the “Love Me Because” chairperson, Terra Muscat, continues to put together other events and wishes to thank the many volunteers who helped before, during and after this event.



*Some of our beautiful volunteers and their furry friends!*

**“Cat Got Your Tongue?”**

**Tell Us What You Think**

Send us an e-mail of 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 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’!”*

### Random Act Of Kindness

#### *An Angel Named Barbara*

In August the PAWS food bank received a message from a lady named, Barbara, who wanted to donate food. PAWS volunteer, Lana Golden, arranged to meet with her. Barbara asked Lana to pick out what she needed up to \$100, and Barbara paid for it. This ritual has been repeated at least a half a dozen times since August, with the tab often approaching closer to \$150. The only information that we have about this wonderful, giving person is that her name is Barbara.

According to Lana, “Barbara told me at the very first meeting that she did not want to give her name or address because she just wanted to buy the food for the animals. She calls monthly or sooner and is one of the most giving people I have ever met. She also brings a large box of “people” food for me to take when I drop off the pet food to the Food Pantry. She did say that she supports homeless veterans with food boxes and donates to another animal group. She does not want any credit for anything. She says it is not important how much money a person has, but what a person does with the money that is important, and that we were put here to do good for one another. She’s a very inspiring lady. I always go away feeling very blessed after being around her.”

Barbara, thank you for all you’ve done to help PAWS help animals in need, and for being such an inspiration with your selfless caring. You make the world a better place with all you do.

### Global Recognition

Congratulations to Terri Fitzpatrick, who is a recent recipient of the Marathon Oil Corporation Global Volunteer Award. Terri, has worked at Marathon for almost eight years as an Advanced Terminal Assistant and was recognized by Marathon for her hard work as a PAWS volunteer, especially in her position as our Membership Coordinator. The award, which was only one of 31 awarded worldwide by Marathon this year, comes with \$1,000 for the recipient's charity of choice. Terri designated this award for our spay/neuter clinic fund, which helped in getting us significantly closer to opening the doors for our clinic. Thank you for all of your hard work, Terri, and for earning this wonderful contribution to our clinic!



### She Had A Dream . . . Now It's A Reality!

Amanda Lafferty, a PAWS volunteer, graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's degree in Zoology. Her dream has always been to work with big cats. Since she was unable to obtain a career of working with her big kitties immediately upon graduation due to the economy, she decided to volunteer with PAWS in order to stay close to the animals. Some of her first volunteer jobs were to clean cages and feed and water the shelter animals at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. She soon discovered that the shelter animals were in desperate need of human attention, and she would do all she could to provide that to them.

Amanda also realizes the necessity of having cats and dogs spayed and neutered so that the problem of overpopulation can be diminished. She also assisted in applying for grants to open the new low-cost spay and neuter clinic and said she looks forward to the time of completion when the clinic will be a reality and knows the benefits of the clinic will bring so much to Downriver. Amanda stated that her participation as a volunteer, along with the experiences she received, were very beneficial and will aid her for the rest of her life.

Volunteering with PAWS has already helped make her dream a reality. She is now an exotic cat intern at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas. This is a non-profit organization that rescues abused and abandoned big cats. She works with tigers, lions, leopards, cougars, bears and smaller cat species. She happily works six days a week, she has found her responsibilities are very similar to what she experienced as a volunteer at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter – but on a much **LARGER** scale!

Some of her additional responsibilities include animal husbandry, behavioral observations, recordkeeping, giving daily tours, landscaping, building new habitats and performing upkeep on them, as well as sorting and preparing meat for feeding. Each day a meeting is held where the caretakers report something unique that made their day better. That usually includes something adorable that one of the cats may have done. Working here has been a life-changing experience and being around big cats every day and knowing that she makes a difference in their life is part what has helped fulfill her dream. Amanda said she feels so very fortunate to have received this opportunity, and she is glad that PAWS played a part in that journey. To learn more about TCWR or to assist with their leopard habitat, go to their website at: [turpentinecreek.org](http://turpentinecreek.org).



*Amanda with one of her  
BIG furry friends!*

### Spay/Neuter Assistance Available

PAWS still has plenty of grant money available from our PetSmart Charities® low-income spay/neuter grant. This money allows us to offer extremely low prices for spaying and neutering to those who qualify. Through this program, the cost to have a dog sterilized is \$50, and a cat is \$20. Vaccines are a little extra.

