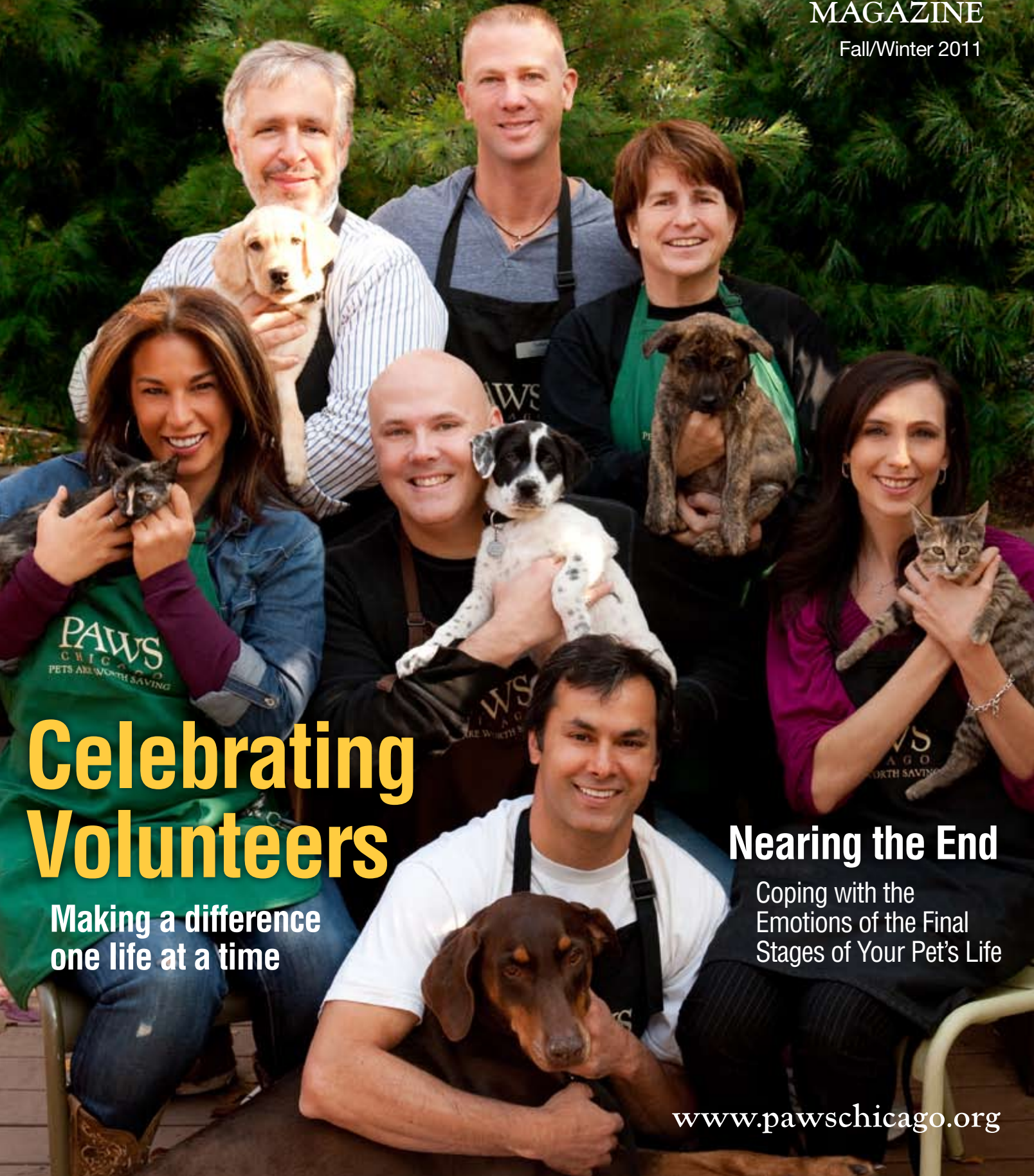


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A National Model

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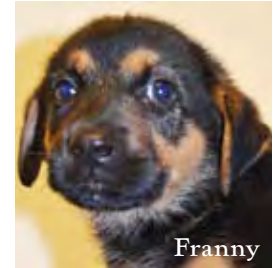
- PAWS Chicago's Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic is one of the largest free spay/neuter clinics in the nation, focusing on assisting low-income families who cannot otherwise afford the procedure. The GusMobile, the mobile counterpart of the Lurie Clinic, enables PAWS Chicago to provide accessible spay/neuter and vaccinations in the neighborhoods with the highest stray populations
- 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 5,000 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.



This sweet boy is one of more than 1,000 kittens that PAWS Chicago rescued in 2011. He was found wandering the streets alone and had sores on his paws, likely resulting from burns. Fluffy is currently rehabilitating under the care of a foster parent until he is old enough for his neuter surgery.



This German Shepherd, was brought to PAWS Chicago at only six weeks-old after a Good Samaritan purchased her from a man on the street who didn't have the means to care for her. She was suffering from a fractured leg which caused her pain when she tried to walk. Thanks to PAWS Chicago's medical team, Franny's leg healed and she found a loving home to call her own.

Without these caring, dedicated individuals, PAWS Chicago would not be possible.

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

we didn't have a shelter or a spay/neuter clinic – instead, we transported dogs and cats from the city pound in our own cars to shopping malls around the city and suburbs. Today, we continue to be amazed by the talent and dedication of volunteers who walk through our door. A very special thank you to our fully volunteer Board of Directors and Development Board who work tirelessly to ensure our sustainability.

Do not miss reading about our Cover Volunteers on page 10 and our center spread which shows the many roles and responsibilities undertaken by our skilled and dedicated volunteer force. It is no coincidence that most of our senior management at PAWS Chicago began

their journey as volunteers, embracing the volunteer culture that is essential to our effectiveness.

I also want to direct your attention to page 12, where you can read about why expecting mothers need not fear keeping their cats during pregnancy. Lately, we have noticed many cats coming into our program from expecting families who unnecessarily fear Toxoplasmosis.

I want to thank each and every one of you who commits your time and resources to help homeless animals.

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

Dear Supporters,

This issue is one of my favorites as we celebrate our volunteers – the miracle workers at PAWS Chicago. Several of the volunteers featured in this issue have been with us since our founding when

DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Friends,

In this special Volunteer issue, I'd like to give a special thanks to our Development Board volunteers, who work so hard throughout the year to ensure that our special events continue to grow, enabling us to continue to fund our important lifesaving programs. You have been PAWS Chicago's ambassadors in the community, and for that we are very grateful.

A special thank you to our event chairs who take on so much responsibility, ensuring the success of each of our events which fund a great portion of our programs. This year, Ron and Nancy

Officer and Jim and Dawn O'Neal co-chaired our Beach Party, Pat Spratt and Robert Kabakoff co-chaired our *Run for Their Lives*, Michael and Nancy Timmers and Kurt and Julie Miller co-chaired our Fur Ball, and Chris Ksoll chaired our desktop calendar. We appreciate the leadership and dedication that these board members have demonstrated.

Warm regards,

Amy Turk
Development Board President



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Saving Sandy

Sandy had a rough start during her first few months. This sweet girl was found living in an abandoned house. Luckily, a neighbor felt for her and provided food and water for more than a year and a half. Upon her arrival at PAWS, she was treated by our veterinarians and is now at the Adoption Center awaiting her new family.



Saving Harper Lee

One-year-old Harper Lee, a Shepherd mix, came to PAWS from Animal Care & Control after being found as a stray. At the time, she was suffering from an upper respiratory infection. After medical treatment from PAWS veterinarians and some recovery time in foster, this sweetheart recently joined her new family and started a new life.

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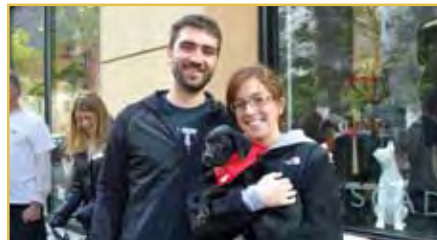


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PAWS CHICAGO Angels with Tails®



The 14th Annual Angels with Tails Michigan Avenue adoption event kicked off on Sunday, October 2, a beautiful autumn day. More than 200 homeless cats, dogs, kittens and puppies from 18 local rescues and shelters were featured at 54 retail stores and boutiques along Michigan Avenue and Oak Street, each looking for their forever home.

Wearing their golden “I need a home” scarves and using their sweet dispositions and adorable faces to attract potential adopters, 40 PAWS Chicago pets found loving homes. In addition, more than 100 volunteers supported the event which raised awareness of animal homelessness and the importance of pet adoption.

Shelter Medicine Symposium



treating the treatables

On August 15, PAWS Chicago and Purdue University held its first Shelter Medicine Symposium, bringing together veterinarians and shelter managers from Illinois and neighboring states to learn about PAWS Chicago’s best practices and scientific study results on shelter medicine.

Attendees learned about the results of five studies undertaken by Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine

– Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program, which will enable shelters to more effectively and efficiently treat the common medical challenges that animals face in shelters. They also participated in learning tracks which focused on “Treating the Treatables,” high-volume spay/neuter clinic and mobile operations, and the business of shelter medicine.



Judy Baar Topinka Announces New Adoption Program at PAWS Chicago

On July 10, Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka visited PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center to announce ‘Comptroller’s Critters,’ a program designed to bring pet owners together with shelters – and ultimately provide loving homes for animals.

Launched by Topinka, the Critters program allows Illinois animal shelters, like PAWS Chicago, to feature adoptable pets on the Illinois Office of the Comptroller website. Potential adopters are then able to use the website as a one-stop-shop to identify a pet they’d like to meet, and contact the appropriate shelter to take the next steps toward adoption.



First Season of the GusMobile

by Ari Wasserman



In May of 2011, PAWS Chicago launched the GusMobile, a traveling counterpart to PAWS Chicago's Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic. This mobility allows PAWS Chicago to target services in the eight zip codes that have the highest stray cat and dog populations, expanding PAWS Chicago's reach into areas that do not have veterinary services and providing families with direct access to spay/neuter and vaccinations.

Each Sunday from May through November, the GusMobile operates at the PETCO at 119th and Marshfield in the West Pullman neighborhood. This year, more than 600 dogs and cats have been spayed or neutered, with more than 80 percent of the surgeries performed at no charge for pet owners on public assistance. This incredible resource will result in a decrease in homeless animals struggling to survive on the streets or turned into shelters.

Inside the state-of-the-art mobile unit there are three surgical tables, oxygen support, and anesthesia equipment that allow PAWS Chicago to perform up to 65 surgeries per day. Additionally, there is an exam table that has separate cat and dog scales. The GusMobile also provides self-supported

water, heating and air conditioning, as well as refrigeration in order to provide an ideal surgical environment.

Phil and Janice Beck's donation of the GusMobile to PAWS Chicago is a gift that keeps on giving, and PETCO Foundation's generous support, funding the GusMobile's operations out of their West Pullman location, is helping reduce the number of unwanted litters from being born.

When I put on my green Level 2 apron and teach a class to new volunteers I feel a sense of pride when I describe the impact the GusMobile is having in Chicago. With the generous support of the Beck family and the PETCO Foundation and the wonderful volunteers who devote their Sundays to volunteer on the GusMobile, PAWS will continue to make strides to make Chicago a No Kill city.



Ari Wasserman is a recent graduate from DePaul University with a degree in Communication and Media. He volunteers at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center. Running in the half marathon for TEAM PAWS and participating in many fundraising efforts fuels his commitment to a No Kill Chicago.



Oprah's Ultimate Viewers' Volunteer Experience at PAWS Chicago featured on Oprah Winfrey Network

On Saturday, September 10, PAWS Chicago welcomed Oprah's Ultimate Viewers for an "Ultimate Day 'O' Service"! In December 2010, Oprah Winfrey took 302 Ultimate Viewers on the trip of a lifetime to Australia. After the trip, the viewers - hailing from across the United States, Canada, Jamaica and Kenya - organized a reunion to take their experiences and pay them forward to inspire others to volunteer in their communities. Ultimate Viewers spent the day at PAWS Chicago, where Oprah adopted her last three dogs (Sadie, Sunny and Lauren) and featured the state-of-the-art Adoption Center on her show. The volunteers socialized cats and dogs and helped clean animal suites, the lobby and hallways of the Adoption Center and the rooftop deck. Footage of the group's experience at PAWS Chicago was featured on the OWN network in October.

