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and the Launch of the
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model spreading across
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PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel Program



Through the PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel program, Dottie has ensured the futures of Biscuit (5, Mix Breed), Jenny (3, Beagle Mix) and Gus (3, Pit Bull Mix), should she be unable to care for them.

A bequest to PAWS Chicago, the city's largest No Kill humane organization, is a wonderful way to save the lives of homeless cats and dogs long after your lifetime. PAWS Chicago also has a program that enables you to provide for your own pet after your death.

For information on PAWS Chicago's planned giving programs, please call (773) 890-5116 or visit www.pawschicago.org.

Dottie Cross Leaves a Legacy for the Animals

In 2004, Dottie Cross retired to pursue her dream of living on the road with her beloved rescue dogs – Biscuit, Jenny and Gus. Combining her interests as an adventurer and an animal lover, Dottie now spends her time rock climbing and educating people in Mexico on how to care for their pets in an effort to reduce the number of stray dogs living on the streets. However, while caring for other's animals, a sudden accident put the future of her own dogs in perspective.

“Knowing that my dogs will be loved and cared for after my death is a wonderful feeling.”

Last year, Dottie fell while rock climbing and shattered her leg. As a single woman, she was concerned that, had she died, her dogs would be put down without having a plan in place for their care.

While in the process of updating her trust, Dottie read about PAWS Chicago's Guardian Angel program and chose to make a planned gift that would enable her to provide shelter, food, veterinary care, medicines and loving new homes for countless animals long after she was gone. As a Guardian Angel, she was able to enroll her own dogs into the Guardian Angel Pet Care program, which guarantees their care in the event that she no longer could.

“Knowing that my dogs will be loved and cared for after my death is a wonderful feeling,” said Dottie. “The Guardian Angel program also enables me to help more animals, which blesses me far more than what little I can do for them.”

about PAWS Chicago

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PAWS Chicago (Pets Are Worth Saving) is the city's largest No Kill humane organization, focused on alleviating Chicago's tragic pet homelessness problem. Since PAWS Chicago's founding, the number of homeless pets killed in the city has been reduced by more than half – from 42,561 pets killed in 1997 to less than 18,000 last year. PAWS Chicago envisions a No Kill Chicago and that dream is within reach because of important lifesaving work that is being done every single day.

A National Model

People from across the nation are visiting PAWS Chicago every month to see how they can bring No Kill success to their communities. Only 14 years ago, PAWS Chicago was a fully volunteer grassroots organization. Now, PAWS Chicago's programs are recognized nationally.

- PAWS Chicago's Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic is one of the largest free spay/neuter clinics in the nation, focusing on assisting low-income families who cannot otherwise afford the procedure.
- PAWS Chicago's Phippen Fasseas Adoption & Humane Center is the first cageless, No Kill shelter of its kind in the Midwest. Located in highly-visible Lincoln Park, this state-of-the-art Adoption Center is leading the way in cutting edge programs and shelter design.
- PAWS Chicago has been recognized as one of the best run charities in the nation. Every year, PAWS Chicago has received the highest four-star rating by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent charity evaluator, for efficient use of donors' funds. Your contributions go directly to saving animals' lives.

Volunteer and give of yourself to the animals

PAWS Chicago was founded as a volunteer organization and has stayed true to its roots with more than 7,000 volunteers who work in intake, socialization, animal care, dog walking, adoption counseling, follow-up calls, site managing, fundraising, fostering homeless pets in need, event support, humane education and community outreach and in every other capacity to help the animals. Without these caring, dedicated individuals, PAWS Chicago would not be possible.



Vinnie
This sweet boy came to PAWS Chicago from ACC suffering from the often-deadly panleukopenia virus. Luckily, he received intensive care from PAWS Chicago and spent time in foster to heal. He was recently adopted and is now loving life.



Archie
Archie arrived at PAWS Chicago from ACC with demodex mange. Under the care of PAWS Chicago, he was treated and was recently adopted by his loving foster parent.

Adopt a homeless pet and save a life!

Visit PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center at 1997 N. Clybourn Avenue. New puppies, kittens, dogs and cats arrive daily from PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center. If you do not find what you are looking for at PAWS Chicago, please visit another No Kill shelter.

Foster a homeless pet in need

PAWS Chicago utilizes its foster network for sick or injured pets who need healing, or a little time, before they are able to be adopted and for kittens and puppies who are not old enough and do not weigh enough to be spayed or neutered. By placing these special needs pets in foster homes, space is available in PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center to save more homeless pets.

Spread the word

Without the public's involvement, homeless pets will continue to die in silence. Become an advocate and voice for homeless pets. Get involved in your community and learn about what is happening to homeless pets. Inform your family, friends, and neighbors about the reality that homeless pets face and why it's critical to spay/neuter pets and adopt from shelters.

Support No Kill efforts

By donating to No Kill shelters, you will support life-saving work as donations should go to saving, not killing homeless dogs and cats.

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FROM THE CHAIR

step towards the day when all homeless pets will be guaranteed life.

PAWS Chicago just celebrated the grand opening of the GusMobile, a mobile spay/neuter van that will go into Chicago's most at-risk communities where the majority of stray animals originate. You can read about this important initiative on page 38. The van will not only provide needed free and low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination services, but will also help educate families about the proper and humane care of their pets.

I would like to offer special thanks to the Beck family who generously donated the van, Petco Foundation for funding three years of GusMobile operating budget for the free surgeries offered to people on public assistance, and the volunteers who have already signed up to assist with

the operations of this mobile clinic.

Many private traditional shelters around the country are looking at ways to change their policies and practices to adopt the proven lifesaving strategies of No Kill. Representatives from animal welfare groups from around the country are coming to learn about PAWS Chicago's No Kill model—read more on page 8.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Your ongoing dedication to this important work is making a life-saving difference for homeless cats and dogs in our community and beyond.

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

Dear Friends,

Thank you to each of our supporters and our network of volunteers who enable PAWS Chicago to continue our life-saving work. Your involvement has helped save the lives of more than 4,000 cat and dogs in 2010 and is paving the way to a No Kill Chicago. And now, we are taking another

DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Supporters,

In the few years that I've been involved with PAWS Chicago, we've accomplished so much, all because of our community's dedication to ensuring that resources are available to continue to save more lives. But of course, every year we continue to need your support. Attending our events is a fun way to join the pet-loving community, while raising critical funds to support PAWS Chicago's programs.

We are gearing up for some terrific summer and fall events in 2011. Bring your pet and join us at our summer Beach Party for cool cocktails and dancing on July 14 on North Avenue Beach. On September 25, the 11th annual Run for Their Lives 8K run/4K walk will take place at Montrose

Harbor. The proceeds of these events will go directly to saving the lives of homeless animals and help fund more than 20 percent of our operating budget.

And be sure to save the date for the PAWS Chicago Fur Ball on November 11.

Thank you for your continued support.

Amy Turk
Development Board President



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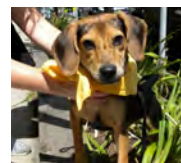
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June 12

12 - 4 p.m.

**Angels with Tails
Adoptions**
Michigan Avenue



September 10

12 - 4 p.m.

**Angels with Tails
Adoptions**
Winnetka



July 14

6 p.m.

Beach Party
Castaways
North Avenue Beach
Boathouse



September 25

9 a.m. start

**Run for Their Lives
8k Run/4k Walk**
Montrose Beach



August 14

6:30 a.m. start

**Rock 'n' Roll Half
Marathon**
Grant Park



October 9

7:30 a.m. start

**Bank of America
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Grant Park



August 28

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PAWS Chicago's
No Kill Model

Transforming Animal Sheltering Across the Country

By Julie Mazzola

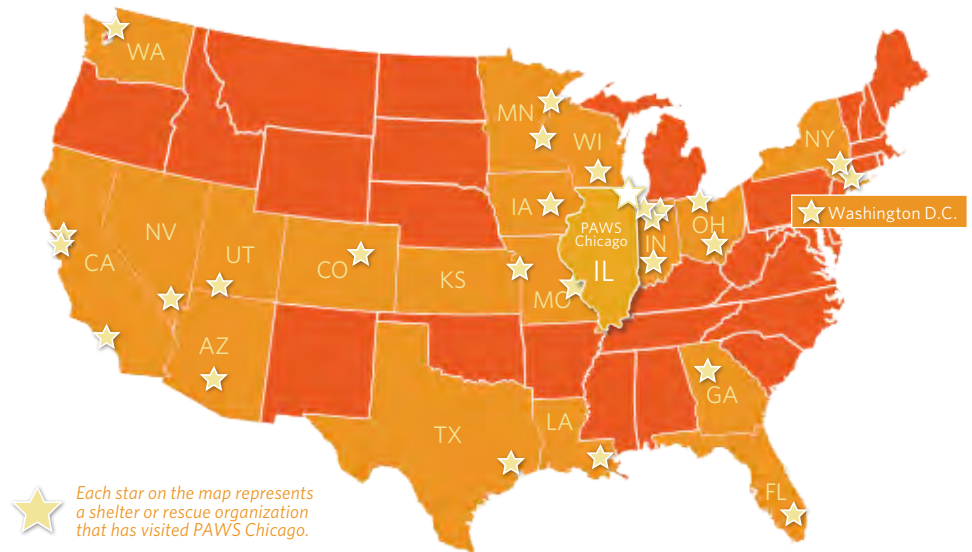
PAWS Chicago's No Kill model is spreading across the nation, and even in foreign countries. Since the organization was featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show in 2009, showcasing the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center as a new state-of-the-art model in sheltering homeless pets, PAWS regularly receives requests from other animal welfare groups seeking guidance and meetings with executive management. As a result, PAWS Chicago regularly opens its doors to enable shelters around the country to learn about this new model. Visitors include the entire Board of Directors of The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City; a Romanian film-maker and the President of the National Romanian Animal Welfare Society, who came to film the shelter to contrast the clubbing of homeless cats and dogs in their country with PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center; and a veterinarian from Amorgos, Greece, training to do more for the animals on her island.

With a core mission of considering the animals above all else, PAWS Chicago is breaking the status quo of traditional sheltering. Little has changed in traditional animal sheltering—the model utilized by the majority of animal shelters—since the early 1900's, with homeless and unwanted pets taken in and the majority killed. (Rather than change their policies and processes, many of these traditional open door shelters are not transparent and are concealing this killing from the public.)

Now, as PAWS Chicago and other progressive No Kill shelters are showing, there is a different way. By sharing the wealth of knowledge and research conducted since PAWS was founded 14 years ago, the organization is accomplishing its goal of transforming the fate of homeless pets in communities across America. When individuals see the model in operation, they understand how each organization in a community fulfilling its proper role can lead to increasing save rates and ultimately a No Kill reality.

“PAWS Chicago is a true resource for shelters around the country who want to break free from traditional animal sheltering, where so many sweet animals are killed, and work towards

Shelters From All Corners Visit PAWS Chicago



On June 27, PAWS Chicago and Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine are hosting their first Shelter Medicine Symposium at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center. The symposium is a day-long event, with sessions on how to effectively and efficiently treat illnesses common in concentrated populations of felines and canines and how to save the lives of animals infected with highly contagious, potentially deadly disease; how to operate a high volume spay/neuter clinic and mobile spay/neuter clinic; how to maximize resources (financial and people) to manage shelter medicine and clinic programs like a business; and sharing information on 10 Purdue/PAWS Chicago studies focused on increasing the save rate in shelters.

building a No Kill community,” said Paula Fasseas, PAWS Chicago Founder and Chair. “Sharing our best practices, facility protocols and business model, and providing support to shelters who want to transform their own organizations, is making a life changing difference in the lives of more and more homeless animals.”

It is impossible to argue with No Kill results like Chicago has experienced with better than a 69% reduction in the killing annually, from more than 42,000 pets killed in 1997 when PAWS was founded to less than 18,000 last year. If trends continue, Chicago will be a No Kill city in the next three to five years. As a result, the No Kill model is gaining traction within the vast majority of private shelters and government agencies that are still geared towards “cage and kill” methodologies.

PAWS Chicago's four-prong approach to No Kill combines a targeted and accessible spay/neuter program geared

toward low-income communities where the majority of unwanted animals are born; a progressive adoption program that gives an adoption guarantee to the animals taken in; a comprehensive volunteer program, training and utilizing volunteers in every aspect of shelter operations; and lastly, an advanced shelter medicine program in which all sick and injured pets are treated.

