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A man and a woman are sitting outdoors on a wooden deck. The man, on the left, is wearing a white button-down shirt and is holding a small tabby kitten in his arms. The woman, on the right, is wearing a grey sweater and is smiling. A medium-sized brown and white dog is sitting in front of her. The background shows green foliage and a wooden fence.

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PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel Program



Through the PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel program, Nancy has ensured the futures of Mugsy (an eight-year-old Aussie Shepherd), Babe (a nine-year-old Border Collie), and her cats Kate (shown) and Audrey, should she be unable to care for them.

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

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

Nancy Putnam Leaves a Legacy for the Animals

When PAWS Chicago volunteer and foster caregiver Nancy Putnam adopted her beloved pets – two dogs and two cats – she made a commitment that they would be cared for and loved for the rest of their lives. Already in the process of planning her future, Nancy was thrilled to learn about PAWS Chicago's Guardian Angel program which guaranteed the care of her pets in the event that she and her boyfriend passed, and also enabled her to give the gift of life to homeless animals for years to come.

“PAWS Chicago is unlike any other shelter I've seen. The organization is dedicated to the welfare of animals throughout their entire life and is an amazing place for animals to live as they transition to a new home.”

“When I adopted my pets, I took on the responsibility to ensure that they are always cared for,” says Nancy. “I receive so much love and companionship from them that I wanted to give what I could back to them. For me, that included thinking about what would happen to them if I should pass.”

Nancy worked with her attorney, an admittedly simple process, to incorporate language about her bequest into a trust that will provide shelter, food, veterinary care, medicine and loving new homes for countless animals. Regarding the care of her own pets, Nancy outlined her wish to ensure that her dogs and cats would remain together, at least in pairs of two, for life.

“The Guardian Angel program has given me utter peace of mind,” said Nancy. “PAWS Chicago has such a high respect for animals and I'm so grateful that I can say with certainty that the wishes I have for my pets will be respected.”

about PAWS Chicago

Adoption & Humane Center
1997 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago

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Weekdays Noon – 7pm
Weekends 11am – 5pm

PAWS Chicago (Pets Are Worth Saving) is the city's largest No Kill humane organization, focused on alleviating Chicago's tragic pet homelessness problem. Since PAWS Chicago's founding, the number of homeless pets killed in the city has been reduced by more than half – from 42,561 pets killed in 1997 to 19,288 last year. PAWS Chicago envisions a No Kill Chicago and that dream is within reach because of important lifesaving work that is being done every single day.



Mitzie came to PAWS Chicago and suffered from hip dysplasia. She received an operation to repair her hip, is undergoing rehab in foster care and will soon be available for adoption.



Limbo arrived at PAWS Chicago and required the removal of a polyp. After receiving the procedure, Limbo is doing well and was recently adopted into her new home.

A National Model

People from across the nation are visiting PAWS Chicago every month to see how they can bring No Kill success to their communities. Only 11 years ago, PAWS Chicago was a fully volunteer grassroots organization. Now, PAWS Chicago's programs are recognized nationally.

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

Volunteer and give of yourself to the animals

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

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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Life-Saving Progress for Homeless Animals Continues toward a No Kill Chicago

The majority of stray and unwanted animals enter the shelter system through city impoundment facilities like the City of Chicago's Animal Care & Control (ACC). Thanks to the leadership of animal law professor Cherie Travis' recent appointment to director of ACC, euthanasia at the organization reached an all-time low of 10,805 cats and dogs. The enormity of this progress is demonstrated when compared to the 26,394 pets euthanized in 1997.

It is critical for privately funded shelters in the community to help the city pound by transferring pets into their adoption programs. In 2009, Chicagoland shelters transferred 2,504 homeless pets from ACC, paving the way to continue saving more lives than ever before.

The number of homeless pets transferred to Chicago area shelters in 2009:*

- PAWS Chicago – 1,988
- Anti-Cruelty Society – 213
- Animal Welfare League – 133
- Chicago Canine Rescue – 46
- New Leash on Life – 32
- Tree House – 26
- Windy City Animal Foundation – 22
- Arfhouse – 20
- Puppy Love-Love Cats – 8
- Lake Shore Animal Shelter – 6
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*Source: City of Chicago Animal Care & Control.

Note: the numbers above are for Chicago Area Shelters only – total transfers were 4,262.



Photo by: Gregory Pappas

FROM THE CHAIR

Oprah Winfrey and her first PAWS Chicago pup, Sadie! (Read how they met their new mom on page 8.)

We are also proud to announce that, for the eighth year in a row, PAWS Chicago has been awarded a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent charity evaluator. This prestigious rating reflects the dedication of our volunteer force and demonstrates our organizational efficiency, with donations directly going to saving lives. (See page 33.)

Since the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center opened in 2007 and has been featured on national television, hundreds of shelters and individuals across the country have contacted us to tour our state-of-the-art facility and learn about the No Kill model of sheltering. As a result, the public is taking notice and driving a change in how we, as a culture, accept the sheltering and killing of pets. The more our animal-loving community becomes knowledgeable about life saving solutions and advocates for homeless pets, the more traditional (open-door) cage-and-kill shelters will be forced to change.

The bottom line is transparency. A lack of transparency has resulted in the past 100 years of unbridled, silent killing of pets in shelters. PAWS Chicago's role is to protect homeless dogs and cats by educating the public, which in turn drives this needed change in sheltering.

As we move forward in 2010, we continue to work toward increasing adoptions to save more lives. We are also committed to reaching deeper into lower income neighborhoods to ensure that families in these areas, which have the highest populations of homeless animals, have access to free spay/neuter surgeries.

Thank you for your continued support of PAWS Chicago. Your dedication to homeless cats and dogs is the key to creating real, live-saving change that is currently spreading throughout Chicagoland and beyond.

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

Dear Friends,

Thanks to you, our community of financial supporters and volunteers, PAWS Chicago continues to grow and make an increasing impact on homeless pets. Your kindness and generosity continues to give the gift of life to thousands of homeless animals each year.

We began 2010 with two exciting adoptions. Sunny and Lauren, abandoned Springer Spaniel puppies that PAWS Chicago rescued, are now living with

DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Supporters,

Welcome to the Annual Report edition of *PAWS Chicago* magazine, which recognizes the generosity of our community of supporters. Without government support and with very few grants available, our donors fund the entire operating budget at PAWS Chicago each year.

Our special events alone fund more than 20 % of our operating budget and are indispensable in helping the homeless animals in our community find loving homes.

On July 22, join us at Castaways on North Avenue Beach for our Beach Party. You can Run for Their Lives in

our 8k Run/4k Walk on September 26 at Montrose Harbor. Team PAWS Chicago will be in high gear with the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon on August 1, the Chicago Triathlon on August 29 and the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 10. And our signature black tie Fur Ball will return to the Drake on November 12.

Thank you for your continued support.

Amy Mack
Development Board President



Classic Kids Photography

What are you Googling?

Chicago area's TOP 10 Google terms in 2009

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- 1) Impact CPS
- 2) CTA Bus Tracker
- 3) Second City Cop
- 4) RTA Trip Planner
- 5) Southtown Star
- 6) Metromix Chicago
- 7) Harold Washington College
- 8) PAWS Chicago**
- 9) Chicago Public Library
- 10) UIC.edu

Nationally, the most popular online searches reported by Google are related to education and transportation. In Chicago in 2009, internet searches closely resembled the national norms with one exception – PAWS Chicago – which was among the top 10 searches by Google users that live in the area. With "CTA Bus tracker" coming in just ahead at number two and "Chicago Public Library" at number nine, it is clear that PAWS Chicago's rank places the organization among Chicago's most popular and sought-after institutions.

"It's no surprise that PAWS Chicago was a top 10 search term on Google in the Chicago area for 2009," said Ted Souder, Google executive and PAWS Chicago Board Member. "Searches on Google are truly

a reflection of the spirit of the times and 2009 was a huge year for PAWS. From a record breaking Fur Ball last November to continued success turning Chicago into a No Kill city, PAWS Chicago is firing on all cylinders. If you think about all the things that people in Chicago can search, it's pretty telling that PAWS is important to the residents of Chicago and beyond."

So, what are people so eager to see? Most viewers visited the "Dogs Available" and "Cats Available" pages for a peak at Chicago's most eligible furry companions. After all, who can resist tracking 3,500 homeless pets on their journey through the adoption process?

Source: nbcchicago.com

Save the Date for these Special Events!

Visit www.pawschicago.org for event registration



July 16-23

All Star Adopt-A-Thon
PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center
1997 N. Clybourn, Chicago
Visit www.pawschicago.org for hours



August 1

6:30 a.m. start
Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon
Grant Park



September 26

9 a.m. start
Run for Their Lives
8k Run/4k Walk
Montrose Beach



July 22

6 p.m.
All Paws on Deck Beach Party
Castaways
North Avenue Beach Boathouse



August 22

12 - 4 p.m.
Angels with Tails Adoptions
Bucktown



October 10

7:30 a.m. start
Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Grant Park



July 25

12 - 4 p.m.
Angels with Tails Adoptions
West Loop



August 29

6 a.m. start
Triathlon
Chicago's Downtown Lakefront



November 12

6 p.m.
Fur Ball
The Drake Hotel

Oprah Winfrey Adopts Springer Spaniels Sunny & Lauren from PAWS Chicago

Meet Sadie's Siblings



Soon after the adoption of her adorable Cocker Spaniel, Sadie, Oprah Winfrey felt the familiar itch to expand her family just a little further. Having already adopted Sadie from PAWS Chicago, and dedicating the "Sophie's Place" suite in honor of her beloved Sophie who passed away in 2008, she knew just who to call. Oprah contacted PAWS Chicago's founder Paula Fasseas in July 2009 and expressed interest in keeping an eye out for any Springer Spaniels that were in need of a home.

In January 2010, Fasseas received a call from the PAWS Chicago's intake team that three Springer Spaniels had just been picked up from Chicago Animal Care and Control. Pictures of the beautiful black and white puppies were sent to Oprah who immediately fell in love.

On the January 29 episode of "Oprah," which also happened to be her birthday, 14-week-old siblings Sunny and Lauren were introduced to their new mom in front of a live audience by Fasseas and Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM. The third puppy, Trent, was also adopted by a friend on the show. After meeting her new babies, Oprah and Fasseas discussed the importance of spay/neuter procedures for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation.

Thank you Oprah for your continued support of PAWS Chicago and for delivering the No Kill message to your audience so that more homeless animals can live long, happy and loving lives.



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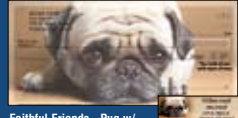
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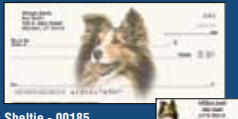
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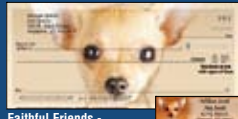
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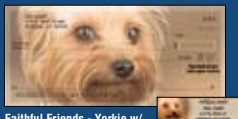
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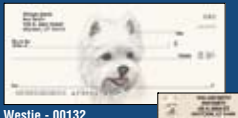
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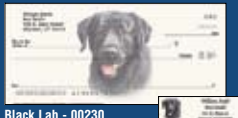
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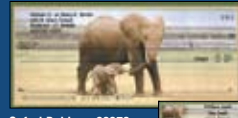
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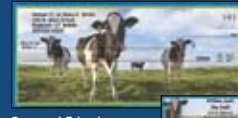
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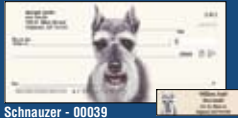
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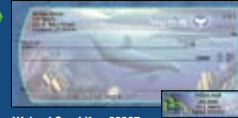
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By Julie Mazzola

PAWS Chicago a Leader in Innovating Best Practices



'Shelter medicine' is a relatively new phenomenon that has become the latest emerging field among top veterinary colleges. Although animal shelters and veterinary medicine both have long established histories, the specialized veterinary field of shelter medicine only arose with the advent of No Kill sheltering in the mid-1990's.