Thank you to Oprah's Ultimate Viewers for raising awareness about the importance of volunteerism and for lending a hand to help homeless pets at PAWS Chicago!



Seen on the Cover

Read more about our amazing PAWS Chicago Volunteers on page 24!

Deb Gold
Adoption Counselor and
Dog Town Level 2 Volunteer



“ I am a senior partner at consulting firm, Mercer. With clients, I really need to listen to their issues and provide specific solutions to meet their needs. When potential adopters come in, **I love matching up the right people with the right dog and seeing them both walk out so happy as a new family.** One of my fondest memories was a little Shih Tzu who came into our program. She had an eye removed due to serious disease, had been overbred so her nipples were hanging almost to the floor, had just been spayed, matted and shaved and was wearing a cone. Despite all of this, every time someone walked in her room she was so excited her tail wagged and she was full of kisses. Despite all of her issues, she loved life and loved everyone. We can learn from dogs. ”



Paul Alessandro
Adoption Counselor, Dog Town Level 3
and Foster Volunteer

“ As rewarding as my job is, it's not big on immediate gratification. As an architect, I am always planning months and years in advance. **Volunteering gives me the opportunity to feel as if I am making a difference today, which I find very satisfying.** ”

“ **PAWS is like an extended family for many of us.** When my dog Tori (a PAWS alumni) passed away last year, I received so much love and support from many people here. I will never forget that and it really helped me through a tough time. ”

David Maska
Dog Town Level 3 and New Volunteer Orientation Teacher



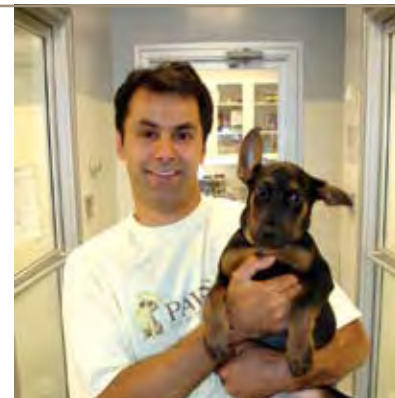
Laura DiPiazza
Adoption Counselor, Location Manager,
Animal Care, Foster, Training and
Special Events Volunteer

“ I began volunteering as a dog handler at PAWS in the fall of 1999. At that time, we traveled on weekends with a van full of dogs (and sometimes cats) to different shopping malls to raise awareness, showcase the animals, and adopt them to loving homes. Today, I primarily help facilitate the adoption process; I provide counseling and follow-up support when someone is ready to adopt. Volunteering for PAWS has given me hope, and also a sense of empowerment. I feel much personal growth from the opportunity to play a small part in a successful grassroots effort.

To personally witness an organization that started with just a handful of people grow to supporters in the thousands (and counting) has made me believe that change is possible. With the initial vision for turning Chicago into a No Kill city during a time when the problem seemed too great to tackle, steady but relentless drive and passion has created a reality almost in sight; it's pretty amazing! This has taught me that having a big picture vision, combined with the belief in the importance of each small and immediate need along the way, is the formula for a successful movement! ”

“ In the ten plus years I have been volunteering with PAWS, I have seen the organization grow from a few hundred adoptions a year, to now several thousand. PAWS has raised awareness of the need to adopt first, promoted spay and neuter, educated people on animal welfare, and moved this city toward No Kill by changing peoples attitudes and perceptions about shelter animals. PAWS is the link between the homeless animals and the homes that need them, and I want to do my part to help. ”

Manu Puri
Adoption Counselor, Location
Manager and Special Events Volunteer



Topher Clarke
Adoption Counselor and
Dog Town Level 3 Volunteer



Meridith Gonzales
Adoption Counselor and Kitty City Level 2 Volunteer

“ We all have a common focus and that is to help the animals have a happy life. I volunteer to be a spokesperson for the animals. I try to spend time getting to know them and learning their personalities so that I can match them into the home they would benefit from best. **I consider all of these cats my own and my mission is to get them into their forever homes.** ”

“ I volunteer at PAWS because I believe it's the best place in the Chicago area for finding dogs and cats forever homes. What really hooked me was the No Kill philosophy. **The first time I saw the banner over the Adoption Center that read, "It's Great to be Alive!" I knew it was a good place to be; both for humans and animals.** The gratitude, warmth and appreciation I receive every single time I walk in the door is incredibly rewarding, but looking at those brown eyes looking at me through the suite doors, tails wagging and smiles on their faces; what else could be better than knowing you are making that precious life better simply by volunteering. It's about caring enough to open your heart, your home and your life to be a part of something bigger and better. Volunteering at PAWS makes a difference in the lives of the animals to be sure, but it also makes a big difference in the life of the volunteers as well. ”

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Pregnancy Cats & Toxoplasmosis

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Relax you can Keep Your Feline Friends.

by Dr. Kurt Miller, DVM

Lately, PAWS Chicago has noticed an increasing number of cats relinquished by expecting families or those who want to become pregnant due to serious concern over an infection called *Toxoplasmosis gondii* (Toxoplasmosis). Although Toxoplasmosis is a pathogen that is a major zoonotic disease (a disease spread from animals to people), there is a fair amount of misunderstanding regarding the nature of the disease in both humans and cats.

This article will provide an overview of the current understanding about toxoplasmosis in cats, and measures that all pregnant women or those considering pregnancy should practice to minimize their potential exposure. These risks are not generally associated with exposure to their own cats! Families and friends, unfortunately you will be cleaning the litter box. Although this article will largely revolve around risks to pregnant women, the basic principles hold true for immunocompromised individuals who also would be considered at greater risk.

Toxoplasmosis is a parasite that can infect almost any warm blooded animal. The cat is the only definitive host that can complete the life cycle and actually shed eggs of the parasite. All mammals including humans are considered intermediate hosts and can become infected, but cannot shed the eggs of the parasite and infect others. It is considered that greater than 40% of humans and 30% of cats have been exposed to Toxoplasmosis and would have a positive antibody test.

Cats become infected by ingesting animals that have cysts of the parasite in their tissues, being fed raw meat that contain parasite cysts or by ingesting contaminated soil or water that contains parasite eggs shed by other cats. Strictly indoor cats do not have many of these risk factors.

Humans most commonly contract the disease by ingesting undercooked meat, not properly handling raw meat, inadvertently ingesting eggs of the parasite in contaminated soil while gardening, or eating poorly washed uncooked vegetables

and fruits. In people, the disease tends to be self limiting and results in general malaise, fever, and possible lymph node enlargement, but in pregnant women it can also cause numerous affects on the fetus.

Immunocompromised cats and humans tend to develop more serious forms of the infection. Cats with primary infections generally only pass eggs in their stool for a few days to weeks, and even though they become infected for life they do not again pose a significant risk of infection to others. Eggs passed by infected cats are not infective to others and require at least 24 hours to become infective, so even the fresh stool of a highly parasitized cat is not infective to humans. Cats tend to be fastidious groomers and do not tolerate feces on their fur, therefore transmission from petting cats is unlikely. Eggs passed into the environment will stay infective for many months. This is why gardening and exposure to the meat of an animal that may have grazed on contaminated soil pose much greater risks than an indoor cat.

Lab Tests

There are a number of reasons that laboratory testing is of limited value and is not currently recommended by either the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP). Laboratory testing for Toxoplasmosis involves detecting antibodies produced by the host and it takes a number of weeks for a cat or human to produce these antibodies.

Since a significant percentage of the feline population has been exposed, many cats will have antibodies yet are clinically normal. Cats only shed eggs for a few days post exposure therefore most cats will still be negative while they are shedding eggs. By the time a cat is positive on the test they likely will be done shedding eggs for life.

The practical significance is that a negative cat is likely a greater risk than a positive cat, yet neither pose a significant risk. There is no way to decide when or if a negative cat will be exposed and shed eggs. Fecal analysis can help determine if a cat is actively shedding the parasite. If a fecal sample is run and demonstrates parasites of a size typical of Toxoplasmosis then pregnant or immunocompromised individuals should not be changing the litter box.

Prevention of Exposure to Toxoplasmosis

The discussion above illustrates why domestic cats are not a common source of human exposure to Toxoplasmosis, and that with minimal precautions the risks to humans including those pregnant or attempting to become pregnant are minimal. Indeed both the AAFP and the CDC *have guidelines that do not recommend testing your cat for Toxoplasmosis, nor suggest relinquishing your cat.*

The risk of contracting Toxoplasmosis from your pet cat is so minimal that the CDC does not suggest testing or relinquishing your cat even if you are immunocompromised and are also pregnant! Since eggs are not infective for at least 24 hours after being passed by the cat, having the litter box changed every day by a non-pregnant, healthy person basically means transmission is not possible.

Pregnant women should wear gloves when gardening and wash hands thoroughly after being around potentially contaminated soil. The main source of exposure for

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Guidelines: Prevent exposure to Toxoplasmosis for you & your cat

- Avoid contact with raw meat, particularly pork, wear gloves when handling raw meat and sterilize utensils when finished.
- Do not ingest rare meat; meat should be cooked to 165 F.
- Wear gloves when gardening and wash hands thoroughly after exposure to soil.
- Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly to eliminate soil contamination.
- Cover children's sand boxes so that they are not used by stray cats as a litter box.
- Cats should be kept indoors to minimize hunting and exposure to eggs or contaminated water.
- Litter boxes need to be cleaned daily by someone who is not pregnant or trying to become pregnant. Use liners that can be thrown out often.
- Cats should be fed only fully cooked food. Do not feed your cat anything raw that could contain live tissue cysts.



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people is undercooked meat so pregnant women should not handle raw meat, or must wear gloves and should not eat meat that is not cooked to an internal temperature of at least 165 F.

Further evidence that individual house cats are not the main source of transmission is that there is not a higher incidence of Toxoplasmosis among the veterinary community who are with cats all day. Even immunocompromised individuals with cats do not have a higher incidence of Toxoplasmosis antibodies than those that did not have cats.

The facts above explain why it is not necessary, nor recommended, to consider relinquishing your cat due to a pregnancy, planned pregnancy or having an immunocompromised person within the household as long as some basic guidelines are followed. Toxoplasmosis is a potentially very serious disease and protective measures should be taken to avoid exposure, but the idea that the indoor house cat is a major risk is not realistic.

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Do not relinquish your cat! *You need them and they need you!*

This article is written from the perspective of a veterinarian who also researched the human health aspects of Toxoplasmosis. Anyone who is pregnant, trying to become pregnant or immunocompromised for any reason needs to consult their own health care provider to discuss their own risks and measures that they feel are appropriate. Two excellent informational websites include the American Association of Feline Practitioners zoonosis guidelines (www.catvets.com) and the Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) guidelines on opportunistic infections in HIV infected individuals. These websites not only address Toxoplasmosis, but many other potential feline zoonotic diseases for which there appears to be significant misinformation.



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Since eggs are not infective for at least 24 hours after being passed by the cat, having the litter box changed every day by a non-pregnant, healthy person **basically means transmission is not possible.**

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protecting

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by Jaclene Tetzlaff



This past July, Chicagoland pet lovers found themselves feeling profound sympathy for flood victims following 122-year rainfall record. While tens of thousands of residents found themselves without power or sorting through destroyed property, lost memories and damaged basements, one family lost so much more – they woke to find their three dogs, who were crated in evenings, drowned in the basement under eight feet of water.

This haunting story flashes us back to the images that remain with us following Hurricane Katrina, when thousands of pets

were left behind in the wake of the devastating storm. The ones that survived were separated from their owners... many stranded, injured and homeless. The resulting outcry from people who were forced to leave their pets during the evacuation made the government realize how important pets are to the family, and the dire need of them to be included in any evacuation plan.

Last February, Chicago got hit by a huge blizzard that shut down the city, paralyzing Lake Shore Drive, and leaving hundreds of thousands without power (including my own



Emergency Checklist

For a complete emergency checklist, visit the Humane Society of the United States' website: www.hsus.org or the FEMA website: www.fema.gov.