Targeted and Accessible Spay/Neuter

At the Lurie Clinic, visiting animal welfare organizations learn about the importance of targeting spay/neuter to low-income families, who would otherwise be unable to afford the costly surgery that prevents litters upon litters from being born. Every morning, people check in their pets with a veterinarian, which is often the only time that these low-income families pets will ever see a

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vet. As the day progresses, four vet techs begin prepping animals for surgery, while two veterinarians alternate between four surgical tables, optimizing veterinary time. Every day of operation, an average of 84 animals are spayed or neutered at the Lurie Clinic.

Beyond owned pets, feral (neighborhood) cat trappers need no appointment to bring in ferals to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. These cats will be released back into their community without the capacity to breed litters, and a human caregiver will monitor them, providing food and shelter. The Lurie Clinic spays and neuters more than 17,000 pets each year.

Now, with the launch of the state-of-the-art GusMobile spay/neuter van (read about it on page 38), PAWS Chicago's spay/neuter is going into Chicago neighborhoods that are most in need. Up to 65 surgeries will be performed each day of operation.

Comprehensive Volunteer Program

Much of PAWS Chicago's success has been built around an engaged and enthusiastic community, motivated to help save animals' lives. When PAWS Chicago was founded, the public was not aware that more than 40,000 cats and dogs were being killed each year in both the pound and private traditional shelters in Chicago. Now, more than 7,000 volunteers support PAWS Chicago's programs and perform 70% of the work at the adoption center.



Dr. Maria Despoti

Veterinarian,
Animal Zone International



Dr. Maria Despoti, veterinarian for Animal Zone International from the island of Amorgos, came to America to train with PAWS Chicago's shelter medicine team for 15 days this past February. Amorgos' large number of stray cats and the rampant spread of disease amongst the island's feline population has been a primary concern of Animal Zone. While at PAWS Chicago, Dr. Despoti learned about spay/neuter, cutting edge medical protocols and feral cat population control strategies.

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Progressive No Kill Adoption Program

At PAWS Chicago, the adoption program guarantees life to the animals in its shelter, as contrasted with traditional “open door” shelters that take in more animals than they can save, killing the excess. Dogs and cats are housed in suites instead of cages, with toys, beds and natural light, helping prevent the behavioral deterioration and illness-causing stress that are commonly found in traditional shelters.



With a location in the heart of vibrant Lincoln Park, in the midst of where Chicagoans live, work and play, the Adoption Center is well integrated into the community, encouraging fostering, volunteering and adoption, resulting in more than 4,000 adoptions annually. Approximately 70% of PAWS Chicago’s new pets come from Animal Care & Control, the city pound, which is the optimal partnership to lead to No Kill success.

Advanced Shelter Medicine Program

The majority of shelters operate using herd management strategies of the past, where animals are housed in cages that lead to rapid transference of illness amongst the population. As a result, at the first sign of disease, animals are euthanized and those exposed are also killed.

Over the past few years, Maddie’s Fund, a foundation funded by the Duffield family from California to build a No Kill nation, has launched shelter medicine programs across the country. These programs fund veterinary schools to train veterinary students and research shelter medicine with a focus on

preventing healthy shelter pets from getting sick and helping the sick pets get well quickly. Maddie’s Fund has granted Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine a six-year grant to work with PAWS Chicago at developing veterinary fellowships, where recent graduates spend one year working in PAWS Chicago’s state-of-the-art facilities. Purdue is also researching infectious disease management, conducting a study on FIV-infected cats at PAWS Chicago and studies on antibiotics that work faster to cure illness.

Historically, dogs with parvovirus and cats with panleukemia and ringworm would be immediately killed. Unfortunately, most shelters still follow these outdated practices. Maddie’s Shelter Medicine programs and No Kill shelters like PAWS Chicago are proving these diseases can be treated with a high survival rate.

The following testimonials are from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Phoenix, Arizona, Washington DC, and Valparaiso, Indiana, all taking new methodologies back to their home states.



Over the next year, PAWS Chicago will formalize its learning center into No Kill Academy, where individuals can learn comprehensive solutions to pet homelessness, incorporating information on programs—spay/neuter clinic, mobile spay/neuter, adoption and volunteers— facilities, shelter medicine, and a pragmatic, business approach to leveraging limited resources.



Tammy Cozzi

Vice President,
The Power of One Good Deed



“While my primary residence is in Arizona, I spend summers in Chicago and have been a ‘long-distance’ member of PAWS Chicago’s Development Board member for almost five years.

In Arizona, I am the Vice President of The Power of One Good Deed, a 501c3 non-profit group of professional women that advocates spay/neuter services for companion animals. There were almost 50,000 dogs and cats euthanized last year in Maricopa County and our goal is to dramatically lower that number through education and funding. We are striving to fix the problem at the source by preventing unintended litters.

I was already familiar with PAWS Chicago and how successful the organization has been, but wanted to learn more about how PAWS Chicago’s message could be used to help animals in Arizona. During my visit, I learned about PAWS Chicago’s model to reducing euthanasia in Chicago – community outreach and a targeted spay/neuter program supported by free/low cost surgeries and adoptions. All work “paw in paw” to accomplish the mission and to get the message to the communities that need it most.

I have researched the Phoenix area to try and better understand why the euthanasia rate is so high and how the Power of One Good Deed can best direct its efforts, possibly incorporating PAWS Chicago’s ideas. It is my project to develop an educational program similar to PAWS to reach those that need it most.

Through my research, I have made many good contacts at animal rescue organizations and at Maricopa County Animal Care and Control. Everyone wants to help reduce pet overpopulation and welcomes the opportunity to work together, something I took away from PAWS Chicago.

Even though I am familiar with PAWS Chicago, I feel like an “educated ambassador” who can pass on the organization’s great mission. I am proud to be a small part of PAWS Chicago’s goal to creating a No Kill community.

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> To learn more, visit POGD.wordpress.com



Britt Gage
SNAP Board Member

“ Approximately 18 months ago, my husband and I were discussing the animal welfare issues facing our home state of Minnesota. Minnesota was euthanizing companion animals in shelters at an estimated rate of over 90,000/year state wide, and over 20,000/year in the Twin Cities alone. We were trying to figure out how we could help, and PAWS Chicago came to mind.

We had been made aware of how PAWS Chicago had taken the initiative to help change outcomes for the companion animals of Chicago and when we looked more closely, we began to understand that PAWS Chicago had

made the most significant and concrete difference in the Midwest toward changing the outcome for homeless animals, and had done it primarily through low-cost spay and neuter. We decided that we needed more information and met with Paula and Alexis Fasseas to learn about their amazing accomplishments. It was a tremendous experience.

Not long after visiting PAWS Chicago and the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, I was introduced to Dr. Kim Culbertson, a Minnesota vet who was working as a primary veterinarian at Minnesota's largest shelter where she saw thousands of animals die each year for no preventable reason other than capacity. She wanted to use her experience and expertise to lower euthanasia rates by providing high quality low cost spay and neuter services to the companion animals of low income individuals.

It was a truly fortuitous time for Dr. Kim and me to meet. Hearing her plan and goals, and having just seen what could be accomplished, Dr. Kim, my husband, myself, and a few other brave souls decided to move forward with Dr. Kim's plan to create Minnesota Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (MN SNAP), the state's first mobile surgical spay/neuter operation serving both owned and stray animals. Throughout those days, PAWS Chicago was both a source of inspiration and information.

We have really looked up to PAWS Chicago and have been honored that they have helped guide us with their experiences and knowledge. Speaking with the leadership team, the volunteers, and others involved in the organization, helped pave a path for success in our state. In fact, in November 2009 we had our first Angel Dinner where we discussed the issues Minnesota was facing as well as our plan to improve the situation. At the event, our first Angels stepped-up and gave generously and by April 20, we were on the road with our spay/neuter vehicle!

In our first year, we were able to perform more than 5,500 spay/neuter surgeries. And as the first mobile unit to service the state, we were one of only two groups able to offer low-cost, high quality spay/neuter to the owned animals of the low-income community. We are aiming for more than 10,000 surgeries in 2011 and are in the process of searching for a stationary clinic before the end of the year. In addition,

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MN SNAP is also working closely with Minneapolis Animal Care and Control to reduce the number of pet deaths in Minneapolis as and help those people and pets in desperate need of help throughout the city.

We are grateful to PAWS Chicago for sharing so much about their programs and services that help Chicago's animals. We look forward to developing a long-lasting collaboration with their knowledge and compassionate staff so that we may continue to expand upon and improve the services that we provide to our communities.

> To learn more, visit mnsnap.org

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John Anthony Blackburn

Senior Principal
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The Phippen Fasseas Adoption Center, designed by Holabird & Root, serves as a model for other shelters across the country.

As the architects who are designing the new home for the Washington Humane Society, it was recommended that my project manager, Dan Blair, and I first visit several sheltering facilities around the country, including PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center.

I was very impressed with the layout - the entry/lobby and the openness to the cat suites, the natural light and the visibility from the street. It all worked together exceptionally well. Though I have seen some very unique details and design features in all the shelters I visited, PAWS Chicago's facility may be the best overall.

We are currently in early site studies with our facility but we intend to integrate learning's from our visit into our project. I

would hope we could bring to our project a similar feel upon entering the entry lobby, including the central two-story space with the abundance of natural light, and views of the cat areas from both the lobby and street.

PAWS Chicago has done an amazing job creating such an inviting and comfortable Adoption Center. Seeing the facility and the information provided will be extremely beneficial in our efforts to create a new

facility for the Washington Humane Society.

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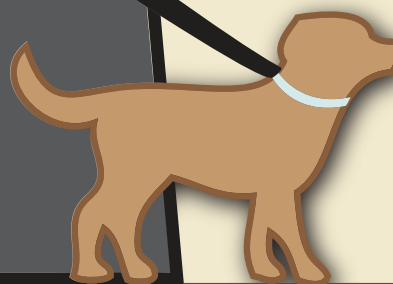


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PAWS Chicago helps rescue Missouri Puppy Mill Dogs

By Patty Donmoyer



On March 23, PAWS Chicago helped with the rescue of more than one hundred puppy mill dogs. These dogs came from three Missouri puppy mills that have since been shut down.

Sixteen of these sweet dogs and puppies, ranging in age from 10 weeks to eight years old, who were living and being bred in isolated, sub-standard conditions came to PAWS Chicago. While young puppies are typically adopted quickly, older pets often require more care before being ready for adoption.

The vast majority of dogs who are sold in pet stores originate from puppy mills

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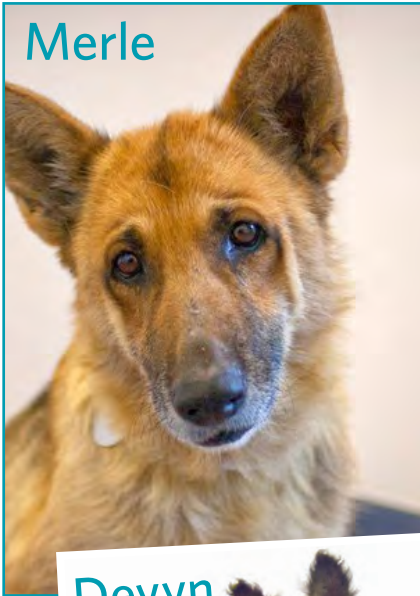
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Merle



Saving Merle & Devyn

From Puppy Mill to Pet Shop

Merle's story represents the millions of dogs who are bred and are breeding in puppy mills, and serves as a reminder to choose adoption rather than buying from a pet store which enables the problem to persist.

Merle is a very sweet eight-year-old German Shepherd who came to PAWS Chicago after being rescued from a Missouri puppy mill. Upon her arrival, she was suffering from signs of significant neglect, including severe wearing of her teeth from gnawing on her cage bars after years of confinement, extreme skin irritations, rough fur that fell out in some places, and masses on her mammary glands from significant over-breeding.

PAWS Chicago has gotten this sweet girl back to health. She was spayed and underwent five hours of surgery to remove her masses and improve her dental health. After spending time in foster to heal and adjust to her new life of freedom, Merle has a loving demeanor and is now available for adoption into a new home.

Devyn



This adorable puppy, Devyn, was rescued by PAWS Chicago from a Missouri puppy mill in March 2011. In a pet store, shoppers only see this too cute for words puppy. What they don't see is that puppies like him are born at the expense of dogs like Merle.

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Saving Armani



Six-year-old Pomeranian, Armani came to PAWS Chicago after being rescued from a Missouri puppy mill. This adorable boy was suffering from severe dental issues, including periodontal disease and missing teeth, a continually dislocating knee cap, and also required a major cleaning of his coat and ears, which were filthy. Because of his life in the puppy mill, Armani is extremely shy. His foster family is currently helping him learn how to trust and socialize with people and acclimate to a loving home environment. Once Armani has gained confidence, he will be available for adoption.

