

Making a Difference
Four Paws at a Time



P.A.W.S. of Michigan

(Precious Animal Welfare Society of Michigan)

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There Are Many Ways You Can Help PAWS *Monkey's Resale Shop*

Help P.A.W.S. of Michigan (PAWS) animals while you do your spring cleaning. We have the perfect solution for what you may do with all those old items collecting dust in your basement or garage. Monkey's Resale Shop which is located at 12466 Fort Street (just north of Northline Road) in Southgate has generously offered to sell items on consignment and donate 70% of the proceeds from the sale to the animals as long as you let them know that you want the proceeds to be forwarded to either the PAWS General Fund, PAWS Clinic or Pound Pals Downriver to help the animals at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. Donations of furniture are in particularly high demand right now. You can call Monkey's at (734) 225-7586, or e-mail Mary at her e-mail address at: czarinawinter@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to drop off items (an appointment is requested, please).

Portraits for PAWS

Emmy Award winning television news artist Carole Kabrin has a special offer for animal lovers. Carole will sketch an 8" x 10" drawing of your fur baby from your favorite photograph for only \$150, and PAWS will receive a 30% donation from each sketch Carole does. Carole is an amazing artist. Check out her work at: <http://www.carolekabrin.com>. Your one-of-a-kind sketch will be something to treasure for a lifetime. This would make a great gift for the animal lover in your life.

For additional information, please e-mail Carole at ckabrin@yahoo.com. Please be sure to mention PAWS, so the 30% donation will be credited to our organization.

Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment

If you currently support PAWS through your enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards program, thank you very much! PAWS earns \$150-\$200 a quarter through your support! Kroger requires participants to re-enroll annually for us to continue receiving this great reward. You can do this by going to <http://krogercommunityrewards.com> beginning April 1 and re-register your card so that PAWS can continue to receive donations on your behalf. Our group number is 90339. If you're not already enrolled in this wonderful program, beginning April 1 is a great time to sign up. Enrollment is easy, and PAWS will earn a percentage of each sale when you shop. If you

don't have a Kroger Plus Card, one can be obtained at any Kroger store or by going on-line to Kroger's website as indicated in this paragraph. *In order* to register the card for our group, you will need to use our number (90339) and follow the instructions. It's fast and easy, and it is a great way to help the animals while you perform your weekly task of grocery shopping.

Have A Heart Program – DAD's Pet Food Will Pay!

PAWS is happy to announce that they were accepted for the "Dad's Have A Heart Program." If you use Dad's pet food, and you cut out the UPC code from each package, and bring them to the general meeting each month or mail them to the PAWS post office box, DAD's will give PAWS ten cents for each UPC code.

Please go to the following link to view our listing:

<http://www.dadspetfoods.com/giving-back/shelters/>

Terracycle For Team PAWS – Trash Is Cash!

Before you are quick to dispose of "trash," remember some trash can be turned into cash for Team PAWS.

For a list of items to save contact Marie at the Team PAWS e-mail address (shown below).

If you have any of these items please bring them to the PAWS general meetings or contact Marie at teampaws@pawsofmichigan.com.



Taking Time Out For Some Fun 2011 Co-Ed PAWS Softball Team

The PAWS softball team needs you to come out and cheer them on. Their games are played on Field 6 at the Southgate Ballpark on Sundays. The field is located at the corner of Superior and Reaume. Parking is located directly off of Superior or across the street in the tennis court parking lot. You can find their game schedule by going to our website and choosing the "Events" tab.

Ray Ferda #24, is not only a superstar player, he also manages and coaches the team!



Ray Ferda – a great multi-tasker who plays, coaches and manages our team



Our Dream Is Nearly A Reality! Professional Contractors Make A Difference

PAWS and The PAWS Clinic extend their deepest thanks to the licensed contractors who are working on renovating our clinic. These kind contractors are providing their services to us at a significantly discounted rate, which enables us to have the required work done without exceeding our clinic budget and depleting our savings. All of these contractors have been very helpful to us with their suggestions and their willingness to do what we need to make the clinic perfect. Each of these professionals believe in our clinic mission to end needless euthanasia by preventing the birth of unwanted animals, and they wish to help us succeed. We are very grateful for their skills and willingness to help us with the cost, and we thank them for the great, professional work they have done to help us help the animals.