Traditional kill shelters operate under a system of herd management, where sick cats and dogs and the pets housed in direct proximity are killed before they can contaminate the rest of the shelter population. Pets with injuries or those who are deemed too young (litters or others not yet eight weeks) or too old (often only at six years of age) are classified as "unadoptable" and killed because they require too much time, care and resources to be ready for adoption.

No Kill shelters, like PAWS Chicago, utilize a case management veterinary system where every single pet is treated as an individual and given the nurturing, treatment and rehabilitation

needed. Euthanasia is only reserved for pets irremediably suffering, in which medical treatment cannot alleviate their condition, or for vicious dogs who pose a threat to the public.

By integrating state-of-the-art proper facility protocols (such as high-quality air ventilation systems, cleaning protocols and shelter design) to prevent disease transmission and extensive medical procedures to treat shelter animals with a large variance of illnesses and injuries, PAWS Chicago has become a national model in sheltering and is helping sick pets to get well quicker and to be ready for adoption faster. These protocols and procedures, with the goal of preventing healthy pets from getting sick and helping sick pets get well to be ready for adoption, differ from private practice veterinary medicine. For shelters to accomplish their mission of placing as many homeless pets as possible with new families, the need for shelter medicine studies and veterinarians who are trained to care for animals specifically in a shelter environment is critical.

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Maddie's Fund Leading the Way

Credit for the burgeoning field of shelter medicine is due entirely to the work of Maddie's Fund, established in 1999 by PeopleSoft and Workday Founder Dave Duffield and his wife Cheryl. With the goal of creating an adoption guaranteed (No Kill) nation, Maddie's Fund has established ground-breaking programs within existing veterinary colleges and provides grants to collaborating shelters through its Shelter Medicine Grant Program.

Maddie's established the nation's first comprehensive shelter medicine program in 2001 at UC Davis, which resulted in the first shelter medicine residency program and the nation's first shelter medicine web site. Currently, Maddie's Fund has active grants at 13 colleges of veterinary medicine at institutions including Purdue University, University of Florida and Cornell University.

Shelter Medicine at PAWS Chicago

Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine, with shelter partner PAWS Chicago, received the second largest shelter medicine grant from Maddie's Fund in 2008. This funding has enabled PAWS Chicago to expand and evolve its shelter medicine program, the first of its kind to be integrated at the shelter level, and has provided an opportunity for the organization to lead the way in innovative best practices.

"PAWS Chicago is a pioneer in recognizing the value of preventative medicine for shelter animals," said Dr. Laurie Peek, DVM, Veterinary Program Director for Maddie's Fund. "They are one of the leaders in the industry for demonstrating the implementation of shelter medicine practices to improve the health and well being of homeless dogs and cats and have embraced this for each and every animal in their care."

Purdue University and PAWS Chicago are working to conduct in-depth studies to better understand animals that are housed in a shelter setting, and to provide real-life educational experiences to students and licensed veterinarians in shelter medicine. Currently, four studies are being conducted that will help to improve efficiencies and maximize limited resources of shelters, looking at:

- Puppy/kitten responses to antibiotics and their cure time based on their health at intake
- Which antibiotics have the greatest impact on increasing cure time of population animals
- The true health requirements of cats with FIV as compared to that of healthy cats
- Measuring antibodies in dogs and puppies to determine timing of parvo and distemper vaccinations and to reduce time to adoption



From an educational standpoint, PAWS Chicago offers applied experience through an externship program for fourth-year DVM students, a certified vet tech externship program and a fellowship program in shelter medicine for licensed, experienced veterinarians. All programs take place on-site at PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center.

"Shelter medicine is truly transforming sheltering by raising awareness about this specific need among future veterinarians and vet techs by providing an opportunity to experience what it is to work in PAWS Chicago's state-of-the-art shelter," said Dr. Annette Lister, DVM, director of Purdue University's Maddie's Fund Shelter Medicine Program. "Our goal is to inspire our students to take the best practices learned and employ them at other shelters so that they too can guarantee the life of all healthy and treatable animals."

According to Dr. Peek, the great majority of shelters that have veterinarians on staff utilize them primarily for spay/neuter surgeries. They do not take full advantage of the doctor's skill set to provide holistic care to all animals in their care. Dr. Peek underscores that both preventative surgery and preventative medicine must be in play together.

Impressed with PAWS Chicago's commitment to make Chicago a No Kill city, Dr. Cynthia Crawford, DVM, University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, noted the hallmarks that sets the organization apart. "We are pleased with the fact that PAWS Chicago has two separate centers – the Rescue & Recovery Center and Adoption Center – each with its own focus to eliminate euthanasia. We also believe that their partnership with Chicago Animal Care and Control, combined with enrichment programs for animals and a commitment to strive for improvement in their programs are great steps in saving the lives of homeless cats and dogs." Though in its infancy, shelter medicine is already saving lives.



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Pet Store Disclosure Bill Passes!



Bill positively impacts the sale of animals in Illinois pet stores

Thanks in part to the many calls from PAWS Chicago supporters, the Illinois state legislature unanimously passed a bill that strengthens disclosure requirements on all dogs or cats made available for adoption or sale by pet shop operators in Illinois pet stores, including adoptions or sales available over the internet.

Sponsored by Rep. Susana Mendoza, D-Chicago, and Sen. Jeffrey Schoenberg, D-Evanston, and actively supported by Rep. Tom Cross, R-Oswego, the bill requires pet stores to disclose information about the origination of all animals including the name and address of the breeder, a record of all veterinary conditions and treatments and information about congenital or hereditary defects of the animals' parents. An acknowledgement of the disclosed information must be signed by the customer and an authorized representative of the pet shop before a sale can be finalized.

The passing of the bill amends the Animal Welfare Act and Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and considers violations of the disclosure requirements as an unlawful practice.

This is terrific news for the thousands of dogs and cats who are often raised in mills – unlicensed dog and cat breeding facilities with substandard living and medical conditions – and are eventually sold, often with hidden diseases and illnesses, to unknowing consumers in pet stores.

A special thank you to Rep. Susana Mendoza, D-Chicago, Sen. Jeffrey Schoenberg, D-Evanston and Republican Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego.

Thank you for all your calls to the House and Senate. The bill passed unanimously!



Senator Richard Durbin Introduces New Federal Legislation Cracking Down on Puppy Mills

On Friday, May 28, Senator Richard Durbin, D-Ill., held a press conference at PAWS Chicago introducing new federal legislation cracking down on puppy mills. Joined by Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and Illinois State Director for the Humane Society of the United States, Jordan Matyas, the conference was held on the Rooftop Garden of the Adoption & Humane Center. Dozens of human and canine supporters were in attendance along with members of the Chicago media.

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This proposed legislation comes after the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Inspector General conducted an audit of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Animal Care Unit and found several flaws in their handling of puppy mill investigations. Senator Durbin called the report “troubling” saying it contains several graphic photos of wounded dogs suffering in puppy mills and photos of the deplorable conditions they were living in.

As a result of the findings, the Inspector General made several recommendations, calling for more

enforcement, more photographic documentation for investigation records and increased enforcement against repeat violators and offenders. During the press conference, Durbin mentioned a call he had with the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsak, who acknowledged the problem and is working to change it by investing \$5 million into the agency for more inspectors and new training courses.

Durbin also discussed a major loophole in the Animal Welfare Act that applies to internet sales. Large breeding facilities (puppy mills) that sell dogs online are currently exempt from APHIS inspection and licensing requirements. The Senator introduced the Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety (PUPS) Act to close this loophole and make sure internet breeders are also inspected and held to the same standards as wholesale breeders are across America.

“If you saw the photographs of these dogs in this report you would not believe it,” said Durbin. “It is incredible that these people who are supposedly raising dogs to sell them to loving people, treat them so inhumanely. We are working with the Humane Society and are reaching out to veterinarians across America; we want to move forward with this. We want to make sure that everyone who buys an animal, whether it's in a store or on the internet, knows that the animal has been treated humanely by the breeder.”

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Cat Wellness

Helpful advice to keep your kitty in tip top shape

By Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM

Cats!

They are the number one pet in America, and we spend more annually on cat food than we do on baby food.

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Many feline medical problems I routinely see are often linked to either stress or poor nutrition. These include: Obesity, inappropriate urination, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, kidney and liver disease, hyperesthesia (itchy skin), allergies, thyroid disease, asthma and even behavior issues. If you have an obligate carnivore (an animal that MUST eat meat to survive), a *Felis catus*, living in your home, it is best to feed a proper carnivore diet. It makes perfect sense to nourish the body with food it is designed to digest. Having once helped to hand-raise a baby Sumatran tiger, I'm thoroughly

aware that, digestion-wise, cats are only a stalk, spring, and a jump away from their ancestral roots.

Specific nutrition requirements are essential for a cat's survival. For example, they require taurine in their diet or they become blind and develop heart disease. They must eat every day and can get quite ill (hepatic lipidosis) if they don't eat regularly.

Cats are hypersensitive to many human foods and medications, and small amounts can be deadly. (So ask a vet before you give a human treat or medication—even topically.) As kittens they learn what is food and

what isn't. Once they come to trust a specific type of food, it can be difficult to change. Cats have evolved to be very finicky about what they put in their mouths. This indicates that suitable food, from an evolutionary standpoint, is vital for the survival of the cat species.

Cats are fascinating to work with. Of course, the rule about cats is that there is no rule about cats. But that adds to their mystique and the fun. I want to decipher them from every angle. I try to find out what's going on in their heads, how they react to their world, and then use my observations as

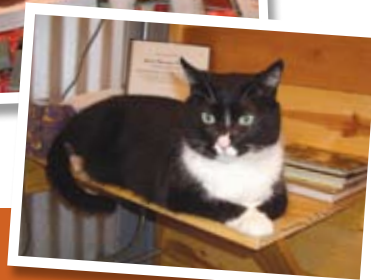
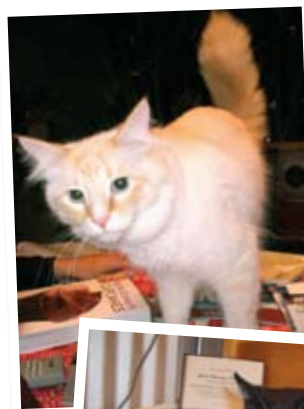
part of the data to treat cat issues.

Felines are not pack animals but they do enjoy a few BFFs. There is a delicate social balance among cats that may be invisible to the human eye. It can be useful to know whether a cat is top, bottom or in between in the family hierarchy. High stress levels in cats can really wreak havoc on their health. A typical cat sitting on a window ledge can be harboring many stressors, but showing few signs of it. She may be thirsty or needing to go to the litterbox, but her sister may be blockading the exit by sitting on the nearby chair. A serious territory war may only be seen in a slight tail flick, or a slow change in posture. But even these unseen stressors can increase adrenal gland activity, blood glucose levels, muscle tension, or gastrointestinal transit time. All very useful for a short war, but not useful for daily life in close quarters. And certainly not helpful for long-term health.

Poor nutrition puts stress on

the body making a cat less efficient at fighting pathogens and less able to maintain optimal health. My diet no-no's for cats are no corn, no wheat, and no white potato. These guidelines help not only health problems but also behavior issues. The protein content should be at least 30% (dry matter) and canned or raw foods are better than dry in many respects. Expecting a cat to live in harmony with many other cats while feeding a high-carb diet is like feeding a bunch of kids sugar and expecting them to play nice in a small room. It always ends in tears... and scratches.

Anytime you change diets, be sure the cat will eat the new food and that it agrees with her. Slow changes are best – over 10-14 days. Offer food first thing in the morning or when hungry, just before a meal is served. If the cat doesn't eat it, feed what she will eat. It's no use trying to "force" a cat to eat the food. Cats typically won't eat what they don't



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want. Calm and gradual coaxing is often the only effective method.