> To learn more about what you can do to protect animals in puppy mills, please visit www.pawschicago.org.

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where they live in extremely poor and confined conditions, are treated inhumanely, denied medical treatment and are over-bred, resulting in hundreds of thousands of new puppies each year, many who have significant health and behavior problems. These dogs are bred for a profit and are simply a commodity to their breeders.

While several of the dogs were available for adoption within two days

of their arrival and have already found loving homes, others arrived with customary signs of life in a puppy mill – dental disease, skin irritations and loss of fur, untreated medical conditions and an extreme fear of people. These dogs required additional medical treatment and time in foster to adjust to their new lives outside of a cage, like Finlie, an extremely shy five-year-old Pekingese whose litters

were being sold for a profit. When she first came to PAWS Chicago, she shook with fear when touched and required dental surgery. Today, Finlie is a healthy, sweet-natured girl who is learning how to trust and be loved. She is currently available for adoption.

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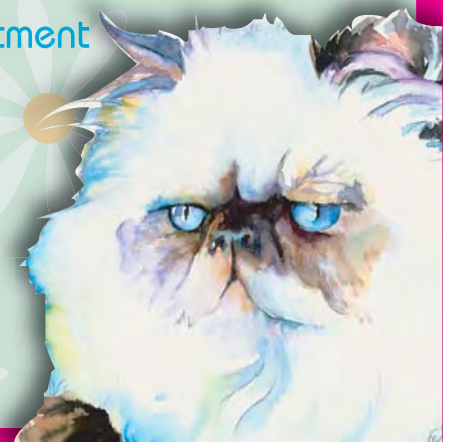
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Saving Finlie

This sweet girl was emotionally scarred from her time at a puppy mill. When she arrived at PAWS Chicago, the mere approach of a volunteer would cause her to defecate in fear. Every day, Finlie continues to make progress. She's looking for a patient and understanding home that can help her heal and gain confidence.

wonderful dogs have been given the gift of life. No longer will they suffer and be mistreated. Rather, PAWS Chicago will ensure that each and every dog finds a loving home where they will have a chance to love and be loved.

So many dogs are currently suffering in puppy mills throughout the U.S. and PAWS Chicago is focused on saving homeless pets in need.



Many of the dogs who were rescued from the puppy mills have already been adopted into loving homes. The others are making great progress in learning how to socialize and be loved in foster homes and will soon be available for adoption.



Patricia Donmoyer is a member of TEAM PAWS Chicago and her cat Buddy is also a supporter.



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Losing a pet is like losing a part of yourself.

Part of me departed on March 16, in the shape of a little tuft of orange and white fur. Despite all the tears and heartache and emptiness, the most pervasive feeling is gratitude. I was blessed to share my home with the most social, affectionate, attuned and consoling kitty for the past 14 years.

I think back to when I first saw him, snuggled with his brother in a cage at a traditional shelter. I was volunteering to complete my high school community service and, in that “cage and kill” shelter, a simple sneeze was a death sentence.

That little sound would elicit an immediate reaction: “Who was that!?” the workers would demand of anyone in the room. I would try to conceal the identity, knowing that a pen would quickly follow the identification and mark an “E” on the poor, helpless kitty’s cage card—E for Euthanize. It mattered not whether it was an easily treatable head cold or perhaps a little dust from the litter box that teased a sweet, pink nose—the result would be death by injection, a body bag and an incinerator.

Something about Romeo and his brother, Mercutio, drew me in. I begged my mom to let us save them, and we were soon adopting the pair. Our first night together, I took them in the shower, and they wouldn’t stop purring in my arms.

Over the ensuing years, Romeo lived with me in Chicago, Durham, and Washington, DC and accompanied me on countless vacations, content anywhere as long as I was close by. Nicknamed Houdini, doors and barriers would not prevent him from exploring unknown or off limits territory. He was a “momma” to many-a-foster kitties, nurturing, teaching and cuddling. He was a favorite at the office, frequently accompanying me to work. And he was even my date at the Fur Ball in 2006.

Romeo, you were an inspiration. Your outpouring of unconditional love has been motivation to continue the quest to do more for your helpless, voiceless brethren, scared and alone in cages where their next breath may be their last—where a cough or a sneeze is grounds for capital punishment—where simple treatment is too much of an inconvenience—where death is the easy fix. I know that you live on with every life saved at PAWS Chicago, and your memory encourages us to continue the fight until all private shelters recognize the inherent beauty in every life under their care and do all they can to heal, nourish and save.

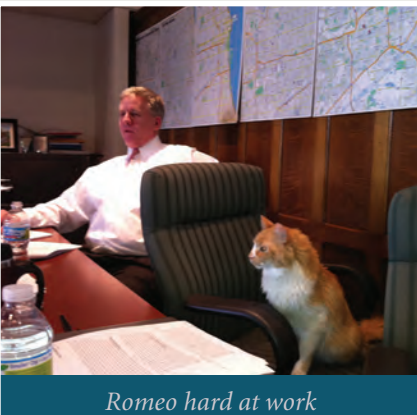
- Alexis Fasseas



Romeo’s first bath



Romeo at the 2006 Fur Ball



Romeo hard at work



Romeo with his brothers, Mercutio and Clyde, and foster cat Susette



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Showalter Family

really dictates the kind of experience it is. Sometimes mommas are extremely protective, which can present some challenges.”

Regardless of breed or size, the Showalter’s provide a nurturing environment for each momma and her pups. Their commitment to the health and wellbeing of their fosters is evident through their actions. They even created a “Puppy Room” in their home, designated solely for fosters. “It’s a clean, warm and relaxing room. It’s large and very private so mommas don’t feel confined or stressed.”

One of the family’s fondest foster experiences came with Munic, a momma who went into labor in their home. According to Jill, “We knew she was in labor so we were all on watch and one of us was home with her all day. While at Max’s basketball game, we received a message that Munic was getting very close to delivery. We

rushed home to be with her and within a few minutes of getting home, she delivered her first pup. It was amazing. Max and I sat with her the entire time – she did such a fantastic job!”

Caring for dogs comes naturally for Jill and her family, who owns Yuppie Puppy, a pet grooming salon and Doggie Day Play, a dog day care and hotel, both located in Oak Park. “I am surrounded by dogs all day, everyday. I just love them. I understand them very well and just want to take care of those who can’t take care of themselves,” said Jill.

According to Jill, “Volunteering is one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. We volunteer for PAWS Chicago because we love their philosophy of pet care. The people we have worked with have been very helpful and supportive and understanding.”

Volunteering at PAWS Chicago is a family affair for the Showalter Family. For the past two years, Jill and Brent, along with their kids, Reed and Max, have devoted their time and opened up their home to many new moms and their newborn puppies who need love, care and time to grow before adoption.

The Showalter’s specialize in fostering moms – all affectionately named ‘momma,’ and their new litters. “Every litter we take in is special,” said Jill. “Momma’s personality



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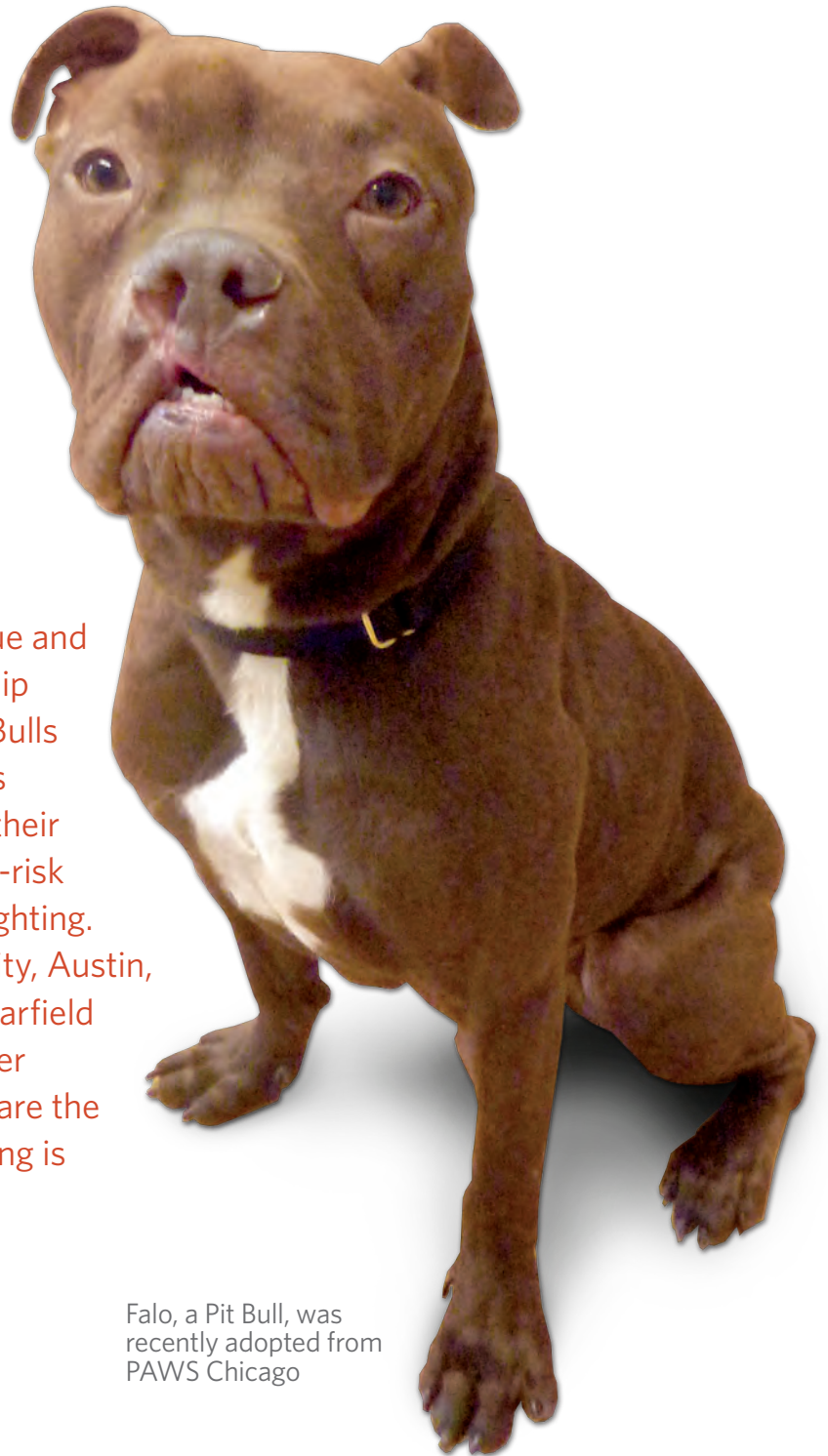
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Pit Bull Guardianship

The Basics

By Jeff Jenkins

My work has given me a unique and sobering look at the relationship between people and their Pit Bulls — I spend my days, and nights working with young men and their dogs that are involved in, or at-risk to entering the world of dog fighting. They come from all over the city, Austin, Englewood, Humboldt Park, Garfield Park, and just about every other neighborhood where Pit Bulls are the preferred breed and dog fighting is part of the landscape.



Falo, a Pit Bull, was recently adopted from PAWS Chicago

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Additionally, I work with "everyday Pit Bull owners," people who for all the right reasons and with ample resources have chosen a Pit Bull as their breed of choice.

Well over a year ago I started to collaborate with PAWS Chicago on spay/neuter for the "at risk" dogs and owners I was working with at HSUS. This was a watershed moment for the campaign and all the young men involved. To understand how desperately this resource was needed you only need to look at the numbers from one of our spay/neuter days: 12 dogs were fixed, and from those 12 dogs we counted over 60 puppies that had been born that year alone.

These two worlds I work in are far apart in many ways but share some very basic realities about Pit Bulls as I see it. Here are some of my thoughts on my breed of choice. For full disclosure, I have two rescued Pit Bulls that have traveled the globe with me. Lola and Junebug regularly join me for seminars and performances at schools, correctional facilities, community events, Chicago Bulls games and anywhere else people want to see rescued Pit Bulls do really amazing things.

Characteristics

Pit Bulls are high drive dogs that need a job. Either you give them one that hopefully involves training, socialization and lots of exercise, or they will find one. And chances are it will involve unwanted behaviors and some level of dog aggression.

I am by no means saying all Pit Bulls are dog aggressive, but to be the best owner you can be, you must know the history of the breed. Where they came from and what they were originally bred for has relevance. Do your homework, know the origin of the breed, respect it, and honor your dog in that way.

