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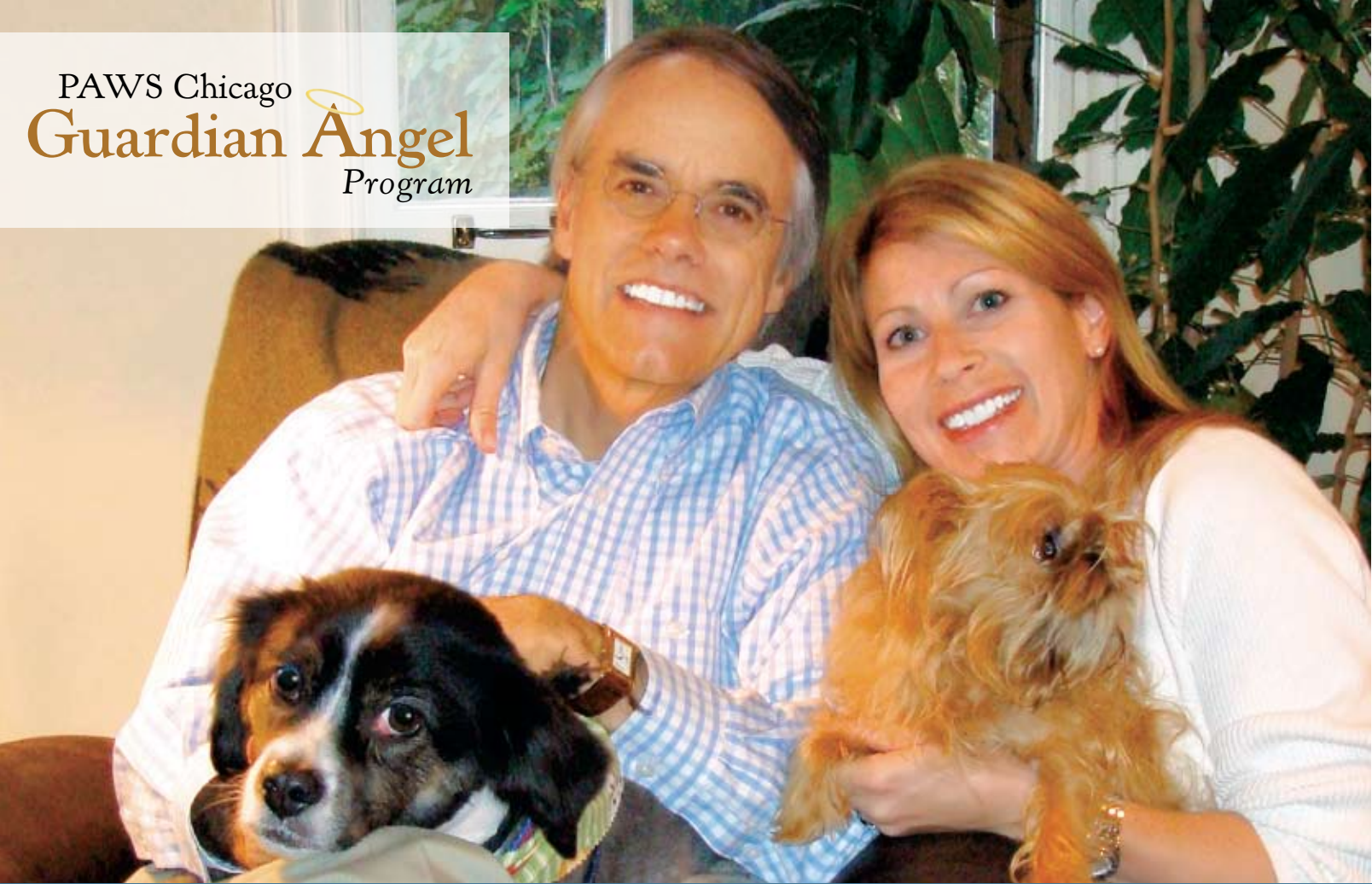
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Four years ago, Sheryl and Chip Lesch came across the PAWS Chicago Angels with Tails adoption event on Michigan Avenue while visiting the city on vacation. These Florida natives were taken by the organization's mission. One year later they decided to buy a home in Chicago and sought out more information about PAWS Chicago.

Sheryl and Chip incorporate their pets into everything they do, never travel without them and the family always eats together. Currently, the Lesches have two rescue dogs. Sammy was found tied up and dehydrated when Hurricane Charlie hit Florida and Emily was a sickly six-month-old rescued from a puppy mill, weighing less than one pound with no hair on her body.

After deciding to become more involved with PAWS Chicago, Sheryl and Chip made a visit to the Adoption & Humane Center. Both were deeply touched by

the experience. In the past, they had toured many shelters across the country, but never anything quite like this. Chip remarks, "The PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center is a beacon of light on a hill that will show other organizations this is the proper way to do it." Sheryl adds, "Someone understands how to treat animals with the dignity and respect they so deserve – to all the dogs and cats. What a wonderful role model and platform to spread across the country."

The Lesches decided to help secure the future of PAWS Chicago by making a planned gift. In addition to leaving a legacy for homeless pets, they know that PAWS Chicago will also care for Sammy and Emily, should the need arise. Chip explains that "enrolling our pets into the Guardian Angel Pet Care Program is a reflection of our confidence that no matter what happens to us, we know our dogs will always be taken care of."

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.

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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 13 years ago, PAWS Chicago was a fully volunteer grassroots organization. Now, PAWS Chicago's programs are recognized nationally.

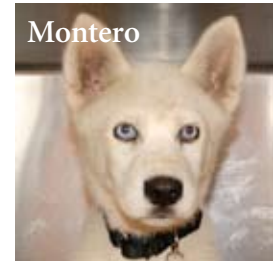
- The Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic is one of the largest free spay/neuter clinics in the nation, focusing on assisting low-income families who cannot otherwise afford the procedure.
- The Pippen Fasseas Adoption & Humane Center is the first cageless, No Kill shelter of its kind in the Midwest. Located in 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.



Asha is one of over 800 kittens that PAWS Chicago has rescued from Animal Care & Control this year. Found as a stray, she is currently under the care of a foster parent until she is vaccinated and old enough for her spay/neuter surgery.



4-month old Montero was transferred to PAWS Chicago from Animal Care & Control after being found as a stray. This gorgeous puppy was transferred to PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center where he was recently adopted into his new forever home.

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.

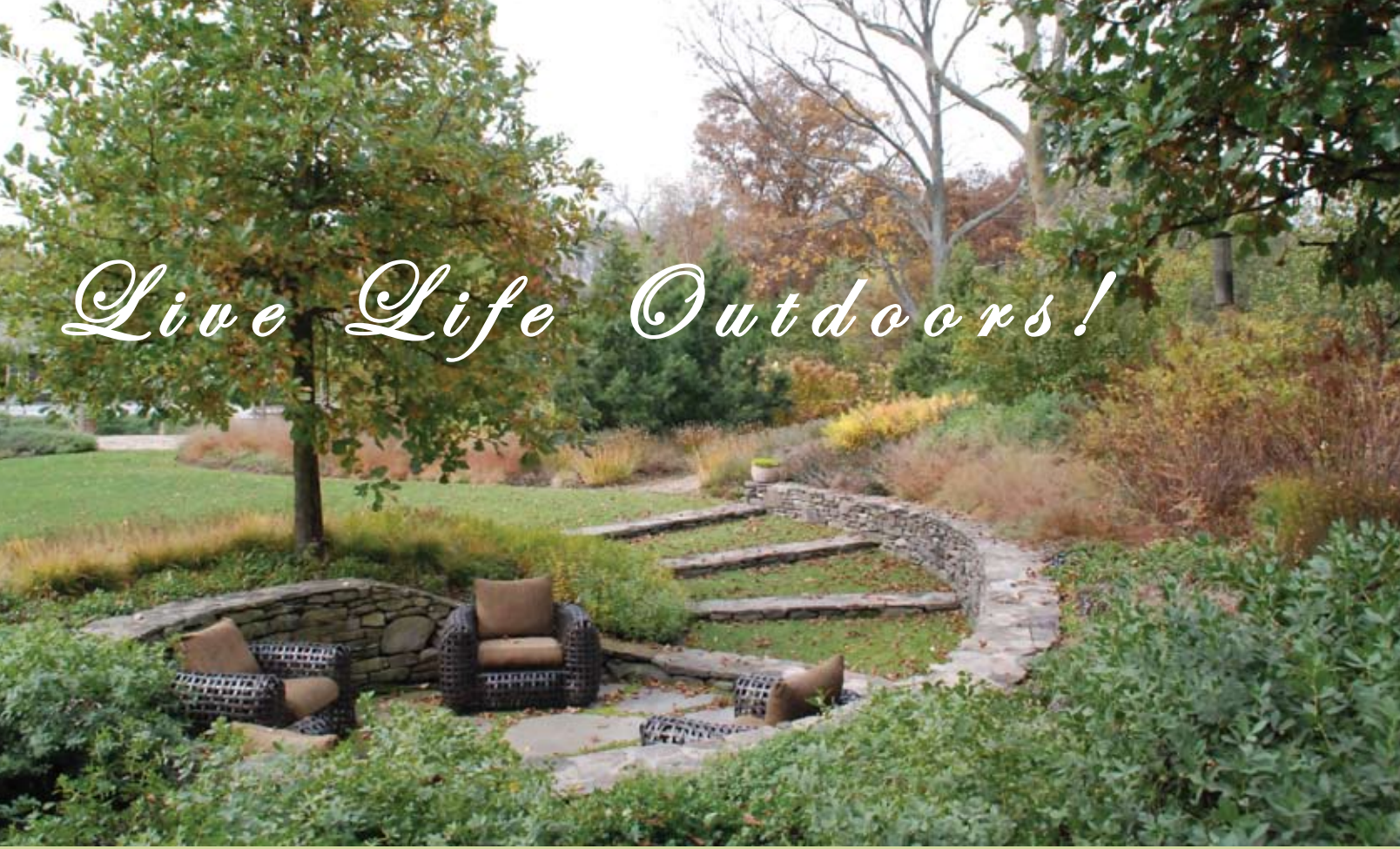
Spread the word

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.