Exercise is also helpful for feline weight loss. But it's difficult to convince the cat to get on the treadmill. "Walking" on a leash for most cats is usually dragging on a leash – and more exercise for you than the cat—which could be a good thing for you...

If your cat is treat-motivated, you can throw a treat up or down a hallway or staircase and he will run and retrieve. I have even had cats walking in my underwater treadmill at my clinic. These cats either had an injury, arthritis or other musculoskeletal problem that was ameliorated by water therapy. However, with most overweight animals, a really good diet alone, over time, will work wonders.

There are myriad reasons why cats avoid using the litterbox: Medical issues—UTI, crystals, stones, painful urination or defecation, growths in the bladder, other physiological issues—uncleaned litterbox, too few litterboxes, litter type not favored by cat, doorway mat not comfortable (plastic grasses, etc), litterbox location/

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Logistical solutions to ensure a cool cat

- Owners with multi-cat households should be aware of each singular cat's nature—this minimizes the stress of living in a large group.
- Procure the right number of litterboxes—best is the number of cats you have (N) plus 1 more.
- Choose a quiet place for the box, that is easy to access, and is not in an area that gets too hot or cold.
- Clean the litterbox daily (cats have a superior olfactory sense) and use an unscented, clumping litter.
- Don't use an uncomfortable mat (plastic grass or such) in front of the box.
- Have "safe places" for each cat—hiding spots or a protected area where they like to hang out.
- Maintain multiple food and water stations. Are they easy to get to? Cats are desert animals, and by the time they feel thirsty, they may be a bit dehydrated already. And if they are feeling intimidated, it may add to a health problem. If you're fighting kidney/urinary tract issues or diabetes, plentiful water is a must.
- If your cat is overweight, move the food to a place where the cat has to do a little exercise to get to the bowl – like up a stairway, over a little homemade obstacle course or down a hallway from a favorite hang out.
- Feed your cat a "Catkins" diet—a low-carb diet. Feeding a cat a high-carb diet is a disaster for a carnivore in many ways. Carb-heavy diets increase the incidence of obesity, are associated with diabetes, inflammatory bowel problems, and allergies. Without the carbs, cats with these conditions improve and lose weight.
- If you need to give pills or medicine, coat with butter, put in freezer for a minute to make it easier to hold.
- Minimize contact, where possible, with plastic bowls (exacerbates chin acne and allergies).
- Make sure there is generally low stress associated with the food bowl or litter box or living situation.

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Playing Nice

Stopping Your Dog's Aggression toward Other Dogs

By Joan Harris



Every spring, Chicago's lakefront and parks turn into a huge playground and dog owners look forward to spending time with their canine companions taking longer walks and trips to the beach. This however, may not be the case for some owners who have a dog that behaves aggressively towards other dogs or people while walking on a leash or in the park. This behavior can take the fun out of any outing resulting in the owner's guilt and embarrassment and usually affects the quality of life of their dog.

If you are one of these frustrated dog owners, the good news is that help is available if you're willing to put in the work. The first step is understanding the problem. 'Leash aggression' is the term that trainers use to describe a dog who behaves aggressively at the sight of another dog or passerby and is an extremely common problem. This unsocial display of lunging, barking and growling is usually caused by one of two factors. Sometimes the dog experienced a bad situation with another dog or person that triggers his survival instinct to ward off any approaches that could cause him harm. Most commonly, it is due to the frustration of being restrained from being able to approach or explore other dogs or people. Either way, the owner's anxiety usually causes a tightening of the leash which increases the frustration and the habit is formed.

Once this habit is formed, the rush of adrenalin the dog experiences is apparently self-rewarding and the dog remains constantly alert for new encounters. If another dog returns the aggression, it

is even more exciting. It can spread to a fixation on squirrels, other small animals and even children. Getting control of the problem usually involves going back to the basics of training, exercise and socialization. Remember, if a habit has been going on for a long time, it will take some time to change the behavior.

Enrolling in an obedience class can be a good starting point. A good obedience class will teach your dog to give you attention on command and to take direction from you while walking on a leash. These two skills will be practiced in the class in the presence of other dogs and distractions. Homework involves practicing these disciplines in several locations and settings. If the dog is extremely reactive or the handler is very nervous, it may be a good idea to start with an evaluation or a few private sessions first. Your trainer can instruct you on how to keep a loose lead in order to direct your dog without tension. He may also suggest the use of a tool, such as a head halter, to help you gain control.

As you gain confidence, your dog will become assured that you are in control and will begin to relax while out in public. It is very helpful to give a reactive dog extra exercise to help relieve his frustrations. Long walks or jogging can be helpful as well as retrieving games that exercise the dog's drive to chase moving objects. Agility classes provide a physical outlet as well as fostering teamwork between the dog and his handler.

Many dogs exhibit aggressive behavior due to lack of socialization or a bad experience during the socialization process. When this is the case, it is important to proceed slowly and to set your dog up for success. Start by finding a location where dogs frequently pass by and stay a good distance away. Bring a whole bunch of tasty treats that will keep your dog's attention. When your dog spots another dog, pull out some of these tasty treats and feed them to your dog. You must practice this several times a week at this distance until you see your dog looking up at you for the treats whenever a dog is present.

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temperature/distance or box size (for example: too small, covered) not good for cat, or, as already mentioned, social pressure (blockade by a dominant cat).

For cats with urinary issues, a low-carb, canned food or raw food diet should be seriously considered. The increased water content, higher protein and decreased carbs that tend to be in canned and raw foods is healthier for your carnivorous cat.

Whoever designed dry kibble, certainly didn't understand the nature of a cat. Kibble is not better for the teeth. It is not better for these cats' health (remember what they eat affects the pH of the urine. A proper pH is essential to avoid crystals or stones which can cause discomfort when urinating, making a cat not want to go back in that painful litterbox). It is always best to consult a veterinarian.

Definitely have a urine sample checked when faced with a maverick cat urinating out of the box. Some of these conditions can be life-threatening, so be sure to start with a veterinary consult.

While many troubling conditions improve with decreased stress and diet



change alone, I often use other modalities when necessary. Acupuncture is a great healing technique for many medical issues in cats – including stress, kidney disease, diabetes, allergies, and asthma. Felines are surprisingly tolerant of needles and respond well to Chinese Medicine. I generally prefer a light touch with my cat patients, and so do they. A little bit of prevention and holistic intervention goes a long way. My cat patients always amaze me with their complexity. The more I can do with nutrition, logistical household support and educated common sense, the happier and healthier the cat will be.

A cat needs to experience its cat-like essence. Sometimes cats just aren't happy as indoor cats and need to be allowed to go outside if possible. This can relieve a significant amount of tension. Or, if you're lucky, your cat might tolerate a harness and take walks with you. My neighbors watch incredulously as I parade by with my dog on a leash and my cat accompanying us, indicating our true direction with a flick of his tail.

Cats are unique creatures, exquisitely sensitive, yet they are still little tigers at heart.



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Gradually move closer until you can walk by a dog while feeding your dog. For some dogs, a favorite ball or tug toy can be used to replace the treats.

Most dog owners would love to have a dog that can play happily with all dogs at the park. Unfortunately, some dogs do not have the genetic make-up to do this as they mature into adulthood. Not all dogs are "dog park" dogs and therefore, prefer the company of humans or a dog they are familiar with from puppyhood. If you adopt a dog and have little or no information about the dog's past history, you will want to begin your socialization process one dog at a time. Pick a dog who has been



Refine your dog's socialization skills early by introducing him to other dogs. Start slowly with one dog who is friendly and confident and use treats as positive reinforcement to good behavior.

highly socialized and is confident and good natured. You may want to keep all your dog's play dates to small groups or just one compatible dog until you feel comfortable. In the beginning, keep toys, rawhides and food bowls out of the area. These items can cause dogs to become possessive. If at any time you begin to feel uncomfortable or you see an unhealthy pattern developing, consult a dog behavior specialist before continuing your socialization process.

Remember that changing your dog's behavior is a slow process that can't be rushed. Every time you allow your dog to exhibit an aggressive response, you are reinforcing a bad habit. Work at a distance

that your dog can handle and provide him with successful experiences. Don't make excuses for his problems and do seek the help of a professional. Aggression problems don't go away on their own and do get worse with time if left untreated. Making an investment of time and patience will give you many enjoyable experiences in the future with your dog.



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The JOY of Fostering

by Kristina Moen

“ I love the first few days with a new foster cat - watching the confusion turn into joy at the discovery of a paper bag, or fear turn into trust with the discovery of gentle hands and a slicker brush. I am writing this article with a cat sitting under my bed. I just picked him up today from the PAWS Chicago Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, and he is still exploring my apartment. He is quite scrawny, but that will change over the next couple of weeks.



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I am a law student transplant to Chicago, and I started fostering about nine months ago. I grew up with a big family and a lot of animals, so living alone in a studio felt lonely. I can't commit to adopting a pet, as I often leave town for weeks at a time and I am not sure what lies ahead after graduation.

Enter the PAWS Chicago Foster Program! It is incredibly convenient. Each week I receive an e-mail with a list of cats that need foster homes. The e-mail contains information like age, medical issues, and the time frame. This last part is key – I can foster a cat that needs a home for the exact dates that I have one to give.

Then comes the fun part! I never know what the cats will be like – I've fostered cats who have leapt out of their crates and greeted me with purrs and cats who hid for two days in the most surprising spots before tentatively emerging. It's always a new experience. They all have different personalities, and it is fun to get to know each one.

My apartment always feels more alive when I am fostering – there are cats chasing each other around my kitchen island or just sleeping peacefully on my bed. I'll admit that I am often tempted to join them on the bed, but their presence actually helps me study. My apartment does not feel so silent and sterile.

Fostering is an ideal situation for students because they have such inconsistent schedules. I often see e-mails from students seeking cat and dog sitters over Winter and Spring break. I never have to worry about that. This also seems like the best time to foster because I can foster any cat, as I have no other pets and no children. I have fostered FeLV+ cats, for example.

Fostering can be wonderful stress relief from school. Whenever I get a new foster cat, other students are eager to come by and meet the new resident. Sometimes I foster kittens, and then my apartment becomes very popular! I can see how much joy students get from of a cat purring

in their lap or kittens playing with a string, especially during exam period. This kind of socialization is wonderful for a cat who otherwise would have been in the shelter or clinic environment for weeks.

People sometimes ask me how I can give up a foster cat after only a couple of weeks or months. It's easy because I know that I have laid a foundation of trust in humans that the cat can bring to his or her new home. Each cat will have an easier time adjusting to a home environment after being adopted. I can affect the lives of many animals, instead of just one. That is the real joy of fostering.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

by Catherine Crown



Scott Summerville & Sue Van Winkle

Partly because of his work as an international marketing executive and partly because of a shared spirit for adventure, Scott Summerville and Sue Van Winkle have traveled all over the world throughout their 23 year marriage.

They climbed Mount Fuji in Japan,

volunteered at an elephant sanctuary in Thailand, drove classic cars in Tuscany and extensively explored places most only read about: Tibet, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, and India. Along with Atlanta, Milwaukee and now Chicago, they've lived in Hong Kong and Beijing.

Scott and Sue began volunteering at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center in 2008. They've socialized dogs and worked with potential adopters, and currently devote considerable time to "anything and everything that needs to be done." They adopted their Shih Tzu Dudley from PAWS Chicago in January.

While living in Asia, Scott and Sue developed a keen empathy for and active interest in helping elephants injured by land mines and black bears confined and bred for outdated medical practices. Although elephants and bears sparked their "affinity toward animals in trouble,"

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Hisham & Lee Anne Petry

In 2002 when their friend, neighbor and PAWS Chicago Executive Director Rochelle Michalek mentioned she knew a dog needing a temporary home, Hisham and Lee Anne Petry were happy to help. They've been fostering dogs for PAWS Chicago ever since, opening their home and their hearts to litters of puppies, older dogs and even dogs with behavioral issues.