Training

The most important thing you can do with your Pit Bull is giving it the tools to succeed in the world. The loud, congested, people-filled, dog friendly world of Chicago. Keep in mind, everyone on your block did not sign up for a Pit Bull... you did. And you are not doing the breed

a service, or being very neighborly for that matter, if you do not step up and train your dog. An aggressive 20 lb. Cocker Spaniel out for a walk is a hassle; an aggressive 80 lb. Pit Bull is another matter altogether.

No room for gimmicks, gizmos, gadgets, or the latest training tools with a silly name and a steep price tag. A good collar and leash, some treats and Kong's are the tools of my trade. A hybrid approach utilizing agility; jumps, a-frames, tunnels, ladders, and more combined with formal obedience; sit, down, stay, come, etc. all in a room filled with other dogs and eventually high level distractions.

Chicago has an abundance of good trainers. My suggestion is to find a trainer who can show you their work first-hand. Take a look at their Pit Bull, or ideally another high drive working breed. Is the dog happy and healthy? Is it appropriate

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with other dogs and people? Does it demonstrate a high level of obedience training? If the answer is yes, chances are you are in good hands. If the answer is no, perhaps you should look elsewhere. Kind of like the mechanic whose car looks terrible and doesn't run well – are you going to trust them with your new car?

Ownership

Here is what I recommend when people ask me about adopting a Pit Bull. "If you have a lifestyle that does not allow you to spend a substantial amount of time training, socializing and exercising a Pit Bull, don't adopt one." And then I follow up with, "Also, if you do not have the wherewithal to keep everyone in your life safe, including your Pit Bull, do not adopt one."

Once again, in the interest of full disclosure, in addition to my Pit Bulls I have two children, Maxwell, my five-year-old son and Samantha my three-year-old daughter. They love their dogs and they interact with them each and every day. All four are living big, safe, fun, exciting lives under one roof right here in Chicago. I credit this to something a terrific dog trainer (and father) told me years ago; treat your kids like kids, and treat your dogs like dogs.



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Jeff Jenkins is the lead trainer for the Human Society of the United States, End Dogfighting Campaign which gives would-be fighting dogs and their owners a constructive alternative through agility training and positive reinforcement. He also holds a "Pit Bulls Only" class at Found Chicago. His efforts are supported by his two beloved Pit Bulls, Lola and Junebug.



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Tom McGuire



For the past two years, Tom McGuire has brought his love and compassion for animals to PAWS Chicago. “Once I decided that I wanted to give back to the community through volunteerism, PAWS Chicago was an obvious choice for me, as I love animals,” said Tom.

When he was a new volunteer, Tom wanted to experience all that PAWS Chicago had to offer and spent time helping animals at the Rescue & Recovery Center and Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic. Today, Tom can be found at the Adoption Center, focusing primarily on Kitty City as a Level 2 Volunteer and Adoption Counselor, where he trains new volunteers and assists adopters with meeting their new feline family members. “It is rewarding to give something back to the community and to find homes for these wonderful animals,” said Tom.

Tom regularly finds moving moments as a volunteer and has a soft spot in his heart for finding homes for cats and kittens with special needs. “Some of the animals’ backstories are particularly heartwarming, and often sad,” he said. “I recall a great cat, Ellie, who was born with a birth defect that caused her hind legs to be non-functional. It was truly inspiring to me to see how well this kitten adapted to her disability. She was only able to walk only on her front legs, but could jump up on scratching posts and ledges. She ended up being adopted into a great home.”

As a partner at the law firm of Arnstein & Lehr, which specializes in tax and estate planning, Tom spends each day interacting and working closely with people. “Being a volunteer at PAWS Chicago lets me spend time with animals,” he said. “And as an Adoption Counselor, I enjoy working with families in completing the adoptions. My work with clients at the office has made me comfortable in dealing with the public as well.”

“I enjoy most everything about my PAWS experience: the animals, the staff, the other volunteers and the adopters. It is truly a fulfilling experience for me,” said Tom. “My volunteer experience has enhanced my life in many positive ways and I am happy to be involved with this outstanding organization and truly appreciate the efforts to make Chicago a No Kill city. I believe my PAWS experience has created balance in my life, and I find my volunteer time to be very relaxing and a stress reliever. PAWS Chicago rocks!”

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Allen Shechtman

“Whenever I spend any time at PAWS Chicago, something touches my heart,” said Allen Shechtman, an Adoption Counselor and Lead Volunteer, who has spent the last two years ensuring that every cat in Kitty City receives love and care and finds a forever home.

The positive difference that is made in the lives of the animals and the people who adopt them is what drives Allen. “I volunteer for PAWS Chicago because I believe in the mission of the organization and I love being among the cats and dogs,” he said. “PAWS allows me to contribute to a cause that goes hand-in-hand with much sadness, yet at PAWS I am surrounded with so much positive energy from the can-do spirit of like-minded people that there are many happy times.”

Although he loves and cares for each cat, Allen tends to gravitate to those who have overcome exceptional difficulties. One cat that left an impression was Rocky, an FIV+ cat who was found as a stray, battered

and burned. “When I first saw him, he had little green socks over the bandages on his front paws from a skin graft. No matter what terrible experiences he had, he remained a loving and affectionate cat. He welcomed any visitor’s attention and loved to be petted. He was my first stop when I arrived at PAWS to volunteer. When he was adopted I was thrilled for him and yet, I miss him.”

“I volunteer for PAWS Chicago because I believe in the mission of the organization and I love being among the cats and dogs.”

As a partner in a real estate investment company, the recession has proven stressful. However, Allen finds solace in volunteering his time. “I was raised to think that it is my responsibility to help make the world a better place in any way I can, regardless of my own circumstances,” said Allen.



“Coming to PAWS Chicago is a little slice of heaven. The stress at the office is left behind the minute a little bundle of fur snuggles up to me asking only for affection. And after a day of dealing with the tight-fisted lending industry, I find scooping litter a more pleasant and gratifying activity!”

“I find the PAWS story amazing. I am in awe of what has been accomplished from the initial seed of the idea to making Chicago a No Kill city. I’m proud and delighted to be of some small help,” Allen said.

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These kids are finding great ways to lend a helping hand to homeless animals.



Lia

At just seven years old, Lia, a budding animal advocate, has contributed nearly \$1,000 to PAWS Chicago! From requesting that donations and Wish List items be given to PAWS animals in lieu of birthday gifts since she was five, to donating the proceeds from her lemonade stand to PAWS Chicago, Lia is making a life-saving difference! She's even encouraging her friends to do their part to help animals!



Gray

When Gray (15) received a parking meter piggy bank for Christmas from his Grandmother, he was surprised to read the note attached: "Fill it up and I'll match it... for the charity of your choice." Inspired to make a difference for animals, Gray dedicated his savings to PAWS Chicago. After a year of saving, the piggy bank was full and contained over \$500 in change. As promised, his grandma matched his hard-earned savings. Thanks to Gray's love of animals, his efforts provided over \$1,000 that will directly help save the lives of Chicago's homeless animals.



Catherine Cook School

As an introduction to the idea of charitable giving, the Pre-K students from Catherine Cook School visited the Adoption Center to personally deliver Wish List gifts for the cats and dogs of PAWS Chicago, including food, treats, cleaning supplies and personal letters addressed to their favorite PAWS animal. The students also spent the day learning about the organization and the process of adopting a homeless pet!



Georgia

Inspired by a story about a girl who helped an animal shelter by walking dogs, seven-year-old Georgia wanted to do her part. When Georgia received a letter from PAWS Chicago requesting donations to help save the lives of homeless cats and dogs, she hit the sidewalks – armed with a clip board, envelope and the letter, and asked neighbors to contribute to her life-saving cause. Thanks to Georgia's hard work and ingenuity, she collected \$80 for PAWS Chicago, all of which will directly help Chicago become a No Kill community.



Claudia, Carson & Cameron

Sisters Claudia (7), Carson (9) and Cameron (11) share a love for animals and are always looking for ways to help. As a reward for almost straight A's, their family decided to foster a Chihuahua named Neve from PAWS Chicago. The sisters loved caring for Neve and, although it was difficult to return her, the girls were happy to hear that Neve was adopted the next day. For her 9th birthday, Carson even asked friends to bring supplies from PAWS Chicago's Wish List in lieu of presents. Understanding the importance of adopting animals into loving homes, the sisters look forward to continuing to support PAWS Chicago.

Rejuvenation Tips *for Older Pets*



Our dogs and cats are precious to us. We want them to live forever, but we don't like to see them show any signs of age. People often explain problems with arthritis or other illness by saying, "she's just getting old." But that is not a diagnosis; it is just an assessment of how long the pet has been here.

by Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM

When my dog, Tundra, was 11, I felt she was “just getting old.” I originally rescued her as a puppy from a shelter, so I wasn't certain of her breed. She looked most like a German Shepherd and I knew that breed's lifespan averages around 12 years. I wanted her to live longer than that so I searched for something to do about it.

I have taken and refined the strategies I used for Tundra and applied them to all of my aging patients. I was thrilled that Tundra lived another six years – playing on the beach and having a wonderful life. Supporting animals as they age is something I look forward to, because my clients and I consider aging an asset rather than a disease.

Ambulation: These Feet Are Made For Walking

Just because animals are older, doesn't mean they shouldn't exercise. Becoming sedentary with arthritis is a dangerous downward spiral for a pet. Arthritic animals that don't exercise will deteriorate rapidly. Atrophy of leg and back muscles destabilizes joints and the spine, causing unbalanced, hesitant or stilted gait patterns, thus increasing discomfort.

Gentle weight-bearing exercise strengthens muscles and circulates

nutritive synovial fluid over the surfaces of the joint. Confidence in the limbs comes from using the limbs, pure and simple. And don't forget to make sure older animals have enough quality meat protein in their diet to maintain the muscles they are working to improve. Underwater treadmill treatments can make a big difference in muscle mass and coordination.

Take a walk on the wild side

Take walks where your pet can

experience/smell/see something new. If you keep his mind lively, his body will follow suit. Don't neglect the daily outing. Take it slow if you have to, but take it –and make it interesting.

Move off the beaten track

Dogs and cats benefit from challenging terrain. If you always walk on flat surfaces, it may soon be the only surface your pet can navigate. Make games include varying surfaces for indoor pets, or maneuver outdoor pets over tree roots, gravel and irregular ground.

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Step up and down curbs, go around posts, walk in short figure-8 patterns and go up or down inclines or driveways.

Place toys or treats in places where it requires some effort to retrieve them

People play games with dogs in many life stages, but mature cats are often left to sleep all day. Don't just put treats under their noses; make them do a little work for them, for example, on the top of a flight of stairs or on top of a climbing toy. Your cat will have to exercise to get to it. And, those wire-bouncing fobs and little mouse toys are not just for kittens! By encouraging exercise, your cat may shed some unwanted weight as well.

Place non-skid floor coverings in slippery spots

Pads of older canine and feline feet can slip more on smooth surfaces. Adding area rugs and other non-skid floor coverings (i.e. yoga mats, rubber floor covers, runners) can help them get up and move more confidently. Adhesive foot pads, waxes or non-slip booties, if they aren't too bulky, can also help.

Spine and Tail

Massage can help with overall circulation and spinal health. Try little massage circles up and down the sides of the spine which can invigorate circulation. Gentle traction in a smooth massaging stroke down the tail can help to stretch the spine and improve intervertebral circulation. A supple spine can mean a more active dog or cat.

On the Nose

Topical treatments for a crusty, dry nose. While nose dryness/crustiness can be a sign of a significant autoimmune condition or nutritional deficiency, sometimes older dogs just have dry noses. After ruling out any underlying medical causes, there are a few options to try. My clients feel that Vaseline on the nose is the most reliably effective topical treatment for an elderly dog's dry nose. I have also



Massage the feet of older dogs and cats

Once a day, gently squeeze the feet and pull slowly down the toes of your geriatric dog or cat (take care to avoid getting bitten by foot-sensitive animals). This physical therapy trick can improve the neurological connection from the brain to the foot, improving leg mobility and foot placement.

had some success with shea butter or coconut oil topically. Coconut oil taken orally (about 1 tsp daily per 30-50 lb dog) can ameliorate dry noses, dandruff, dull hair coats and can improve general gastrointestinal health.

Vitamin E or fish oils often make the nose sticky, not smooth and bag balm can be too irritating, and its pungent odor can irritate a dog's keen sense of smell.

Nosing the Bowl - Avoid Plastics

Change plastic bowls to ceramic, metal or glass bowls, and clean them regularly.