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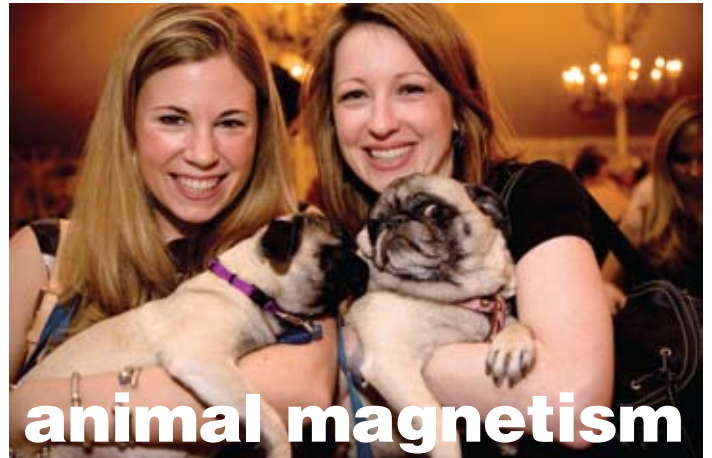
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PAWS Chicago in **Quotes**

“My favorite charity is PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) Chicago.”

– Nate Berkus
Vanity Fair, July 2010

“I want to salute PAWS, the largest No Kill shelter in the Midwest. Lots of pet owners from all over our area came together, banded together, worked together for a cause they believe in, making sure our pets are treated right. That’s a powerful force that can accomplish great things.”

– Governor Pat Quinn
Beach Party, July 2010



“They (PAWS Chicago) rescued these little gals from the pound. They would have been euthanized if they weren’t adopted.”

Regarding the adoption of her new Springer Spaniels Sunny and Lauren.

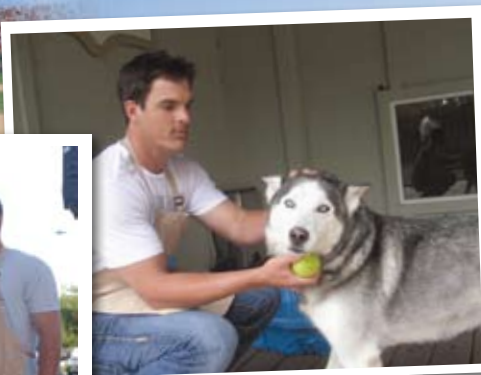
– Oprah Winfrey,
The Oprah Winfrey Show, January 29, 2010

ALL STAR ADOPT-A-THON

During the week of July 16, 2010, Ted Lilly, Ryan Dempster, Ryan Theriot, Koye Hill, Xavier Nady and Tyler Colvin of the Chicago Cubs, hit a grand slam in support of the homeless cats and dogs at PAWS Chicago’s All Star Adopt-A-Thon. Each of the players volunteered their time at PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center where they walked dogs, socialized cats and even played a little catch on the Center’s rooftop deck – all while raising awareness of the importance of pet adoption.

Each furry resident available for adoption during the week-long, baseball-themed event had his or her own baseball card complete with an action shot and biographical stats. The Adoption Center even stayed open late – until 10:00 p.m. each night – to enable guests to find their perfect match.

By the end of the week, a total of 105 animals were adopted – 61 dogs and 44 cats – and media coverage resulted in increased adoptions throughout the month!



FROM THE CHAIR



Photo by: Sofia Spentzas

Dear Supporters,

As we enter a new year, we are so grateful to our volunteers and supporters who have enabled us to grow our life-saving efforts, saving 4,000 lives and spaying or neutering 17,000 pets this year. With the dedication of so many people to this cause, we are building a national No Kill model right here in Chicago. Each month, dozens of shelters come to tour our operations and I receive calls every week from people looking to replicate our life-saving work in their communities. All of this is possible thanks to you.

In this issue, we are featuring articles from leaders in the No Kill movement, detailing essential components of the No Kill revolution. For us to reach the day when homeless pets are no longer managed by killing, we as a society must

understand the problems with the status quo and what is possible. By presenting the history of sheltering, the design of a model No Kill community, the definition of No Kill shelters and how transparency in sheltering is a critical step in getting to the day when all healthy and treatable homeless pets are saved, this section is a resource for all animal lovers looking to make a difference in the lives of these innocent beings.

Thank you for continuing to support this important work.

Warm Regards,

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Friends,

As the new Development Board President, I am thrilled to work with so many dedicated animal lovers to ensure that PAWS Chicago can continue to grow.

Our Development Board, in tandem with the Professional Board, is responsible for the success of our special events that are indispensable to PAWS Chicago's annual budget. See pages 42 and 43 for highlights of two of our 2010 fundraising events. We also manage the annual Desktop Calendar project. Don't forget to purchase your 2011 calendar - they make great gifts!

Be sure to read the article about Charity Navigator on the next page, showing that PAWS Chicago is one of a few charities in the nation that has consistently received the highest four-star rating. This means that each contribution leads to more lives saved.

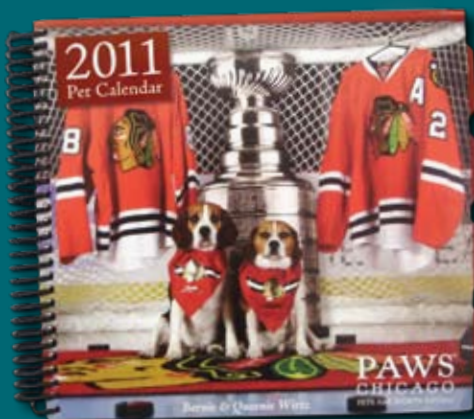
Thank you for making a difference for homeless pets in our community.

Many thanks,

Amy Turk
Development Board President



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PAWS Chicago Receives 4-Star Rating Eight Years in a Row

For eight consecutive years Charity Navigator, the nation's premier independent charity evaluator, has awarded PAWS Chicago with a perfect 4 out of 4 stars – an outstanding achievement matched by only 1% of more than 5,500 charities that Charity Navigator tracks and evaluates

By Matthew Berns

Charity Navigator rates charities by evaluating both their organizational efficiency and operational capacity. While there are many factors to the ratings, the most important to their rankings are program expenses, administrative expenses, fundraising efficiency, yearly revenue growth, and working capital.

The results of these are then compiled to rate charities from 1 to 4 stars. Charity Navigator gives PAWS Chicago its highest possible rating in these categories, meaning that PAWS Chicago consistently ranks as one of the most efficient charities in the country in its use of donations, and that it also has a solid and solvent plan for future expansion. Thanks to sound strategic and financial planning, as well as a large base

of highly dedicated volunteers who contribute in numerous ways, PAWS Chicago spends almost all of the organization's income directly on the goal of building a No Kill Chicago, with over 92 percent of donor funds going directly to furthering this mission and not tied up in non-program related expenses.

When asked what common factors are found in 4-star charities, Sandra Miniutti, V.P. of marketing at Charity Navigator replied, "A charity has to be in top fiscal shape to earn a 4-star rating. The charity needs to spend the bulk of its spending on its mission, [and] must show financial stability. We also want to see that the charity has a rainy day fund to fall back on when times get tough." This financial

forethought has allowed PAWS to continue growing in spite of the current economic climate. During the recent recession the organization was able to expand operations at the Lurie low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, and as Chicago Animal Care and Control's largest partner continued to find homes for thousands of animals through its comprehensive foster and adoption program. Thanks to these efforts the kill rate in Chicago has continued to decline, despite national trends.

So what exactly does a 4-star rating mean for donors who have given money, or are considering giving money to PAWS Chicago? According to Ms. Miniutti, "It means that they'll get the biggest bang from their donation. The majority of their contribution will be spent on the programs and services that the charity exists to provide, and that the charity isn't in risk of closing up its operations any time soon." Under Charity Navigator's classification methods, PAWS Chicago exceeds the standards of over 90 percent of animal welfare organizations nationwide and ranks as the highest rated animal welfare organization in the state of Illinois.

As a 4-star charity PAWS Chicago demonstrates a proven dedication to using donor funds as efficiently and effectively as possible, while always planning ahead to be prepared for whatever the future brings. With this mindset, the organization will ensure that it remains on the front lines of the No Kill movement, and working to advance its mission that every animal in Chicago deserves a fair chance at life.

Currently a writer for Groupon, Matthew Berns volunteered at PAWS Chicago to honor the memory of his late shelter dog, Sandy. A former staff caregiver and current volunteer, he has worked directly with the animals at both the Adoption Center and Lurie Clinic.