Southgate Electric – Jim Hill and crew. The clinic electrical needs are extensive and very specific. Jim and his crew spent long hours wiring and installing the receptacles to suit our clinic's needs.

RAM Plumbing – Russ McNamee. Our plumbing requirements were also very extensive, involving the conversion of a bathroom to a laundry room, removing several sinks, and putting new plumbing and sinks in different areas. Russ has been very flexible in making sure our needs were met while doing everything he can to save us money.

R.H.A.C. Heating and Cooling – Adam Ruetz. Adam has been wonderful in keeping the costs down for this very expensive part of our project. He installed the new exhaust fans and economizers for our dog and cat kennels. He also ran the gas lines for the dryers in our laundry room.

We would like to give additional special thanks to the coach of our mighty PAWS softball team, Ray Ferda, who is a licensed electrician in the off-season. Ray has provided many hours of work on the electrical system at the clinic.

Volunteers Make It Happen - Many thanks to the volunteers who have put in countless hours working on the clinic renovations. Since our last newsletter, we have had volunteers hanging drywall, mudding, taping drywall, washing the walls, priming and then painting them, laying tile, and putting in new grids for the drop ceiling. Through their hard work, we are seeing the clinic take shape before our very eyes.

As always, Hood's Dolt Best Hardware which is located in Wyandotte has always been there for us. They provided the primer, paint, and painting supplies to us at a great price. Patti and John at Hood's have also been a tremendous help with advice and discounts along the way. PAWS loves Hood's Dolt Best!

Our work is yet to be completed, so if you have a special construction or finishing skill that you would like to contribute, or if you have the time and willingness to learn a new and helpful skill, we need you! If you are available to help us with our renovation work, please send an email to: kris@pawsofmichigan.com.

Our dream is truly becoming a reality thanks to all of you!! (See next page for pictures of the clinic-in-progress!)



Volunteers Of The Month January, 2011 Volunteer – Rose Darin

Rose was integral in finding our building for the new clinic. Beyond that she also donated her commission that she would have received for this lease. A tremendous amount of time and effort went into this process once we found the building. Rose also helps at the shelter, on the food bank committee, coordinates our donation bin and jar at Feed Rite. Additionally she was a member of the "Love Me Because" committee.

February, 2011 – Patti Christie

We appreciate Patti for hosting the extremely successful "Love Me Because" event at her store – Hoods Do-It Best. She went all out to make it a success. There were 16 adoptions that day plus a wildly successful raffle. Patti is also assisting with our clinic mural and has provided amazing support to us through Hood's Dolt Best.

March, 2011 – Kim Martin

Kim is a huge help at Canton PetSmart. She cleans cages once a week, helps with weekly adoption events, and she also fosters for PAWS.



**Animals are such agreeable friends -
they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms**

**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 13-16. If so, 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:

	Dog	Cat	Most Unusual Pet
1st Place	\$100	\$100	\$50 (1st place only)
2nd Place	\$50	\$50	
3rd Place	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 MI 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 8, 2011.



**Happy Tails Are Here Again!
Humphrey Joins Patti's Persian Palace**

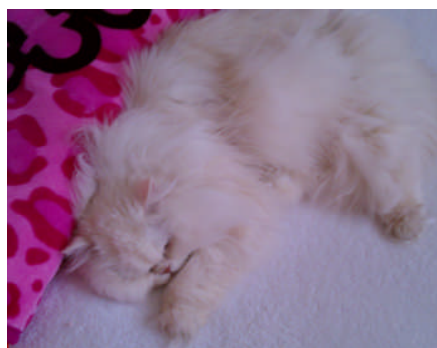
"There are few things in life that can bring a smile to your face everyday, every time you see it."