- Make sure your pet has proper identification.** Both a microchip and a collar ID tag are best. The microchip can still be read if the collar or ID tag comes off.
- Keep a photo of you and your pet, along with a copy of veterinary records in a plastic bag.** This will help for later identification and proof of ownership, should you and your pet get separated.
- Make sure all your contact information is up-to-date, including mobile phone and email.** Offer alternate phone numbers of friends and family if possible.
- Make a list of possible places to go if you cannot stay in your home.** Check them out in advance to make sure the place is animal-friendly.
- Before a storm approaches, prepare a disaster kit for you as well as your pet(s).**

Disaster Kit checklist

- Vet records, licenses, vaccinations, and photos in a plastic bag
- Important phone numbers, including your Vet, emergency clinic or other destinations
- Pet first aid kit and any medications
- Toys, chews, treats, blankets, towels
- Pet waste clean-up supplies, sprays, paper towels
- Food and unbreakable pet dishes
- Extra leash and collar
- Carriers for smaller pets

For horses and farm animals, visit www.hsus.org for a checklist.

household). Following the blizzard, temperatures plummeted to sub-zero lows. My home was without electricity for two and a half days. To make matters worse, our vehicle was stuck in our garage because the alleys weren't plowed. We had no choice but to stay put for a while. I admit, I was a little scared. I truly didn't anticipate being without electricity. Thankfully, we had flashlights with batteries that worked, snacks, and enough bottled water for us and the dogs. Our two fireplaces offered just enough warmth to keep the pipes from freezing. At night, our dogs snuggled under the covers and we all kept each other warm.

The experience made me realize the importance of having a plan and being prepared for an emergency, only emphasized by tragedies that have been in the news, which show we must plan for the unexpected.

The National Weather Service has predicted for this year that Chicago will have a particularly severe winter with dangerously plunging temperatures and heavier than usual amounts of snow. Preparing now can prevent or aid in a disaster, and help keep you and your pet(s) feel more comfortable.

Governments now consider pets family during evacuation—but do you have an emergency plan?

Thirteen months after the Katrina disaster, the *Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act* became federal law. It requires local and state authorities to include pets into the evacuation plan. FEMA now emphasizes, "If you evacuate your home, do not leave your pets behind. Pets most likely cannot survive on their own, and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return."

While we don't get hurricanes in the Midwest, we do have our share of other natural disasters: tornadoes, flooding, blizzards, heat waves, and even earthquakes. Everyone can agree that this past year's weather has been extreme. Spring and summer brought record rainfalls that led to massive flooding. Be aware that water that comes up through the drains is often contaminated from the sewer system and can be hazardous to you and your pets. Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes brought down trees and power lines, leaving large numbers of people without power for days. Loss of electricity can leave you with no water, no refrigerator, and no food. In summer, that means no air conditioning and in winter, no heat. In severely high or low temperatures, these conditions can be dangerous to humans and pets alike.

When a storm is approaching, pets can usually sense it, and may begin to behave strangely. They may try to run, hide in a closet, or crawl under the bed. My dog Rusty, for example, runs into the basement and pants rapidly. It is important to keep your pets close to you during a severe storm. You may even want to put a leash on them to better hold them near. You don't want to lose track of them should a sudden disaster strike. Remember, basements can quickly become flooded; trees can be struck by lightning and fall onto the roof. You don't want to be scrambling for your beloved pet during a time when you need to keep a clear head.

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A simple rule of thumb: if your dog must go out during a storm (winter or summer), keep him on a leash and go outside together. Once the business is done, return inside quickly. Don't let your dog go outside alone, even if you have a fenced-in yard. He may be nervous and hide under bushes or, worse yet, try to escape.

Always remember to help others

If all is well with you and your loved ones, check on your neighbors. Ask if there is anything you can do to help. Your neighbor may have lost a cat or dog, and could use extra assistance. I once checked on my elderly neighbor and she had indeed lost her dog. I ran through the neighborhood calling for her, and found her very near the highway on an embankment. She knew me well and ran to me, and I happily returned her home.

If you plan ahead, and are prepared for all of what Mother Nature has to offer, you will be able to remain calm, think more clearly, and ensure that you, your family, and your beloved pets stay safe during a disaster.



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Gone to the DOGS

Creating a pet-friendly pad

by Elaine Markoutsas

Every now and then, modernist catalog-retailer *Design Within Reach* dishes tongue-in-cheek pearls of wisdom. To wit:

“A home is only for show. A home should never be cluttered. If shoes, socks, cups, newspapers, toys, jackets or family photos ever find their way into public view, remove them immediately, or better yet, just throw them away. Never allow children or pets in a home, for they are messy and sometimes emit unwanted odors.”

In spite of such apparent flaws, of course, we do love our children and our pets. And therein lies a real design challenge with a lot of common ground: how to furnish stylishly but practically, with materials that won't wilt from pouncing with dirty hands, feet and paws.

“Durability and cleanability go hand in hand,” says Dallas designer Abbe Fenimore. She ought to know. She has two pups, a Brittany spaniel and German

shorthaired pointer, whom she admits are “on everything.” She’s usually armed with a sticky tape roll for shedding dog hair.

Many of Fenimore’s clients also have dogs, and she has talked them down from chewed-up plastic in favor of stainless steel or ceramic bowls and sung the praises of indoor and outdoor rugs and fabrics.

Designed mostly with the outdoors in mind, performance fabrics such as Sunbrella and the to-the-trade Perennials repel stains, sun, mildew and mold, properties that are welcome in high-traffic areas inside the home, especially since color, style, patterns and textures have been significantly upgraded in recent years.

West Coast-based designer Joe Ruggiero designs for Sunbrella but was a huge fan well before its extensive fashionable offerings, which include velvet, damask and even chenille

looks in eye-popping lime, orange and cobalt blue.

“We use it on everything,” says Ruggiero, “drapery, bed drapery, top of the bed. Table skirts. It is easy-care, heavy-wear. Twenty-five years ago, my wife, Barbara, and I were raising three active children. We used Sunbrella before they developed upholstery grade – it was a stiff canvas. She’d throw it in the wash with a cup of bleach, which actually softened it.”

Even throws have been designed with pets in mind. Another performance fabric manufacturer, Crypton, sells throws it calls “throwers,” which it says “looks like a blanket and works like a tarp.” The 48-by-54-inch pieces, available in a range of fun patterns and colors, are stain-, moisture- and odor-resistant, easy to spot-clean, machine washable and sell for \$149.

Some of the rug options are amazing, with a wide range of decorative patterns

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and textures, such as the hand-hooked and felt signatures of Liora Manne for Trans-Ocean. And the eco-friendly modular FLOR allows you to create your own design with square tiles.

In addition, some rug manufacturers, including Mohawk, incorporate SmartStrand, a polymer fiber produced from corn sugar that allows the toughest stains like mustard, red wine and cherry Kool-Aid to be removed with warm water and a mild detergent.

Keeping a home tidy also is a challenge with pets: Where to put leashes, collars, food, treats, toys? Creative solutions abound: Think handsome decorative hooks, great-looking containers – baskets, buckets, fabric-covered bins, just like those catchalls for kids stuff.

“I bought some baskets at T.J. Maxx,” says Fenimore, who sells an eclectic furnishings line through her website, Studio Ten 25, and offers online design consultation as well. She is known for her sharp eye, color sense and keen ability to mix high-end and bargain materials for a pulled-together stylish look. For pet food storage, the designer repurposed tall containers for wrapping paper. “It fits a bag and a half of food, and sits in a little nook out of the way.”

Even kitchen manufacturers are addressing pet needs with ideas that include storing food (in



No muddy paws on this elegant Great Dane, but no worries if there were. All the fabrics in this room are Sunbrella indoor-outdoor, available at Calico Corners. A spot cleaning is an easy spritz of dish soap or even bleach and the pizza or red wine spill is no big deal. Zippered cushion covers can be removed and machine-washed. **Calico Corners**

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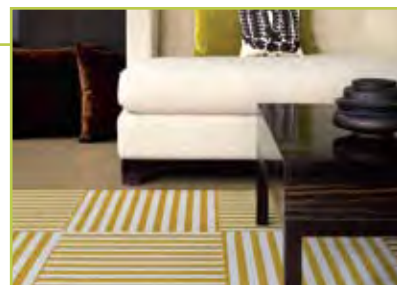
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pullout hampers or containers that usually hold trash), feeding stations (with pullouts housing bowls contained in the toe kick), built-in dividers in drawers for treats, leashes, collars and medication, as well as places to stretch out under an island or next to cubbies at the base of mudroom cabinetry.

At Dream Home, a semi-annual show house held at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, one of the most talked about features was in a kitchen designed by Shawna Dillon for Snaidero. Next to a breakfront, just a couple of feet up from the floor, was a sleek faucet, handy to fill a water bowl beneath.

Pet-friendly decor actually has become a specialty for some interior designers. Considering that we will spend \$50 billion on 78 million pets

this year, according to the American Pet Products Association, and that some folks will splurge for fancy beds (up to \$900) and carriers (Ralph Lauren sells a crocodile bag for \$18,000), it's not surprising.

You can't have 500 silk pillows on your sofa.

"Our pets are full members of the family," say designers at the Florida-based Lap of Luxury Custom Home Interiors on its website, lapofluxuryinteriors.com.

Suzanne Lasky of S Interior Design in Scottsdale, Ariz., says she assesses a

home from the pets' perspective as part of her Pawprint Design Services. "Pets couldn't care less what color the walls are, but they really appreciate a den-like space," says Lasky.

To be sure, creative cozy niches for pets are springing up as serious furniture. A pair of elegant consoles designed by Montgomery, Ala., architect Bobby McAlpine pampers pooches in directoire style. A handsomely scaled console, available in several finishes, has an open shelf beneath, fitted with a tufted cushion for a regal stretch.

DenHaus puts it in perspective: "My dog, my best friend, shares my life and my space. Designer dog crates give us both comfort and joy." Their business was launched out of distaste for ugly dog crates. Their double-duty end tables have ventilated doors that allow doggies to camp within. From traditional classic lines in wood, to streamlined Fiberglass "dens," suit a range of house styles.

And while some pets may be very well behaved, accidents can happen. "You can't have 500 silk pillows on your sofa," says Fenimore. "You do have to establish boundaries. Our dogs know they aren't allowed to chew.

"I tell clients, 'You know what? We have dogs. We're not going to live in a magazine. Make your home work for you and your pets. We entertain about 30 or 40 people at Thanksgiving, and when they come into our living room with the fireplace going, they say, 'It's so comfortable.'"



Elaine Markoutsas is a syndicated home design writer and producer of home and garden features for magazines including the *Chicago Tribune*, *Traditional Home*, *Luxe* and *Better Homes and Gardens*.

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Charles Day and his wife, Chris Tardio, first volunteered during PAWS Chicago's Hurricane Katrina rescue missions and never looked back. After dedicating several months on site orchestrating processes, they were hooked. "We built our business on a long-term strategy. PAWS Chicago has the same focus. We knew we could help with that," Charles said.

Not only are they volunteers, adopters and donors, but Charles has dedicated countless hours and invested significant resources in developing a new shelter data management solution for PAWS Chicago that will become the model for progressive No Kill animal welfare organizations.



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Since its founding 14 years ago as a grassroots organization, PAWS Chicago has focused on changing the face of animal sheltering in Chicago, which would not have been possible without the support of a growing roster of more than 5,000 people who give their time and passion and open their hearts to homeless pets in need. In 2010, PAWS volunteers donated more than 91,000 hours to helping homeless animals – this equivalent of 44 full time employees more than doubles the organization's output.

Volunteers bring personal expertise from their own careers and passions and play an invaluable role in nearly every aspect of PAWS Chicago, enabling the organization to reach so much further and do so much more to leverage every dollar so that limited financial resources go directly to animals. Through their experiences as

business and financial professionals, photographers, lawyers, artists, students, contractors, physicians, teachers and more, volunteers also have the autonomy to shape the organization through the creation of new programs, best practices and enhanced procedures.

Large, bureaucratic, staff-run organizations are often resistant to innovation and change and can often resent the idea of volunteers' involvement. By contrast, PAWS Chicago is run by volunteers – most senior employees start out as volunteers, so they understand the culture. A dedicated legion of volunteers is one of the Core Four Pillars of PAWS Chicago's No Kill Model, in addition to proactive adoptions, targeted spay/neuter, and state-of-the-art shelter medicine – each element is essential to operating a progressive No Kill organization.