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The Marshall Field Family

From Downtown to Dog Town,
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Jamee Sr., Jamee Jr., and Abigail Field with PAWS Chicago rescue, Madison

From education and the environment to the arts and animal welfare, the Marshall Field family has made a tremendous impact on the city of Chicago. The story of the family is truly historic, with the original Marshall Field transforming the shopping experience by introducing the modern department store, launching Marshall Field and Company in 1881. Mr. Field later went on to contribute to the Field Museum of Natural History, bearing the family name, and founded the University of Chicago with John D. Rockefeller. His grandson, Marshall Field III, was the founder of the *Chicago Sun*, which became the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Today, Jamee and Marshall Field V and their four children – Jamee, Marshall VI, Stephanie and Abigail – continue the Field legacy.

An avid environmentalist and supporter of conservation, Marshall Field V is chair of the World Wildlife Fund's National Council and currently is serving on the organization's board of directors. He is also a member of The Nature Conservancy and the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the Board of Visitors of the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University and an Honorary Director of Openlands, which protects the natural and open spaces of north-eastern Illinois and surrounding region. He was also instrumental in making Chicago's Millennium Park a reality. Jamee and Marshall serve on the board of trustees at The Field Museum in Chicago, and for years, they have been supporting the cause of animal welfare.

"Marshall and I grew up in dog-mad households," said Jamee. "My mother-in-law owned dozens of breeds and all sizes, from Dachshunds to English Setters. She never just had one—it was always two or three or four at a time. At the end of her life she adopted strays."

Jamee's family had five Boston Terriers through her childhood. "My mother always chose the runt of the litter to save it. She felt that no one would want it. This was long before people gave much thought to adopting strays," Jamee recalls. "But I know that if our parents had had the PAWS influence, they would have been on board too."

Jamee and Marshall had dogs throughout their marriage and rescued their first shelter dog 14 years ago—a Lab / Pitbull mix who still enjoys chasing squirrels today. "PAWS has answered all of our concerns about animal care and welfare in the city of Chicago," Jamee said.

The Field Family helped launch PAWS Chicago. They were among the earliest PAWS Chicago supporters, naming the Marshall

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Field Family Surgical Suite at the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic in 2000. “Marshall, Jamee and the Field childrens’ early support served as inspiration for many of PAWS Chicago’s future donors,” said Paula Fasseas, Founder and Chair of PAWS Chicago. “Just two years after the organization’s founding, the Fields saw the promise of a better day for homeless pets in Chicago.”

Since its opening, the Lurie Clinic has become the largest free spay/neuter clinic in the nation, performing more than 17,000 surgeries each year, the majority of surgeries free of charge for families on public assistance. The results have been monumental, with a continued trend of decreasing the number of unwanted pets entering Chicago’s Animal Control (city pound.) The Lurie Clinic has been responsible for much of the more-than-50% reduction of euthanasia in the city of Chicago.

In 2007, as PAWS Chicago was launching its next major initiative, the Adoption & Humane Center, the Field family once again was a leader in PAWS Chicago’s fundraising initiative, naming The Marshall Field Family Dog Town. The 13,000 square foot Adoption Center in the heart of Lincoln Park has become a national model, featured in national news outlets like *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *Nightline*. More than 5,500 dogs have been saved and adopted through Dog Town since its opening in September 2007.

Marshall and Jamee were Honorary Chairs at the 2009 PAWS Chicago Fur Ball, recognized for all they have contributed to the PAWS Chicago organization and to animals in the city. That night, their daughter, Jamee Jr., fell in love-at-first-sight with an adorable puppy, Madison. “I hadn’t planned on getting a dog just then but she was so cute I couldn’t resist,” recalls Jamee Jr. “Thanks to Maddie I’m traveling a little less, loving being at home more, and taking her with whenever I can. I’m sure that most people say this about their dogs but Maddie is the happiest, cutest dog I’ve ever seen. She’s so incredibly mild mannered and absolutely loves other people and dogs. She gets along with everyone and is excited and thankful for the littlest things. Frankly, I wish I could be a little bit more like my dog!”

Since adopting Maddie, Jamee Jr. has become an adoption advocate. “I can’t imagine the number of dogs out there that are sweet, lovable dogs like Maddie that get euthanized simply due to the fact that there are too many of them out there without homes,” she said. But Jamee is not the only Field child with a love for pets. Marshall VI has five dogs and four cats at home and Abby adopted a Poodle-Shitzu mix this year.



Above: Michael Kane and Jamee Field, Jr. meet Madison at the 2009 Fur Ball. Below: PAWS Chicago rescue Madison loves life with Michael and Jamee.

“We and our four children believe that a No Kill city is a real possibility here. The fact that PAWS Chicago’s work has resulted in a 50% reduction in euthanasia in Chicago and in so many thousands of yearly adoptions here is absolutely amazing,” said Jamee Field. “There is still a long way to go but with PAWS Chicago riding herd on this city, we are destined for success.” With supporters like the Field family on board, Chicago will certainly become the largest No Kill city in the nation.



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

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Cold Weather Tips For Pets

As temperatures start to retreat, pet owners need to take extra precautions to keep their animals healthy and safe. The most important thing to bring with you when taking your pet outside in the winter is a dose of common sense.

by Dr. Robert Dann, DVM

Although many breeds of dogs love going outside in the winter and are adapted for the outdoors, smaller dogs and those with little or no hair should have sweaters or coats to protect them from the weather. If you notice your pet shivering, you have a clear sign that he is cold. Bitter cold can be damaging to the lining of the respiratory tract, a particular problem for pets with a history of heart or lung disease.

Prolonged exposure to cold can lead to hypothermia (low body temperature) and frostbite, noted mostly at the tips of the ears and tail and characterized by red- or gray-tinged skin. If you suspect frostbite, never rub the affected areas as this will worsen the damage. Instead, gently warm the afflicted areas by immersing them in warm (not hot) water or gently covering them with warm, moist towels. Prompt treatment by a veterinarian will then be required.

With the onset of wintry weather, special attention needs to be given to your pets' paws. Clipping any long fur between the toes and pads will prevent uncomfortable ice balls from forming while walking in the snow. When returning from walks, wipe snow and ice off your dog's belly, legs, and especially paws with a moist rag. Wiping down your dog will remove any salt or other harmful chemicals that could be ingested when licking.

Although your pet would have to ingest a rather large amount of a salt de-icer to become toxic from it, lesser amounts ingested by licking the paws can inflame the mouth and gastrointestinal tract. A common problem caused by salt is the irritation and drying effect it can have on the paw pads and skin. If this becomes an issue, petroleum jelly or commercially-available organic wax balms for dogs can be applied to the pads for protection. Another alternative would be to use

a salt-free ice melter (sold under the brand name Safe Paw™) which is safe for pets to walk on. Finally, although many dogs don't like to wear them, you can purchase specially made boots to protect the paws. It might be helpful to get your pet used to wearing these before cold weather sets in.

One of the deadliest problems associated with cold weather is the ingestion by pets of spilled car antifreeze that contains the substance ethylene glycol. Many cats and dogs are attracted to this chemical because of its sweet smell and taste. Unfortunately, consumption of even very small amounts can be fatal! Acute cases (within 12 hours of ingestion) often look as though the animal was intoxicated with alcohol: stumbling, vomiting and depression are common symptoms. Shortly after this, the pet's kidneys will shut down.

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PET HEALTH & BEHAVIOR

Cold Weather Tips continued

If you suspect antifreeze has been ingested, take your pet to the veterinarian immediately as there may be time to administer the antidote for this poison. Also, be sure to clean up antifreeze spills right away. It's possible, too, to switch to a safer car antifreeze, one that contains propylene glycol rather than the more common ethylene glycol.

When starting a car in the cold weather, beware of any heat-seeking outdoor cats that may have found a comfortable and warm spot under the hood of a car. A cat's limbs and tail can be severely injured by moving fan belts. Banging on the hood or fender of the car or honking the horn a few times before turning on the engine will startle a cat and prevent a catastrophic event.

Cold and damp weather can bring on the pain of arthritis, seen usually in middle age to older pets. The most consistent and early signs of arthritis will be stiffness and difficulty rising and navigating stairs, especially after being inactive for a while. If your pet is carrying too much weight and is afflicted with arthritis, now would be a good time to start a weight loss program since being overweight greatly worsens the discomfort. There are many effective treatments for arthritis with which your veterinarian can help, and always remember to consult your veterinarian before giving your pet over-the-counter medications. For instance, just one Tylenol™ tablet can be fatal to a cat.

Indoor Winter Hazards

The onset of cold weather is accompanied by the holiday season which, unfortunately, has its own share of perils for beloved pets. Many dog and cat owners are aware that chocolate can be toxic for their animals. Nonetheless, most cases of chocolate ingestion that I treat are in pets whose caregivers were aware of this danger. It is not hard to imagine a hungry Labrador Retriever snatching a bag of semi-sweet chocolate morsels off the counter top where Christmas cookies are being made or a tenacious terrier ripping open the pockets of a child's coat left on a chair to get at the candy left in the pocket! Glasses with alcoholic beverages left on

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Decorative plants may add holiday cheer, but they also pose a danger.



coffee tables following holiday parties pose a temptation to pets and are a health hazard, as alcohol toxicity can be fatal.

Many of the items used to decorate homes during the holidays can also be dangerous to pets. Cats are often attracted to ribbons on packages and tinsel hung on Christmas trees. If enough is swallowed, bowel obstructions can occur. Many of the evergreens used in festive displays contain toxic oils that are irritating to the stomach if ingested. The preservatives utilized for Christmas trees can also be toxic, so make sure you read the package label confirming their safety before adding them to the water in a tree stand.