"We've fallen in love with each of our fosters," Lee Anne says. "It's always difficult to give them up, but we know they're moving on to very good homes." It's not uncommon for the Petry's to keep in touch with their fosters' permanent owners. "It's so rewarding to hear how dogs we've helped bring so much love to their adopted families," she says.

Three-month-old Maude, "a little black terrier with a white beard" came to live with Hisham, a research fellow at Northwestern University and Lee Anne, a communications manager, in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina. Maude was abandoned and brought to Chicago in one of many PAWS Chicago rescue efforts. "She was completely traumatized, nearly catatonic," says Hisham. But within just a few days, she became a playful puppy, full of energy and curiosity. "The transformation was truly unbelievable," says Lee Anne. "It's



Judy Tullman

"If I won the lottery," says Judy Tullman, "I'd help people who are struggling financially to take care of their pets. I'd do everything I could think of to help educate, to help get the word out that there are so many wonderful animals in dire need of good homes, and I'd help

create a second PAWS Chicago so we could save even more homeless animals."

Judy Tullman is an ambitious woman. She's been with PAWS Chicago since its inception in 1997, continues to serve on the development board, participates in many Angels with Tails events, has co-chaired several Fur Ball galas and regularly greets newcomers when they first arrive at the Adoption Center.

"I enjoy welcoming people to PAWS Chicago and sharing our wonderful mission," she says. "PAWS is a friendly place. Many people walk in hoping to find the right dog or cat. Others stop by because they're curious about what we do, and some arrive because they've recently lost a pet to illness or old age and want to be around those who understand this kind of loss."

When dogs are adopted, they get their pictures taken with their new owners and a special PAWS bandana to wear home.

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a testament to the power of patience, love and to the remarkable resilience of dogs.”

Hisham and Lee Anne give much credit to their own two dogs Chaplin, a 13-year-old golden retriever and Bailey, an 11-year-old terrier mix for “teaching us how to be effective foster parents. After they’ve settled in, we include our fosters in everything we do. They see how our dogs interact with us which encourages our fosters to do the same. We focus on showing them how to be part of a family,” Lee Anne says. Hisham agrees. “We’ve put so much training into our own dogs, and they pass it on.”

Like Hisham and Lee Anne, Chaplin and Bailey work as a team. “Bailey provides discipline and establishes the rules, the way a mother dog would,” Hisham says. “Chaplin provides unconditional love, which is essential too.” Whereas Chaplin allows puppies to jump all over her and even chew on her ears, Bailey will bark or give other canine cues until a new dog “learns to approach her with restraint,” Hisham says. “Nervous dogs often curl up with Chaplin,” says Lee Anne. “We call her Saint Chaplin because she’s so tolerant.”

Along with their extensive and expert fostering, the Petrys have run for PAWS Chicago in the Chicago Marathon, volunteered at Angels with Tails events, and participated in family volunteering sessions at the Adoption Center. “We believe it’s important to help build stronger communities, and supporting PAWS Chicago is one of the ways to do it,” Hisham says.

“I come from a family that values service. My grandfather and great grandfather were ministers. My parents were civil rights advocates and worked with peace organizations.” He and Lee Anne are committed to carry on this important family tradition. “Ultimately,” Hisham says, “the compassion we show our pets reflects our capacity for compassion towards one another.”

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they agree one experience in Chicago transformed their lives forever: the four months they spent caring for Diedra, a terminally ill, five-year-old black Labradoodle from PAWS Chicago.

Scott and Sue met Diedra in February 2009. She was diagnosed with stage three cancer and her prognosis was not good. "The problem was finding a home for such an ill dog," Scott says. "Based on the grim possibilities with her type of cancer, an argument could be made to put her down, and that might have been a fair decision." However, Scott and Sue believed, and veterinarians confirmed, Diedra still had time to enjoy life. "She wagged her tail a lot, had a huge appetite and was outwardly very healthy," Scott says.

Scott and Sue took her in because they felt strongly Diedra deserved to spend the remainder of her life in a loving home. "It wasn't about us, it was about Diedra," Sue says. "It hurt to know we'd lose her, but we had to take care of her. We had to push away the pain because the day-to-day was so wonderful."

Diedra loved car rides and plenty of walks. She chased geese, played at Montrose beach and made a lot of friends. "In a short time, everybody knew Diedra. She came into our lives shortly after we'd moved to Chicago," he says. "We didn't know too many people in the neighborhood, but now we're on a first name basis with most of them."

As predicted, Diedra's cancer eventually returned. She died last summer and is fondly remembered. Her portrait hangs prominently in Sue and Scott's Lincoln Park home. "Because we spent so much time with her and she changed our lives in so many positive ways, it could have been four years," Scott says. "People often want to adopt a puppy or a young dog so they can have more time," he adds. "But from experience, believe me, even a few months with a dog can be incredibly rewarding."

Judy Tullman continued

“When you see the little red bandana go on, it’s just great; it’s the best feeling,” Judy says.

When she’s not busy at PAWS Chicago, she’s busy at home with her husband Howard, their three dogs and two cats. All five Tullman pets were rescued; three of them adopted from PAWS Chicago. “Howard and I love walking all three dogs together. But when he’s not with me, I walk them in shifts. We all do a lot of walking. And we love it.”

As this weren’t enough, she’s an actively involved with Chicago’s Children’s Museum at Navy Pier and takes classes Anshe Emet Synagogue in Lakeview.

Judy knows what she wants and is prepared to go after it. In 1998 she was instrumental in creating Chicago’s first dog park, informally known as Wiggly Field. “Because it’s close to the El and kind of noisy, not many people were using the park,” Judy says. “The city was getting complaints from people about dogs in other parks, so I thought, why not?”

Although a reasonable enough idea, the project took several years to become a reality, requiring many meetings with countless city committees and caused quite a few headaches for Judy. “But I’d do it all over again,” she says. “I’m lucky to have a yard now, but I didn’t back then. And there are always going to be dog owners in city apartments or condos who need large, open areas to take their dogs to. Dogs need to be dogs, and this usually means spending time running around, playing with other dogs.”

Today, there are more than sixteen dog friendly public outdoor spaces across Chicago.



Cedric and McGhee, two formerly stray cats, allow Catherine Crown to live with them in Lakeview. Cedric was honored in September of 2008 by the *Chicago Sun-Times* as one of the city’s ‘Top Cats,’ a fact McGhee refuses to recognize.

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Both kittens – one grey and one black – will soon be ready for adoption at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center.

The kittens were living with a number of siblings and two feral female cats that were caring for them. Once the remaining kittens are caught, they will join the others at PAWS Chicago and begin their road to finding forever homes. The two mothers who are feral cats will be spayed, vaccinated and microchipped before being returned to their outdoor home where they will continue to be cared for.

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The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to honor Chicago's Animal Crimes Team for their dedication toward ending dog fighting and the many violent crimes associated with this criminal act. Honorees of the Animal Crimes Team Leadership were Police Superintendent Jody Weis, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, Cook County Deputy Sheriff Steven Davis and USDA Special Agent In Charge Joe Smith. Honorees of the Animal Crimes Team were Sergeant Mark George, Police Officer Robert Foss, Police Officer Mark Trost, Police Officer Lisa Russell, Police Officer Matthew Darling, Police Officer Reginald Ward, Cook County Sheriff's Police Officer Larry Draus, Cook County Sheriff's Police Officer Tyra Brown, USDA Agent Michael Parrish, USDA Agent Sal Gonzalez and USDA Agent Joseph Golden. *(Read more about the Animal Crimes Team, 2010 Heroes of the Year, on page 40.)*

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Why Dogs LOVE US

Evolutionary anthropologist Brian Hare explores the bonds that, over thousands of years, have linked dogs and humans.

By Robert J. Bliwise



Buffy is having a good day. Just four years old, she isn't shy around strangers. She shows the energy of a wind-up toy, bumping into chairs with abandon, and the inquisitiveness of an alien dropped into a strange environment, sniffing out the scene in the room. She is a sixty-five-pound mixed-breed "Hawaiian sled dog"—some Samoyed, some German shepherd, and some indeterminate other influences.

Today, she is working with Brian Hare, a dogged (truly) assistant professor of evolutionary anthropology at the Duke Canine Cognition Lab, to complete a food-finding task presented under various conditions. First she's tested to see whether she grabs for treats placed in front of her owner, in front of an experimenter, or at some remove from both. Next she's tested to gauge her understanding of a very basic concept: A green plastic cup is placed over the treat, obscuring it from view; will she realize the treat is still to be found? She gets it—that is, she consistently pushes the cup with her snout in search of her edible objective.

From there it gets harder. Two cups are put on the floor; an experimenter may supply one or both, surreptitiously, with the treat. Sometimes the owner points to the one treat-bearing cup. Sometimes an assistant, a "stranger" to Buffy, does. And sometimes, when both cups are provided with the treats, both the owner and the stranger are pointing, one to the left, one to the right. How will the treat-seeking Buffy—deprived of any verbal signals or eye contact—respond to the pointing of her owner versus that of a stranger?

The casual, non-canine observer might figure that Buffy could simply sniff out the treat. But lab director Kara Schroeffer points out that there are enough residual smells in the room—including those left by previous dog subjects—to confuse a dog in search of a particular telltale smell.

From earlier studies, researchers know that "if you have a stranger play with a dog for twenty minutes, they have—the dog and the human—a reduction in cortisol, a spike in oxytocin, a spike in norepinephrine, and a spike in prolactin," he says. "All those neurotransmitters are

things that are involved in making you feel less anxious, very happy, and very social. Cortisol is a stress hormone, and if you have very high levels, it means something is negatively arousing you. So interacting with a dog makes you feel really good. And it makes the dog feel really good."

"Dogs love us," Hare says. "They're obsessed with humans. They're fascinated with us, and they've been bred to be so. It's a little bit artificial for me to have a social interaction with a chimpanzee and make conclusions about its social cognition. With a dog, the best social stimulus you can have is a human."

But humans haven't necessarily been adept at understanding dogs, a phenomenon that presents a scientific opportunity. "Where dogs have been selected to be obsessed with humans, humans have not been selected to be obsessed with dogs," he says. "When I'm with my dog, he's watching me constantly. He wants to be in the same room. He wants to know where I'm going, he wants to know what I'm doing, he wants to know what I'm touching. I'm not watching him

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that way. That means I miss a lot of stuff that he's doing."

That human-canine dynamic suggests we're too quick to interpret dog behavior in terms of human behavior. A dog's view of the world, though, isn't our view. Imagine your dog, fresh from shredding your living-room couch or gulping down the entire cake on the dining-room table. He goes slinking off with his lowered tail. Is he feeling guilt? It's more likely, Hare says, that he's feeling anxiety as a result of your threatening posture.

Hare had an early dog obsession. Oreo, a black Labrador, was his first dog. "He was my best friend growing up." Hare became fascinated with the dog's ball-fetching skill. "He was totally obsessed, just like any Labrador. He didn't want to chase ducks; he wanted to chase tennis balls. He had a really big slobbery mouth, where he could get three tennis balls in at the same time." Oreo was so driven to grab the first ball that he couldn't locate the next couple of balls Hare threw in rapid succession. The balls were somewhere out there, Oreo knew, but where?

Hare, then, had to signal the position of the other balls. "He would use my pointing gesture to locate the ball. I never thought about it. Then I went to college, and I realized that was something that was interesting."

An Atlanta native, Hare went to Emory University. In high school he had interned at Zoo Atlanta, concentrating on drills, baboon-like primates, so it was easy for him to talk his way into the primatology lab of Michael Tomasello. Tomasello was investigating the use of gestures to communicate in chimpanzees, one of humankind's closest relatives. Scientists think that at fourteen to eighteen months of age, humans start to pay attention to social cues; we use those cues to read someone else's intentions. If chimps couldn't be shown to replicate that behavior, then, as Hare puts it, the lab would be "onto something really big about what makes us human."