Plastic bowls may be an irritant to sensitive nasal skin. Inflamed skin on the mouth, chin or nose of a dog or cat can improve once plastic food or water bowls are removed.

Under your Nose

If your furry friend doesn't seem hungry, it could be that they can't smell the food. Some older animals may lose weight because of eating less. A pet who seems to lose interest in food as they age may be a sign of significant illness (cancer, systemic diseases, dental problems, etc.). However, the answer may be under their nose.

If you've been to the vet and there's no apparent medical concern, remember, smell is an important appetite stimulant. Aging animals can have trouble with

their sense of smell due to many causes, like a previous respiratory disease, or side effects of medication (e.g., some anti-inflammatory meds may decrease sense of smell). They may be wondering what scentless clumps are in their food dish, but dinner is not on their mind.

Smelly is better. Try warming up the food, or mix in some hot water, chicken broth, tripe (very smelly!) or a slurry of meat baby food (no onion powder). Your pet will more likely come running for supper if you super size the aroma.

Breakfast may be Optional

I've noticed that many aging dogs skip their morning meal. Even with enticement and fabulous smelling food, they just say no. But by supper, they are perfectly happy to clean the bowl. As long as everything else seems normal, and there's no vomiting or other signs, many older dogs can do just fine having all their food at supper, if that's what they choose.

The Eyes Have It

Install an extra light fixture over the stairs. This may sound like a home-decorating solution more than a veterinary one, but this can work wonders for an aging pet with an optical condition. When a pet seems hesitant to go up or down stairs, the first thought is arthritis, but it may be the eyes.

Lenticular sclerosis is a typical aging change in the lens of a dog or cat's eye – it's responsible for that bluish haze you see as they age. It creates a mild vision issue, like looking through shower glass – slightly hazy vision that obscures depth perception. In twilight conditions, difficulty seeing is even more pronounced.

Better lighting on stairs, which make surface edges easier to see, will help your aging pet gauge their steps better and improve their ability to walk on uneven surfaces.

If your pet has vision issues, avoid moving water and food bowls, furniture or litter boxes.

Pets can get confused, and the change can cause accidents and stress. Make sure they know where things are if you have to rearrange.

On the other hand, too much light, bright sunshine on bright surfaces (like snow or white sand) for an older animal, particularly cats and smaller dogs, can be bothersome. Animals with iris atrophy have trouble fully closing the opening of their iris to protect from bright light. They will be light-sensitive, and possibly act as if they are unable to see well when the light is intense. Give them some time to adjust, or get to the shade where possible.

What goes In Must Come out

Pet incontinence is the bane of many pet owners. There are many causes, but many solutions. Here are some typical problems and solutions (once medical problems have been ruled out).

After giving your dog a walk, he comes in the house and poops on the carpet. Consider doing the “double walk.” It may be that the signal to poop is not strong enough to override the distraction from all the fun sights and smells of the great

outdoors. So, when you finish a walk and step to the front door, stop for a second, let the dog relax, and quickly head back out and continue your walk for a few more minutes. This will give your dog enough time to refocus on the task at hand and

stop being distracted. They will be aware of their body for a second, and think “Oh! I have to poop!” thus, causing fewer accidents in the house.

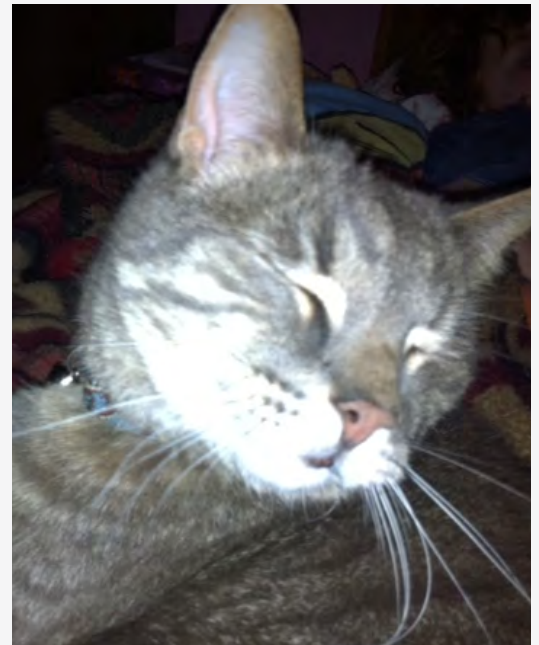
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Do You Hear What I Hear?

Use clapping or high-pitched tones to get the attention of your pet.

Dogs and cats, like humans, lose their hearing – especially when you ask them to do something they don’t want to do. As hearing fades, hand-clapping or high-pitched tones are of a frequency that seems to be the last to go. An elderly dog will be less startled from a deep sleep if you clap or use a high-pitched tone before you touch them.

Consider acupuncture for hearing loss as this can improve circulation to the ear mechanism. Also, apply gentle massage circles at the base of the ear and rotate the ear flap a few times a week like a windmill to help improve circulation.





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My dog doesn't know when he is defecating and often wakes lying in his poop.

Feed your dog once a day with canned, home-cooked or pre-prepared raw food, if possible. Often, these foods have less filler and fewer carbohydrates and you'll find smaller, less frequent poop. Also, Psyllium fiber added to meals helps keep stool even more regular and firm (about one teaspoon mixed in wet food for a 50 pound dog, or 1/8 teaspoon per wet meal for a 10 pound cat).

If you choose to home-cook your pet's food, make sure you have a good recipe. It should have quality meat as the main ingredient, with some veggies/fruits, and calcium and phosphorus in the right ratio (typically in a bone meal supplement). Proper vitamins, and calcium/phosphorus ratio is essential to health.

Urinary Incontinence

When you feed moist food (canned, home-cooked or raw), your pets won't have to drink a boatload of water to digest the dry kibble, which in turn will reduce urinary accidents. There are many medical reasons for urinary incontinence, but once they are ruled out, feeding a diet with proper moisture content can help avoid over-drinking. Older pets on raw, home-cooked, or canned food often drink less, urinate less and have fewer overnight accidents.

Keeping Their Figure

In addition to simply watching your pet's weight, actively make him slim.

Dogs

Decrease food and treats immediately and weigh your aging dog regularly. Weight changes in an older animal can help your vet monitor various health conditions. Check your dog to see if you can feel his ribs without a lot of pressure, and that they have a discernible waist just past the last rib. While decreasing the food, keep them from being desperate by filling the begging stomach with rice cakes or green beans (low sodium canned, fresh, frozen, or cooked).

For weight loss in chunky dogs, feed less food and fewer carbohydrates. Dogs do very well on an "Atkins-like" diet with plenty of protein, and they can lose weight fast! Always change diets very slowly, over the course of 10-14 days.

If your dog is not losing weight and you've tried these tips, have your vet check for health conditions that may be a

factor – like hypothyroidism or other systemic diseases.

An overweight pet faces many health, mobility, energy, and mental issues. Remember, one pound of weight loss helps by decreasing about four pounds of torque on each leg. This is a good incentive to keep your pet thin. Every pound truly counts!



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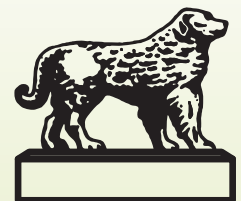
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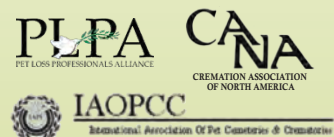
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Cats

For overweight cats, losing weight must be a slow process to avoid health risks. It's good to discuss this with your vet before beginning a weight-loss plan. Remember, unlike dogs, cats must eat every day and can become very ill if they are fat and suddenly stop eating. So take your time! Consider changing to a diet with fewer

carbohydrates and choosing a healthier, low-carb canned or even raw food if they will eat it.

Be careful to offer food your cat will eat every day – you can't force a cat to eat something that he doesn't like. He would prefer to starve. Offer the new food slowly and in small amounts in the morning, and if he isn't interested, offer something

he will eat. It may take a few tries, but if you get him to eat healthier, he will stay healthier.

Harness the Body's Energy

Use a comfortable harness to help your dog on walks and stairs.



I prefer harnesses that support along the chest and contain two straps that go around the chest in front and in back of the leg. These straps are best when they attach to two separate points on the strap that goes down the back. If they meet at the same place on the back and make a triangle around the front leg, they can cinch around the base of the leg when pulled (not good!), and press on a nerve plexus in the armpit.

If your dog needs help getting up or down with stairs, lift with the harness, and use your legs. You'll find that moving them more like a suitcase helps save your back. This is more sustainable than trying to get down and lifting them with your arms.

We can't make our pets live forever, as much as we would like to. But I believe there are many simple, common sense actions we can take to mitigate the effects of old age on our geriatric pets. I still miss Tundra, but I am comforted to know that her geriatric years, like her youth, were lively and fun.



Dr. Barbara Royal is a nationally published writer and international lecturer whose own practice, The Royal Treatment Veterinary Center in Chicago, is a center for Complementary Veterinary Medicine and Physical Rehabilitation.

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PAWS CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Busch

costs and ensure that every dollar raised goes directly to the animals,” she said.

As an NCAA Division 1 rower in college, athletics have been a significant part of Jessica’s life and played an important role in helping to build TEAM PAWS Chicago from the ground up. “In 2007, 13 runners competed in the Chicago Marathon for PAWS Chicago. The next year, we decided to promote the opportunity to run on behalf of Chicago’s homeless pets with the hope of attracting at least 50 runners... and 220 signed up!” she said. “Since then, TEAM PAWS Chicago added the half-marathon and triathlon to its list of events and in 2011, we are on track to have more than 500 members who will raise nearly a half a million dollars for PAWS Chicago.”

As PAWS Chicago continues to grow, Jessica and the rest of the Development team are working hard to create exciting opportunities that will enable the organization to save the lives of more and more animals, said Jessica.

Murphy is the furry love of my life! My fiancé and I adopted him in April 2008.

“PAWS Chicago is revolutionizing animal sheltering and has created a national, life-saving model,” said Jessica. “I know that the work we do is helping to save thousands of homeless pets each year, and our goal of a No Kill Chicago really is within reach. I feel so lucky to be able to play a role in making that happen.”

Each day at the office is a party for Jessica Busch. As the Special Events Manager, Jessica oversees the planning, logistics, marketing and sponsorship for each of PAWS Chicago’s major fundraising events, including Animal Magnetism, the Beach Party, Run for Their Lives and the Fur Ball. She is also responsible for managing TEAM PAWS Chicago, PAWS Chicago’s marathon, half marathon and triathlon team, as well as the Professional Board, a group of nearly 300 young professionals from Chicagoland who help plan major events and host fundraising events of their own. “Through our many fundraising events, we create an avenue for people to help save homeless pets while having a great time in the process,” said Jessica.

After graduating from the University of Virginia, Jessica made a commitment to herself that she would always work for a cause she strongly believed in. As such, she gained experience in a number of non-profit organizations around the country which gave her the confidence she needed to realize that she could really make a difference. “When I moved to Chicago, I quickly became familiar with PAWS Chicago and saw what a force the organization was becoming not only locally, but nationally,” she said. And in 2007, Jessica officially joined PAWS Chicago after serving as a Community Outreach volunteer.

With PAWS Chicago’s events raising more than \$2 million each year –almost half of the organization’s \$5 million annual operating budget – Jessica’s work has an enormous impact on saving the lives of homeless cats and dogs. “Our generous sponsors are crucial to our events’ success, because they help offset our overhead

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Each day, guests, including Bob Sherman, president of Serta, Suzanne LeMignot from CBS2, Michael Sneed from the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jaslene Gonzalez from America's Next Top Model and Anna Davlantes from FOX 32, helped adopt homeless dogs and cats to new families, socialize animals and learn about the decline of stray animals in the city – thanks to our Spay/Neuter and Trap and Release programs – and the increase in animal adoptions.



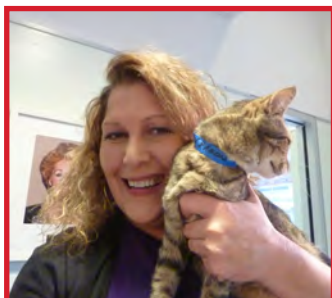
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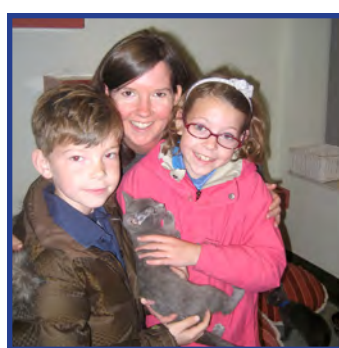


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Moved by the magic of the season, Chicagoans celebrated by giving the gift of life to homeless animals at PAWS Chicago's Holiday Adopt-a-Thon!