Criteria include:

- 🐾 Residence in Wayne County, or the ability to drive to Wayne County (Taylor, Michigan) to complete paperwork and drop animal off/pick animal up.
- 🐾 Proof of need. This includes:
  - 🐾 Low income: \$10,830 per year or less for a single person or \$18,310 per year or less for a family of three. You must show an IRS tax form from 2009 to qualify.
  - 🐾 Currently unemployed. You must show a recent unemployment check.
  - 🐾 Government assistance: Social Security, Welfare, Medicaid, Bridge card. You must show proof of assistance.

For feral cats, you must assist in trapping the cats (we can loan traps) and be willing to provide ongoing care (food and shelter) for cats sterilized through this program. **We do not offer relocation services for feral cats.**

Even if you don't qualify for assistance based on the above criteria, the PAWS SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program) may still be able to help you with costs. Please see our website for more information or to apply for SNAP assistance.

### Shopping for the Animals

PAWS recently enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This program allows Kroger Plus cardholders to designate a charity to receive a percentage of the money they spend at Kroger. It's a really easy way to help us raise money for the animals just by shopping!

If you already have a Kroger Plus card, you just need to go online and designate PAWS as your charity. of choice. If you don't have a card, you can pick one up at the customer service desk of your local Kroger, then go online and name PAWS as your charity. The instructions sent from Kroger are below. Even though the instructions look a little intimidating, it's very easy to register your card. **Our group number is 90339.**

- 🐾 To sign up online, go to: [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- 🐾 Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy so you can register it with PAWS after you sign up (first you register yourself, then you register your card to PAWS).

- 🐾 If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- 🐾 Click on *Sign In/Register*.
- 🐾 Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on *SIGN UP TODAY* in the "New Customer" box.
- 🐾 Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your e-mail address and creating a password and agree to the terms and conditions.
- 🐾 You will then get a message to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- 🐾 Click on *My Account*, and use your e-mail address and password to proceed to the next step.
- 🐾 Click on *Edit Kroger Community Rewards* information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- 🐾 Update or confirm your information.
- 🐾 Select *PAWS* from the available list and click to confirm.
- 🐾 To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- 🐾 REMEMBER, purchases will not count for PAWS until after you register your card..
- 🐾 If you use your phone number at the register, call 1-877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- 🐾 Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

There is an alternate SCANBAR method of member registration if you are unable to register online. Please call 1-800-837-4483, and a SCANBAR letter will be mailed to you.



### "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!

### Spotlight Volunteers Offer A Variety Of Talents

Congratulations and a big thanks to our most recent Spotlight Volunteers:

#### Winter 2010 Spotlight Volunteer

Sandy Roberts has been chosen the winter 2010 spotlight volunteer based partly on her love for the animals.

Sandy is one of the founding members of PAWS and is proud of that fact. Sandy participates in many of the PAWS events and is also known as Fluffee The Clown. She has strutted her clown personality at the last two PAWS In The Park events. Fluffee's love of clowning came about when she decided the world needed to be a happier place, and it needed to laugh more often. Her real desire with clowning is to offer her talents to special needs children and the aged.

She considers herself a "foster failure," since she did attempt to foster her big boy cat, Sunny, but didn't have the heart to give him up, so she adopted him. Unfortunately that ended her fostering career. She was afraid she would end up being "that cat lady" if she fostered anymore.

You know a person is an animal lover when, as a child, she was better known as the Pied Piper of Lincoln Park. She would often bring every animal who crossed her path home (but always told her mom, "they followed me home") – even if it were a cat who had died. As a very young child, Sandy brought the cat home, and handed over to her mother and told her mother to "fix it!"

In her past, she has had animals from cats, to dogs, fish to frogs and snakes to alligators. Yes, can you imagine a store selling a baby alligator to a 10-year old? It happened, but Dad wasn't real thrilled about it, and once home it really did scare the entire family – including Sandy, so back to the store it went by an unhappy father!

Sandy spends what little spare time she has volunteering at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. That is truly her love and escape from life's ups and downs. You can see Sandy at the shelter almost every Monday and Friday evening.

We appreciate all Sandy does for PAWS, the shelter, but especially for her love for the animals.