Decorative plants may add holiday cheer, but they also pose a danger. Oddly enough, it is not the poinsettia plant that is deadly, even though most people continue to believe that urban myth. (The plant's sap, however, is an irritant to the mouth and stomach and can cause vomiting.) Ornamental plants that are actually toxic

are as follows: Christmas Berry, Christmas Cherry, Christmas Pepper, Christmas Rose, Holly (especially the berries) and Mistletoe. Mistletoe (and again, especially the berries) is the most deadly of the holiday plants for both humans and pets. Denying the opportunity for toxicity to occur is simply a matter of keeping these items out of the house, or safely out of the reach of your pet.

Winter time, the holidays, and romps in the snow are all things we look forward to as the seasons change. And if you take care to make sure your pets are comfortable and safe this winter, you may even be sorry to see Spring's warm weather arrive once again.



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CANINE SOCIAL SYSTEMS & THE HUMAN ROLE

By Joan Harris

Let's start at the very beginning of our relationship with dogs. No one knows exactly when dogs were domesticated but the journey is very profound. It is a common theory that our domestic dogs evolved from the wolf. Dogs and wolves belong to the same species *Canis lupus* as well as the same family *Canidae*; the DNA code of dogs and wolves has been found to be identical. Most domestic dogs today are believed to be descendants of the grey wolf better known as the timber wolf.

years ago. Man discovered the wolf's natural ability to be a team player and invited him to stay. Cohabitation with humans greatly improved the chance for survival for both species and the partnership began.

The dog-human partnership set both species on a new evolutionary course. Dogs were selectively bred to perform tasks that man was unable to do. They became our protectors, herders, hunters, companions and baby-sitters. The strong bond we feel with our dogs led us to treat them

their social systems.

This usually leads us back to studying the pack behavior of wolves, our dog's ancient ancestors. Our present day dogs share various traits with their ancestors such as body postures and an innate knowledge of pack hierarchy. A wolf pack is a highly disciplined group who work together. The alpha pair has the greatest amount of social freedom among all the pack members. They do not give "orders" to the other wolves but instead have privileges such as eating first, mating and initiating interactions.

The pack usually follows the alpha pair and consists of various subordinates. The omega is the lowest ranking wolf in the pack. In larger packs, there may also be a beta wolf or wolves. They are "second-in-command" to the alphas. The wolf pack functions as a cooperative unit, rather than competing amongst themselves for resources or trying to dominate each other.

**A species so intimately involved with our own,
which has shared our life since time immemorial.**

- Alfred Barbour

It is believed that wolves may have gathered around the campfires of our paleolithic ancestors scavenging for scraps of food some 14,000 - 17,000

like members of our family. It is no wonder that when we choose to live so intimately with our dogs that it is essential to study and comprehend

Rank order is established and maintained through a series of ritualized fights and posturing. Wolves prefer this to physical confrontations. Physical confrontations would only serve to weaken the pack. Rank order can shift constantly according to the needs of the pack at any given time. Rank order is only one of the many social traits used to keep the pack running smoothly. Wolves possess many ritualized behavior patterns that are recognized amongst other pack members to have a specific meaning.

In her book, "Aggression In Dogs", Brenda Aloff states that dogs also use ritualized behavior patterns to determine without resorting to violence, who gives in and who prevails in situations where conflict exists. Although developing our skills for understanding a dog's language is a subject in itself, we need to understand how a dog interacts with members of its own species to understand how he is attempting to interact with us.

By gaining an understanding of the complexities of canine behavior we can bypass the notion that every problem behavior we encounter with our dogs is due to the dog being either "dominant" or "submissive". Dispelling this notion opened the door for a broader view of how we can relate to our dogs. Dog training that relies solely on the use of physical correction or the notion that a dog needs to be physically dominated is a thing of the past.

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) warns against the use of "dominance" based training techniques explaining how they can damage the human-dog relationship. The AVSAB goes to great lengths to explain the difference between leadership and dominance stating that, "leadership is established when a pet owner can consistently set clear limits for behavior and effectively communicate the rules by immediately rewarding the correct behavior and preventing access to or removing rewards for undesirable behaviors before the undesirable behavior is reinforced."

Science based dog training methods, spearheaded by the work of Karen Pryor, are now being explored and widely used. Pryor used psychologist B. F. Skinner's theory of operant conditioning to develop the clicker training method in which a small plastic noisemaker is used to mark a behavior that will earn a reward. An animal tends to repeat an action that has positive consequences. The results are amazing. Dogs learn with eagerness and gain a clear

understanding of the task at hand, unclouded by the fear of making a mistake and physical punishment.

Our relationships with our dogs continue to evolve. In our present day urban environment, dogs no longer perform tasks that are needed for our survival. Still they are an important part of our lives. We depend on them for companionship and unconditional loyalty and affection. They get us out every day for walks and work as our partners in

agility class. They still function as playmates for our children and companions for the elderly. It's a safe bet that man will always have a place in his home for the family dog.



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PAWS Chicago at the Forefront of Groundbreaking Shelter Medicine Study



Study of FIV-infected cats aims to increase understanding of the disease and create best practices to improve long-term health of FIV+ cats.

By Dr. Annette L. Litster

+ What is Feline Immunodeficiency Virus?

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, or FIV, is a disease that suppresses the immune system of cats, leaving them potentially more vulnerable to infections and illnesses that healthy cats with strong immune systems would be protected against. The disease is typically spread among cats through the saliva transmission via bite wounds. Similar to HIV in humans, FIV is not contracted through casual contact.

While FIV-infection in cats is sometimes associated with poor health (including fever, poor coat condition, enlarged lymph nodes, and weight loss), many FIV-positive cats live long and healthy lives without signs of infection. However, with the limited information known about cats living with FIV, an accurate prognosis is very difficult for veterinarians to provide.

When diagnosed with FIV, the life-expectancy of an infected cat can be very good. However, some cats will eventually succumb to the effects of the virus on the immune system and infection progresses to feline

AIDS. In traditional shelter settings, FIV-infected cats are often euthanized immediately following the diagnosis, mostly because so little is known about the possible outcome for pet cats infected with the virus.

Because the outcome of infection can be so variable, it is important to be able to predict whether a cat has a good prognosis or is likely to go on to develop AIDS so that veterinarians, animal shelters and cat adopters can make better, more informed decisions about the well-being of the cats under their care.

A Groundbreaking Study

A collaborative and groundbreaking project is taking place between PAWS Chicago, Purdue University, Bristol University, Glasgow University and the Fitzhugh B. Crews FIV Cat Sanctuary, to study naturally occurring FIV-infection in cats and determine the specific effects of the infection. This study, which will follow 150

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Saving Iko: This 2-year-old gray Tabby arrived at PAWS Chicago from Animal Care & Control. Although FIV+, Iko is full of life, love and of course, enjoys a good cat nap.

Saving Nella: This 3-year-old orange and white long-hair cat came to PAWS Chicago after being relinquished by her owner, who originally found her as a stray. This gorgeous girl, who happens to be FIV+, is very healthy, playful and absolutely loves to be loved.



cats over a 5-year span, was launched in November 2009 and is the first of its kind to document naturally-infected real-life cases. The study aims to investigate what actually happens to a cat when infected with FIV, to understand the important clinical indicators that will predict whether disease will progress or not and to develop management practices that improve the long-term health of FIV-infected cats.

The results of the study will be of particular importance among animal shelters as 1.5 to 3 percent of healthy cats are infected with FIV and up to 15 percent of cats that are sick are FIV-infected. Of these cats, many are euthanized annually in shelters simply because they are FIV-positive. Evidence from this study will reduce these deaths by generating practical information regarding prognosis and optimal health management practices for cats living with FIV.

Cats participating in the humane study from PAWS Chicago are a part of the organization's adoption program, while those from Fitzhugh B. Crews FIV Cat Sanctuary in Memphis, TN are cats who permanently live at the sanctuary.

PAWS Chicago has been a huge proponent of welcoming FIV-infected cats into its adoption program and has seen significant success in the adoptions of these special cats who make such wonderful pets. Studies like these are so important for the future of managing animals with this type of disease at PAWS Chicago and other animal shelters so that every cat is given the chance to live a healthy, happy life.

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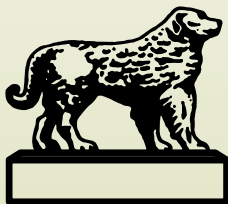
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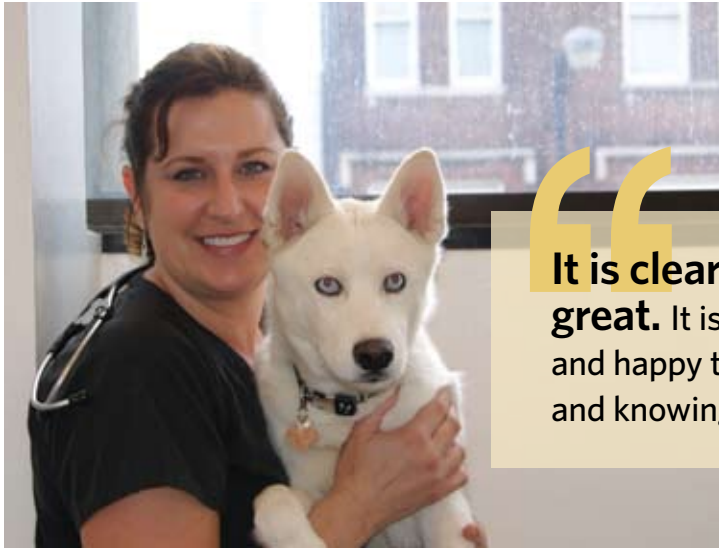
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PAWS CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Barbara Hanek

Each day, Dr. Barbara Hanek works passionately to save the lives of homeless animals. As the shelter medicine veterinarian for PAWS Chicago, Dr. Hanek's efforts are focused on ensuring that cats and dogs who enter PAWS Chicago are treated as individuals and are given the necessary medical treatment and rehabilitation so they are as healthy as possible, can enjoy life and bring happiness to their new family. She says, "Our goal is to

In support of PAWS Chicago's goal of creating a No Kill Chicago, where pets are no longer destroyed just because they are homeless, Dr. Hanek's team provides comprehensive treatment to all incoming pets into the program, many of whom are often very young puppies and kittens susceptible to disease. Treatment and specialized surgeries, when necessary, are at the core of PAWS Chicago's life saving efforts, and include dental work, eye surgeries, orthopedic surgeries, treatment for stomatitis, parvo, chronic respiratory infections, and mass/tumor removals, to name a few. As a part of the No Kill movement, Dr. Hanek's team treats medical diseases for animals who, in a traditional shelter, would be euthanized. This year alone, Dr. Hanek's shelter medicine



It is clear that I am a part of something great. It is so rewarding to see how beautiful, healthy and happy the animals are at the Adoption Center... and knowing all the TLC it took to get them there.

save lives by examining and treating as many animals as possible so they won't be euthanized elsewhere or contribute to the problem of pet overpopulation."