The 36-hour event provided homes for 98 cats, dogs, kittens and puppies who have now found their forever family.



Hello,

It's been about three weeks since I adopted Emilia (PAWS Chicago name Tyro) and it's been a wonderful experience!

When I first met Emilia at PAWS, she was about 17 weeks old, two pounds, had really bad scars from frost-bite on her nose and ears, and was very tiny. She was found by ACC weeks before in the snow during the Blizzard of 2011. How she survived, I have no idea! Since then, her ears have healed and patches of fur are starting to grow back on her nose and in other places she had scars. She's gained weight at a whopping 3.1 pounds and is very active. The vet says she is very healthy and is actually a "very wonderful and sweet kitten, and that I should be very lucky to have her." And, I would have to agree!

She acclimated right away when I took her home! She actually jumped right out of her carrier and ran around my apartment, full of joy and wanting to play. It's almost as if she knew she was home. She never scratches anything she shouldn't and has never had an "accident." She is very social, affectionate and a perfect companion. Emilia is very soft spoken but that doesn't mean she's not talkative. She's always meowing to me.

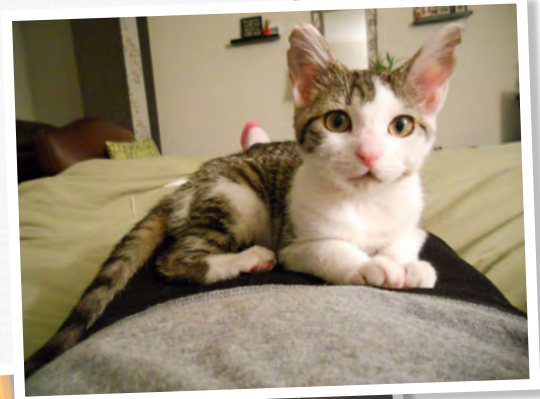
Every morning when I wake up she is right there next to me (and sometimes even laying on me). She never leaves my side, day or night. She has a morning routine of wanting to be pet and cuddled for about 10 minutes, followed by play time. Eating also seems to be her favorite past-time.

You can really tell she is truly a loving, good-hearted, kitten. Unlike most cats that are independent by nature, Emilia definitely doesn't fit that persona-she is extremely interactive and always seeking my attention. She is by far the most affectionate, loving pet I have ever had.

Thank You, PAWS Chicago,
Ashley Roenna



Emilia upon arrival at PAWS Chicago



The Ninth Annual FUR BALL

PAWS Chicago hosted the 9th Annual Fur Ball, co-chaired by Janice & Philip Beck and Ashley & Jeff Quicksilver. Amy & Julian Mack, two of PAWS Chicago's most generous long-time supporters, were Honorary Chairs, recognized for their commitment to homeless pets.

The lucky dogs in attendance were treated to massages and "paw"dicures while they dined on a gourmet doggie buffet. Their human companions dined on a top-of-the-line buffet, delighted in the silent auction and danced the night away to music provided by Icon Entertainment and The Dave and Donna Duo.

Auctioneer Shane Ratliff was an enormous hit with items including a weeklong getaway to the Caribbean island of Nevis; tickets to opening night at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City with Yves Saint Laurent; tickets to the Oprah Winfrey show and a backstage tour, a private tour of the United Center with Blackhawks chairman & owner, Rocky Wirtz; a vacation to India; and the opportunity to feature your pet on the cover of the 2012 PAWS Chicago Desktop Calendar. The highlight of the auction featured guests generously bidding on the opportunity to save lives by covering the costs of medicine for puppies and kittens, the heating bill at the Adoption Center, medical bills for sick and injured animals and spay/neuter surgeries.

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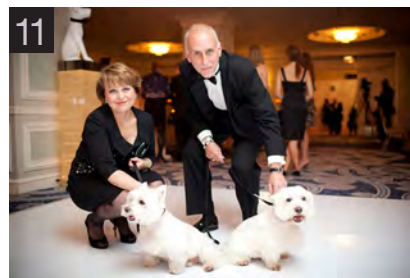
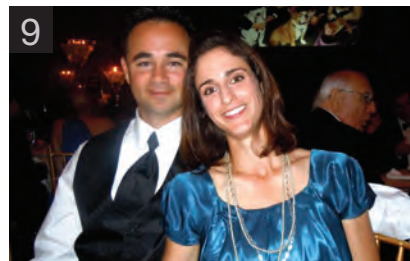
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They gave a major gift to PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center capital campaign, naming the Philip & Janice Beck Exhibit Rooms, where thousands of people each month learn about the issues facing homeless pets and how PAWS is building a No Kill city. Janice also serves on PAWS Chicago's Board of Directors.

Now, the Beck name is going on the road with the launch of the GusMobile, PAWS Chicago's mobile spay/neuter van, named after the adorable Golden Retriever the Becks adopted from PAWS Chicago in 2008 during the Iowa floods rescue mission. Found swimming in the floodwaters by rescue workers, Gus was brought to Chicago by PAWS volunteers who responded to the crisis.

"Gus was found in Cedar Rapids, Iowa during the flooding a few years ago," said Phil. "At first he was a little standoffish, but he soon became completely integrated into our family and, in some ways, is the most affectionate of our three dogs." Janice agrees with that sentiment. "Gus has become a huge part of our lives," she said. "He took his time settling into the Beck family after the trauma he experienced from the flood-

ing in Cedar Rapids, but has become quite the water retriever, loving to go swimming at every opportunity. Whenever we walk along the river in Colorado he makes a beeline to go in!"

The GusMobile is a state-of-the-art spay/neuter van that will bring spay/neuter, vaccinations and humane education to Chicago neighborhoods most in need. This mobile solution will directly attack the source of pet overpopulation by establishing a presence in the low-income communities where the majority of stray and unwanted pets originate.

The Becks are no strangers to transformation. In 1993, Phil and 16 other attorneys from Chicago's prestigious Kirkland & Ellis law firm left to form Bartlit Beck, a boutique litigation firm, ushering in an innovative new approach to an otherwise very status quo legal profession. Rather than operate on the generic hourly billing structure, Bartlit Beck aligns their interests with their clients, structuring in an entirely new fixed fee compensation system that provides clients

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Gus, Betsy and Henry Beck

with predictability and shares the risk and the reward. Phil's list of high profile cases includes successfully representing George W. Bush in his 2000 election trial in Florida and Merck in Vioxx trials, as well as serving as special trial counsel to the United States Department of Justice in the Microsoft antitrust litigation.

Inspiration

The Becks are not bashful of their love for their canine companions. "Caring for dogs has always given me great pleasure," said Phil. "They are the world's greatest machines for giving and responding to affection." Janice expresses gratitude for her four-legged family. "They keep me company and never complain when Phil travels," she said. "That look of love makes me happy to be alive."

Though dogs have played a significant role in their lives, their first involvement with animal welfare came in 2007, when Janice met PAWS Chicago Board member Angie DeMars at her pet store, Noah's Ark, in Winnetka. After touring PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center, Janice and Phil were inspired to get involved. "We wanted to be part of a campaign that would impact so many lives, both human and animal, in a way that would educate the public and ultimately help animals," said Janice. Sponsoring the Exhibit Rooms fit well with the family's giving strategy that orients towards projects with a focus on education. "We've gotten tremendous enjoyment from our relationship with the people from PAWS," said Phil. "The volunteers have a generous and loving spirit. It has been inspiring for Janice and me."

Not long after making their first significant gift, Phil and Janice began discussing the idea of the GusMobile with PAWS Chicago founder Paula Fasseas. The Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic in Little Village, which performs more than 17,000 surgeries each year, has had a great impact on the number of stray and unwanted pets, but there was a disadvantage to a stationary clinic.

"When we were discussing the project with PAWS, they showed us how the number of strays had dramatically declined over the years in areas accessible to the spay/



Phil and Janice Beck, with Gus and Henry, served as Co-Chairs at the 2010 Fur Ball.

neuter clinics. Yet the numbers remain high in communities without nearby clinics," said Phil. "My hope is that, by having a mobile clinic that can be brought to underserved communities, the number of strays will decline across the city."

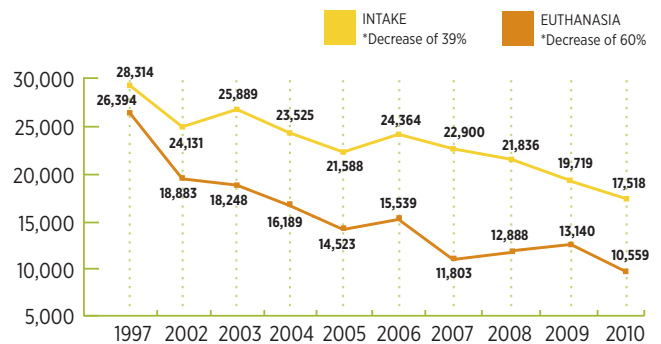
Phil's partner, Fred Bartlit and his wife Jana, funded a similar spay/neuter van in Denver for Dumb Friends League. Phil was moved by the results. "I was impressed with how much good such a project could do for underserved communities," he said.

Janice expanded on their family's giving motivation. "Phil's and my focus has always been towards facilitating education," she said. "The Gus Mobile is a very direct way to improve the quality of life for animals while educating our community about the vital importance of controlling pet overpopulation."

Results

The impact of targeted spay/neuter on the number of homeless pets coming into shelters, and ultimately killed, is clear. In these difficult economic times, when most animal control facilities around the country are seeing an increase in intake of stray and unwanted dogs and cats, Chicago's Animal Care & Control's intake has continually decreased. In fact, since the financial crisis began in 2008, Animal Care & Control intake has declined by 20%, from 21,836 to 17,518 last year.

Intake and Euthanasia of Dogs and Cats at Animal Care & Control



*2006 Anti-Cruelty takes all strays to ACC

*2008 beginning of recession-foreclosures. Across the country animal control agencies have increase in intake.

The GusMobile



The GusMobile is a stand-alone, self-contained mobile surgical unit equipped with:

- Three surgical tables with supporting oxygen and anesthesia machines that enable PAWS Chicago to perform up to 65 surgeries a day
- An exam table that includes dog and cat scales
- Self-supported water, heat, air conditioning and refrigeration which ensures a controlled surgical environment

On the map of Chicago (see lower right), in 2001, the first year of operation of the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, there were 17 wards that received more than 600 stray calls. By 2010, that number fell to five wards. Those five wards are all concentrated in the far south and southwest side of Chicago, and that is where the GusMobile will be providing free and low-cost spay/neuter services.

The Becks have great expectations for the GusMobile: “We want to see a reduction in homeless dogs and feral cats in the neighborhoods it serves,” said Janice. “Also, we hope that the community will learn about how important spaying and neutering are to control the epidemic of homeless animals.”

Since PAWS Chicago’s founding, the number of homeless pets killed in the city has declined by 59%, from more than 42,571 in 1997 to 17,399 last year. “Those results are very heartwarming,” said Phil. “I think PAWS does a wonderful job dealing with adoptions, especially of pets that are difficult to place. Equally important, but less visible, are the efforts of PAWS to reduce the number of homeless pets through its spay/neuter programs.” The GusMobile is another tool in PAWS Chicago’s arsenal to build a No Kill Chicago.



Gus, rescued from the Iowa flood waters in 2008, now enjoys the great outdoors at home in Winnetka.

“I am proud to be part of an organization that has such dedication and tenacity in helping to find adoption homes as well as reduce the pet overpopulation for animals in Chicago,” said Janice. And Chicago’s future homeless pets are so grateful to the Beck family, whose innovation and dedication will help lead to the day when dogs and cats will be given the guaranty of life that they deserve.