Read on to learn about volunteer opportunities and meet some of the amazing people behind PAWS Chicago's lifesaving success. **And to every one of you PAWS Chicago volunteers – thank you!**

Marshall Field Family Dog Town

Dog Town Level 1 Volunteers

The role of a Dog Town Level 1 volunteer focuses on providing potential adopters with an excellent customer experience and caring for the needs of Level 1 dogs. In addition to ensuring that living spaces are clean, and dogs are walked, socialized and fed, volunteers introduce potential adopters to Level 1 dogs and help them find the most appropriate pet for their lifestyle. To become a Dog Town Level 1 Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation and Dog Town Level 1 Training.



"I spend the majority of my time in Dog Town. There's nothing like seeing a dog wagging his tail to make my day better. Volunteering at PAWS means a lot to me. People tell me I light up when I talk about PAWS."

Marie Kukielka
Dog Town Level 1 Volunteer



"PAWS has a great mission statement and a great reputation and I just wanted to be a part of it. Dogs and cats are really taken care of here: it's like a pet hotel. Besides, whatever Oprah says goes."

Michael Lin
Dog Town Level 1 Volunteer

Dog Town Level 2 Volunteers

After completing Level 2 training, which prepares volunteers to become more experienced dog handlers, these volunteers have an opportunity to interact with and socialize Level 2 dogs who often have more energy or special needs. Volunteers, who can be seen in green aprons, participate in and mentor Level 1 volunteers to ensure that essential cleaning protocols are met to maximize the health of the dogs. They also serve as lead volunteers and provide potential adopters with educational information and resources about Level 1 and Level 2 dogs to help them find their perfect match. To become a Dog Town Level 2 Volunteer, volunteers will need to complete 12 full shifts in Dog Town before attending Dog Town Level 2 training.



Beth



Steve



Ron

"Volunteering for PAWS gives my life meaning. I honestly don't know where I'd be without PAWS. It gives me something positive to do, and I feel indebted to helping homeless fur babies. They've always been a part of my life, with their unconditional love and the joy that they bring- it's the least I could do to volunteer and give a little bit back to the animals."

Ron Jamiolkowski
Dog Town Level 2 Volunteer

"I believe in the No Kill philosophy of PAWS Chicago. I'm always happy to see how PAWS has an eye on the future while keeping the current momentum going at warp speed. The education programs, pet food bank, and Gus Mobile are just a few examples of how PAWS reaches beyond the obvious issues and tries to make real change. I feel like I'm part of something innovative and worthwhile."

Beth Ford - Dog Town Level 2 Volunteer

"For me volunteering means helping set an example for the kind of world we want to live in, growing as a person, and feeling happiness and joy inside. There was a dog who was relinquished to PAWS. As I held the dog, I noticed that he was terrified, shaking and backing into a corner. I sat down to try to make him comfortable. I looked in his eyes and almost immediately felt what he was feeling. I started crying. The best part of this story is that he went home in four days time. I didn't get to say goodbye to him or see him leave. But, I know in my heart that he is doing well and I am really, really happy for him."

Steve Lotho - Dog Town Level 2 Volunteer



Paula and Alexis Fasseas in Miss Kitty's Senior Cat Room.

PAWS Chicago's First Two Volunteers

Paula and Alexis Fasseas' involvement in animal welfare began as a volunteer at a traditional "open door" shelter while she was in Chicago. After the massive killing of homeless pets unknown by the public, she and her friends, with the awareness, founding PAWS Chicago as an advocacy organization. She and her friends involved and creating the organization, PAWS Chicago, which has established progressive No Kill model.

Today, Paula serves as a full-time volunteer Chief Executive Officer, providing strategic vision and new initiatives, overseeing operations, and ensuring organizational sustainability. Alexis, also a volunteer, helps with the organization's written communications and marketing. Together, they have led PAWS Chicago's rescue missions following natural disasters.



Barbara Bradford Kitty City

Kitty City Level 1 Volunteers

Level 1 volunteers begin the day by assisting with the cleaning, care, feeding and socialization of the cats and kittens throughout Kitty City. Once the Adoption Center opens its doors, volunteers help match potential adopters with Level 1 cats, provide background information about the various cats and kittens, and help to pair them with a perfect furry friend. To become a Kitty City Level 1 Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation and Kitty City Level 1 Training.

Volunteers

PAWS Chicago was started 15 years ago when Alexis was a volunteer. She was in high school. They were shocked by the state of the community at large and wanted to raise awareness and change the organization. By working on weekends, getting involved in the community, PAWS Chicago grew from its volunteer-only roots to an organization that serves the community.

PAWS Chicago has a Executive Officer, directing the organization's operations and quality control, and focusing on strategic planning and directs much of the organization, including PAWS Chicago Magazine. She also manages natural disasters.



"I am currently in college living in a dorm, so I don't have any pets of my own here in Chicago. It's the best feeling to see extremely shy cats slowly become more social, and soon go to a loving home, which opens up space for another cat. Given time, any animal will find someone who will love them forever, and PAWS gives every animal the chance to find that person or family."

Alison Lindholm
Kitty City Level 1 Volunteer



"I normally volunteer in the morning at Kitty City which involves cleaning and preparing the rooms for adopters. I am always really impressed when members of the adoption team or the front desk offer to help out on days that we are low on volunteers. The level of commitment from all sides is what makes PAWS so special."

Kevin Donnelly
Kitty City Level 1 Volunteer

Kitty City Level 2 Volunteers

After completing Level 2 training, where volunteers learn more about the importance of cleaning protocols and how to handle some of our more frisky felines, Level 2 volunteers, who can be seen in green aprons, serve as lead volunteers and mentor Level 1 volunteers to ensure the greatest safety and health needs are met for each kitty resident. To become a Kitty City Level 2 Volunteer, volunteers will need to complete 12 full shifts in Kitty City before attending Kitty City Level 2 training.

"I am a lifelong animal lover and I believe in what PAWS stands for. I began volunteering after I was laid-off and left the corporate rat race for the "cat race." When I'm around the animals and animal loving volunteers, I get so pumped that I want to do everything! Plus where else can a grownup hang out with kittens and puppies?"

Andy Zmuda
Kitty City Level 2 Volunteer and Location Manager



"Volunteering at PAWS Chicago is a great way to give back. I was very fortunate to spend 30+ years in the financial industry which allowed me to retire at a relatively young age. All those years I was working, I couldn't have animals due to the long hours away from home. Now, not only can I have animals, but I can help find homes for those that have been displaced. When you hear the stories of cats that seemed aloof at the Adoption Center and how they can turn into loving affectionate animals, it makes me smile."

Andrea Bartecki
Kitty City Level 2 Volunteer, Adoption Counselor, Location Manager and Foster Volunteer

Dog Town Level 3 Volunteers

Level 3 volunteers have a proven history of demonstrating leadership and having strong handling skills. These volunteers, who can be seen in dark brown aprons, socialize and interact with Level 3 dogs, dogs with special needs or who require an experienced handler, conduct dog-to-dog introductions, assist in the room pairing of current dogs and provide assistance to potential adopters of all available dogs. In addition, Level 3 Volunteers help to certify Level 2 Volunteers. To become a Dog Town Level 3 Volunteer, volunteers are invited to attend Dog Town Level 3 training after meeting all requirements for Dog Town Level 2 and demonstrating leadership and strong handling skills.



Andy



Mark

"I volunteer because my own pets bring our family so much joy and happiness. Since they reward us with so much every day, I wanted the opportunity to give back. I've learned that you can't underestimate the importance of volunteering for a cause you care about. One person can truly make a difference in an animal's life and in a person's life in ways that you never imagine. Volunteers come from all walks of life – we're an incredibly diverse group in so many ways. It is a pleasure to see that the love of animals brings us all together. I've seen this affection strengthen and enable people to overcome so many obstacles – be it physical or societal – all for the benefit of these wonderful animals."

Mark Lukas - Dog Town Level 3 Volunteer



Jeff



Wayne

"When I retired and was looking for things to do, I started volunteering to be of service to an outstanding organization and to help the dogs become ready for adoption. I've met great people that I enjoy volunteering with and Dog Town keeps me active and fit. I'm always telling my friends what a great "job" I have and that they should volunteer too. Now, I am a Level 3 Dog Handler and volunteer each Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. But now, I find I get as much out of volunteering as I give."

Andy Lane - Dog Town Level 3 Volunteer

"I entered semi-retirement, looking forward to the relaxation and extra time. After a couple months, I had all of the extra rest that I could handle. I looked around for something I would enjoy and would make a meaningful difference. When I volunteer at PAWS, I noticed that the same skills that were successful in business were helpful in volunteering. I use my business problem-solving skills to do whatever is needed at PAWS. Sometimes that means teaching Level 1 volunteers the skills necessary to be a PAWS volunteer and other times, it means pitching in if the staff is short-handed and rooms need to be cleaned."

Jeff Shanken - Dog Town Level 3 Volunteer

"I began volunteering at PAWS three years ago because I was impressed by PAWS Chicago's approach to saving the lives of dogs and cats – not only through adoptions but also through the spay/neuter clinic, legislation and education. Because there are so few Level 3 volunteers, I spend most of my time working with Level 3 dogs which are dogs that need more socialization, training, and will need the right home environment. They are some of our most intelligent, loving and enjoyable dogs. I would encourage anyone who is dealing with stress, problems, and especially with loss, to volunteer at PAWS Chicago. From my volunteer experience, I have received much more than I have given."

Wayne Gailis - Dog Town Level 3 Volunteer



Jane Fouser

Administrative Support

"I began in Dog Town walking dogs, socializing them, and doing whatever needed to be done to assist the Caregivers. When a bum knee made it difficult for me to work with the more challenging dogs as a Level 2 volunteer, I suggested that I might be of help in other ways. This led to becoming one of the initial volunteers who followed up via telephone with adopters post-adoption. I continue to do that today. When it became clear that we were producing many reports manually at a great expense of time, I pulled together a couple of fantastic technologically talented volunteers and we are in the process of streamlining production."



Family Service

Available to children over 12 years of age with a guardian, PAWS Chicago's Family Service Volunteer Program empowers kids to help enrich the lives of homeless animals and serve as advocates for them. Volunteers implement cleaning protocols for the health of the animals, and also get up close and personal with the cats, dogs, puppies and kittens to socialize and assist with their daily care.



Adoption Counselors

Adoption Counselors meet with potential adopters and help match them with appropriate animals based on their activity levels. Counselors, who wear black aprons, also walk guests through the adoption process and answer questions, discuss the background of the pet, and provide the resources on how to best integrate the new pet into their home. To become an Adoption Counselor, volunteers must complete eight full shifts in Dog Town or Kitty City as a Level 1 Volunteer before attending formal training and shadowing experienced Adoption Counselors.

Welcome Center Volunteers

Volunteers welcome potential adopters and guests into the Adoption Center and provide the information they'll need to get them started (whether browsing animals or starting the adoption process). Welcome Center Volunteers are true ambassadors of PAWS Chicago. To become a Welcome Center Volunteer, volunteers will need to attend a New Volunteer Orientation.

"My goal is to be sure people feel welcome and immediately understand how our processes work. Every person who walks through our doors has a story and they are all unique and interesting! I could write a book – maybe call it, 'Miracle on Clybourn Street!'"

Bonnie Spurlock



"PAWS Chicago is not just a charity that I contribute to, it is an organization that I believe in which saves the lives of animals and is working to transform our community to a No Kill city."

Judy Tullman

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Location Managers

Location Managers provide an excellent customer experience for potential adopters in both Dog Town and Kitty City and ensure a safe and clean environment for the animals. Location Managers, who can be seen in black aprons, also manage and lead all volunteers in their respective area on the weekends and confirm volunteer assignments. To become a Location Manager, volunteers must spend at least three months as an active Kitty City Volunteer and demonstrate leadership before attending Location Manager training.



"Knowing that the city euthanizes animals every day is a heartbreaking reality that we can lose sight of in our beautiful Adoption Center. It fills me with warmth that PAWS Chicago and its staff, volunteers, and supporters are so committed to finding homes for the adoptable cats and dogs that we pull from Animal Care & Control (ACC) and other shelters, and are working so hard to promote spay/neuter to reduce the numbers going into ACC in the first place."