~ Sir Humphrey Tinkles

Patti Christie offered this quote from her newest fur-baby, "Sir Humphrey Tinkles." Patti said that she and Humphrey met in a rather peculiar way. Terra (his foster mom) had asked her to swing by and take a peek at him as she was unsure what type of Persian he was from his markings. Being that she has Silver Persians at home, Terra thought she could assist her with that. So one Sunday afternoon, Patti popped over to check him out. Upon leaving and driving the short 16-block distance to her home, she knew that "The Humph" needed a special home! She immediately filled out the application, was approved, and adopted she her new fur-baby.

He was well accepted at "Patti's Persian Palace" and established his place rather quickly. He is the most mischievous energetic Persian Patti has ever met! Patti and Humph have had many a long talk, and he assured her that he is sure happy to be alive and high on life after being abandoned in a foreclosed home and found just days before death. He was matted, dehydrated, dirty and skinny as a rail. Thanks to PAWS, he was given another chance at life! Humphrey brings much joy and continuous smiles to Patti's heart everyday – and the best thing – every time he looks at her, he tells her the same. Both Patti and Humphrey expressed their thanks to PAWS for all the magical rescue work we do to help the animals! Patti also wanted to thank us for giving her the chance to help one of our very special kitties!

PAWS wishes to thank Patti, as well, for all she has done for our organization. Patti was an integral part of our "Love Me Because" campaign! She is also helping with the new clinic's wall mural.



Meet Humphrey, who apparently is playing hide & seek, as he tries to blend in with the white carpet. Who would have guessed he was in such poor health upon his arrival with our PAWS' foster mommy, Terra?



"A dog has lots of friends because he wags his tail and not his tongue."

Thank You Friends & Volunteers!



This Is How We Get The Job Done!

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday Evening – 6:00. – 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!

June 9 – 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Olga's Kitchen, 23404 Allen Road in Woodhaven (southwest corner of West and Allen Roads) Come join us and enjoy delicious Olga's food. A portion of the proceeds from your meal will be donated to PAWS for this yummy event. You must present the PAWS flyer for your meal to count for PAWS. A copy of the flyer is on the PAWS website. Go to the events calendar and click on Olga's.

June 15 – 6:00 p.m.

Team PAWS is sponsoring this bowling fundraiser at Woodhaven Lanes, located at 20000 Van Horn (at Allen Road). Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. and bowling begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for two games of bowling and includes shoes, pop and pizza. Please contact Marie Burbo for tickets or additional information.

July 13-16

Wyandotte Street Fair

July 23 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wendy's of Woodhaven, located at 22052 Allen Road will donate 15% of all sales during this time (including drive-thru) to support PAWS. In addition, we will have some of the greatest PAWS' fosters available for adoption at this event.

September 17

P.A.W.S. in the Park. Save the date and watch future newsletters for complete information.



BAGGAGE

Now that I'm all home, bathed, settled and fed; all nicely tucked in my warm new bed, I'd like to open my baggage lest I forget, there is so much to carry, so much to regret. Hmmmmm, yes, there it is right on the top – let's unpack loneliness, heartache and loss, and there by my leash hides fear and shame, As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave, I still have to unpack my baggage called pain. I loved them, -- the others – the ones who left me, but I wasn't good enough; for they didn't want me.

Will you add to my baggage? Will you help me unpack? Or will you just look at my things and take me right back? Do you have the time to help me unpack? To put away my baggage, to never repack? I pray that you do; I'm so tired, you see, but since I come with this baggage; will you still want me?

Pieces Of My Heart (On Fostering)

Our paths will cross for only a short time, but while you are in my care I will be devoted to you. If memories of your former life are painful, I will help erase them. No longer will you hunger, and I will help to heal your wounds. If your former life was good, I will promise you an even better future.