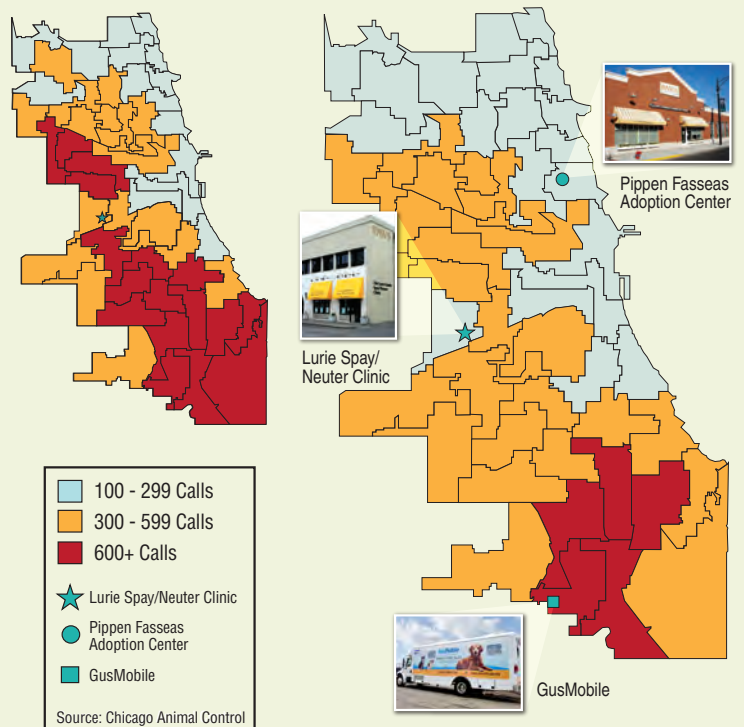


Alexis Fasseas is Editor-in-Chief of *PAWS Chicago* magazine and helped found PAWS Chicago in 1997. She works in financial services in Chicago.

Decline of Stray Calls in Chicago

2001

2010



Ribbon Cutting at the Adoption Center Reception

With the generous support of the PETCO Foundation, PAWS Chicago will be providing free and low cost surgeries on the GusMobile spay/neuter van in neighborhoods where the highest number of stray and unwanted pets originate.

The PETCO Foundation is funding the van's surgical operating budget over the next four years and the PETCO store on 119th and Marshfield will be an anchor location where the GusMobile will operate on Sundays from May through October.

Paula Fasseas, Philip Beck, Rochelle Michalek, Janice Beck and Dr. Jessica Von Waldau, DVM, tour the surgical suite of the GusMobile



Official ribbon cutting



Gus Beck, a PAWS Chicago alumnus who was rescued after swimming in Iowa flood waters in 2008

The GusMobile's first appearance at PETCO

On Sunday, May 22, the GusMobile spay/neuter van made its first appearance at the PETCO 119th & Marshfield store in Chicago. In total, 31 spay/neuter surgeries were performed.

Call 773-521-7729 to make an appointment!



The GusMobile arrives at PETCO



Patients, along with their guardians, await their appointments



Inside the GusMobile

Two of three surgical tables that will enable PAWS Chicago to perform up to 65 surgeries each day

Our first GusMobile patient!



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Dear PAWS Chicago Staff and Volunteers,

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I can't begin to express my appreciation for all that you do for the animals of Chicago - including our beloved boy, Hank.

I'm sure some of you remember Hank. He was the soulful Weimaraner who was saved from Animal Care and Control with horrific burns along his spine. The incredible medical team at PAWS nursed Hank back to health, and then Kristin Bozic was kind enough to start the healing in his heart, fostering him at her home with her pooch, Simone.



We adopted Hank (or Hank the tank, as we like to call him!) in August. When we first brought him home, he was one scared pup. I would take our other Weimaraner, Gus, for a walk around the block and leave Hank at home with my husband, Jaime. Hank would bark NON STOP the entire time we were gone (which would be all of seven minutes). We couldn't leave Hank and Gus alone for any duration of time, because Hank's separation anxiety was so severe. We were so worried we weren't the right home for Hank, because he seemed so very unhappy.

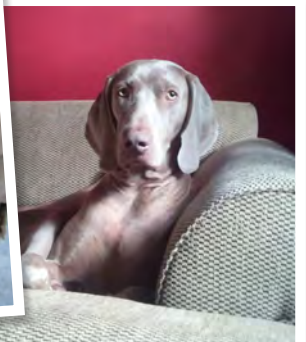
We reminded ourselves that he had been through so much, and was just adjusting to all the changes in such a short window. We took him for lots of runs, spent quality time together at the dog park, held him tight, and hoped for the best.

It paid off. Hank began to find his confidence - and his happiness. He ADORES his big brother. Gus and Hank go to daycare twice a week, and all the staff at Bark Chicago remark about how Hank follows Gus around and how much they love to cuddle together.

Hank loves to play, loves to fetch, and loves to be on the couch with us whenever he can be. He is, undoubtedly, a lap dog (all 80 pounds of him)! He still has moments of sadness, for sure. Loud noises still startle him, and he has his down days - but the good days way outnumber the bad. We consider ourselves truly blessed that Hank has come into our lives. Hank has taught us so much about patience, forgiveness, and love. It's truly remarkable that Hank can love ANYONE after being abused and abandoned - and yet, he does. He is kind, gentle, and wise.

We're not sure what kind of home he had before us, but I do know that we aim to give him all the love he needs, and to give him the happiest home he can imagine! Most importantly, we're so thankful to the entire team at PAWS Chicago for spotting what we know - that under those burns and scared eyes is one of the dearest dogs you've ever met. Without PAWS, Hank certainly would have been euthanized - and what a tremendous loss that would have been.

The Morales Family
Samantha, Jaime, Gus and Hank



SHELTER DATA

SPAY/NEUTER	2011 Goals	2010	2009	2008
TOTAL SURGERIES	18,000	17,147	16,384	15,057
Free Health Checks		20,870	19,381	17,677
Free or Subsidized Vaccines		31,786	25,381	17,428
COMMUNITY OUTREACH				
Presentations/Events (Targeted)		64	91	116
Total People Reached		13,108	19,078	25,193
NEIGHBORHOOD CAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM				
Number of Sponsored Colonies / Cats		185 / 1,440	47 / 634	24 / 400
TNR Educational & Resource Support		1,500 Ind.	1,100 Ind.	980 Ind.
PET FOOD BANK				
Number of Cats & Dogs		588	745	71
Pounds of Food Distributed		46,400	29,410	2,880
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM				
Total Volunteer Hours		91,500	76,767	56,033
Active Volunteers		3,300	3,000	2,620
Core Volunteers		400	350	
New Volunteers (Via Orientation)		3,354	3,214	2,557



The Pet Food Bank and Crisis Care Programs were developed to help pet owners during the recent economic downturn. Both of these programs enable cats and dogs to stay with their owners and not enter the sheltering system. The Feral Cat Sponsorship Program is critical to making Chicago a No Kill City by proactively spaying and neutering and managing the feral cat colonies in our community.

ADOPTION PROGRAM	2011 GOALS	2010 DOG	2010 CAT	2010 TOTAL	2009 DOG	2009 CAT	2009 TOTAL	2008 DOG	2008 CAT	2008 TOTAL
Shelter Count at beginning of the year		135	185	320	138	192	330	150	180	330
PET ADMISSIONS		1,960	2,124	4,084	1,953	1,502	3,455	1,764	1,343	3,107
Owner Surrender to PAWS Chicago		442	627	1,069	510	622	1,132	503	738	1,241
Transfers from Organizations within Chicago		1,461	1,342	2,803	1,443	770	2,213	1,091	503	1,594
Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Chicago		57	155	212	0	110	110	170	102	272
ADOPTIONS	4,400	1,967	2,075	4,042	1,922	1,545	3,467	1,751	1,264	3,015
* DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED		32 <small>(7 Medical, 25 Behavior)</small>	90 <small>(90 Medical)</small>	122	26 <small>(13 Medical, 13 Behavior)</small>	37 <small>(37 Medical)</small>	63	17 <small>(8 Medical, 9 Behavior)</small>	30 <small>(30 Medical)</small>	47
% of Outcomes		1.63%	4.34%	3.02%	1.35%	2.39%	1.82%	.96%	2.23%	1.51%
DIED WHILE IN SHELTER		3	47	50	13	59	72	6	35	41
% of Outcomes		.15%	2.27%	1.24%	.68%	3.82%	2.08%	.34%	2.61%	1.32%
SHELTER COUNT AT END OF YEAR		93	97	190	130	53	183	138	192	330

*EUTHANASIA POLICY

Every homeless pet at PAWS Chicago is treated with complete medical care and is guaranteed life. Euthanasia is reserved only for those dogs who are vicious and pose a threat to the public or those cats and dogs who are irremediably suffering, in which medical treatment cannot alleviate their condition.

TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT

In support of our No Kill model of sheltering, PAWS Chicago believes in 100% transparency of all shelter data which accounts for every animal that has come into the shelter. This data report publically states the outcome of every healthy, treatable, unhealthy and untreatable animal that came through our doors in 2010.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 (Unaudited)

	UNRESTRICTED				Total
	Operations	Board Restricted ^(B)	Temporarily Restricted ^(C)	Permanently Restricted ^(D)	
REVENUE					
Program Service Fees:					
Adoption Center	\$ 546,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 546,533
Admission & Recovery Center	12,262	-	-	-	12,262
Spay/Neuter Clinic	755,003	-	-	-	755,003
Contributions	1,984,417	332,991	3,845,750	30,000	6,193,158
Contributions - In-Kind^(A)	759,890	-	-	-	759,890
Investment Income	125	-	224,265	1,428	225,818
Unrealized Gain on Investments	-	-	527,742	-	527,742
Special Events	1,943,285	-	-	-	1,943,285
Advertising Income	45,265	-	-	-	45,265
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	542,521	-	(542,521)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	6,589,301	332,991	4,055,236	31,428	11,008,956
EXPENSES					
Program Services:					
Adoption Center	1,442,562	-	-	-	1,442,562
Rescue & Recovery Center	1,150,429	-	-	-	1,150,429
Spay/Neuter Clinic	1,499,513	-	-	-	1,499,513
Humane Education & Publications	611,160	-	-	-	611,160
	4,703,664	-	-	-	4,703,664
Supporting Services:					
Management and General	182,293	-	-	-	182,293
Special Events	721,678	-	-	-	721,678
Fundraising	276,173	-	-	-	276,173
	1,180,144	-	-	-	1,180,144
In-Kind Expenses^(A)	759,890	-	-	-	759,890
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,643,698	-	-	-	6,643,698
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(54,397)	332,991	4,055,236	31,428	4,365,258
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,058,212	878,781	7,241,299	83,226	18,261,518
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 10,003,815	\$ 1,211,772	\$ 11,296,535	\$114,654	\$22,626,776

NOTE

A. In-Kind Contributions and Expenses - are non-cash contributions such as goods and services received from donors.

B. Board Restricted Assets - have been designated by the Board of Directors as reserved for future operations.

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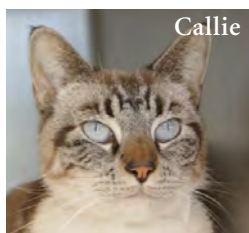
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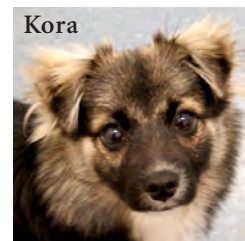
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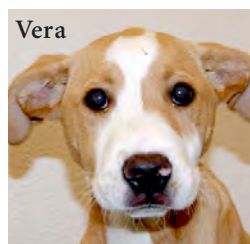
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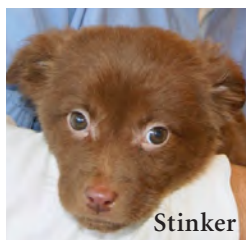
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In Memory of Patty Smith

Patty Smith didn't let her building's "No Dogs Allowed" policy stop her from spending time with her four-legged friends. Although her two senior Birman cats, Ulee and Holly, remained the loves of her life, Patty couldn't stop wishing for a dog of her own.

Her wish was granted when PAWS Chicago opened the doors to its new Adoption and Humane Center in 2007. The cageless, No Kill shelter depends on volunteers and Smith seized the opportunity to use her sunny disposition to help homeless animals. Little did she know when she walked through the doors of the Adoption Center that the time and love she dedicated to PAWS Chicago would be returned three-fold by the animals she helped and the people she met.

"I'd hoped that being at PAWS Chicago on a regular basis would help this fixation (with having her own dog). Well, it works!" Smith, who lived in the Chicagoland area for over 44 years, began her volunteer work at the Adoption Center as a dog walker. But her can-do attitude and charisma made her a prime candidate to be a Greeter. She also served as an Adoption Counselor on weekends and lent her time and expertise at PAWS Chicago's off-site adoption events.

Smith was an active volunteer and her list of rewards for the work seems a mile long. Her favorite aspects about volunteering at the Adoption Center were seeing happiness on the faces of families who adopted an animal as well as the positive attitudes and quality of people she met through her volunteer work. Smith also loved the chance to spread the word about PAWS Chicago's No Kill mission. While Smith admitted still feeling the sting of not being able to rescue a dog herself, the time she spent around the animals at the shelter gave her much-needed time with her furry friends.

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In Memory of **Thomas Priley**

on time for work, he always made the right decision. After learning about animal abuse and factory farming, his compassion for animals motivated him to become an excellent vegan cook practically overnight.