Morgan Hill - Location Manager, Adoption Counselor & Dog Town Level 2 Volunteer

"I wear many different hats, or I should say aprons, at PAWS Chicago. Regardless of what I am doing, the common thread throughout is education and advocacy - whether it is to help to set an adopter up for success when they take an animal or animals home, inform new volunteers of all the different opportunities to help us, train and coach Kitty City volunteers, or just talk with the public at the Adoption Center, a special event, or anywhere else, about PAWS and advocating the No Kill message. I am so proud to be a volunteer here at PAWS Chicago. It means being a part of something so much bigger than me. Knowing that whatever I am doing with PAWS at any moment is genuinely helping to save thousands of lives, building a No Kill Chicago, and being part of the solution. It is such an amazing feeling and I can't help that I want to do more."

Sonia Lindsey - Kitty City Level 2 Volunteer, Location Manager & New Volunteer Orientation Teacher



Rick Turley

Volunteer Leadership Developing the Holiday Program

are just not adjusting well to shelter life.

PAWS matches each cat up with the right person and the right home environment so the he or she will thrive. The Holiday period can be as short as a month, but many last closer to two months. "We ask each Holiday volunteer to provide a personality profile and some pictures at the end of the holiday which are then placed on the cats suite door and on the website so potential adopters can better visualize how the cat would be in their home, despite how it is acting at the Adoption Center," explained Rick.

Almost all the cats who come back to PAWS after a holiday are adopted within a short time, and many are adopted by their foster families who can't bear to part.

Thanks to the Holiday Program, cats who arrive at PAWS Chicago have shorter stays than ever before. And under Rick's leadership, more than 220 cats have gone on holiday, many of whom are adopted into loving homes while on holiday. The Holiday Program, which has become a favorite among volunteers and adopters, was created and led by Rick, but continues with a network of volunteers who support this great initiative.

Rick Turley exemplified leadership and creativity as a Kitty City Level 2 volunteer, with extensive knowledge on each long-term cat and a knack for matching adoptions. The PAWS Adoption Team asked Rick to develop a program that would find homes for long-term cats at the Adoption Center. Shortly thereafter, Rick took the lead in creating and managing The Kitty City Holiday Program.

The Holiday Program is like a much-needed vacation for cats. "At the start of the program, PAWS had several cats who had been with us for over a year and a number for over six months," said Rick. "The program's goal was to give the longer-term cats a break or holiday in a home setting and set a cat up for success when he or she returned to the Adoption Center."

Cats eligible for the Holiday Program have been at the Adoption Center for more than several weeks. Senior cats or FIV+ cats often go on a Holiday even sooner. PAWS Chicago also has cats eligible for an immediate holiday if they

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- Professionals in compassionate fields such as psychology, nursing, counseling, or social work to support PAWS Chicago's owner relinquishment program for people looking to give up their pets.
- Customer Service or Telemarketing experience to support the Adoption team, following up with adopters and assisting the Adoption Center Front Desk.
- Product or Brand Marketing experts to help market longer term animals available for adoption or on holiday.
- People with Feral Cat Trap-Neuter-Return experience to expand the reach of this important program. Read more on page 33.

Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic

Volunteers at the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, the Midwest's largest low-cost sterilization and vaccination clinic, provide customer service to guests and assist PAWS veterinarians and vet techs with surgery support.



Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic located in the Little Village neighborhood

Customer Service Volunteers

Customer Service Volunteers work with PAWS customers to schedule and prepare for their pets spay/neuter surgery date. After the surgery is complete, volunteers facilitate the pet release process back to their families. To become a Customer Service Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation.

Surgery Support Volunteers

Volunteers who provide surgery support enable PAWS Chicago to perform even more high-volume spay/neuter surgeries. These volunteers assist with animals immediately following their surgeries, including cleaning ears, clipping nails, putting e-collars on dogs, placing animals in their cages or carriers, spot cleaning, surgical instrument cleaning, and prepping syringes. Volunteers also restock supplies and make next-day preparations. To become a Surgery Support Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation.



"I enjoy volunteering in the recovery room because it gives me a chance to do something I ordinarily would not be able to do – help animals who have just come out of surgery. I get to meet dogs and cats who will eventually make their way to the Adoption Center, where, hopefully, I'll be their adoption counselor."

Pat Oleck - Surgery Support Volunteer & Adoption Counselor



Community Outreach Volunteers

Community Outreach & Humane Education Volunteers serve as liaisons for PAWS Chicago who support at-risk communities. Volunteers are advocates for the animals and educate the community on the importance of issues like pet homelessness, dog fighting, puppy mills, spay/neuter and the No Kill movement, and what they can do to make positive changes in their neighborhoods. To become a Community Outreach Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation.

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GusMobile Volunteers

The GusMobile, PAWS Chicago's mobile Spay/Neuter van, provides Chicago's most impoverished communities with donor-subsidized free and low-cost spay/neuter services and vaccinations.

Here, volunteers play an essential role in educating the community about the importance of spay/neuter and ensuring a quality customer service experience - from customer check-ins/out to animal placement before and after surgery, they ensure the day runs smoothly. Volunteers are also key to setting-up and breaking down the GusMobile each day. To become a GusMobile Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation.

"I wake up every Sunday at 5 a.m. to be at the location by 7 a.m. Waking up at 5 a.m. is really hard for me, but when I see the GusMobile pull into the parking lot, it's well worth it. I wouldn't give it up for the world. I guess all I can say is 'thank you' for the opportunity to be of help to a great organization. And I hope that in the time to come, I can be of more help. Once again, thank you. I can't say it enough."

Steve Olson
GusMobile Volunteer



Gina Sourelis, Steve Olsen & Rebecca Madrigal

"I found PAWS Chicago when I was looking for a place to have my pets vaccinated and spayed/neutered, and now, I volunteer at the Rescue & Recovery Center. I help by cleaning out cages, giving reminder calls for appointments, and helping to care for the animals after surgery. It was there when I heard about the GusMobile Spay/Neuter Van. It was fantastic to know that PAWS Chicago would be close to home and be a place where I was able to help out my community. PAWS Chicago has done so much for the community by opening the door to those who are not able to afford to spay or neuter their animals."

Rebecca Madrigal - GusMobile Volunteer

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Gina Sourelis - GusMobile Volunteer

Trap, Neuter, Return Program Volunteers

PAWS Chicago's Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program is the only humane solution to reducing the outdoor cat population and thereby, number of cats and kittens who come into Animal Care and Control (the city pound). Volunteers respond to individual inquiries about the program and offer information about how to help community cats in the Chicagoland area. In addition, volunteers organize trapping projects, help trap outdoor cats, assist with the before and after surgical care of cats, record keeping, and running TNR workshops. Special training will be provided for volunteers interested in running TNR workshops.



"I moved to Chicago two years ago and wanted to find a way to help animals. With a little research, I discovered that PAWS Chicago is the area's largest No Kill shelter, and after my experience as a volunteer and board member at a traditional shelter in Michigan I decided that No Kill was clearly the way to go. My primary focus is on feral-neighborhood cats. To me, this is the number one companion animal issue, both in sheer numbers of animals and in their dispersion through almost every community in the United States. There is a tremendous opportunity to improve the lives of these cats and reduce their numbers over time using TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return). I talk with a lot of folks who have questions or concerns about feral-neighborhood cats. My teaching experience comes in handy, as sometimes the methods and goals of TNR are tough to get across. I most enjoy the chance to volunteer with an organization that not only has its heart in the right place but also has the drive and resources to commit to its mission of "Pets Are Worth Saving."

Tom Hay Bauer - Trap Neuter Return (TNR) Program Volunteer



Special Event Volunteers

Special Event Volunteers provide support in virtually every aspect of an event – from set-up to tear-down. Although roles vary from event to event, volunteers manage roles including animal transport, dog handlers, cat monitors, greeters, silent auction/raffle ticket sales, dog spa and more. Events include the Fur Ball, Animal Magnetism, Beach Party, Run for Their Lives and Angels with Tails. To become a Special Events Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation.

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Rescue & Recovery Center Intake Volunteers

PAWS Chicago visits Animal Care & Control (ACC), the city impoundment facility, every day and transfers in as many homeless pets as there is capacity. Volunteers with strong dog handling skills accompany the PAWS intake team and assist in the behavioral assessment of the dogs that are transferred into the PAWS program. Volunteers also foster relationships with staff and volunteers at ACC and often serve as liaisons between the two organizations. To become an Intake Volunteer, volunteers will need to participate in a New Volunteer Orientation. Volunteers should also have knowledge about dog behavior and be comfortable handling dogs with whom they have no history.

Animal Care Volunteers

Animal care volunteers are central to providing daily animal care (feeding, walking and socializing) and ensuring cleaning protocols are met to prevent disease transmission. Volunteers also help maintain organization throughout the Rescue and Recovery Center to optimize efficiencies. To become an Animal Care Volunteer, volunteers will need to attend a New Volunteer Orientation. Dog Town Level 1 training is highly encouraged so that volunteers are familiar with proper dog handling for various types of dogs.

Foster Volunteers

The Foster Program is an integral part of PAWS Chicago, where foster volunteers provide an invaluable and life-saving service for homeless cats and dogs. They open up their homes to caring for sick and injured pets who need anywhere between a few days and a few months before they are ready for adoption. In addition to home care, fosters provide animals with lots of love, necessary medications or special diets, transport their foster animal to scheduled medical appointments and/or adoption events. To become a Foster Volunteer, please contact the Foster Coordinator at foster@pawschicago.org or 773-475-9464 for more information.

Pet Food Bank Volunteers

The Pet Food Bank Program, which provides temporary support of food, supplies and basic medical care to pet owners in financial need, has been in place since 2008 and is run almost solely by volunteers. Volunteers manage the procurement of thousands of pounds of food and supply donations from individuals and businesses, organize the transport of pet supplies, pack and distribute pet food pick-ups and keep records of the PFB. Thanks to their efforts, more than 41,000 pounds of food have helped 516 pets this year alone.



"One exciting moment as a foster parent was when one mom gave birth at my house. Seeing how well she took care of her pups was incredible. As is true with many litters, not all the pups survived and it felt like team work with her – trying to give her pups the best chance to live. Finding out they all got adopted was just pure joy."

Lati Trung - Foster Volunteer



"I have always felt that there has existed a historical bond between mankind and dogs. They are inherently linked to us emotionally. The dogs have, for the most part, kept up their part of this partnership. Mankind, unfortunately, has not always done so well. The people associated with PAWS are the ones who help rebalance this equation. It makes me feel good to be part of this. There is a major feeling of satisfaction and achievement that I get when I am able to take a scared, shivering dog and get him/her to finally calm down. PAWS' track record of saving these animals from fatal termination makes me feel like I am assisting in something that truly makes a difference."

Karl Riedl - Animal Care Volunteer



Ashley Stamatinos and her husband Michael have fostered more than 100 kittens!

Ham's Foster Story



Chris Dowsett and Amie DeLuca started volunteering as foster parents for PAWS Chicago after their first dog, Geri, passed away. "After the passing of Geri, we decided that we were going to wait a while until we adopted another dog," said Amie. "A couple weeks later, we agreed that it was much too quiet and lonely around our house without a dog, but instead of adopting another dog – we would serve as foster parents. We started fostering dogs for PAWS Chicago in December 2009."

This is where they met Ham, a two-year-old Shepherd mix who was in need of special care in a home environment due to a neurological condition that challenges his mobility and makes him incontinent. According to Chris, "When we first met Ham, it was evident that he really needed to be taken into a home."

Chris and Amie – along with their dog, Boomer, a three-year-old Pit Bull mix and PAWS alumnus – welcomed Ham into their home. "When we first got him home, we were amazed by his resilient spirit and attitude. Ham has a "whatever you can do, I can do better" approach with Boomer. He doesn't let his handicap interfere with his daily life. Whether it's trying to get up the stairs, but only making it to the first landing, or trying to jump to get a squirrel in the tree, he always goes at it with great effort, despite his disability," they said.

Thanks to foster parents like Chris and Amie, dogs like Ham are experiencing love and joy in a home environment. "We love playing a part in helping dogs on their journey to finding their forever home. By fostering dogs, we know that it allows for other dogs to be taken into PAWS and keeps the organization focused on its mission to help dogs in need find good homes. Ham wouldn't be where he is today without strong advocates at PAWS and their partner organizations. We are truly grateful to volunteer our time to PAWS, as it

has given back to us ten fold in providing us with an opportunity to share our passion and love for dogs," they said.