It turned out that if you hide food from chimps and then point to show them where to find it, they just don't get it. "The chimps really are not good at this," says Hare. And it's surprising because they are so good at so many other things. They're good at cooperating. They're good at learning how to use tools. They're good at having coalitions and alliances."

That insight into primate limitations was important, Tomasello assured Hare. "At some point it dawned on me that my dog does that," Hare recalls. "I played with the dog a million times with tennis balls, and I knew that if I pointed, he'd go and get the ball. An eventual experiment involved Hare's videotaping his two dogs at home in Atlanta—Oreo, who was still around, and his brother's dog, Daisy. It validated the idea that dogs could locate hidden food by a point alone.



"Everybody would think that there would be hardly any tasks that a dog could do that a chimp couldn't," says Tomasello. "But evolution doesn't work that way. Evolution is not a ladder up to human beings. It's a tree with all kinds of branches on it. And dogs occupy a very special branch."

Part of what makes them interesting is that dogs, unlike primates, have been selected to interact with humans; they can communicate with humans in ways that other animals can't. They are the first animal to be domesticated, something that happened between 15,000 and 40,000 years ago. A common assumption about dog evolution is that "people just went and grabbed a wolf baby," says Hare. "So we just started having wolves as pets, and somehow we selected them to do stuff like going hunting with us.

"Having worked with wolves, I know that is highly improbable. You can tame a wolf, you can socialize a wolf, but it's still a wolf. It will still bite you. It's still really nervous around you. And it doesn't read your social cues without explicit training. But for dogs, even those with less experience with humans, it doesn't take a lot to get good at all this."

The more compelling evolutionary story is that dogs adopted us—or at least evolved to get along with us. Fifteen thousand to 20,000 years ago, humans

were becoming less nomadic; among other things, that meant they produced, in a single place, lots of food leftovers. Proto-dogs found an evolutionary imperative for becoming full-fledged dogs: "If you're going to be a wolf feeding out of human trash, then you had better be a wolf that's not so anxious, not so fearful, and not expending a lot of energy running away from humans," Hare says. "You had better not be a wolf that's aggressive toward humans. Otherwise the humans are going to kill you. So you have selection against aggression and for lower anxiety in wolves. And you end up with dogs."

A first wave of selection for Buffy and her canine cohorts, then, started as an accident—wolves learning where their bread might be buttered, in effect, and adapting to become human companions. But there was a second wave, beginning about 500 years ago, when humans started selecting specifically for dogs that could read social cues.

"Today we've got toy dogs and dogs that are pulling sleds and dogs that find bombs, and there are lots of specialized breeds that are really good at certain jobs." In problem-solving ability, he says, no dog breed has demonstrably outperformed any other breed. "People write popular books and say, here's the scale of the top-twenty most intelligent breeds. That's based on nothing."

If there's an overarching question that drives Hare, "it's just to try to figure out what makes humans unique, what makes humans human," says Tomasello, his college mentor. There are only two species that have grown up to be adapted to human culture, he says—humans and dogs. Dogs have been domesticated to operate in human society. Understanding dogs, then, is an avenue into understanding humans.

It's not a scary thing to realize that dogs "actually aren't little humans," Hare says. "It's exciting, because they're not identical to us. They have different minds. And the fact that they have these different minds but they still can manage to get along with us and be incredibly successful—I mean, they're the most successful carnivore there is—is remarkable."

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PAWS Chicago Profile

Dr. Jessica Von Waldau

Since she was a little girl, Dr. Jessica Von Waldau has always had a special connection with animals, whether they were the numerous pet rabbits she grew up with or other animals she encountered. Self-proclaimed as a “nature and science person,” she briefly considered a career in biomedical engineering, but quickly realized that applying her interests toward helping animals was a better fit for her spiritually and thus chose to

operations that help heal and rehabilitate dogs and cats that will soon be ready for adoption at PAWS Chicago’s No Kill Adoption Center. These special surgeries, a program that Dr. Von Waldau initiated when she joined PAWS Chicago just over a year ago, have helped to reduce outside medical costs.

The significance that spay/neuter surgeries has for dogs and cats are life and death. In 2008, over 19,000 cats and dogs were euthanized in Chicago shelters. Having pets spayed or neutered puts an end to the cycle of breeding and killing.

As a result of the economic downturn, Dr. Von Waldau has seen the need for free and low cost spay/neuter surgeries heat up. In fact, she says that the Lurie Clinic is seeing increases in customers from outside of its target areas (lower income areas with high incidences of stray calls

With PAWS Chicago, Dr. Von Waldau appreciates the ability to help more people and animals. From a veterinary care perspective, she says “we’re doing more for each animal.” She continued, “I am able to see more animals now than I did while working in a private practice office. In my current role, I treat approximately 50 animals a day, compared to 50 a week. Being a part of this is really rewarding.” Dr. Von Waldau’s team is also working on innovative program ideas that will continue to raise awareness of the need for spay/neuter surgeries as well as new options that make it easier for pet owners to ensure their pets are a part of the solution to ending unwanted and homeless animals.

Dr. Von Waldau gets so much pleasure from helping the animals. She recalled treating a Cocker Spaniel that came in through City of Chicago Animal Care and Control. He had been roaming the streets for so long that his hair became matted to the point that it was cutting into his legs and he could barely walk. She spent over an hour and a half shaving him and treating his severe wounds in an attempt to rehabilitate him and give him a life he deserved. Before long, he was happily running around and was eventually adopted into a new home.

Dr. Von Waldau is a tremendous asset to the PAWS Chicago team. Her dedication to the well-being of homeless animals and to helping control animal populations is taking Chicago closer to a No Kill city.

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attend veterinary school at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. “Being a veterinarian goes well with my soul,” Dr. Von Waldau said.

Today, Dr. Von Waldau serves as chief veterinarian at PAWS Chicago’s Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic where she performs spay/neuter surgeries for shelter, owned and feral animals, and other special

to Animal Control). “My goal is to ensure that everyone in need of a spay/neuter surgery for their cat or dog can receive one, regardless of their financial situation,” she said. In 2009, PAWS Chicago performed more than 16,000 surgeries, the majority of which were free for Chicago families on public assistance.



PAWS Chicago receives highest rating from Charity Navigator

For the eighth consecutive year, Charity Navigator has awarded PAWS Chicago with a 4-star rating. Charity Navigator is the country’s premier independent charity evaluator, evaluating charities based on their efficient use of donor funds. This is an outstanding accomplishment for PAWS Chicago, as only 1% of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have ever received a 4-star rating eight years in a row.

PAWS Chicago would not be able to accomplish such milestones without the community’s support. To learn more about Charity Navigator and PAWS Chicago’s 4-star rating, please visit www.charitynavigator.org.



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kids corner

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

Danielle & Jacalyn

Friends Danielle (12) & Jacalyn (12) both share a love for animals and decided to dedicate their Mitzvah or "good deed" projects, as they prepare for their Bat Mitzvahs, to raise money and resources for homeless animals. The girls made flyers for their neighbors requesting donations from PAWS Chicago's wish list and received an amazing response. On the first day of family service, Danielle & Jacalyn donated 25 bags of towels, newspapers, food, toys and blankets. They also requested donations at their Temple which raised an additional \$113. Both Danielle and Jacalyn volunteer in the Family Service Program and love helping animals find homes. Last year, Danielle and her family adopted their dog George from PAWS Chicago, who is a great addition to their family.



David, Matthew, Katie & Emma

Braving the cool temperatures of Chicagoland weather, cousins David (8), Matthew (7), Katie (10) and Emma (7) set up a hot chocolate stand in their neighborhood to raise money for PAWS Chicago. The group also sold homemade cookies and Rice Krispie treats in support of their shared passion to help animals. The kids took their earnings and hand-delivered them to the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center where they had a chance to meet the very animals that they helped through this terrific effort.



PAWS Chicago's Youth Volunteers



Calling All Students, Parents & Teachers!

If you want your school to become involved in an ongoing community service program with PAWS Chicago, please have your school call (773) 687-4729 or email volunteer1@pawschicago.org.

As a part of the Youth Volunteer program at PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center, middle and high school groups dedicated their time to help homeless animals through ongoing community service with PAWS Chicago. Students between 12-17 years old learned about the problems and solutions of pet homelessness and found out what they could do to help. The students tackled their assigned projects which varied between cleaning animal room signs, making e-collars for dogs, preparing leashes and collars, and assembling adoption folders, and helped with PAWS Chicago events including the Fur Ball and Animal Magnetism. Students from Muchin College Prep, Curie Metropolitan High School, Latin School of Chicago, UIC College Prep, Francis W. Parker, Phoenix Military Academy and Oscar Mayer School donated hundreds of hours of time to help homeless animals.

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The Eighth Annual FUR BALL



On Friday, November 13, 2009,

PAWS Chicago hosted the Eight Annual Fur Ball, co-chaired by Diana & David Makowski and Lori & Ted Souder. Jamee & Marshall Field, two of PAWS Chicago's earliest and most generous supporters, were Honorary Chairs, recognized for their commitment to homeless pets.

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

Auctioneers Shane Ratliff and US 99's Lisa Dent were an enormous hit with items including a Taylor Swift autographed guitar, an Xtreme Green electric motor scooter and trips to the Caribbean, Shanghai and Greece! The highlight of the auction was when guests generously bid on the opportunity to save lives by covering the costs of medicine for puppies and kittens, the heating bill at the Adoption Center, medical bills for sick and injured animals and spay and neuter surgeries.

By the end of the evening, the Fur Ball raised more than \$730,000 for Chicago's homeless pets.



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Ted & Tasha Lilly Team Up for Homeless Pets

By Alexis Fasseas

Whether it's staring down the best bats in the National League or carefully navigating the underside of 1,000 pounds of horse, Ted and Tasha Lilly don't lack excitement professionally. This Chicago Cubs All-Star pitcher and UC-Davis trained veterinarian are at the top of their respective careers. But when off the field, or out of the stable, they take their passion to many causes, particularly children and animals. During their time in Chicago, they have become ambassadors for the cause of homeless pets and for PAWS Chicago.

Attending the All Paws on Deck beach party last summer was Ted and Tasha's first introduction to PAWS Chicago. Tasha began to volunteer her time performing spay/neuter surgeries at PAWS Chicago's Lurie Clinic. "I was looking for a shelter to get more involved with, either large or small animals or both," Tasha said. "When I toured the extensive operations and read about some of the results of PAWS Chicago's vision, I knew I was volunteering at a great place." Her volunteer work propelled the couple's involvement in helping Chicago's homeless pets.

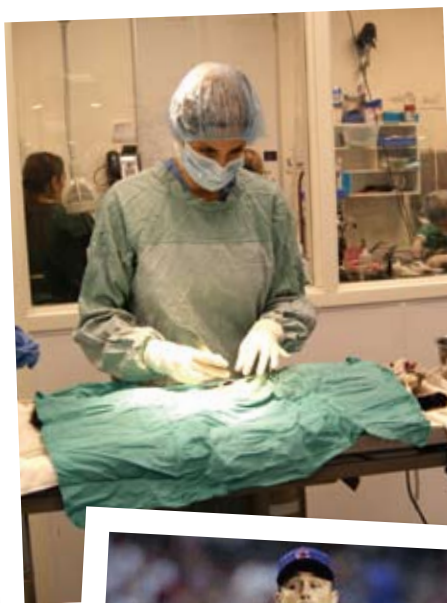
Following the Great Roberto Clemente

At the end of last season, Ted received the honor of the Roberto Clemente award, bestowed upon the Major League Baseball player from each team who combines outstanding skills on the baseball field with devoted work in the community. Ted and Tasha selected PAWS Chicago as the charity beneficiary.

Roberto Clemente was a 12-time All-Star and Hall of Famer who died in 1972 while delivering supplies to earthquake victims. "I believe in what Roberto Clemente stood for and I think he affected more people with the work he did off the baseball field as opposed to the work on the field," said Ted. "I hope to be able to affect so many off the field—there is so much more than baseball."