With the exception of frequenting dog beaches of Chicago and Northern Michigan, one wouldn't describe Tommy as an avid outdoorsman. However, like a true best friend he was good natured, compromising and plainly contented to be among friends when it came to participating in hiking, blueberry picking, canoeing, or skiing (especially if dogs were invited.) In addition to possessing all the admirable qualities we treasure in our dogs, he was a talented dancer, choreographer, actor and theater director with a particular talent for exaggerated story telling. A short hike in a suburban forest preserve once evolved dramatically into how he and the dogs escaped from

a stalking deer before he even returned home. On rainy weekends or snowy days, you couldn't ask for a better best friend to stretch out with on a couch, heaped with dogs, watching cable or old movies.

Like our companion animals, Tommy departed this world much too soon. Words can't express the appreciation his family and friends feel for having had the chance to enjoy his company. In Tommy's memory, they decided to raise funds to pay for the planting of all the flower boxes in front of the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center and on the Rooftop Garden. They encourage visitors to stop by and enjoy them as Tommy would.

Tommy is missed by all who knew him but surely keeps busy dog-sitting our departed furry friends until we all happily meet again.

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In Memory of Bobbie Lane

Bobbie and Andy Lane were married for 45 years and shared a mutual love for pets. Their first was a poodle named Licorice. After 15 wonderful years with her, they enjoyed several cats. After learning about PAWS Chicago, Andy began volunteering in Dog Town four mornings a week. Since Bobbie was in poor health, she was unable to join him so Andy would relate his fun "tales" to her after each volunteer shift. Bobbie loved hearing all about his experiences in Dog Town.

After Bobbie fell ill, she told her husband that after she passed, instead of spending money on flowers, she would like memorial donations to go to a charity. Since Bobbie was a fan of PAWS Chicago and thought it was a great cause, Andy chose to have donations go toward the care of saving homeless pets in her honor. He said she would appreciate knowing these contributions would help save more lives, fund spay/neuter surgeries and find loving homes for many dogs and cats.

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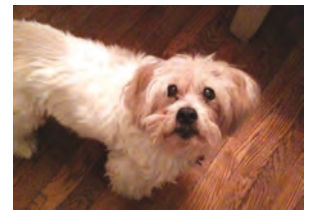
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In Memory of
Kiev Stafman



In Memory of
Baka Leahy



In Memory of
Romeo Fasseas



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In Memory of Pierre "PeaPod" Sweig



Pierre "PeaPod" Sweig was born on April 7, 2000 in Downers Grove, Illinois and died on May 6, 2011 in Chicago, Illinois. He was, in his prime, a 14-pound silver spotted Bengal. We adopted (rescued) him and his brother Josh at the same time. He was quite a character. Always the dominant of the two and always attempting to dominate all our other cats! He was very dignified and even as a kitten would only eat Friskies Antioxidant cat food.

He was also the resident snitch. If any of the other cats coughed up a fur ball, he'd come find me and bring me to it. If any of them had an accident outside the catbox, he'd come find me and bring me to the scene of the crime. If one of the bigger cats was getting too rough with one of the smaller cats, he'd come find me and bring me to them. In his spare time he was probably writing up reports in his cat journals.

He was also over curious and during one of his many "patrols" of the hall in our condo, he wandered in the open door of the apartment of the British Consulate during one of their many events five years ago. I had to crawl in and get him out before he was noticed.

He also would only answer "No" to whatever you asked him. He loved sleeping on top of any cat tree, he loved rolling around outside in the grass, he loved being alone, he loved laying on my chest staring at me, he loved being a snitch and he really loved his cat nip.

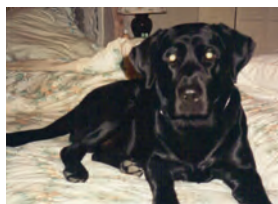
Sadly, due to careless breeding, he was diagnosed with T Cell Lymphoma in December of 2010 and had a slow decline until his passing. He was brave, he was dignified and he was loved and held until the second he died. He was a character and we will miss him forever.

-Michael & Jo Ann Sweig

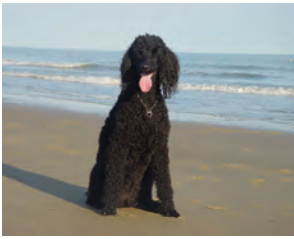
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In Memory of Payton Gallo



**In Memory of
Lola Cass**



**In Memory of
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**In Memory of
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**In Memory of
Gigi Gerber**



March 3, 1997 - March 3, 2011

Loyal, Adorable Friend

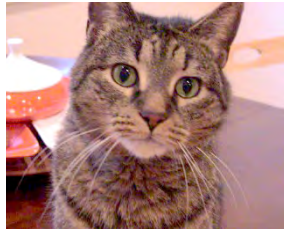
"Gigi the Good"

-Ann Gerber & Bernie Kaplan

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**In Memory of
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**In Memory of
Fenus Kovler**

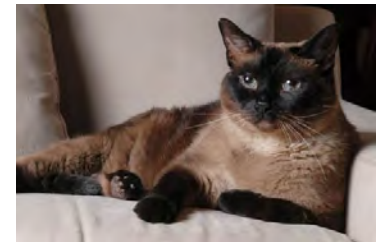


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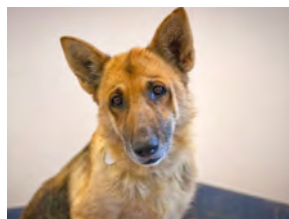


In Honor of Trixie

Trixie came into our lives when she was 10 years old. Her then-guardians were going to have her "put down" due to her "advanced age" and we were thrilled to welcome her into our family. She has now lived double that, celebrating her 20th birthday in May 2011 in continuing good health in a happy and loving home. We decided to give a donation to PAWS Chicago in her honor, not only to celebrate her good health and longevity, but also to encourage the adoption of "senior" companion animals. She is a perfect example that, just because a companion animal is not considered "young," he/she is quite capable of giving much love and joy to his/her guardian for many more years. Trixie is 1/2 Siamese and 1/2 alley cat, which makes for a feisty and very intelligent combination. She loves to talk, is quite sassy, and enjoys whipped cream as a treat, parking herself by the refrigerator whenever she wants the next round!

-Eric Hart & Kathie Merlo

In Honor of Merle



*In honor of my foster dog Merle.
Thank you for all you've taught me.*

- Catherine Crown



**In Honor of
Domer Jacobs**



**In Honor of
Otis Wolter**

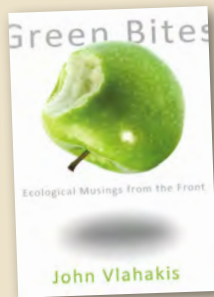
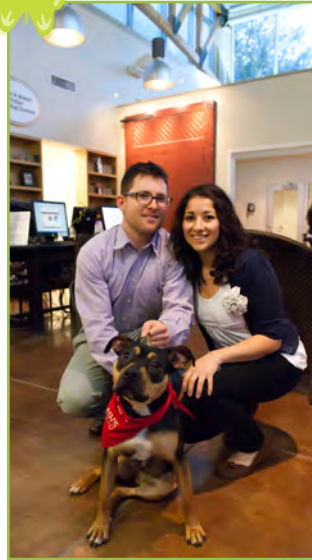


**In Honor of
Oliver Hicks**

36 HOURS TO SAVE LIVES

PAWS Chicago's Spring
ADOPT-A-THON

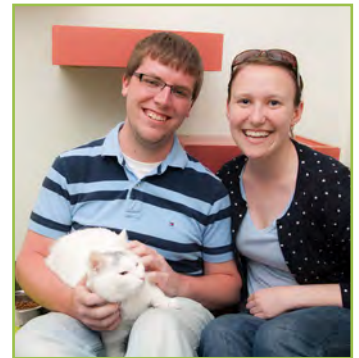
On Friday, May 13, cats, dogs, puppies and kittens in need of a loving home were in bloom at PAWS Chicago's spring 36-hour Adopt-a-Thon. The event, which continued until midnight on May 14, brought a renewed chance at life for these sweet animals. In total, the event found homes for 102 pets!



{ Check it out!

In *Green Bites*, author John Vlahakis provides a great read for anyone interested in learning about our environment and how to integrate positive green changes into our lives. Even animals can be green. PAWS Chicago's No Kill model is given special mention in the book as a progressive way to reduce the mass overpopulation of homeless animals.

John, the founder of Earth Friendly Products, and his wife Stephanie are generous supporters of PAWS Chicago.



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These precious homeless dogs and cats are looking for new families to open their homes and hearts to them. To see all the available PAWS Chicago pets in need of new homes, please visit www.pawschicago.org

Blanco is a gorgeous 5-year-old Siberian Husky who will win you over with his sweet personality. This true gentleman has great obedience skills, wonderful manners on the leash and is a fantastic walking and playing partner. He likes to get to know people before he really opens up, but once he does, this loyal, affectionate boy loves to give kisses and have his belly rubbed. Blanco would prefer to be the only pet in his new home and will be most comfortable with adults while he continues his training.



Blanco

One-year-old **Cisco** is a handsome, young kitty in search of a family to love! This poor boy was turned into Animal Control and was suffering from dehydration and an upper respiratory infection. Luckily, Cisco was rescued by PAWS Chicago where he received treatment and lots of TLC! Now, Cisco is healthy and rested and he can't wait to find the family of his dreams. Cisco is very playful and loving with other cats, and is great with young children. He enjoys lots of playtime and is happiest when having his belly rubbed.



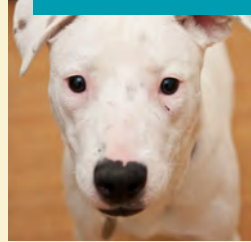
Cisco

Nomar



Eight-year-old **Nomar** is a stunning strawberry-blonde beauty who came to PAWS Chicago after a member of her original family became allergic. Despite all the change in her life, Nomar remains an outgoing, affectionate girl. The heartbreak in her past hasn't affected her spirit, and she always has a cheerful disposition. This sweet girl will give so much love and affection to her family, and asks so little in return. Can you find room in your heart for Nomar?

Little Coco



Little Coco is an adorable 11-month-old Labrador Retriever/Pit Bull Terrier mix whose spotted ears and big brown eyes will steal your heart. This spunky girl loves people and other dogs, and is looking for a home with lots of structure and training. Little Coco is very intelligent, and already knows some basic commands, like "sit," "stay," and "down." Little Coco is a playful, loving girl who will do best in a home with older children and adults while she grows up.

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PAWS Chicago alumni dogs and cats, and their adoptive families, often stay in touch and continue to support PAWS Chicago. Whether it's attending events or alumni parties, keeping in touch with siblings and foster parents, or updating the Alumni page at www.pawschicago.org, there is a life-long bond: once a PAWS Chicago dog or cat, always a PAWS Chicago dog or cat. Please keep us updated and stay a part of our family.



Lars

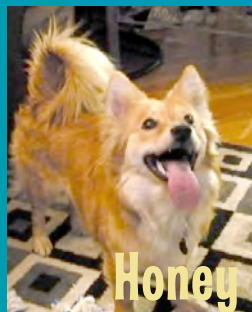
As soon as I brought **Lars** (I kept his PAWS Chicago name) home, he knew that he was in his forever home. Lars loves to play! His favorite toy is a furry mouse that he flips all over the apartment. I have hardwood floors so he and his mouse go sliding from one end of the apartment to the other. When he isn't playing, he is sleeping on the back of the sofa where he can look out the window. Lars has adapted well and I'm so happy to have him! - Siri



Delta

Delta (PAWS Chicago name Jax) is doing very well and is such a happy, friendly puppy! He has brought a lot of love and joy to our home, with a playful loyal attitude. He has made many new friends wherever he goes due to his amazing personality and studly good looks. We love him very much and he fits in perfectly! I cannot express how much joy he has brought, and I am so happy to have him!! - Lisa

Honey (PAWS Chicago name Miel) doing very well! She loves to learn new tricks and playing chase with toys. When it's not too cold we go for our long 1-2 hour walks and she is getting better about not pulling us in excitement over the walk! She is healthy and happy and a real joy to be around. - Stephanie and Tim



Honey

We adopted **Emma** (PAWS Chicago name Holiday) on Christmas Eve. She is such a happy, curious, cuddly little girl and a wonderful addition to our family. She has been enjoying getting to know our older cat, Oreo. They love chasing each other around the house and snuggling up together for naptime. I am thrilled they have found a friend in one another. Thank you again for our new friend! - Sharon and Allen



Emma

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