One day our time together will come to an end, and you will go off to your new home, healthy, happy and healed. As a parting gift, I will give you a piece of my heart to remember me. I may shed a tear . . . not for my loss, but for your gain. Perhaps our paths may cross again for a fleeting instant, and I will be comforted by the aura of love that surrounds you. There will always be a bond between us, though we walk separate paths through this life. After we reach our heavenly reward our paths may cross again. You may try to return the piece of my heart with thanks for all that I did for you. I will tell you to keep it and thank you for showing me that I could be better than I thought I could be, as I learned that giving is the greatest of gifts. The pieces of our hearts are like grains of sand. They are pulled along a current beyond our control until they come together and form a safe haven. I, like you, came to understand what it meant to be saved.



10 Commandments For Owning A Dog

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me - it is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I HAVE ONLY YOU!
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say "I can't bear to watch it" or "Let it happen in my absence". Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, I love you.

PAWS Donations

Goods and Services

Joan Pollock (2)	Ray Cendrowski
Eric Phillips	Kathy Michaels
Shirley Rucker	Lois Schippling
Hoods Do-It Best	Solutia, Inc.
Southpointe Veterinary Hospital	Feed Rite

Donations to the General Fund

Diane and Raymond Rito	J. Alayne Horton
Michelle Babcock (2)	Kitty Halawani
Elena Botello	Diane Money
Kathy Beauregard	

Donations to General Fund From In Memory Of

Linda Muyczka	Ollie Bates
Cristy Smith	Duke Grant
Tim and Catherine Madigan	Stitch
Corky and Curt Bellew	Monkey Bellew
Corky and Curt Bellew	Sable Bellew
Alyssa Stafford/Tom Abraham	Mary Parker
Ray and Karla Goniwika	Mary Parker
Jill and Jared Skoviak	Mary Parker
Lydia Cuper	Mary Parker
Valerie Klima	Mary Parker
Holly Roach	Mary Parker
Kim Skidmore	Mary Parker
Slade Gasiewski	Mary Parker
Karin and Jeff Pigott	Mary Parker
Markyta Armstrong Goldman	Mary Parker
Donna and Renea Parker	Mary Parker
Kris and Jay Jordan	Mary Parker
Bonnie Metty	Mary Parker
Janet and Paul Fillinger	Mary Parker
DRH Trauma Services	Mary Parker
Kathryn Tucker	Mary Parker
Yumi and Frank Dalton	Mary Parker

Donations to General Fund From In Honor Of

Katie Teed	Cats
Tom Coffey	Thank you, PAWS for all you do

Donation to SNAP Fund

Anonymous IBM Donor (6)	Andrea Wilgus
Corky and Curt Bellew	J. Alayne Horton
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MaryAnn McCartney	Valerie Crowley
Felicity Alcalá	Pat Grzegorek
Pug Lady Kingdom	Cheryl Witkowski
Maral Meyers	

Donation to SNAP From

Donna and Tom Hall
Pug Lady Kingdom
Sharon and Kevin Roberts
Mary and Anthony Gasiewski
Valerie Koths

In Memory Of

Mary Parker
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Donation to Clinic Fund

Curt and Corky Bellew
Kris and Jay Jordan

Becky Galonis

Donation to Clinic From

Rose and John Darin
Terra and Noel Muscat

In Memory Of

Mary Parker
Mary Parker

Donation to Clinic From

Dianne Paul

In Honor Of

Kris Jordan's Birthday

Donations to the Pet Food Bank

Anonymous Angel Barbara (3)
Curt and Corky Bellew
Anonymous Donor, Laura

RCHS Art Club
Mrs. Muncy
Dale and Debra Page

Sponsorship From

Jeff Czich
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Family Memberships

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Cassandra Booms

Senior Memberships

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Judy Michalak

Pet Members

Millie Michalak

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	_____ Supporter	\$ 100
_____ Family Membership	\$ 30	_____ Tail Wagger's Club	\$ 250
_____ Youth Membership (15 and under)	\$ 10	_____ Business/Corporate	\$ 500
_____ Senior Membership (60 and over)	\$ 10	_____ 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:

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