*Fluffee, doing what she loves most – hugging an animal and clowning around!*

### November Spotlight Volunteers – Marie & Amber Burbo

Our November volunteers of the month are the mother/daughter duo of Marie and Amber Burbo. They are caring foster parents who regularly attend PetSmart and major adoption events. We place them personally responsible for starting and running "Team Paws," which is our PAWS youth group. They recently celebrated their first year anniversary. Marie and Amber have worked hard to create many wonderful fundraising ideas. They recently devoted their time for a seven-hour marathon day at Macy's, where they sold coupons which raised money for PAWS. We appreciate this wonderful mom and daughter team along with all of our young Team PAWS members!

### December Spotlight Volunteer – Janet Fillinger

Janet Fillinger is PAWS' December volunteer of the month. Janet is our craft manager, who keeps our crafts very neat, organized, and is always willing to drive them anywhere. She is also a volunteer for the Wyandotte shelter, is on the food bank committee, and is always the first in line to volunteer at the Millionaire Parties, taking the first shift to get us off to the right start!

### January Spotlight Volunteers – Pete Phillips & Sheila White

January's volunteers of the month are the husband and wife team of Pete Phillips and Sheila White. While sporting his own natural "Santa" beard, Pete recently worked four shifts for our pictures with Santa fundraisers at PetSmart. Sheila was at his side, assisting him as Santa's elf during most of the photo events. Pete also makes our group nametags, and Sheila is a member of our fundraising committee. Sheila hosted the first committee meeting at her home. In addition, both Pete and Sheila volunteer at the Wyandotte shelter and have helped at several major adoption events.

A special thank you to all of these wonderful volunteers for their time and dedication. You make us what we are!!



### 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.

**Happy Tails Are Here Again!****Juliet Sends A Letter**

"Dear Foster Mom, Terra, and Foster Family,

*I just have to let you know how good things are here in my furrever home. I have endless animal siblings and even a little human one too! We play tag and chase each other for fun! Figment, a kitty, tries to act like she doesn't like me, but let's be serious – it's me we are talking about! What's not to love? Those bigger things are Bella, Kara and Maggie. Then there is a little human – the big humans call him Slade, and he's not too bad either. When it is time to finally go to bed at night, I like to crawl into his room and snuggle up next to him. We both like to be warm, so it works out very nicely for the two of us. There's also a big Dad human. He calls me "New Cat." My new mom is nice like you, and I let her think she's teaching me tricks when she whips out the treat bag. Ehhhh, sometimes you gotta let the humans think they are teaching you things – it's good for their ego, and while they are "teaching me" they just keep giving me more treats! Not that I'm a pig or anything. Speaking of pigs, I've also adopted two of them, Frank and Finnegan. It's funny, but I really love those two girls (but I do wonder why they have "boy" names.) All they have to do is whistle, and I come running! They are a constant source of entertainment! They squawk, chirp and whistle and love to pig wrestle! I protect my pigs from danger (like Maggie the dog), and I keep them warm by cuddling the wall of the cage where they snuggle. I have a big bed to lay on, complete with the pretty blanket you gave me. I also have endless toys and treats, which is always a good thing!*

*I just need to tell you all that you gave to me. You were there when I was born, you worried about me, cared for me, took me to the vet and provided for me like I really was your own. But the BEST thing you did for me was that you NEVER gave up hope that there was a good furrever home out there for me. With your patience and love, you helped me to become the cat I am today. I love you, Mamma Terra. Be sure to thank my foster Dad, Noel, for putting up with me "testing" out all those awesome cat trees he made and for agreeing to a Christmas Day adoption. Also, tell your little humans, Carissa, Brendan and Matthew I love them for teaching me how to play and for giving me the nickname "Timbit." Also, please tell Bella that I miss her and will write her soon.*

All My love,

Juliet, the cat that nobody wanted . . . UNTIL NOW!"



*This is me standing guard at my "pigs" house – they need a security guard to protect them from those big animals who live here!*

**Dexy Finds A Home!**

While looking on the internet for area shelters, Dexy's mom came across Petfinder.com. She had just gotten engaged and knew a happy home wouldn't be complete without a loving, furry friend. Seeing all the animals that needed a home brought tears to her eyes. Determined to find a dog to call their own, she came across Dexy's picture, and it was love at first sight. Dexy is a beautiful shepherd mix with a wonderful personality. She had been abandoned on the street. The nice person who found her gave her to PAWS. On October 3, 2008, she was officially adopted. It has now been a little over a year, and she has proven to be an amazing pet. She is the source of smiles each day and is full of life in her new home. Her new mom and dad said their home wouldn't be the same without her. They expressed their gratefulness and wanted to thank PAWS for continuing the fight to finding homes for homeless animals.