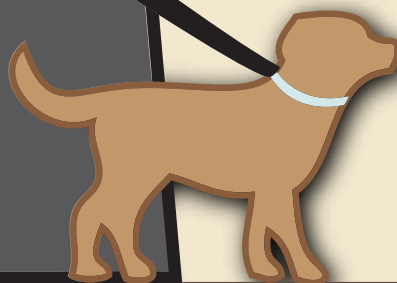


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nearing the end

*Coping With the Emotions of the
Final Stages of Your Pet's Life*

by David Remkus

In the United States today, roughly two out of three households are shared by companion animals. As more and more families are including pets, it is rapidly becoming evident that modern American culture has created a special role for non-human animals within the family structure.

Unfortunately, when people are faced with the death of a non-human part of their family, the same support, understanding, and resources that are readily available when a human family member passes on may not even appear to exist. This can lead to a very confusing and traumatic time for members of these families who are oftentimes trying to silently and privately cope with the profound sense of loss they feel – which, for the record, can be unexpectedly overwhelming.

Because of this perceived silence on the issue and lack of readily available resources, some unfortunate family members are left feeling as though they are somehow crazy or outcasts. This ultimately leads to feelings of isolation that many in my profession regularly encounter while assisting families in the mourning of their pets. The aim of this article is to educate and provide resources for families so that they are knowledgeable and are aware of reliable places that they can turn to for professional, caring, and helpful end of life and memorial resources when they are preparing for or have experienced the loss of a pet.

Always remember, the loss of a pet is a significant loss, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. Many times, because there is a fear of judgment of what others would think, people tend to minimize their grief. All too often, we

hear phrases such as, “I shouldn’t feel this way,” or “It was just a dog (or cat).” These phrases are harmful to the griever because they suppress very real feelings, forcing these same emotions out in other ways. If you feel it, let it be felt, and have faith in your hardwired ability to grieve. The greatest thing grievers can do is to respect and recognize these difficult emotions as they come and allow themselves room to explore and ultimately express these feelings in a healthy way.

Normally, families are aware that they will be faced with some rather difficult decisions as their pet ages and their physical health begins to deteriorate. The final stages of a pet’s life are generally the most difficult time physically for the pet, which leads to it being the most emotionally exhausting and difficult time for their human counterparts.



Don't be afraid to ask for help. In your community, it is very likely that there are others going through what you are going through.

Anticipatory Grief

When a terminal diagnosis is given, or if it is becoming evident that a pet does not have much time left, family members may begin to feel a great deal of sadness, anger, or a myriad of other emotions. These feelings, known as anticipatory grief, are a form of grief that occurs prior to the loss. If these feelings become debilitating, the best course of action is to seek out a professional therapist, or to find a local or online support group. The emotions that accompany anticipatory grief are often confusing and isolating. Talking through them in a professional setting may not alleviate these feelings entirely, but they may ease some of the secondary discomforts that often spring from these emotions.

With this in mind, it is essential that families take the appropriate actions in the anticipatory stages to minimize the potential for feelings such as self loathing, uncertainty, and guilt after the death occurs. Many times family members will say, "What if we had done this," or "We should have tried that." A good way to defend against this is to have an end of life plan in place before it is needed. If possible, start by thinking about what you would do if you were given a terminal diagnosis and start gathering facts in order to be aware of all of your options. End of life care is continually changing and, if desired, euthanasia can be your family's last resort rather than the only

option. This may ultimately reduce the level of stress and guilt that is felt after the pet passes away.

Pet Hospice

Pet hospice and palliative care are quickly emerging as an end of life specialty and, much like in human hospice and palliative care, an emphasis is placed on managing pain and preserving dignity during the life to death transition. Dr. Amir Shanan of Chicago is the Founder of the International Association of Animal Hospice and Palliative Care (IAAHPC.org) and owner of Compassionate Veterinary Care in Lincoln Park. Dr. Shanan is leading the way for increased awareness of end of life care that is multi-faceted, and sensitive to the important differences in culture, faith, and emotional well-being of those who are trying to navigate the often complicated and evolving options for end of life care. IAAHPC members are progressive thinkers that are committed to both the animals they serve as well as their surviving humans.

Pain management is a very important component of hospice and palliative care. But it is important to keep in mind that while physical pain management is a crucial part of palliative care, human pain and grief management are viewed as equally important components. After all, end of life is an experience that creates the foundation for healthy and effective

mourning in the days, months, and years that follow the loss of family members.

Euthanasia

Many times in the end of life stages, the animal's quality of life gets to the point where euthanasia may be the most humane and appropriate course of action. If, after consulting your veterinarian and family, you decide that euthanasia is the right choice, decide where you would like the procedure to take place.

Traditionally, euthanasia has been offered mostly in a clinical setting; however, some veterinarians have begun offering in-home euthanasia services due to a huge increase in demand. This option, although sometimes a bit more expensive, can be a peaceful and fitting way to say goodbye without having to worry about removing an already struggling pet from the comforts of home.

If you opt for an in home service offered by a veterinarian who is not your pet's regular veterinarian, be sure to notify your regular veterinarian that your pet is no longer living. For one, the veterinarian and their staff often times form an attachment to your pet as they get to know them throughout the years, and secondly, this will help your veterinarian's office avoid unintentionally hurting or offending you by sending health and well-being reminders.

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A fitting farewell

Decisions following End of Life

Cremation

Many times the veterinarian who oversees the final moments of a pet's life will offer cremation options as a courtesy. In most cases, the veterinarian is doing this for two reasons: convenience and demand. Generally speaking, veterinary offices will facilitate the most basic service options available on the market. Options include communal cremation with no return of remains, communal cremation with return of remains (also called partitioned, separated, individually partitioned, or semi-private) and private cremation with return of remains (one pet at a time, alone in the cremation unit.)

It is vitally important during this phase of the process that you ask any questions you may have. Make sure that the cremation provider your veterinarian is working with has an open door policy, meaning they can be surprise-inspected anytime during business hours, which should be available to both clients and veterinarians. Always get the contact information for the cremation provider, and never accept a cremation service that does not allow clients to contact them directly.

One vital question to ask if opting for a communal (partitioned, separated) cremation with return of remains is: what type of partition and equipment are used? The term partitioned or separated commonly elicits the image of a complete separation, but most always in practice only a single brick layer or space is used as the partition or means of separation.

Most importantly, remember that you are under no obligation, legal or otherwise, to have your veterinarian's cremation service handle your pet's remains. It is imperative to understand that veterinary hospitals receive wholesale pricing and often make a profit on the services of the after



death care and disposal facilities they work with.

For dignity's sake, remember to be diligent and weary of anything that doesn't sound right. Examples of this are being told you cannot do something entirely reasonable, told you cannot witness your pet's cremation, or if you are asked to pay an exorbitant price for any services offered to you. Never be shy or feel silly asking questions as it is highly likely someone has asked the same question before.

Burial

If you would rather bury your pet in a human or pet cemetery, or, if legal, in your back yard, you need to know that it is your right to do that. Most every after death care provider offers transportation services, in the event of you not being comfortable or able to transport your pet afterwards.

If you are not comfortable with something or do not feel as though the options presented to you are adequate, ask for time in making the decision to do more research. Most veterinarians have a morgue on site and wouldn't mind keeping your pet while you take a little time to make your final decision. If

at any point you feel pressured, bullied, or threatened by anyone, including your veterinarian or their staff, into accepting a service offering, the best course of action is to take your pet with you and find a service option that you are comfortable accepting. Your satisfaction and peace of mind should be kept in mind at all times by anybody offering after death care services to you.

Uncommon Alternatives

Although the following service options are rarely selected and may be considered somewhat taboo, sometimes people elect to freeze dry, mummify, or taxidermy their pets. Although many people do not express interest in these service options, the few people I have encountered who have elected for these types of services are usually pleased with the final outcome. There are advantages and disadvantages to these service offerings, and further guidance when deciding on these service offerings is recommended. Much like cremation, if you choose to go this route, always research the service provider and make sure they are reliable, have a good reputation, and are mindful of your emotional well being.

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Dr. Roberta Lee, who is an expert on curcumin, talks about the praises from the World Health Organization, studying the longest living people on earth. These people live in Okinawa, near Japan. Curcumin is their daily spice, they chew the leaves like gum. The National Library of Medicine cites 1,491 studies on curcumin as of Jan. 2006, for its potential healing powers that include a variety of problems (prostate cancer, reduction of tumors, clearing malaria viruses, lowering cholesterol, Alzheimer's, etc). Dr. Lee is a graduate of the Integrate Medicine Fellowship Program at the Andrew Weil, M.D., University Of Arizona School Of Medicine.

Now, you know why Solid Gold includes curcumin in its new dry dog food. SunDancer is available in 4 lb., 15 lb. and 33 lb. hermetically sealed vacuum-packed bags. We do not recommend emptying out the contents into another container. The act of pouring exposes the food to air. Open the bag take out what you need and close it using a bag clip or clothes pins. The bags are 93% sealed after that. During shipping, the bags on the top jiggle and press down on the top of the stack. The one way valve lets the air escape out and helps to keep the food fresh longer. The contents are good for a year in the vacuumed environment. We do not use animal/chicken fat which can go rancid. We do not use chemical preservatives and SunDancer contains NO GRAINS OR GLUTEN.

In 1958, the US Congress was so impressed by the healing properties of curcumin for cancer that they wanted to fund a study. The pharmaceutical companies objected and lobbied against it. They said it would cut into the revenue of their cancer drugs. One company said that if the curcumin were that effective, they would synthesize it and make it into a prescription drug. All research on cancer and curcumin was stopped.

In 1971, President Nixon tried to bring back the curcumin/cancer research. But Watergate stopped that.

The owner of Solid Gold has been raising Great Danes for 50 years. She has a black Dane mix that is 17 years old. The dog's muzzle was completely gray. However, after six months on SunDancer, all the grey went away and the black hairs came back.

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Additional Support

After the loss of a pet it is important to surround yourself with people who are supportive and understanding of the nature of your loss, as well as the deep impact it has on your life. If for any reason you are having trouble finding support, or feel you need additional assistance in your grief journey, don't be afraid to ask for help. In your community, it is very likely that there are others going through what you are going through and there is probably a support group that you could join.

If there isn't a physical support group, there are several hotlines and online support groups available to you. If you aren't interested in pursuing those options, seeing a professional therapist is very helpful to many people. The downside is that it can be cost prohibitive. The most important thing to remember if things feel hopeless is that there are resources available and, with time, it will get better. If ever you feel as if you want to harm yourself or others, seek immediate medical attention.

As our culture changes, thinking of pets as members of the family continues to become more and more socially acceptable. Professional product and service offerings are at their highest quality ever for families that have chosen to share their lives with pets. The prevailing attitude on pet loss is changing for the better as education and resources continue to evolve and become more readily available. This is due in large part to the abundance of information on the internet, coupled with the proliferation of professional associations committed to educating and providing resources to pet families like yours and mine.



David Remkus is a Vice President of Hinsdale Animal Cemetery and Crematory in Willowbrook, Illinois. David is accredited by the Pet Loss Professionals Alliance as a Certified Pet Loss Professional, and

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**Eleventh Annual
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On Sunday, September 25, more than 3,000 animal lovers supported PAWS Chicago by participating in the *Run for Their Lives 8K Run/4K Walk*, which raised more than \$280,000 for homeless pets.

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A special appearance by one of the four-legged stars of Disney's *Spooky Buddies* was a highlight of the day.



PAWS CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT

Shannon Gillen

Saving the lives of thousands of animals is all in a day's work for Shannon Gillen.

As the manager for PAWS Chicago's Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, the Midwest's largest low-cost sterilization and vaccination clinic, Shannon ensures that the owners of animals most at risk of reproducing and having litter after litter, have access to an affordable resource.

"Everyone understands the importance of adopting shelter animals to help reduce pet overpopulation and homelessness, but sterilizing just one pet can lead to saving thousands of lives," said Shannon. "Spay/neuter is not talked about as often as

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adoption because the idea of surgery isn't as cute and cuddly as bringing a new pet into a home. But, spay/neuter is the most effective tool in ending pet overpopulation and the killing of unwanted animals."

In her role as the Clinic manager, Shannon oversees the daily operations of the Lurie Clinic, which performed 17,147 surgeries in 2010. She also assists in the planning of other successful programs such as the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) neighborhood cat program and the new GusMobile Spay/Neuter van. From staffing and supplies to returning the 500+ calls and messages received each day, Shannon's team is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of animals in our community.