Driven by a need to help and advocate for animals, Dr. Hanek attended veterinary school at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and brought over 20 years of experience in veterinary medicine to PAWS Chicago's shelter medicine program in 2008, an organization that suits her well. "From a veterinary point of view, working with shelter pets is pure. It's me, my team and the pet," she says. "I love that I can bring in a dehydrated, emaciated, scared or severely matted animal and, with the help of my talented staff and caring fosters, get them to where they are healthy and loving."

"I feel like I've come full circle," said Dr. Hanek, who completed an externship at a public shelter in her senior year of veterinary school where her responsibilities included 'putting down' puppies and kittens because little to no medical treatment or special surgeries were done simply because there were too many animals. "I am now equipped with the knowledge, skills and compassion to stop killing animals because they don't have a home or are in need of veterinary care."

team will be responsible for the diagnosis and medical treatment of more than 4,000 homeless pets.

From an educational standpoint, Dr. Hanek is part of the team that works with veterinary students from Purdue University in an effort to create the first shelter medicine university program completed in a shelter, on-site at PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center. The program provides students with real-life experiences of what it is to work in a shelter setting and is transforming sheltering by raising awareness about the specific needs of shelter medicine. "I'm always amazed by the multiple, incredible goals which we have here at PAWS Chicago," she said. "There is still so much that still needs to be done and PAWS Chicago is always willing and able to bring solutions."

"At PAWS Chicago, it is clear that I am a part of something great. It is so rewarding to see how beautiful, healthy and happy the animals are at the Adoption Center... and knowing all the TLC it took to get them there," said Dr. Hanek. PAWS Chicago is fortunate to have the dynamic and compassionate Dr. Hanek leading the Shelter Medicine team.

kids corner

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

Alcott Elementary School



The after-school Service Club at Alcott Elementary School in Lincoln Park named "The Wild Cat Club" coordinated a school-wide in-kind donation drive to collect donations for PAWS Chicago. Members of the Wild Cat Club, met with PAWS Volunteers at their school and learned all about dog safety, including how to safely approach and meet a new dog. They also presented their donation which included several cartons of wish-list items for cats and dogs, including dog beds, food and toys.

Chicago Jewish Day School



The kindergarten students at Chicago Jewish Day School toured PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center to learn about animal shelters. Using pictures drawn and notes taken about what is needed for an Adoption Center to be healthy and happy for animals, the students created a 'Stuffed Animal Adoption Center' in their classroom, named "PAWS Kindergarten."

The kids held an adoption day and invited other school students to come, view and adopt homeless stuffed animals. Each animal had a kennel card with information about the animal and fresh water and food (paper in cups). The students wore name tags (like volunteers at the Adoption Center) and worked as Adoption Counselors who helped guests choose their forever stuffed friend. They also took adopters through the adoption process, which included reading the adoption contract out-loud, signing the contract, a stop at the "front desk" to pay a \$1 adoption fee, and finalizing the paperwork.

"PAWS Kindergarten" was a huge learning opportunity for the students who also raised \$120 in 'adoption fees' for PAWS Chicago!

Beth



Beth (9), a budding animal rights activist, put her beliefs into action to make a difference for animals by holding a bake sale at her summer block party to raise money to help homeless cats and dogs at PAWS Chicago. With the help of her mom and sister, Kate, Beth baked and sold brownies and cookies. Her idea was a huge hit and several neighborhood dogs adopted from PAWS Chicago even stopped by with their families to support the cause. In total, Beth raised \$120!

Also, in lieu of presents for her 9th birthday, Beth asked friends to bring pet supplies for PAWS Chicago. Her guests came with leashes, collars, bowls and dog and cat toys which also were donated.

Beth's love of her own pets, 3 cats and 2 gerbils, and the No Kill movement inspired her to ensure that all dogs and cats have homes. And as soon as she's old enough, she plans to volunteer at PAWS Chicago!



RE VOLUTION

PAWS Chicago is part of a revolution—a No Kill revolution—that started in San Francisco in 1994 and is now sweeping across the nation. This No Kill movement, still in its infancy, has challenged the methods of traditional animal sheltering, which for centuries has managed pet overpopulation by killing the surplus of homeless pets. Dedicated to the principle of valuing each individual animal while simultaneously focusing on big picture strategic solutions, the No Kill method is expanding its role in cities and counties across America.

Here is the story of animal sheltering and the rise of No Kill, with articles unraveling the differences between traditional and No Kill sheltering methods, outlining the future for homeless pets.

The History of Sheltering

In the second half of the nineteenth century, humane societies began to take over the killing of

stray and unwanted populations of cats and dogs. They wanted to eradicate the cruel methods of animal control at the time, which commonly resorted to clubbing, shooting, or drowning companion animals to death. But when private shelters accept the role of killing, who is to advocate for life?

For more than a century, traditional humane societies have been

entrenched in the “cage and kill” philosophy, taking in all animals and killing the surplus. Because of the history of cruel methods of animal control, these traditional shelters have accepted death as a humane alternative for homeless cats and dogs. For more than 100 years, these traditional methods did little to eliminate pet overpopulation.

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> Understanding the true definition of “No Kill” is the difference between life and death for millions of cats and dogs at animal shelters around the world.

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> Why transparency - the accurate disclosure of animal shelter data including admissions, adoptions, euthanasia rates, and the number of animals who died in a shelter - matters and its impact on the lives of animals and donor decisions.

For example, despite the existence of traditional shelters in Chicago for more than a century, the number of homeless pets killed in 1997 was a staggering 42,561. If traditional methods worked, pet overpopulation would not continue to plague our country's homeless pets. In contrast, since PAWS Chicago took the No Kill message public with Angels with Tails in 1998, and with the help of all the wonderful Chicagoans who have rallied to help homeless pets, the killing has been reduced by more than half with 18,475 pets euthanized in 2009.

The Advent of No Kill

With the entire animal welfare system designed to kill the ever-increasing number of homeless dogs and cats, changing the direction of the tide was a huge undertaking. It would take vision, leadership, direction, and proof that life-saving methods work to change the methodology of traditional sheltering.

Through innovative programs, proactive adoptions, and many years of focused, targeted spay/ neuter, San Francisco created a progressive No Kill model that saves all animals; the only warranted euthanasia is for animals who are irremediably suffering, or those who are vicious and pose a threat to the public. But despite San Francisco's proven track record of saving-not killing-homeless animals, many shelters and communities have not yet embraced the No Kill model. Many shelters and communities continue to kill homeless cats and dogs, rather than work to change the ineffective status quo. But the No Kill tide has already begun to swell.

The No Kill Model

Today, PAWS Chicago is leading the way as a national model in No Kill sheltering, but there are important distinct roles for government and private shelters in building No Kill communities.

How a Model No Kill Community Works.

In a model No Kill city, all healthy and treatable animals are saved. Euthanasia is reserved only for dogs or cats who are hopelessly sick or injured, or dogs who are vicious and therefore pose a real and immediate threat to public safety.

Spay/Neuter clinics and spay/neuter vans make the service readily available and affordable, or free, for pets of low-income families. Spay/Neuter is essential to managing the population of unwanted pets, greatly reducing the volume of animals entering shelters and ultimately enabling all homeless animals to find homes.

Private Shelters in a No Kill Community.

In a model No Kill community, all private shelters manage their admissions much like human services do, taking in only as many pets as they can care for with all of their donor dollars

going to saving, not ending, lives. This *managed admissions* approach works with each case individually so that his or her needs are met.

The reality is that every institution has a capacity limit. If a hospital or domestic violence shelter has only 1,000 beds, they will not take in 2,000 people and kill the excess. Much like their human counterparts, a No Kill shelter triages pets to take in crisis care and the neediest cases first. When a family gives up their pet, the shelter educates them on the reality of pet homelessness and offers educational counseling and alternatives. During the busiest times, these private shelters will ask people with less critical needs to keep their pet a few weeks or utilize a network of foster homes to take in pets while the shelter is operating at capacity.

Once pets are in the adoption program, the life of each animal is prioritized. Private donor dollars go to treating and saving the lives of all healthy and treatable animals that come through the shelter's doors. Traditional, open door shelters would no longer exist, since they are an outdated model that merely replicates government services.