*It's obvious why Dexy's family loves her!*

**Compuware Employees Help The Food Bank**

Prior to the holidays we put out a special request through e-mail to our members and supporters to donate food for our pet food bank. A big thank you to all of you who helped in that effort.

PAWS supporter and Compuware employee, Brenda Cogswell, made the request a mission and began soliciting her coworkers and family to donate bags of food. With Brenda's urging, several dozen bags of food were purchased and donated for the food bank. Thank you to all of our friends at Compuware for your support! Special thanks to Brenda for her work in rallying the troops to help! Many furry bellies were filled through your efforts.

**Airport High Animal Welfare Group "Takes Off"**

Carleton Airport High School now has an animal welfare club, the *Jets Animal Welfare Society (JAWS)* which was formed in October by PAWS member and Airport High student, Kaley Faber. The first meeting had 33 people in attendance, showing that there is a large number of teens looking to help animals. JAWS kicked off their activity by having a pet food drive where they collected food to donate to a local food pantry. They are hosted a bake sale for Valentine's Day and give out bookmarks with information on animal testing and companies that are cruelty free. Their next project is to prepare informational posters for *Be Kind to Animals* week in May! Kaley says "Thanks to all the PAWS members for supporting us, we couldn't do it without you!"

And PAWS says, "Thank you, Kaley, and your school friends for leading the way with the next generation. You all are off to an awesome start!"

**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)

Following are locations where pet food banks are available.

**New Dimensions Outreach (734) 444-9694**

20320 Superior, Taylor  
 (off Allen Road between Northline and Eureka)

**Fishes & Loaves Community Food Pantry (734) 442-0031**

25670 Northline, Taylor  
 Monday from 9:00 a.m.-Noon & 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
 (Open only to Taylor residents, by appointment).

**Our Lady Of The Angels (313) 381-3000**

6442 Pelham Rd., Taylor  
 Must apply and meet low income requirements.

**Wyandotte Soup Kitchen**

98 Superior, Wyandotte  
 Congregational Church  
 Open Wednesday & Saturday, 12:30 p.m. until the food runs out.

**Focus Hope**

3250 Ferris, Lincoln Park (Bandshell)  
 Monthly drop off by Focus Hope  
 Must qualify by income. Can apply on first Tuesday. Distribution dates: March 2, April 6 and May 4 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



*Trenton Girl Scout Troop 40224 collected food and supplies for the Pet Food Bank during the Trenton Christmas Parade*

**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

**Southgate Veterans Memorial Library**

14680 Dix-Toledo Road

**Wyandotte Animal Shelter**

1170 Grove

**Wyandotte Bacon Memorial Library**

45 Vinewood

**Spay Day Photo Contest: Vote For PAWS**

The Humane Society of the United States is sponsoring a photo contest for Spay Day USA. Spay Day, an annual campaign of the HSUS States designed to inspire saving animals' lives by sterilizing pets and feral cats.

Several of our members and supporters have entered their precious animal companions in the photo contest, which runs until March 4. Voting is conducted with online donations, with PAWS as the recipient of funds earned by our contest entrants. In keeping with HSUS requirements, all money we receive from this contest will go towards PAWS' spay/neuter programs, including our clinic fund.

To enter your furry friend or to vote, please visit

<http://photocontest.humanesociety.org/contest.html?page=viewIndex&contestId=2&orgId=371>



### Dress For The Animals' Success

In November, PAWS was lucky enough to be the recipient of a large donation through the Riverview School District's Casual Clothes for a Cause (CCC) Day. Once each month, members of the staff are allowed to dress in jeans for a minimum donation of \$5. The recipient groups are nominated by the staff and chosen by a vote. This is the second year that PAWS received funds through the generosity of the Riverview Schools for CCC. This year the donation netted \$708.80 for our general fund!! Big sloppy puppy and purrfect kitty kisses to all the staff in the Riverview School District for your ongoing support of PAWS, and especially to PAWS members, Amy VanSickle and Erin Beard, for nominating and soliciting votes for PAWS for the CCC program!