Ted has certainly already made quite an impact off the field. In addition to his advocacy for homeless pets and support of PAWS Chicago, Ted has shown an extraordinary dedication to helping the Chicago community. He has worked closely with Cubs Care and Chicago Cubs designated charities that support youth sports, children with special needs, and victims of domestic violence. He has spent time visiting patients at Children's Memorial and Chicago Comer's Children's Hospital and children from the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Illinois and he has led initiatives to help disadvantaged kids.

"Because this award addresses a person's character



ABOVE: Tasha volunteering at the PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic. **BELOW:** Ted in action.

and choices, I was extremely proud of my husband. He strives to lead by example and takes 100% of his mind, body and soul out to the mound every opportunity he is given," says Tasha. "He is a huge animal lover. We look forward to making many more contributions to the animals during our lives."

Life Outside Baseball

Ted and Tasha affectionately tease that they have been together since they were babies. Fourteen years ago, a blind date landed them at Denny's, seven years later they were married and just this March, they welcomed their son, Theodore IV. Both native Californians, they fondly remember growing up with dogs. "Since I was a kid, I have always wanted to be around animals," recalls Ted. "I remember our first dog, an Australian Shepard named Doggy." Tasha began her advocacy early: "Trapper was my Dad's hunting dog and I strongly disliked my father's hunting hobby. I smile thinking back that it was

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Chicago Joint Task Force Animal Crimes Unit honored at PAWS Chicago's Fourth Annual Animal Magnetism

The Chicago Joint Task Force Animal Crimes Unit

By Jaclene Tetzlaff

Fighting for those who can't fight for themselves can be a dangerous job. But thanks to the Chicago Joint Task Force Animal Crimes Unit, more animal cruelty offenders have been arrested and convicted than ever before.

The Chicago Joint Task Force Animal Crimes Unit is composed of the people on the front lines who risk their lives everyday to help end dog fighting and close down puppy mills. One of the few in the country, the unit is comprised of members from the Chicago Police Department, Cook County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Typically, it would be hard for separate governmental departments to work together. But just a few years ago, Police Superintendent Jody Weis and Sheriff Tom Dart, both animal lovers, decided to proactively work to allocate more resources to this effort and train more officers to recognize animal abuse on the scene. With departments working together as a team, along with USDA Special Agent In Charge Joe Smith, the Task Force is able to bust more illegal operations at a quicker rate.

According to the USDA's office, "Pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act, USDA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigates the potential criminal mistreatment of animals throughout the U.S., including investigations of animal fighting operations. OIG's Special Agents work closely with State and local law enforcement authorities and participates in task forces to fulfill OIG's statutory duties related to animal welfare. In fiscal year 2009 and the first half of fiscal year 2010, OIG's animal fighting investigations nationwide resulted in 405 individuals being convicted."

When offenders can be charged on multiple counts, they can be put away with greater penalties. This is so important because these illegal operations often move around from city to suburb to rural area. Once they are out of one jurisdiction, a single

department may be unable to infiltrate the ring. But that has changed thanks to officers cultivating sources and informants throughout all geographic areas. The team exchanges information, gets a search warrant, and all go in together, while following City, County, State, and Federal guidelines to ensure arrests and convictions.

According to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, "Because these offenders tend to move around and conduct fights in cities, suburbs and rural areas, the collaboration of departments and exchange of information is absolutely critical to the success we have had so far. Though we come from different departments, our goal is the same – to end the abuse of animals. Every person involved in the unit works tirelessly and will continue to do so until we achieve that goal."

Neglect, drugs, guns, and animal cruelty are usually associated. "Among the dog fighters we've arrested, at least 75% have a history of domestic violence and gang overtones," says Sergeant Mark George of the Chicago Police Department and task force member. "If we can get these offenders on multiple counts, we can put them away with greater penalties."

Some of the unit's success stories from last year include the break-up of major dog fighting rings in Kankakee, Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, and Maywood. In 2009, the Task Force executed 53 search warrants, made 91 arrests, and rescued more than 300 dogs from dog fighting operations, puppy mills, and overall neglect and cruelty. Currently, the Task Force is preparing several cases for federal prosecution.

PAWS Chicago salutes all of you for all the great work you do to save innocent animals from the hands of vicious criminals.



Under the leadership of Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis, and USDA Special Agent In Charge Joe Smith, the Chicago Joint Task Force Animal Crimes Unit includes:

Sergeant Mark George
Police Officer Robert Foss
Police Officer Mark Trost
Police Officer Lisa Russell

Police Officer Matthew Darling
Police Officer Reginald Ward

Cook County Deputy Sheriff Steve Davis
Cook County Sheriff's Police Officer
Larry Draus

Cook County Sheriff's Police Officer
Tyra Brown

USDA Special Agent Michael Parrish
USDA Special Agent Sal Gonzalez
USDA Special Agent Joseph Golden



Jaclene Tetzlaff is a local writer and marketer. She lives in Rogers Park with her husband and their five dogs, Phoebe, Lucy, Vlad, Sydney, and Sam.

Ted & Tasha Lilly continued



Ted and Theo Lilly horsing around with dog, Copper.

during our numerous negotiations that I started my own animal welfare campaign."

Today, Ted enjoys frequently exercising with his animals: "Running, hiking and camping are some of our regular activities." Tasha spends much of her time healing and caring for animals as a veterinarian and is now studying alternative therapies like acupuncture. "Now, I can positively impact the animals that gave so much to me as a youth," she says.

Continuing Life Saving Efforts

This year, Ted and Tasha have committed to raising awareness about homeless pets and PAWS Chicago's

efforts to end the killing of thousands of cats and dogs each year. They will be donating \$100 every time Ted strikes out a batter and \$500 every time he wins a game. "PAWS Chicago is full of true animal advocates who continue to search for ways to improve and optimize their ability to help the animals," said Tasha. "That's something as an animal lover, you want to be supporting."

The couple is also launching a new PAWS Chicago adoption event this July. The All Star Adopt-a-Thon will take place following Major League Baseball's All-Star break, July 16-23. Ted, Tasha and some of their friends will donate their time and generate attention (and hopefully many adoptions) for the cause of homeless pets. In the future, Ted and Tasha would like to build an alternative therapies healing center and sanctuary for all animals, big and small.

Ted and Tasha have loved their time in Chicago and have truly integrated into the community. "This is the best city in the US with the greatest fans in all of sports," said Ted. I am more fortunate than I even know to have had the opportunity to play and live here." But it is Chicago that is fortunate to have Ted and Tasha!



Alexis Fasseas is Editor-in-Chief of *PAWS Chicago* magazine and helped found PAWS Chicago in 1997. She recently completed her JD-MBA at Northwestern University.

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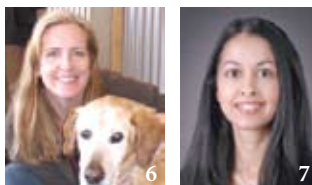
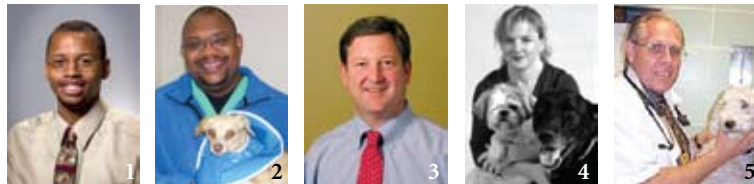
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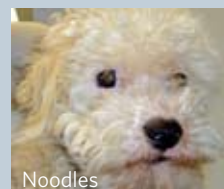
Hannah



Mimi

Saving Hannah & Mimi

Hannah and **Mimi** arrived at PAWS Chicago, each suffering from a congenital heart problem that required specialized surgeries to save their lives. Fortunately, the cardiology team, under the supervision of Dr. Henry Green, DVM, at Purdue University – the only veterinary hospital that offers this surgery in the Midwest – offered to perform the surgeries. The dogs, which in a traditional shelter would have been euthanized, are now thriving, enjoying life and will soon be ready for adoption!



Noodles



Ladybird

Healing Ladybird & Noodles

Ladybird and **Noodles** came to PAWS Chicago both requiring specialized orthopedic surgeries. Ladybird suffered from a pelvic fracture after being hit by a car, while Noodles was in pain resulting from improper hip function. Dr. Aaron M. Jackson, DVM with the Animal Emergency Referral Center, repaired Ladybird's pelvis and performed an FHO for Noodles. Now fully recovered, Noodles was adopted and Ladybird will soon be ready for her new home.



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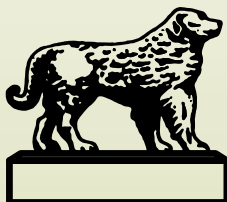
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SHELTER DATA

SPAY/NEUTER	2010 Goals	2009	2008	2007
TOTAL SURGERIES	17,000	16,384	15,057	14,154
Free Health Checks		19,381	17,677	15,617
Free or Subsidized Vaccines		25,381	17,428	20,530
COMMUNITY OUTREACH				
Presentations/Events (Targeted)		105	116	157
Total People Reached		22,078	25,193	34,155
FERAL CAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM				
Number of Sponsored Colonies / Cats		47 / 634	24 / 400	
TNR Educational & Resource Support		1,100 Ind.	980 Ind.	
PET FOOD BANK				
Number of Cats & Dogs		745	71	
Pounds of Food Distributed		29,410	2,880	
CRISIS CARE PROGRAM				
Number of Cats & Dogs Assisted		125	103	
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM				
Total Volunteers		11,114	7,900	6,248
Active Volunteers		3,115	2,620	2,129
New Volunteers (Via Orientation)		3,214	2,557	789



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

ADOPTION PROGRAM	2010 GOALS	2009 DOG	2009 CAT	2009 TOTAL	2008 DOG	2008 CAT	2008 TOTAL	2007 DOG	2007 CAT	2007 TOTAL
Shelter Count at beginning a year		138	192	330	150	180	330	55	65	120
PET ADMISSIONS		1,953	1,502	3,455	1,764	1,343	3,107	794	940	1,734
Owner Surrender to PAWS Chicago		510	622	1,132	503	738	1,241	169	557	726
Transfers from Organizations within Chicago		1,443	770	2,213	1,091	503	1,594	526	351	877
Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Chicago		0	110	110	170	102	272	99	32	131
ADOPTIONS	4,000	1,922	1,545	3,467	1,751	1,264	3,015	797	869	1,666
* DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED		26 <small>(13 Medical, 13 Behavior)</small>	37 <small>(37 Medical)</small>	63 <small>(50 Medical, 13 Behavior)</small>	17 <small>(8 Medical, 9 Behavior)</small>	30 <small>(30 Medical)</small>	47 <small>(38 Medical, 9 Behavior)</small>	2 <small>(1 Medical, 1 Behavior)</small>	15 <small>(15 Medical)</small>	17 <small>(16 Medical, 1 Behavior)</small>
% of Outcomes		1.35%	2.39%	1.82%	.96%	2.23%	1.51%	.25%	1.66%	1.00%
DIED WHILE IN SHELTER		13	59	72	6	35	41	4	19	23
% of Outcomes		.68%	3.82%	2.08%	.34%	2.61%	1.32%	.50%	2.10%	1.35%
SHELTER COUNT AT END OF YEAR		130	53	183	138	192	330	46	103	149

*EUTHANASIA POLICY

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

TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT

In support of our No Kill model of sheltering, PAWS Chicago believes in 100% transparency of all shelter data which accounts for every animal that has come into the shelter. This data report publically states the outcome of every healthy, treatable, unhealthy and untreatable animal that came through our doors in 2009.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 (Unaudited)