Government's Role in a No Kill Community.

Animal Care & Control, or the city pound, in a model community would serve as the central location for stray and unwanted pets and for cases of animal cruelty, they would work in conjunction with the city's law enforcement. As the community's open door shelter funded by tax dollars, they would take in all animals and be the single destination to search for lost pets.

Private shelters would support the city shelter by transferring pets into their adoption programs. With an active transfer culture, there is a safety net for the pets who enter the city shelter. When the city agency is the only open door shelter in a community, any killing would be exposed with greater transparency and freedom of information legally mandated for government.

Reaching No Kill

As No Kill has become the commonly accepted sheltering model, many traditional open door shelters mask their killing through misleading terminology and misrepresentation of their shelter data. But knowledge is power.

With the knowledge of what pets are facing in a community's sheltering system, the public is mobilized to action, responding to the need. This response is visible in the 7,000 people who volunteer for PAWS Chicago because they believe in the No Kill model.

By supporting No Kill with your time and resources, you are arming the revolution. Within five years, the war will be won and animals will no longer be killed in Chicago. We will be the model No Kill community, and the revolution will spread.

UNADOPTABLE

When is No Kill *truly* No Kill?

When shelters save 90%+

By Nathan Winograd

The No Kill model of animal sheltering - where 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 - is gaining acceptance and saving more animal lives in shelters around the world. However, the meaning of the term "No Kill" is often intentionally misused by some shelters, enabling them to mislead the public with inaccurate kill and save rates. Before making the decision to adopt from or donate to an animal shelter, the key is to truly know how your local shelter defines No Kill.

It is an exciting time for the No Kill movement. Thanks to organizations like PAWS Chicago, the movement has completely altered the landscape in America and its impact can be felt in all corners of the country. In fact, it can be felt all over the world, as communities across the globe are embracing it as well. And that means more and more animals are being saved.

It seems everywhere one turns; there is yet another reason to celebrate. The city of Austin, Texas recently embraced No Kill in a unanimous vote by the City Council. The State of Delaware passed shelter reform legislation that puts them on the path toward No Kill, also unanimously. A Kentucky community recently celebrated its second No Kill year. A Canadian community reduced killing by 70%. A New Zealand animal control shelter finished the year with a 96% rate of lifesaving. Another in Australia surpasses even that. Unthinkable, a few short years ago. And it is now happening all the time, all over the world.

When truly caring learn about the promise of the No Kill philosophy, it gives them hope. When shelters follow the model it advocates, they achieve success. The lives saved rather than killed in places as diverse as California, New York, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Nevada, Minnesota, Kansas, and elsewhere are a living testament to the power of the No Kill philosophy, and the compassion of most people.

Unfortunately, not everyone shares those values. Pressured by their constituents, pressured by taxpayers, and pressured by a growing army of compassionate animal activists which are calling for an end to the killing, some shelters are responding by embracing the language of No Kill, but not the actual programs and services which save lives. In other words, they are claiming that they are “No Kill” even as they continue to kill large numbers of animals. To do that, they are claiming that all the animals they do kill are “unadoptable.”

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This allows them to defray criticism, without doing the hard but noble work of saving all the lives at risk. Because to the public, “unadoptable” implies a common sense definition of the word—a dog or cat who is hopelessly sick or injured or, in the case of dogs, who may be vicious and therefore poses a real and immediate threat to public safety. That is what many of these shelters expect the public to believe: that they are, in fact, already meeting the dictionary definition of euthanasia (“the act or practice of killing hopelessly sick or injured individual animals in a relatively painless way for reasons of mercy”) when they call a dog or cat “unadoptable.” But that is not the criteria they are using to make those determinations.

As a result, while shelters claim they are saving “all adoptable animals,” they are still killing as they have always done but only after unfairly labeling the animals “unadoptable.” In Los Angeles, for example, an animal shelter was claiming to be saving almost all “adoptable” animals even while it was killing half the dogs and 80% of all cats. A shelter does not achieve No Kill by calling animals “unadoptable” before killing them; it achieves No Kill by actually saving their lives.

So given that more and more shelters are using the No Kill terminology, how can an animal lover be sure they are

supporting the organizations that truly reflect their values? How can you be sure that the animal you rescued off the street is going to the right place? How can you know whether shelters are truly doing all they can to save the life of animals? The answer is the “90% Rule.”

Based on dog bite extrapolation data and the results of the best performing shelters in the country, we know that over 90 percent of animals entering shelters are savable. The most successful communities across the world save between 92 percent and 97 percent of animals. Indeed, one shelter in New Zealand is on pace for a stunning 99 percent save rate this year. The good news is that this result occurs even in shelters which are “open

admission,” meaning they are the animal control agency in their community. A municipal shelter in Nevada is saving 95% of all animals, even with a per capita intake rate that is four times the rate of Los Angeles, seven times the rate of New York City, and over twice the national average.

But, like all things, it isn’t an exercise in simplicity. It requires more than simply asking “What is your save rate?” and then waiting for the answer. We need to know that the answer encompasses all animals. Like Los Angeles, if the answer is only those animals they consider “adoptable,”

we are being misled. To be a true No Kill shelter, the 90% save rate must be based on all animals entering the shelter, each and every one: the “cute and cuddlies” and even the “old and uglies.”

Because if you share the No Kill philosophy, if you believe in the sanctity of life, if you think being beautiful on the inside also makes you beautiful on the outside (and what animal isn’t?), they are all cute and cuddly, regardless of their age or infirmity, and they all should be counted. In fact, what some traditional shelters might see as a lack of objective beauty in some animals is only a poor reflection of their own lack of compassion.

That animal can be loved and cherished and desperately missed by the family out looking for him or her or by the next family that walks in looking for a new best friend. That is what makes the No Kill philosophy so beautiful. It doesn’t matter if the animals are old, blind, deaf, missing limbs, or traumatized. All of these animals are worthy of our compassion, all of them can find homes, and all of them deserve to. But that requires shelters truly dedicated to that task.

Americans are crazy about their pets. We spend \$50 billion each year on their care and comfort. And we give hundreds of millions more to animal related charities in need. We deserve shelters that reflect, rather than thwart, our values. And that means we deserve a No Kill nation, both in name and in deed. Is your shelter up to the task?

See how Chicago Shelters add up on page 30



Chicago Animal Welfare Statistics	2008 Community Summary CASA*	2008 City Agency	2008 Traditional Agencies	2008 No Kill Agencies	2008 PAWS Chicago portion
Impoundments	40,233	21,836	13,988	4,409	3,107
Total Live Impoundments	40,233	21,836	13,988	4,409	3,107
Adoptions	11,385	2,390	4,815	4,180	3,015
Transfers to Other Organizations	5,370	3,515	1,841	14	4
Reclaimed by Owner	1,189	1,133	35	21	0
Total Saved	17,944	7,038	6,691	4,215	3,019
Died in Care	243	0	177	66	41
Euthanized	19,228	12,544	6,554	130	47
Total Deaths	19,471	12,544	6,731	196	88
Death Rate	48.40%	57.45%	48.12%	4.45%	2.83%
Save Rate	51.60%	42.55%	51.88%	95.55%	97.17%
Consists of the Following Organizations	Chicago Animal Shelter Alliance (CASA)	Chicago Animal Care & Control	Anti Cruelty Society Animal Welfare League -Wabash	PAWS Chicago Tree House Chicago Canine Rescue Felines Red Door Animal Shelter Harmony House for Cats Lake Shore Animal Shelter	

Source: CASACHicago.org
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*2009 data has not been made available.
See www.pawschicago.org for PAWS Chicago's most recent shelter data.



Late one night in war torn Afghanistan, a suicide bomber broke onto an American military base. Strapped with 25 pounds of explosives, he was in process of entering the barracks where 50 American soldiers slept when Target, Sasha and Rufus, canine companions the soldiers had taken in, attacked the intruder, barking and snarling to alert the sleeping troops of trouble. This chaos forced the bomber to detonate his explosives before he was able to reach the soldiers.

Five soldiers were wounded and one of the dogs, Sasha, was killed in the explosion, but dozens of lives were saved. Target and Rufus were treated for their injuries, made full recoveries and were brought home to America at the end of the tour of duty to live with two soldiers and their families. Target and her family were even featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show this year. But tragedy struck on November 12, 2010, when Target was lost and ultimately killed in an animal shelter.

The Killing of a Hero

“It is more dangerous for a dog in a U.S. animal shelter than it is in war torn Afghanistan.” That is the conclusion of many heartbroken animal lovers as they found out an Arizona shelter killed a dog who saved American soldiers from a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. The shelter calls it a “mistake,” but killing is not a “mistake” when it happens all of the time, all over the place.

While our hearts go out to the family of that poor dog, killing an animal is no less tragic because someone says a particular pet is unwanted. The killing of four million animals every year in our nation’s regressive pounds and “shelters” is a needless travesty that can and must be brought to an end.



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A proposed law would cause shelters to work harder to save more animals by stopping shelters from hiding or misrepresenting their animals' fates.

By David Tenenbaum

If you took the time, effort and expense to surrender your beloved pet to a traditional shelter to make sure that the pet would find a new home, and you were promised there was “no time limit” on how long the dog or cat could stay, or that the shelter would use its “best efforts” to place the pet, you can be assured that your dog or cat did not wind up in the shelter freezer, black garbage bag or incinerator.