Later in November, Riverview Community High School students who are members of the Art Club, chose to help raise funds for PAWS' pet food bank program by hosting a "Sweats for Pets" day at their school. Jackie Kappeler, who is an art club member, stated, "We all know how difficult it is for families right now to just put food on their own tables, so we wanted to help out needy families who may not be able to afford pet food." Students at the high school were allowed to wear sweats to school for the day if they made a minimum donation of a dollar. The \$324.39 collected helped fill the shelves at our partner food banks. The pet food bank program is an ongoing initiative where further donations can be made throughout the year. The students are already planning another fundraiser to keep their efforts going! Good job RCHS!!



*Riverview High School Student,  
Jackie Kappeler, promoting the  
"Sweats for Pets" program*

### Build-A-Bear Workshop Grant Helps

PAWS is excited to announce that we received a \$1,500 Bearemy's Kennel Pals grant from the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation for our upcoming spay/neuter clinic. This brings us one step closer to opening up our doors and saving thousands of lives!

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation is committed to making life more "bearable" for children, families and pets, in need of a helping paw. With the sale of each full-sized Bearemy's Kennel Pals® friend – a collection of Build-A-Bear Workshop® plush dogs – one dollar is donated to domestic pet programs including local animal shelters, stray pet rescues, rehabilitation organizations, and pet education programs around the

country. These funds are available to qualified non-profit organizations in the United States and Canada through a quarterly grant process. Visit [www.buildabear.com](http://www.buildabear.com) for more information.

Thank you to the clinic grant-writing team, led by Chrissy Romano, for winning this generous award for our clinic fund!

### Second Annual Wyandotte Animal Shelter Valentine's Open House

On February 13, the Wyandotte Animal Shelter sponsored an adoption program to find your "Furrever" love at their Second Annual Wyandotte Animal Shelter Valentine's Open House.

Chuck Gillenwater, Animal Control Officer for the City of Wyandotte, and volunteers at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter welcomed visitors to the shelter to find their "furever friend." Visitors were assured that their purrfect cat or dog was waiting to be adopted!

The public toured the recently remodeled facility to see how the stray cats and dogs in the City of Wyandotte are cared for. The Wyandotte Animal Shelter has a core group of volunteers (many of whom are PAWS members) who assist the animal control officer in the care and adoption of the animals.

Many people have a vision of an animal shelter being a cold and scary place, and it was important to feature the shelter and dispel the myth that most shelters carry. Refreshments were offered to all visitors, and dog and cat related items were available for purchase. All proceeds went directly to the care of sick or injured animals at the shelter. There is an adoption application which must be completed in order to adopt the animals. It is also possible to go online to the shelter's Petfinder site (<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MI363.html>) to complete an application at home to see if you would be pre-approved to adopt a furry friend. Anyone who adopted a cat or dog during the event received a Valentine gift bag for themselves and another one for their new furry friend.

The Wyandotte Animal Shelter is located at 1170 Grove Street, between 11th and 13th Streets, next to the Recycle Center. The fee for cat adoption is \$60 (cash only) and includes spay or neuter, combo test, and age-appropriate vaccinations. The fee for dog adoption is \$85 (cash only) and includes spay or neuter, heartworm test, and age-appropriate vaccinations. See all of our animals available for adoption on [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com)!

For more information, please feel free to contact the Wyandotte Animal Shelter at (734)324-4445 or email us at [wacvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:wacvolunteers@gmail.com).



*Dogs come when they're called;  
cats take a message and get back to you later.*

**PAWS Donations and Memberships**

**General Fund**

Anonymous (2)	Rosemarie Smith
Kalin and Jason Turri	Dawn Kesterson
Lawrence Rich	Christina Leggio
Cynthia & William Veresh	Theodore Copley
Carol & Joseph Maciolek	Tracy Sorbo
AAA "Fun Committee"	Sara James
Diane & Raymond Rito	Andrew Swift
Tom Coffey (2)	Kelly Donovan
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S. Murdock	M. Duncan
Mark Drysdale	
Nicole Summit (initiated matching gift by Microsoft Corp.)	
Memorial School Kindergarten Classes	
Riverview School District – Casual Clothes/Cause	

**Memorial Donations to General Fund**

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Memory Of:</b>
Sheree Steinman	Ali
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Michelle Karshneski	Tigger, her little man
Jeannette Wackro	Marina

**Honorarium Donations to General Fund**

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Honor Of:</b>
Jackie Tolonen	Patty Martz

**Donations to the SNAP**

Denise Montgomery	Carol Watson
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**Memorial Donations to SNAP Fund**