In 2011, Shannon's team was integral in launching the GusMobile mobile spay/neuter van which provides residents in



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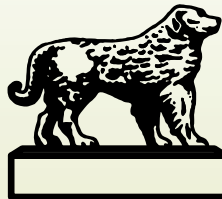
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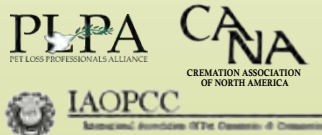


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These kids are finding great ways to lend a helping hand to homeless animals.



the West Pullman, Roseland, Englewood and surrounding neighborhoods with accessible spay/neuter services from May through October. “Thanks to the GusMobile, we are able to serve the community from two different locations so that residents are never too far away from help,” said Shannon. “We just wrapped up our first season with more than 600 surgeries performed, and we look forward to an amazing 2012.”

Shannon joined PAWS Chicago in June 2010 and brought with her several years of knowledge from both a medical and business background within the veterinary industry. “Through the years, I have gained experience in just about every position in traditional animal hospitals,” she said. “I have really enjoyed bringing my private practice knowledge to shelter medicine at PAWS.”

Inspired by making the world a better place, Shannon is committed to spending her time helping innocent animals. “It’s so rewarding to be a part of an organization with so much heart and passion behind it,” said Shannon. “My colleagues and the volunteers who support PAWS Chicago’s No Kill mission are some of the most driven and humble people I have had the pleasure of working with. It is truly an honor to be a part of something so great. And what other job encourages hugging a kitten or playing fetch with a puppy on your lunch break?!”



Olivia & Ava

Sisters Olivia (9) and Ava (7) share a love of animals and dream of one day opening their own pet rescue. After a visit to PAWS Chicago, where they fell in love with Red, the paralyzed Pit Bull, the girls were inspired to do more. In lieu of presents for her birthday, Olivia generously requested donations for homeless pets. Further, Olivia and Ava delivered letters to their neighbors and teachers asking for donations for PAWS Chicago, their favorite charity. Thanks to their charitable efforts, the sisters raised more than \$600! Ava, who is about to turn eight, is also planning to ask for donations to PAWS and both girls look forward to volunteering at PAWS Chicago as soon as they are old enough.

Gianna



Gianna (9) is an avid animal lover who is committed to doing her part to help save the lives of homeless animals. After reading about PAWS Chicago’s No Kill mission, Gianna decided that one way she could help was to ask her birthday party guests to bring gifts for the pets at PAWS in lieu of presents for herself. Thanks to her selfless act, Gianna donated a number of pet supplies – including a dog crate, laundry soap, leashes, collars, dog food, shampoo, treats, bowls and toys – to cats and dogs in need!



Josh

From a young age, Josh was taught the importance of helping others. When his family adopted their two dogs, Sampson and Delilah, from a shelter, Josh (13) was inspired to do his part and chose to devote his Mitzvah project to helping animals at PAWS Chicago. The invitation to his Bar Mitzvah asked guests to bring in donations, and while at the party, Josh spoke about the No Kill mission and worked with friends to assemble 150 dog collars. Thanks to Josh’s dedication to helping animals, he collected and donated nearly \$1,000 worth of ‘wish list’ items, including cleaning supplies, toys, food, treats and gift cards, all of which will directly help save the lives of more homeless pets.



Allie

Allie (13) has been a supporter of PAWS Chicago from the start. When she turned 12, Allie put her love of animals into action by dedicating her Mitzvah project to helping homeless pets. She volunteered her time in the Family Service program and participated in *Run for Their Lives* with her cousin Meg. Recently, in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah, Allie chose to do even more. In lieu of gifts, she asked for donations on behalf of PAWS Chicago. Her request was an overwhelming success – she received donations totaling more than \$3,000! Thanks to Allie’s kindness and generosity, she helped make a life-saving difference in the lives of these sweet pets.

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In Memory of **David Spagat**



David Spagat spent his 86 years living life to the fullest. He was a man who loved his family above all else, but dedicated much of his life to giving back to those in need.

As a WWII veteran, an attorney and a commodities trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, David also led a full and active life of walking his beloved French Mastiff named Paula, nature photography, riding his bicycle, attending concerts and cultural events, and volunteering his time to his favorite environmental and animal-focused charities. He also spent most of his time with his wife and life-long friend, Patricia, to whom he was married for 56 years.

David had a special love for helping animals and a knack for finding homeless dogs and litters of cats. He often took them into his home to foster and socialize them, had them spayed/neutered, and personally found each one a loving home. He was known for putting clever ads in the local paper for the pets like "Elegant young feline with impeccable taste and breeding desires permanent lodging in fine home with adoring family. Sleeps late. Enjoys aerobics and gourmet cuisine. High IQ."

One of his rescues, who eventually became a part of his family, was Paula. She was found on the streets in terrible condition and had been so abused that the veterinarian didn't think she would survive. David provided months of care and love to bring Paula back to good health and they became lifelong friends, along with his three cats, Gigi, Chatka and Grace.

In his hometown of Oak Park, Illinois, David regularly walked dogs for seniors and those who worked long hours. He was known throughout the neighborhood as someone who was always there to help in a pinch, regardless of the time of day.

David was also an avid supporter of PAWS Chicago, dedicating time and resources to help save lives. He and Patricia regularly visited the Rescue & Recovery Center where they would walk dogs and provide care to animals before they were available for adoption. David and Patricia also gave generously to PAWS in support of its No Kill mission.

David's generosity and compassion for animals and those in need continues to live among the lives that he touched. At his memorial in May, David's wife, Patricia, and children Susan, Michael and Robert, requested that donations go to PAWS Chicago so that homeless pets could continue to be saved after he was gone. In addition, his body was donated to the Biological Resource Center of Illinois (9501 W. Devon Ave, Rosemont, Illinois) which the family highly recommends. David's last gift was to donate the money that would have been spent on a funeral to various charities, including PAWS Chicago.

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In Memory of William R. Buralli

William Buralli was a well-liked, passionate and influential man. A middle school teacher for more than 50 years, he inspired generations of students at Chicago public schools and Latin School of Chicago. His very first 6th grade class still invited him to outings up until he passed away at the age of 75.

William was a loving father who adored his children; Brian, Sheryl, Sheila and Ellen. He was always very involved in their lives and passed along many passions, including his love for the arts. His children have fond memories shared together at the ballet, opera and symphony. He also adored his grandchildren; Michael, Stephanie, James and Parker.

Having grown up on a farm, William had a deep love for animals. His beloved cat, Avery, now lives with his daughter Sheila. When Sheila began volunteering for PAWS Chicago several years ago, William became interested in the organization. He started making donations to PAWS in honor of his children's birthdays and enjoyed hearing updates about PAWS Chicago's efforts to help save homeless pets. He inspired many friends to adopt from PAWS, and even decided to donate his car! When William passed away in June, the Buralli family found it to be a fitting tribute to request that donations be made to PAWS Chicago to honor William's memory.



Photo by: Jovanka Novakovic

In Memory of Keith Abbott Conant

Keith Abbott Conant, principal violist for Chicago Lyric Opera and Chicago Philharmonic, passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack in the Chicago home he loved and shared with his partner, Dan Goss. Born on January 18, 1962 in Rockville Centre, New York, Keith was 49. In addition to being a gifted musician, he was also a loving partner, brother, uncle, son, teacher, and a generous and true friend to many.

Keith studied viola at the Juilliard School of Music, graduating in 1986. He also studied chamber music with members of the Juilliard String Quartet. Keith began his orchestral career with two years in the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and then joined the Chicago Lyric Opera Orchestra in 1987.

In addition to his principal position at the Lyric, he performed as principal with the Chicago Philharmonic and regularly substituted with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Grant Park Symphony.

Keith was a gifted viola teacher, loved and admired by his many students. He gave private lessons, was on the faculty at Roosevelt and Valparaiso universities and coached professional musicians and aspiring professionals for auditions.

Keith was the must-have musician for all Conant family funerals and weddings. His interests outside of music included entertaining friends and overseeing house renovations. He enjoyed taking his dog Lucky for walks, a Terrier mix he and Dan adopted from PAWS Chicago three years ago. They also have a cat, Phoenix. Because of their love of animals, Dan asked for donations to be made in Keith's memory to support PAWS Chicago's dedication to helping animals.

Keith's passing is a devastating loss to his family, friends, and Chicago's music community. His kindness and generosity are known to many. He was always ready with a big smile, a warm hug, and an infectious laugh.

Gifts made in memory of a person continued



In Memory of Ryan Wolsfeld

Ever since he was a young boy, Ryan Wolsfeld loved animals. Growing up, he had many great pets, including Casey (Golden Retriever), Buffett (cat), Marley (Cairn Terrier) and Elsa (mixed breed). Ryan shared a special relationship with his pets and always cared for them in a loving way. These relationships helped shape Ryan into the loyal, trustworthy and generous young man that he became. He followed the belief that you should always treat animals the way you would treat humans, with love and respect.

Ryan leaves behind his parents (Carrie and Steve), brother (Joe) and sisters (Ally and Lena). While he is no longer here in person, he continues to impact the lives of many. Ryan would be proud to know that the donations made to PAWS Chicago in his honor are going to help save lives and find homes for many of his furry friends.

In Memory of Thomas Leahy

As Director of the Chicago Archdiocesan Committee for Latin Americans, Tom Leahy helped Hispanic families meet the challenges of adjusting to a Chicago of the early 1970s. As Father Tom, he ministered to parishioners of Old St Patrick's Church in what was then Chicago's "skid row."

Following his departure from the priesthood, Tom's career spanned 35 years as a DCFS assistant director of child abuse investigation, a hospital director of organizational development, and a corporate senior outplacement consultant. In whatever role he played, he found a variety of ways to help organizations and individuals achieve their potential.

Tom graduated from Quigley Preparatory and University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary and furthered his education in a Master's Program in Philosophy at Loyola University. He enjoyed discussing politics, travel, and reading newspapers from all over the globe. Most of all, Tom cherished his wife of 26 years, Linda. With Linda came a newfound love of dogs. Together, they cared for many rescues including Ruff, Dudley, Baka and Twigs. Tom had a knack for training and became quite the expert.



Upon Tom's passing, Linda requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to PAWS Chicago. She knew Tom would be pleased to know that so many homeless dogs will receive a second chance at life. Tom will always be well remembered by all who knew him. In one of the eulogies at his memorial service, a friend mentioned that Tom had an "intelligent and kind irreverence about the world."

A neighbor said that when he was with Tom he felt a "special connection," with him, but that everyone must have felt that they had that special connection with Tom. Another said he always thought of Tom as a role model for how to get through the illnesses and difficulties of life with such a positive outlook. He was truly a wonderful, inspirational man who is greatly missed.

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- JoJo** by John Murray and James Wuih



In Memory of Betsy Newhouse

My senior cat, Betsy, passed away this past June. We found her in 1993 and were lucky to have had her for 18 years. She was spunky and full of the dickens. She didn't let the fact that she was born blind slow her down. She was so smart. She quickly learned where the furniture was and was able to run around, jump and play without bumping into anything! Betsy touched my heart. My favorite memory of her was shared during a very cold night. She had crawled under the covers and was sound asleep beside me with her head resting on my pillow. I am so thankful for all the time we had together.

- Katherine Newhouse

Gifts made in memory of a pet continued

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- Zazu** by James and Judy Dunlap
- Zoe** by Naomi and Fred Burgbacher
- Zoocy** by Dena Searce



In Memory of **Baka Leahy**

Baka came to us on a rainy Halloween night. We answered the phone to learn a friend had been killed in an automobile accident. Our friend's sister wanted to euthanize his dog and bury it with our friend. The caller, one of Baka's previous owners, was asking us to pick up the dog and hopefully welcome him to our home.

That was our beginning with Baka. As far as we know, we were the fifth family to own him. Before he came to us, Baka had enjoyed a lovely life. He had grown accustomed to meals of grilled filet mignon, calves' liver, and breast of chicken and was tucked under Frette sheets. For our first three days together, Baka turned up his nose at the dry dog food we offered. Finally, he ate and initiated the takeover of our house and our hearts.

One of his favorite activities was stealing toilet paper from an upstairs bathroom and

trailing it all over the house. He taught this TP'ing to our other dogs so that our house would resemble a high school quarterback's yard before a big game.