	UNRESTRICTED				Total
	Operations	Board Restricted ²	Temporarily Restricted ³	Permanently Restricted ⁴	
REVENUE					
Program service fees:					
Adoption Center	\$ 488,760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 488,760
Admission & Recovery Center	24,420	-	-	-	24,420
Spay/Neuter Clinic	727,990	-	-	-	727,990
Contributions	2,027,975	489,446	942,183	30,000	3,489,604
Contributions - In-Kind¹	714,821	-	-	-	714,821
Investment income	286	161	127,707	900	129,054
Unrealized gain on investments	-	-	702,258	-	702,258
Special events	1,845,587	-	-	-	1,845,587
Advertising income	44,050	-	-	-	44,050
Net assets released from restrictions	210,250	-	(210,250)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	6,084,139	489,607	1,561,898	30,900	8,166,544
EXPENSES					
Program Services:					
Adoption Center	1,224,663	-	-	-	1,224,663
Admission & Recovery Center	1,240,205	-	-	-	1,240,205
Spay/Neuter Clinic	1,443,525	-	-	-	1,443,525
Humane Education & Publication	554,323	-	-	-	554,323
	4,462,716	-	-	-	4,462,716
Supporting Services:					
Management and general	120,750	-	-	-	120,750
Special Events	630,282	-	-	-	630,282
Fundraising	189,476	-	-	-	189,476
	940,508	-	-	-	940,508
In-Kind Expenses*	708,319	-	-	-	708,319
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,111,543	-	-	-	6,111,543
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(27,404)	489,607	1,561,898	30,900	2,055,001
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,085,616	389,174	5,679,401	52,326	16,206,517
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 10,058,212	\$ 878,781	\$ 7,241,299	\$83,226	\$18,261,518

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1. In-Kind Contributions and Expenses - are non-cash contributions such as goods and services received from donors.
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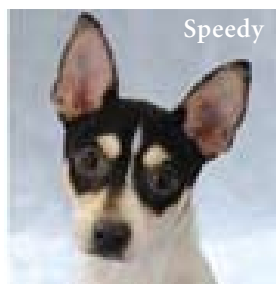
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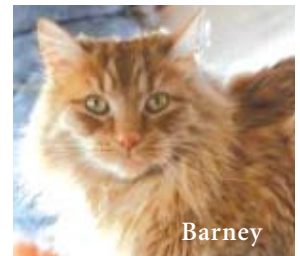
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In Memory of Susan Mary Hornell

Susan Mary Hornell spent her life helping others and loving animals. She was employed as the Director of Talent Management at Allscripts-Misys—a health information technology company—and was also a loving PAWS Chicago volunteer. With a warm, vibrant, energetic personality, her many friends and coworkers, as well as dogs of every description, were drawn to her. She cherished spending time with animals and often acted as a foster owner whenever one of her friends needed a sitter to care for their pet.

While her work load made it difficult to volunteer at PAWS Chicago as much as she would have liked, she would frequently drop off goodies and treats to lift the animal's spirits, as well as her own. Susan was enthusiastic about PAWS Chicago's role as a No Kill humane center and adoption agency. She really appreciated that the pets under the organization's care were treated as if they were part of a family.

After succumbing to a brief, overwhelming lung disorder on March 13, 2010, Susan was cremated and her ashes were distributed on Dog Beach in Fort Myers, Florida. During one of the last weeks of her life, she visited her parents in Fort Myers and spent her favorite moments running with Shadow, her parents' Lhasa Apso, at Dog Beach. Nothing gave her more joy than to see the dogs running so free with the wind. Susan's spirit may now continue to run free with them forever.

In Memory of Marcelle Parenti

A dog lover to the core, Marcelle Parenti grew up around Pomeranians that her mother raised to help their family survive the Great Depression. Marcelle loved caring for the family's dogs because she found animals to be loving and relaxing. When she was old enough to have her own dogs, she had Poodles and Schnauzers that her son, Stephen, remembers always having in the house.

Before Marcelle met and married the love of her life, Albert, she worked diligently as a telephone operator. When her son was born, she stayed at home to be with him and watch him grow up. Other than her family, her dogs were her life, and she spent much of her time giving them

heartfelt care and special treatment. She made a dog lover out of her husband, and her son, Stephen, jokingly felt that his dogs were treated more like brothers and sisters than pets.

When Marcelle passed away, Stephen decided to make a donation in her name to a charity that he felt she would have liked. He saw a newspaper article about PAWS Chicago and believed that the loving care that the organization gives to its homeless pets was exactly what his mother would have appreciated. In Marcelle Parenti's honor, many homeless cats and dogs have found devoted and caring owners, just as she was.

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In Memory of Sarah Ann “Sally” Willette

“When I die I want to come back as one of Sally’s dogs,” was a comment often given by friends of Sarah Ann Willette. Sally and her husband, Ralph, were married for almost forty years and had two sons, Timothy and Brian. When the boys were young, the only family pet was a gerbil named Nibbles until a relative asked Sally to “temporarily” keep their Shih Tzu, Chequers. What began as a family obligation soon became a permanent loving addition for Sally, and quickly grew to include a second Shih Tzu named Seamus.

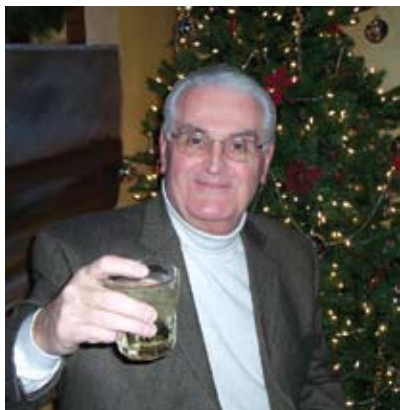


After Seamus passed away, the family acquired a fluffy Golden Retriever puppy named Jake. Around the same time, Bear joined their rapidly growing unit—a black Labrador-Husky mix who was the result of her son’s impulsive choice to get a companion while shopping for a goldfish.

As a middle school teacher, Sally’s love of her “dog family” became an integral part of her teaching methods. At the beginning of each year, the new sixth graders were indoctrinated to “Jake’s Corner” where the students were encouraged to bring photos of their own pets to hang next to the “goofy” Golden Retriever’s pictures on the wall. When she wasn’t teaching, Sally enjoyed reading and gardening, and her flower beds were a beautiful tribute to the amazing person planting them.

On November 2, 2009, Sally succumbed to a lung infection obtained as a result of treatments given to fight cancer. Before her death, Sally was in the process of training her new Golden Retriever, Murphy, to be a therapy dog to help cheer up people in hospitals and nursing homes. Ralph, her husband and best friend, is currently in the process of continuing with her wishes for Murphy. Hopefully, in the coming months, the patients who are suffering in hospitals and nursing homes will be able to feel Sally’s love for life being projected through her devoted dog Murphy.

In Memory of Roy Jensen



Roy Jensen was a man who lived for his family and his animals. His wife, Sandi, and three daughters, Kristin, Ali and Carrie, were his main priority, and he spent his life showing them the importance of being kind and respectful towards all things. As an animal lover, Roy spent many years caring for animals and taking in strays. At one point, he spent weeks bottle-feeding three kittens that were abandoned, making sure that they were given milk every hour, even during the night. His daughter, Ali, joked “many men would not wake up to feed their babies, but he woke up to feed cats.” It was in Roy’s nature to be so genuinely compassionate—to give consideration to those that most others did not have time for.

Roy spent his career as a certified public accountant and owned his own business for thirty years. While his children were growing

up, he worked out of the house so he could be closer to them. Traveling was one of his favorite things to do, and he took his family on numerous trips throughout his life. When he wasn’t traveling, he spent his time with his best gal, Tess, his devoted canine companion. When Roy became ill, Tess spent her days by his side, allowing him to rub her paw for hours to help relieve the stress.

When Roy knew that he was terminally ill, he told his family that he wanted donations to go to PAWS Chicago because he believed in the organization’s No Kill policy. He told his wife, Sandi, that his “creatures needed the help—people needed to remember them.” Roy Jensen was a man who lived his life with consideration and acceptance for others, and his legacy will live on through those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In Memory of Jennifer E. Martin



If you looked close enough at Jennifer E. Martin, you could see it all—the whole world was in her smile. She embodied compassion, gentleness, love of animals, ambition, dedication, and an unwavering belief that better days were ahead. Jennifer worked as a Chiropractors Assistant for Hanley Chiropractic in Shorewood, Illinois, and dedicated her entire career in service to others—first caring for children as a child care professional and then looking after everyone who ever set foot in Hanley Chiropractic.

Jennifer's love of animals was evident at a young age. Growing up, she had two goals. One was to work with children and the other was to own a dog. In 1989, Jennifer accomplished her first goal when she began working with children. In 2003, she accomplished her second goal by becoming the mommy to Sadie and Oscar, two Great Dane puppies. While her time with Sadie and Oscar was short, she cherished her love for them and her four-legged niece, Captain Morgan, a frisky yellow Labrador who misses her everyday.

In November 2009, Jennifer E. Martin became the "JEM from Heaven" for her friends and family. The imprint she left on the world is lasting. She was an amazing daughter to Tony and Madelon Martin, and a wonderful sister to Emily and Andrew Maletich. She was a friend to everyone she ever met and the best aunt in the world to Drew, Ella, and Sophie Maletich. While Jennifer did not get a chance to fulfill her plans of adding more pets to her life, she would be so pleased that donations were made in her memory to help complete other families with animals. Her family would like to thank all the donors for making her legacy last.

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In Memory of Nicholas J. Kucki

There was always an animal in the life of Nicholas Kucki. Beginning during the years of the depression while he was a young child growing up in south Douglas Park, he and his sisters would bring home stray dogs they would find roaming the streets and alleys of their neighborhood. He used to say that the dogs became the best house sitters they ever had while his father went off to work, especially after their mother passed away at the young age of 36. After Nick married and had children, he and his wife, Lorraine, continued the tradition of always having a dog or cat as part of the family. The last several years Nicholas' health



began to fail. He made a journey back to his old west side neighborhood after almost fifty years with his daughter Nancy, a PAWS Chicago Development Board member. Nancy was so proud to be able to show off the PAWS Chicago Spay/Neuter Clinic location and discuss the positive impact PAWS Chicago has had on not only Little Village but also his old neighborhood and neighborhoods all over Chicago. Every time Nancy comes to the Clinic on the west side, she feels her father's presence, knowing he must be looking down from heaven with pride knowing that she is involved with such a wonderful organization.

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In Memory of Robert H. Bryant



Robert H. Bryant led a fascinating life. He joined the faculty at the University of Illinois as an instructor in 1963, shortly after serving as a lieutenant in the Army during the Berlin Wall crisis. While teaching, he obtained his PhD from Northwestern University. Bob retired as an emeritus faculty member in the Civil and Materials Engineering (CME) Department at the University of Illinois Chicago in 1999, but continued teaching part-time until taking ill in December 2008. He was a dedicated teacher recognized by faculty, students and cohorts.

He was the winner of a Faculty Advisor of the Year award, only one of five in the 45 year history of the UIC campus to be honored with the Alumni Association's Legacy of Learning Award, and head of the Civil Engineering Professional Advisory Council. His students honored him on his retirement in 1999 by establishing a scholarship fund in his name. Last November he was able to attend when the CME department dedicated its library in his name.

During his career he was also an advanced structural engineering consultant to MWH (Harza) Engineering, a world leader in dam design. He worked on Venezuela's Guri hydro-power plant, Chicago's Tunnel and Reservoir and many other projects worldwide.

Bob always had a fondness for animals. When he was a teenager, he found a stray German Shepherd mix, fell in love and named him Boots. He even took on a job to help feed and care for him! Due to his daughter Mary's severe allergies, The Bryant family was unable to have any furry pets so their son Rob cared for a Boa Constrictor. Bob's love of animals has been passed on to his daughter Anita Bryant Mauro, who serves on the PAWS Chicago Development Board. Bob was very proud of Anita's affiliation with PAWS Chicago. He passed away on January 6, 2010, at the age of 72.