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Memory Of:</b>
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Janet & Paul Fillinger	Lorraine Mlostek
Laura & Jerry Labinski	Lorraine Mlostek
Kris & Jay Jordan	Lorraine Mlostek
Donna Ancinec	Lorraine Mlostek
Anne & Louie Gmoser	Lorraine Mlostek
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Carol Parker	Lorraine Mlostek
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**Honorarium Donations to SNAP Fund**

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Honor Of:</b>
Fatima Rudd	Valerie Koths
Sandy Roberts	Carol Parker

**Spay/Neuter Clinic Donations**

Jamie Roberts	Rose Phelan
Maral Meyers	Debra Brawley
Chrissy Romano & Devin McGill	Janice Murphy
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Tom & Karen Schwartz	Linda Muzyczka
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AAA Sales Admin – Vickie, Jolene, Chris, Terri, Katie	
Build-a-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation	

**Spay/Neuter Clinic Memorial Donations**

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Memory Of:</b>
Helen Hightower	Granddaughters
	Thea & Paige Lince
	Wallace "Sonny" Norton
Lana & Jerry Golden	Diane Horvath
Christine Proudlock	Elsie Pidcock
Robert & Diana Cox	Elsie Pidcock
Joan & Richard Garvin, Jr.	Elsie Pidcock
Maria Hutchison	Elsie Pidcock
Jim & Cindy Pidcock	Elsie Pidcock
Kris & Jay Jordan	Elsie Pidcock
Gerri Pidcock	Elsie Pidcock

**Spay/Neuter Clinic Honorarium Donations**

<b>From:</b>	<b>For:</b>
Chrissy Romano/Erin Beard	PAWS Board of Directors
	Erin Beard's Birthday
Memorial School Last Lunch Bunch	

**Sponsorship of Animal**

<b>From:</b>	<b>For:</b>
Pug Lady Kingdom	Ben

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Feed Rite Pet Supply Co.	Mary Gasiewski
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Riverview Community High School – Sweats for Pets	
APAW – Allen Park Animal Welfare Group	
Tim Zajac, Chris Fields, Craig Jacobs, Jeff Faber	
Brenda Cogswell, Friends & Compuware Coworkers	



**New and Renewal Memberships**

**Individual Memberships**

Michelle Karshneski	Helen Hightower
Terri Fitzpatrick	Jennifer Rowan

**Family Memberships**

Nadine Ritz/Jeff Bohler	Frank & Yumi Dalton
Kathleen & Rick Sawick	Tim & LouAnn Durand
Chrissy Romano and Devin McGill	

**Senior Memberships**

Denise Montgomery	Jeannette Wackro
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**Supporter**

Carol McKee & Gordon, Emily & Kathryn Hopcian

**Pet Memberships**

Hagitha & Drucilla Fitzpatrick	Sandy Hightower
Cooper & Lindsay Dalton	



*An animal's eyes have the ability to speak a great language!*

**Upcoming Events**

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

Taylor PetSmart Adoptions – located on Eureka Road

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

Woodhaven PetSmart Adoptions – located on Allen Road at West Road

**Every Saturday Afternoon – Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

Canton PetSmart Adoptions – located on Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road. Visit our cats anytime at the Luv-A-Pet Center at the Canton PetSmart.

**Third Tuesday Each Month – 6:30 p.m.**

PAWS General Meeting – Riverview City Hall – Activity Room B or C. Bring a friend and learn more about PAWS!

**February 27 – Noon–3:00 p.m.**

Microchipping Clinic at Riverview City Hall, located at 14100 Civic Park Drive. The microchips are \$25 each, two pets for \$40, and \$20 if you bring in your adoption contract from a local animal rescue or shelter. All money earned will go to PAWS spay/neuter clinic fund.

**Creation**

When God had made the earth and sky,  
 The flowers and the trees,  
 He then made all the animals  
 The fish, the birds and bees.  
 And when at last He'd finished  
 Not one was quite the same.  
 He said I'll walk this world of mine  
 And give each one a name.  
 And so He traveled far and wide  
 And everywhere He went,  
 A little creature followed Him  
 Until its strength was spent.  
 When all were named upon the earth  
 And in the sky and sea,  
 The little creature said, "Dear Lord,  
 There's no name left for me."  
 Kindly, the Father said to him  
 "I've left you to the end.  
 I've turned my own name back to front  
 And called you, **DOG**, my friend".

**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**