Or can you? Last year, 4 million pets were put to death in shelters across the United States. Animal shelter euthanasia remains the leading cause of death of dogs and cats in this country. In fact, shelter euthanasia kills more pets than any known disease. Nationwide, 60% of dogs and 70% of cats entering animal shelters never make it out alive.

Shocking Lack of Industry Transparency

You cannot be certain that your surrendered dog or cat was in fact adopted and did not wind up as one of the 4 million annual euthanasia deaths, due to the shocking

lack of transparency in the traditional animal shelter industry. As the public increasingly demands better outcomes for shelter animals, some shelters work harder and implement improved programs to achieve better results for the animals. Other shelters, work even harder to conceal the truth.

The public’s escalating vocal compassion has raised shelter awareness, and sometimes shelter efforts, to reduce the killing. A handful but growing number of truly progressive shelters, working together with varying combinations of volunteers, rescue groups, spay/neuter veterinarians, donors, media and compassionate politicians and community leaders, now reserve euthanasia only for the truly gravely ill or incorrigible animal. These modern shelters never use euthanasia to control the pet population in the shelter and will never kill a pet that is or can be made adoptable. Shelters such as PAWS Chicago, which has successfully implemented the principles of No Kill, has been able to increase the save rate of its pet population to 97%.

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However, the same public demands to eliminate euthanasia as a means of controlling the pet over population has motivated many traditional shelters to create the outward appearance of No Kill, even though they continue the practice of euthanasia to cull their population of adoptable and treatable pets.

Shelter directors who continue their massive killing of animals do so to hide that fact from their employers, the general public, municipal leaders and shelter donors. Indeed, the non-profit status of many of the traditional shelters does not prevent them from taking in millions of dollars in donations and fees. Shelters that continue the excessive killing would no doubt see their share of donations plummet if donors knew the truth. Those running the failing shelters hide the truth through statistical half truths, the misuse of temperament tests and even false representations.

Why Accurate Disclosure Is Crucial For Meaningful Reform

Many if not most of the traditional shelters do not disclose to the public the extent of their killing, or even that they are kill shelters – where euthanasia is routinely employed to kill animals that are otherwise adoptable or could be made adoptable with reasonable efforts.

What happens when a shelter withholds such basic and material information from the public?

- Donors are misled into believing that the money they donate is funding progressive programs that no longer use euthanasia as a means to control the pet population in the shelter. Thus, the donated funds not only continue to make euthanasia highly profitable but are diverted from progressive shelters and programs that truly save the lives of animals.
- Guardians are misled into believing the family pet they surrender will be adopted into a loving home. The animal is killed instead of being taken where the animal could be saved.
- Shelter directors who operate kill shelters keep their jobs. They continue to occupy positions of authority, fearing and blocking those with innovative and effective plans from being hired and creating meaningful reforms.

Decisions based on cooked or hidden data often perpetuate the status quo. What programs should be adopted for most effectively applying resources and what programs should be modified or jettisoned? Where are additional resources most needed? Which shelters are most deserving of donations based on their performance? Which shelter directors should be hired or retained and which should be replaced? These important determinations require honest accurate information. The availability of such information is the exception and not the rule.

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> adoptable: is defined as any animal that is healthy or treatable – from illness or injury.

Emily Weiss' website, the purpose of this test is to help, "animal welfare professionals all over the country identify potential aggression and opportunities for behavior modification – which ultimately leads to more adoptions through appropriate placement." This test was not designed to snuff out the life of any animal. Other tests, such as the Sue Sternberg test which includes "food guarding" – taking food away from the shelter animal while he or she is eating to determine if the animal has any "aggressive" tendencies – have been subject to intense criticism and their validity, reliability and scientific basis, if any, have been called into serious question.

Further issues of temperament testing reliability and validity include the fact that traditional shelters often employ these tests soon after the animal arrives at the facility when the animal is in unfamiliar and frightening surroundings, having recently been lost or abandoned. In addition, some shelters give temperament tests to animals too young for their personalities to have developed. Even if the tests were otherwise highly accurate in predicting behavior, under these conditions, the results can yield false positives for aggression.

The most heinous aspect of temperament testing from a shelter transparency perspective is that many shelters use them to label animals "unadoptable" and euthanize them on that basis; then, they report to the public their adoption rate for "adoptable" animals only. This effectively excludes from reporting all of the

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animals who were labeled "unadoptable" and killed. For example, a shelter may report that it saves "97% of adoptable animals," without disclosing what happened to those labeled "unadoptable," or what percentage were given the death label. This categorical exclusion from reporting for those labeled "unadoptable" deceptively solidifies the illusion of success and is a fraud on the public paid for with the lives of animals.

Circling The Wagons Rather Than Changing With The Times

Given the increasing and justified pressure from the public to reduce the killing, it should surprise no one that the traditional shelters go out of their way to hide the truth of their impounded animals' outcomes. In addition to false oral representations by shelter personnel that the pet will be placed in a wonderful home, the illusion of saving lives is further carefully crafted with such representations as "there is no time limit for your pet's stay in our shelter," "we screen carefully to make sure your pet finds a loving home," and "we exert our best efforts" to find the animal a home. These statements mask the true nature of the kill shelter's operations, and that your pet may not find a home and instead will be euthanized.

It's What The Shelters Don't Tell You That Can Cost Your Pet His or Her Life

Many traditional shelters employ temperament tests. At best, these tests were designed to evaluate behavior so that issues can be remedied and to facilitate matching animals with appropriate homes. Yet far too often, temperament tests become an excuse to label animals "unadoptable" and summarily put them to death. For example, the SAFER test was created by Emily Weiss and is one of the most common temperament tests employed by shelters today. According to

Transparency in Animal Sheltering continued

It's Time to Hold the Shelters Accountable

As long as traditional shelters are allowed to withhold material information while providing the public with half truths and in some cases outright falsehoods of their operations, donation decisions, budget allocations, program decisions, hiring decisions and decisions where to surrender a pet, will all be handicapped. Worse, when shelters get away with inaccurate reporting and deceiving the public, they are rewarded with misguided donations and guardians who pay relinquishment fees when they surrender their pets. While the public is deceived, the ones that pay the ultimate price are the animals – those surrendered looking for new homes and all the strays a shelter takes in. More dogs and cats will continue to lose their lives if the shelter leaders on

whom the animals depend are not held accountable, and are more motivated by the bottom line to hide the truth than correct it.

Currently, the public is simply without the information it needs to make an informed decision when it comes to making a donation to a shelter or where to surrender their pets. What is needed is a Truth in Shelter Law that will require all shelters to disclose publicly the very basic and fundamental facts of their operation including whether they kill pets for other than medical necessity and the rate of euthanasia (as well as the total number of pets taken in, adopted out, transferred to other shelters or medical laboratories).

Without this minimal transparency, it will continue to be impossible for any donor to make an informed decision in

making a donation or for any guardian to make a responsible decision where to surrender his or her pet. We already have laws related to non-disclosure and fraudulently reporting when it comes to the sale of securities and personal and real property. Can we do any less for our best friends and still call ourselves a civilized society?

If the reader is interested in helping to pass this long overdue law, the proposed legislation can be viewed at www.truthinshelter.org.

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A Guide to Pet Dental Care

The gnawing concerns from owners about veterinary dental hygiene.

By Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM

Can you clean an animal's teeth *without anesthesia*? • If a tooth is broken, does it have to be removed? • **Isn't bad dog breath unavoidable?** • Which is safer: rawhides, compressed vegetable chew treats, synthetic bones, cooked bones, raw bones, or none of the above? • **Why do some dogs have more tartar than others?** • **Do I really need to brush my dog's teeth - and for heaven's sake, chicken flavored toothpaste - ugh!** • What about dry food?

What do you think of when you think about dental tartar and dental disease in your pet? Maybe bad breath or trouble chewing, but usually we don't link dental disease with any serious health risks.

Unfortunately, this assumption is not true. Indeed, dental disease can contribute to serious health problems. These include heart and lung disease, diabetes, gastrointestinal problems, kidney disease, leukemia, cancers, abscesses and gum disease. So clearly it's not just about a pretty smile. Dental care is important to systemic health.

Many pet owners are nervous about doing a dental cleaning because of the risks associated with anesthesia. This is a valid concern, but at the same time, many animals need to have the full anesthetic procedure to properly clean the teeth under the gums and maybe to do extractions and/or treat cavities.

What is possible without anesthesia? With a proper assessment and a good temperament (both animal and

veterinary), it is possible to chip off tartar and polish teeth while they are awake.

Is a dental cleaning without anesthesia a good idea?

It is certainly not perfect. But where animals have an otherwise healthy mouth and willing temperament, it may be worth doing to avoid the risks of anesthesia. Non-anesthesia dentals can still significantly improve breath, dental condition and overall health.

It's difficult to fully clean under the gums with an awake animal. And clearly no extractions or dental radiographs are possible. But a lot can be done without anesthesia. And sometimes, in animals that cannot tolerate anesthesia, cleaning the teeth this way may be a useful alternative.

At my practice, after a careful dental assessment by the veterinarian, we schedule an hour-long cleaning appointment, and have extra staff available to help calm and hold up the lips. With calm pets, we often clean all

the teeth in one appointment. Some animals need a break and we schedule several shorter visits. After removing the tartar, we can then polish the teeth with a pumice and gauze to help keep the tartar from returning.

There is always the risk, after chipping off tartar, of finding something more sinister below, requiring anesthesia to repair or remove. But if you are prepared for that possibility, it is reasonable to try. Once teeth are clean, you can keep them that way by brushing. It's even helpful if you can only get to it a few times a week (I know how hard it is to keep up on every day pet toothbrushing.)