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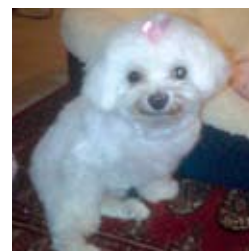
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Connie Venema by Tammy, Steve, and Jonah Kindel
Michael Wachington by Tim Stubbs and Bonnie White
Laura Wally by Sharyl Truty
Helen Walsh by Sarah, Lola, and Lottie Tyler
Beth Wawrzaszek by Robyn and Erik Gerry-Rose
Wedding Guests by Katie and David Anderson
Wedding Guests of Katherine Burgess Wise and Michael James Jungers by Robert Wise, Jr.
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The Williams Family by Richard and Megan Williams
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Bob and Sally Winter by Ron, Kathy, and Jennie Silvia
Jolene Wise by Sharon Larson
Michael Wolf by Lora, Tom, Mory, Adam, and Reginald
Wendell Wye by Jerome Sauvage
Michael Zarley by his Verizon Team
Carlos Reyes Zgarrick by Heidi Meredith
Tim Zuverink by Chad, Libby, JR, Brewski and Brody Bloom



In Honor of the Wedding Guests of Michael and Kristy Zarley

And Then There Were Nine

In tribute to the best cat, friend and ally.

In Memory of Sophia Sweig

January 24, 2002 - January 15, 2010



I thought it was benign
I thought she would always be mine
I thought she was doing fine
I never thought there would be nine
I guess it was her time
I put my soul on the line

I loved that she made me shine
I miss her all of the time
Sophia is gone and life
is no longer fine
And then there were nine

Rest in peace sweet lady

**The Sweig Family had 10 feline members until Sophia's passing. Soon after, a lost kitten found them and joined their pride, returning to its more natural number.*

Gifts made in memory of pets continued

Rusty Michaels by Irene Michaels, Deborah Chapman, Judy and Howard Tullman, and Peter, Paula, Alexis, and Drew Fasseas
Mies by Julian, Aylon, and Nate Schulte
Milo by Janice and William Blackburn
Missy by Katherine Lingner
Misty by Kristen Holden
Mojo by Colleen, Kieran, and Maddux Duke
Snuggles Mortensen by the Staff in Student Services
Mr. Morton by Myron and Harriett Cholden
Twiggy Moss by Barri Leiner
Dewy Nelson by Meridith, Ron, and Feagin Kaminski
Noodles by Michael Gidwitz
Marley O'Hea by The Taylor Family
Duchess O'Neal by Peter, Paula, Alexis & Drew Fasseas
Otto by Grandpa Ken and Mary and Bill Wulffen
Maggie Claire Patterson by Aimee Harvey
Mittens Peckham by Pinot, Pepper, Michael, and Regan Hentz
Petunia by Jeff and Trish Meyer
Petunia by Kim and Larry Reves
Phoebe and Hershey by Kristin Schaiuker
Ezra Plotkin-Ron by Pam Plotkin
Pouncer by Lance Lawson
Fluffy Prescott by the Prescott Group
Pumpkin by Peter Langendorff
Ralphie by Katherine Lingner
Red by Jen Williams, Katie Clark, Trisha Jahnke, Janet Heppe, and Sally Keith
Molly, Zoe, and Emos Ricciotti by Susan Ricciotti

Riley by Kate and Chuck Barthelme
Riley by Nancy and Nellie Slattery
Riley by Nick, Izzy, and Stacey Prange
Ripley by the Breakfast Club
Sadie Mae Robinson by Susan Robinson, Peter, Paula, Alexis and Drew Fasseas
Rocky by Michelle and Rob Wilcox
Wally Rosen by the Simon Family
Rudy by Stuart and Deb Gold
Rufio by Katherine Lingner
Sabastian by Renee Angelopoulos
Sadie by John Toman
Sassy and Brandy by Rochelle and George Graham
Maximilian "Max" Schafer by Clio Mulryne
Schuster by Ellen and Lew Smith
Schuster by Sue and David Halpern
Scooby by Cathy Bobowski
Sebastian by Emily, Grace, Gil, and Caroline Bourland
Lola Serrano-Fritsch by Bonnie and James Spurlock
Shadow by Frank Hovanec
Shelby by Kacee Lingner
Simba, the "Love Sponge," by Judy and Howard Tullman
Snickers by Kelly Broadway
Daisy Snyder by Bunny Snyder, Peter, Paula, Alexis and Drew Fasseas
Sojourner by Mindy and Gary Sircus
Solomon by Todd Shuster
Sophie by Greg and Christine Benz
Susan Spence by Carrie Sanders
Spring by Stella, Larry, Otis, and Stacey Sender-Ortega
Squeeky by Gint Rimas
Starlight by Mandi Woronowicz
Stella and Teva by Amy Brierly and Greg Gressle

Stoli by Gina, Shawn, Lefty, and Jackson Connor
Taz Styles by Peter, Paula, Alexis & Drew Fasseas and Marie Galoney
Sweet K.C. by Joan Boomsma and Katie Wallace
Sophia Sweig by Peter, Paula, Alexis & Drew Fasseas
Taylor by Joseph Schmaltz
Phoebe Tetzlaff-Perlmutter by Bonnie, James, Marmalade, and Remi Spurlock, Jaclene Tetzlaff, and Peter, Paula and Alexis Fasseas
Toby by Pam and Judy Benning
Tootsie by Vicki Moore
Toshi and Kira by the Banach Family
Tuxie by Mary Drag
Tyla by Chris, Maria, Gwen, and Reese Marella
Vinny by Andrea Hickey
Pumpkin Walsh-Regan by Brian and Jessie Walsh
Shipshewana Warshaw by David and Cody Germaine
Waylon by Susan Cory
Webster by Sheila Miller and Paul Remias
Shelby Wertelka by Beth Wawrzaszek
Boone and Crockett White by Miles and Kim White, and Peter and Paula Fasseas
Lilly Withaeger by Don and Carol Allerton
Zach by Brian, Robert, Jank, Hank, and Ellie Fletcher
Zachary by Nicoletta Anos
Zevi by Trish and Jeff Meyer



In Memory of
Arlen Sweeney Crown



In Memory of
Taz Styles



In Memory of
Rusty Michaels

— In Memory of —

Boone White



Crockett White



In Memory of
Bing Shoemaker-Rudd



In Memory of
**Isabelle Petunia
"Tuni" & Boris
Pumpkin Bergen**



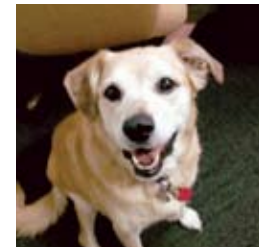
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Rudy Gold



In Memory of
Slash Block



In Memory of
Gracie Lama



In Memory of
Sadie Mae Robinson

Gifts made between October 15, 2009 and April 15, 2010 in honor of the following **pets**

Shep Brown by Judy and Bob Cherry
Cedar by Brian Herro
Chance by John Tungol
Cleo, Giacomo, Pickles, and Sophie by Betty Klafta
Cole by Derrick StaRosa
Piglet Feigenbaum by Ziza Kaplin
Maverick Ford by Robert Beltz
Ghandi of Detroit by Jamie LaPenna
Harriett by Ellen and Bernard Peter
The homeless pets of PAWS Chicago by the Hiltons of Chicago Sales and Revenue Departments
Honey by Mary Ollman
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Chloe, Moose, and Lulu Jolson by Catherine Jacobson
Josie by Janet Baker
Kato by the Karlson Family
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Lily, Mallory, Mildew, Mr. Cat, Simba, Macy, Balley, Bentley, Sarabi, and Jo-Jo by Susan and Dennis Chambers
Mabel, Swoosh, and Yasmine by Mary McCaskey
Maize by Bette Resis
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Mylo by Barbara Haffner
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Desmond Spratt by Freebear and Freita Rizzio
Willow and Franklin Spratt by Freebear and Freita Rizzio
The sick and injured dogs of PAWS Chicago by Danielle Anderson
The sick and injured dogs of PAWS Chicago by Zach Anderson
Emma Tomlinson by Emmie and Maddie Thompson
Miss Sugar Magnolia "Maggie" Wawrzaszek by Grandpa Jerry Wawrzaszek



In Honor of
Maverick Ford



In Honor of
Maggie Wawrzaszek

In Honor of
Luke Mallers



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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.

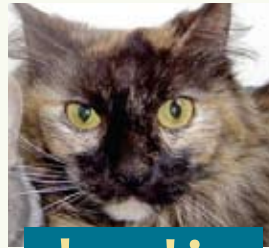
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ADOPT a Homeless Pet

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

One-year-old **Josephine** is a beautiful and friendly girl looking for her perfect match. This former stray loves a good massage and will do just about anything for a bite of tuna. She bonded well with her foster parents and would prefer a home where she is the only cat and can be the center of attention.

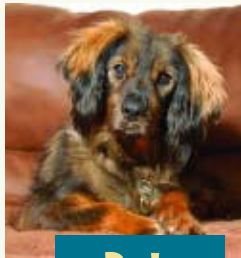


Josephine

Ham is a happy-go-lucky puppy in search of a loving family. Upon arrival at PAWS Chicago, vets found that he lacked full use of his hind legs due to nerve damage. As he continues to grow, he is much stronger, playful and outgoing. He loves wrestling with other pups and chasing after balls. With a nurturing home, this social boy will make the perfect companion!

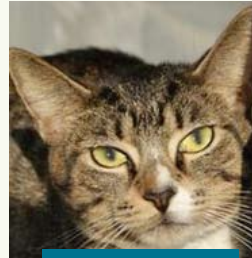


Ham



Peb

Peb is an affectionate four-year-old Afghan Hound-Spaniel who is looking for a family she can spoil with snuggles and her warm personality. A bit shy, she's working on building her confidence, but is eager to please. Peb will fit well into a home that can care for her mild thyroid condition that is easily managed through affordable, daily medication. Do you have room in your heart and home for this beautiful girl?



Uruguay

Two-year-old **Uruguay** is a friendly feline looking for her forever home after her previous owners could no longer keep her. She is quite a talker and knows what she wants, which usually includes a playful game of chasing stuffed socks. At the end of the day, she is looking for some quality snuggle time with a new family that will treat her like the princess she is.

PAWS Chicago ALUMNI

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

Moxie



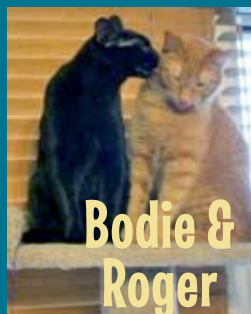
Moxie (PAWS Chicago name Moxy) is doing very well. She adjusted quickly to her new family and we can't imagine life without her. She is a quick learner, loves to play with other neighborhood dogs, and is always excited to play at the beach. Thank you for everything the PAWS Chicago volunteers did to bring Moxie into our family and for the many other dogs and cats who are lucky enough to find their way to PAWS Chicago. – Mason and Carla



Charlie & Rosie

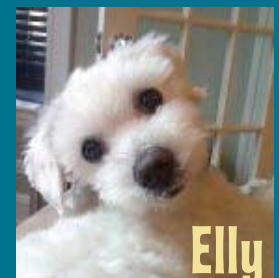
We adopted two cats from PAWS Chicago and they are doing so well! **Charlie** and **Rosie** (formerly known as Ethan and Angelica) are quite the pair. Rosie is as cuddly as can be and she has taught herself to play fetch. Charlie is a little more hands-off, but he enjoys a good game of "Chase the String." We are all so happy with our newest family members. Thank you so much! – Nancy

We are very happy with **Bodie** and **Roger** (PAWS Chicago name Ranger) and they are a treat to have. They were very close when they were separated while Bodie was at the vet so they had a little adjusting to do when they were reunited. But, I'm happy to report that they are best of friends again. We are proud to tell everyone that we adopted our cats from PAWS Chicago and what loving little kitties they are. – Mary



Bodie & Roger

Elly (formerly Moondance) came to PAWS Chicago after her original owner relinquished her to the pound where they discovered she had fleas and had to shave her. When we met, she was recovering from her spay surgery and was itchy from flea bites! I'm happy to report that she recovered and her gorgeous white coat is growing back. I feel so lucky to have found such an adorable, sweet and playful companion. I can't imagine my life without her! – Meg



Elly



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