A quick learner, at the command, "Baka, wipe," he mastered wiping his paws on the mudroom rug when he came in from outside. He attempted to pass on what he had learned to our other dogs, but they didn't take to this new task.

Baka possessed a rich vocabulary. "Go wake up Dudley," would result in Baka bringing Dudley, our deaf Westie, to the kitchen. "Where's Tom," would send him in search of my husband.

Was he the perfect guy? Of course, not. Occasionally some human would offend him by being in the wrong place at the wrong time. When delivery boys with baggy pants were lugging in a new mattress and box springs, he grabbed the baggy pants and debriefed the poor kid.

Just as a dog selects his/her human, I've learned that a dog lets his human know when it's time to depart. After multiple trips to specialists, we knew nothing more could be done for our little 18-year-old family member. I held his face close to mine and rubbed his ears as the final injection was administered.

He will live in our hearts forever.
Linda Goldberg Leahy



In Memory of
Chelsea Baird



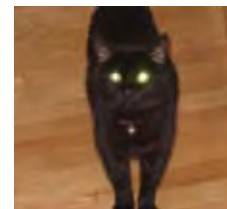
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In Memory of
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In Memory of
Truman Arthur Chesler

Memorials & Tributes

Gifts made in memory of a pet continued



In Memory of Maggie Data

We adopted Maggie from PAWS Chicago on November 24, 2010. We had never owned a dog before, and were really nervous about the undertaking of an adoption. We were instantly drawn to Maggie from the moment we saw her. Desperately wanting to start a family, we decided that if we couldn't have children, a dog would be the perfect addition to our home. Less than a week after adopting her, we found out we were finally pregnant! Maggie was our good luck charm.

Maggie had been at PAWS for many months, patiently waiting for her forever home. PAWS Chicago is dedicated to finding homes for all animals. They enrolled her into their adoption program despite the fact that she was a "special needs dog." At 11-years-old, Maggie was arthritic, was losing her vision and hearing, and was a diabetic that required twice daily injections of insulin and a special prescription diet.

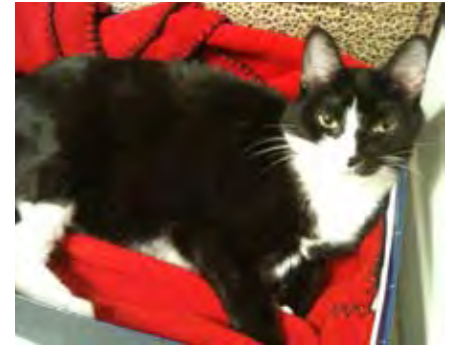
Maggie was the sweetest, most gentle dog in the whole world. She brought us joy beyond our wildest dreams. Maggie died on May 24, 2011, 18 months to the day that we brought her home. Though she was not with us nearly long enough, Maggie gave us the best 18 months of our lives. We will forever be grateful to her for showing us the meaning of true doggie love and for teaching us how to be parents. We would urge everyone to consider opening their hearts and homes to a special needs dog at PAWS. A dog like Maggie will transform your heart forever.

Jennifer & Dominic Data

In Memory of Lucinda Snider

Lucinda was a beautiful and loving senior cat. She was very stressed in the shelter environment and as a result, did not show well. As a PAWS Chicago volunteer, I became familiar with Lucinda and her quest to find a loving new home. The Adoption Team decided Lucinda would do better in the Foster Program where she could relax and rest in a quiet home- and that foster home ended up being mine. Once comfortably settled in, she really blossomed - so much so that I ended up adopting her a few months later!

Lucinda brought so much joy and was always quick with a friendly purr. I think it's a testament to the importance of fostering, as some cats may not be able to show their true



loving personalities at the adoption center. Lucinda fought a long battle against many ailments and was a trooper throughout it all. Even towards the end, she was able to overcome her physical ailments, and was always an affectionate constant companion. Lucinda stole my heart and is greatly missed!

Lisa Snider



In Memory of Murray White

With tremendous sadness but even greater love, we made the decision to let our PAWS Alum, Murray, rest on October 10th. His tenacious spirit still shone brightly through his beautiful eyes but disease, medications and age were taking too great a toll on his body.

He passed away peacefully at home with the help of the kindest doctor I've met, eating seared tenderloin in true Murray fashion until he went quietly to sleep, cradled by his two

people who loved him beyond measure.

To some who met or cared for him, Murray seemed less than ideal; he was old, could be vocal, didn't like dogs or kids he didn't know, and, over time, compiled a medical history that, to some, no longer warranted effort. But to anyone who cared enough to look deeper, he was amazing; smart, loyal, resilient and spirited.

There were many people who touched Murray's life but I have special gratitude for the team at PAWS, who, on one day at Animal Care and Control in August 2004, had the clarity to see a life worth saving and took Murray into their care. And, special thanks to the PAWS Chicago Foster Program who sent him to me when I volunteered to foster someone who "needed some time out of the shelter." The rest, as they say, is history.

Murray gave me more than seven years of companionship, happiness, and invaluable life lessons. I am certain that every day I will remember him, miss him, and be beyond grateful for our time together.

Bonnie White



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For any occasion - birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, or memorials - honor someone special and help save lives by purchasing a PAWS Chicago tribute card. Orders can be placed online at www.pawschicago.org or by calling (773) 475-4240.

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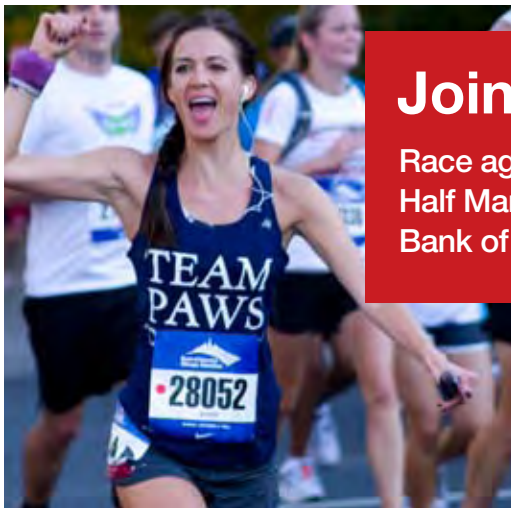
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TEAM PAWS CHICAGO



Marathon
Half-Marathon
Triathlon

528 athletes put their best paw forward in 2011 joining Team PAWS Chicago in competing in the August 14th Rock 'n' Roll Chicago Half Marathon, the August 28th Chicago Triathlon or the October 9th Bank of America Chicago Marathon! Team PAWS Chicago athletes raised 20% of PAWS Chicago's 2011 adoption program budget, saving the lives of homeless cats and dogs. Congratulations!

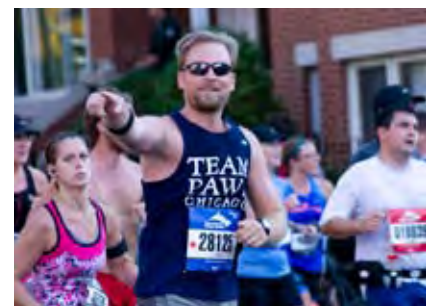


Join TEAM PAWS Chicago 2012

Race against the clock for homeless pets in the Rock 'n' Roll Chicago Half Marathon on August 12, Chicago Triathlon on August 26, or the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 7!

Runners and triathletes receive free training. Additional benefits include pet-friendly informational seminars, "fun runs" with your dog (or a PAWS Chicago dog), pre-race PAWSta parties, dog friendly happy hours, social get-togethers and much more! As a team member, you will enjoy a new social network of animal-loving athletes, accomplish a personal milestone and save many lives in the process!

Learn more at www.teampaws.org or by contacting 773-843-4887 or mdenbesten@pawschicago.org.



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ADOPT a Homeless Pet

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

Justice



Justice is a sweet, two-year-old kitty who PAWS Chicago rescued from Animal Care and Control after being found as a stray. Justice was suffering from a medical condition that caused her eyelashes to rub directly on her cornea, causing her much discomfort. PAWS veterinarians provided medical treatment and now, her eyes are as good as new! A beautiful girl inside and out, Justice will surely bring love and smiles to you every day.

Contessa



Contessa is a gorgeous, three-year-old Sheltie who came to PAWS Chicago from the city pound after being found as a stray. Once at PAWS, veterinarians discovered that she was suffering from heartworm. After several months in a foster home where she underwent treatment, today she is happy and healthy. Contessa would be best suited for an adults-only home with a family of experienced dog owners who will continue her socialization.

Carson



Carson is a handsome two-year-old Labrador Retriever/Pit Bull mix in pursuit of a loving home! Weighing in at just under 50 lbs., Carson was found outside as a skinny stray but is now healthy and full of life. He loves fetching tennis balls and would make a great workout buddy. He is also eager to learn and quickly picks up new tricks.

Snuggers



One-year-old **Snuggers**, a Dilute Tortie, is quite the catch with her beautiful coat and gorgeous, golden eyes! Snuggers came to PAWS Chicago after a Good Samaritan rescued her from the streets of Chicago. After some medical care and TLC, Snuggers is a healthy and happy girl. Snuggers is looking for a home where she can take long lazy catnaps and snuggle with you!

PAWS Chicago ALUMNI

Stay Committed to the PAWS Chicago Cause

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.

Kate & Pippa



Kate and Pippa (PAWS Chicago names *Fax and Deanna*) have been so much fun! We changed their names and formed the dynamic, royal duo of Kate and Pippa. Pippa is mellow and laid back while Kate enjoys jumping on everything and loves playing with her mouse. We are so happy to adopt these two beauties! They've been happy, healthy and a great addition to the household!
-Jordan and Abbie

Tidus Max



We renamed **Tidus Max** (PAWS Chicago name *Tidus*) - being the gladiator of the street and his mad Maxness. He was 15lbs when we adopted him, and now he is a glowing 20lbs. Since being Mad Maxed, our lives have been filled with lots of walks, play and the occasional nap on the sofa. Not to mention the hours of laughter and love 24-hours a day. We are so grateful to PAWS for providing a fantastic shelter for Tidus Max. Our lives have been transformed by our four-legged buddy. - Cesar Conde

Cool Hand Luke




Cool Hand Luke (PAWS Chicago name *Montero*) has been a wonderful addition to the family - he is our sweet polar bear. He and his brother, Sammi have bonded and everyday he opens up more and becomes confident in his new home. It has been so rewarding to see him blossom into a handsome young dog. He loves taking walks, bones, hugs, and chasing the cat. Thanks for the work that you do PAWS, we are truly blessed to have such beautiful dogs to share our lives with. - Kristin and Jeff

Prince Myshkin



Upon sitting in the middle of a kitten room, a tiny, gray tabby immediately crawled into my lap and began purring loudly. But when he looked up at me with his big green eyes, I knew I was taking this beautiful kitten to his forever home. My fiancé and I re-named him **Prince Myshkin**, the main character from one of our favorite novels. He now enjoys a pampered life climbing cat furniture, eating tuna treats and playing with dozens of toys. - Makenzi

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PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel Program

Through the PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel Program, Loretta and Thomas Jacobs (pictured with their dog Domet) have ensured the futures of homeless cats and dogs for years to come.



“We share the vision of making Chicago a No Kill community.”

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.

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

Loretta & Thomas Jacobs Leave a Legacy for the Animals

Loretta and Thomas Jacobs initially learned about PAWS Chicago through Charity Navigator, the nation’s premier independent charity evaluator. Shortly thereafter, the couple became aware of PAWS Chicago’s Guardian Angel Program after reading *Angel Tales* magazine and decided to enroll so that homeless animals would be taken care of if something happened to them.

“We believe PAWS Chicago is a wonderfully run organization with the well-being of animals being of foremost importance,” said Loretta and Thomas. “We know our donations to the organization will be used to further the well-being of our Chicagoland animal population and to eventually succeed in making Chicago a No Kill city.”

The couple worked with an attorney to incorporate the Guardian Angel Program into their estate planning. “The process was very easy,” they said. “Our attorney guided us through the ‘heavy lifting’ of creating our trust and prepared the necessary paperwork, including interfacing with PAWS as necessary to ensure our bequest was properly documented.”

Through their planned gift, the Jacobs commitment to homeless animals will help save the lives of countless animals. “We share the vision of making Chicago a No Kill community and an important part of that vision is ensuring animals have loving homes and are well cared for,” they said. “We hope our participation in the Guardian Angel Program will enable that vision to become a reality, sooner than later.”