Dental disease is also affected by genetics, chewing behavior, nutrition, systemic disease, treats, and even stress. Not every dog is born with a perfect set of teeth or an even bite. Many dogs are also born with a tendency to harbor bacteria that is more prone to produce tartar.

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Tartar

One answer is blowing in the wind, literally. Yes, fresh air, not saliva is one of the causes of significant tartar buildup. Saliva has enzymes to help keep the mouth clean after a meal. Many veterinarians have seen that “mouth breathers,” like chronically nervous or panting dogs and brachycephalic dogs, have more trouble with tartar buildup. As the oral cavity dries out, the gums, tongue and teeth aren’t kept moist and tartar, which is sticky, builds up more quickly. Of course, this situation may be difficult to do anything about.

Cracked or broken teeth

A tooth that is cracked or broken doesn’t always present a health risk. If there is no pulp (nerve and blood vessels) exposure, and the animal isn’t obviously in pain, sometimes a veterinary dentist will try a conservative approach and only take action if there are signs of an abscess or pain. (Signs to look for include your pet avoids chewing, paws at the mouth, foul odor from the mouth, or excessive drooling.) Injured teeth can be extracted, or you can opt for a root canal or other restorative solution. Dental specialists (in Chicago there is the brilliant Dr. Cindy Charlier to whom I often refer patients) can do amazing things to save teeth.

Dental Chews and Bones

Chewing on certain types of bones, rawhides can help reduce tartar and keep the gums healthy. Every dog is different in how they chew a bone. Some are gulpers. Gulpers generally do not do well with bones/rawhides. But calm chewers can benefit from a good American-made plain rawhide, bully stick, ostrich tendon or other animal-parts chews. Raw bones can be great, albeit a little messy – with the same restrictions.

Never offer cooked bones as they splinter off in dangerously sharp pieces that are serious trouble for the dog if swallowed. It’s always best to keep a close watch on an animal while they are chewing any bone to avoid problems. And consider throwing

out the bone before it becomes small enough to swallow whole.

I do not recommend offering compressed vegetable/wheat bones like those green ones because I am never a fan of adding wheat or soy products (a main ingredient) to a dog’s diet. There are better ways to keep a dog’s teeth clean and keep a dog healthy through good moist food, brushing, animal product chew treats.

Brushing

Brush Brush Brush. Brushing your pet’s teeth is a great idea. Tartar takes 2-3 days to fully set, so even brushing just a few times a week can do a lot of good. Use pet (not human) toothpastes (the fluoride is too strong for them), or even a paste of baking soda and water. But once tartar is solidly on the tooth, it usually won’t come off with just brushing.

Dry Food

Dry food is not, by nature, better for the teeth. It does not “chip off tartar.” In fact, many dry foods contribute to tartar production by sticking on the teeth. And since dogs don’t floss after meals, the tartar builds. It is often easier for animals to lick canned or raw foods cleanly off their teeth. Foods and treats that have fewer sticky carbs in general are best – avoid wheat, corn, sugars, molasses, soy and peanut butter.

Halitosis

Bad breath in a pet can mean that there are other issues – gastrointestinal issues, systemic disease, dental problems or gum disease. It is surprising how many owners ignore their pet’s progressive bad breath as just an unavoidable part of pet ownership. Instead, ask your vet about it and rule out these treatable problems.



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Teeth cleaning without anesthesia in dogs and cats has become a hot topic for both veterinarians and owners. There is always an element of risk with anesthesia, so it is reasonable to be extremely careful about its use. Here are some guidelines to consider when thinking about dental care and your pet.

- 1) Does your pet have the temperament that would allow someone’s hands in their mouth and not bite the hand that cleans them?
- 2) Will your pet think the dental is terrifying? If your pet is going to be so stressed by being held still for the dental, it may be better overall to have an anesthetic on board.
- 3) If your pet stresses easily, are there any other significant health issues that stress of an awake dental could worsen?
- 4) Do any teeth need to be extracted or radiographed?
- 5) Is there any other oral disease (*masses, gum disease, severe gingival recession, fractured teeth*) that could benefit from anesthesia?
- 6) Is there any other reason you might want to have an anesthetic procedure anyway (*mass removal, neuter*)? And could you do both safely at the same time?
- 7) How expert is the person doing the dental?
- 8) Is a vet there if needed?
- 9) What is the dental procedure?

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ashley & Michael Stamatinos



“We feel the need to protect animals that are less fortunate,” said Ashley and Michael Stamatinos, who have been fostering cats with PAWS Chicago for the past two years. Without permanent pets of their own, this dynamic duo is ready and able to foster several kittens at any given notice and completely focus on their care and well-being as needed.

“We focus on fostering kittens as well as mothers with their newborn litters. We also welcome sick and injured cats into our home, as we love assisting them on their healing journey,” they said. In fact, to date, the Stamatinos’ have fostered over 50 kittens that have all been successfully

adopted by caring families.

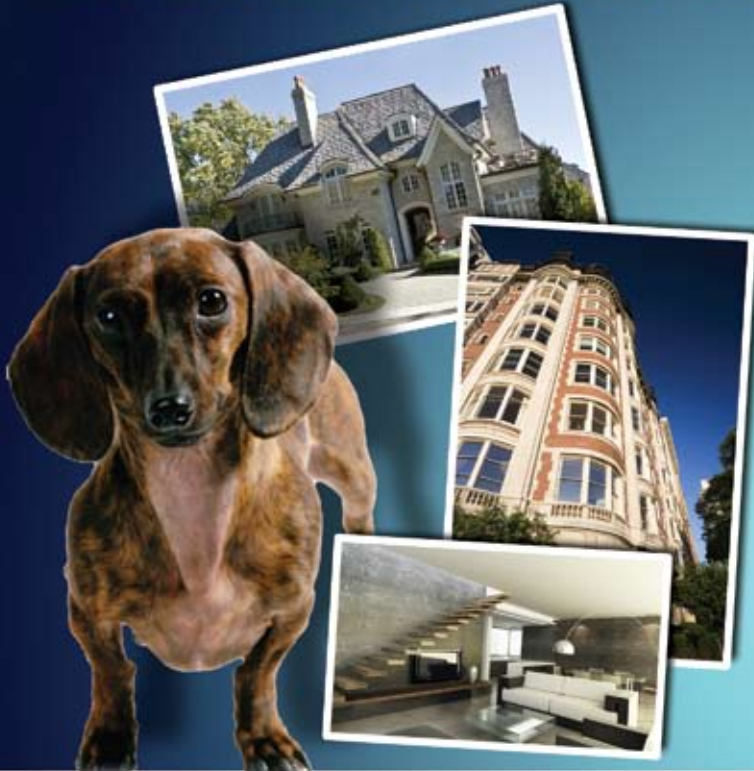
Both Ashley—a graphic designer, Reiki Master teacher and owner of a holistic wellness business called Omorfi Healing—and Michael—who manages business development for Hanger Orthopedic Group which provides patients with rehabilitative products for limb loss—leverage their professional experience in healing for the kittens they foster. Each kitten benefits from daily healing sessions in their home. Even veterinarians have commented that the Stamatinos’ fosters heal very quickly and gain weight faster than some other foster cats.

The time and love that Ashley and Michael provide to these little kittens is returned in the form of healthy, happy animals. “As foster parents, our main objective is to provide these kittens with an enormous amount of love, attention and care,” they said. “Seeing the kittens gradually gain strength, turn into playful animals and eventually become 100% healthy is a real privilege.”

While some volunteers struggle with saying goodbye to their foster kittens once they are ready for adoption, Ashley and Michael have learned to simply communicate with them. “We let our kittens know that they are special visitors in our home and that the goal is to get them healthy and love them so they will graduate to the adoption center,” they said. “We have found that animals respond almost immediately and physically relax when you explain the situation.”

“Being a part of the solution to help Chicago become a ‘No Kill animal zone’ is very meaningful to us and it keeps us wanting to foster more animals,” they said.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Autumn
Pierce



Autumn Pierce began thinking about the importance of animal rescue back in 2005 after her sister adopted a gorgeous, young dog who was about to be euthanized simply because his time at the shelter had run out. The experience made an impact and stuck with her. When she moved to Chicago in 2008, the avid runner learned about PAWS Chicago after signing up for Run for their Lives and committed her New Year's resolution to doing her part to save the lives of homeless cats and dogs with PAWS Chicago, which she has been doing ever since.

"Anything I have given to the animals, they have given it back ten times over."

"I hope to contribute my small bit to making Chicago a No Kill city someday," said Autumn. In just under two years of volunteer service with PAWS Chicago, Autumn has done more than a 'small bit' to help homeless animals. She is a Senior Dog Town Volunteer, serves as an Adoption Counselor, participates in Run for Their Lives each year and, for the first time, ran the 2010 Chicago Marathon as a member of Team PAWS Chicago.

Underscoring why she volunteers so much of her time at PAWS Chicago, she recalled a story about an older Lab-

rador Retriever named Herman who had been at the Adoption Center for an extended time. "I was new to PAWS Chicago and honestly thought he would live out his days here. I had the privilege of meeting his adopter who told me that the first time she saw him, she waited around his room all day so that 'no one else would get him.' For her, an old Lab was the most beautiful dog in the world. That is the beauty of No Kill. Animals get to live until they find that perfect person."

Autumn also finds fulfillment as a volunteer by merging personal interests with the animals. "I enjoy the many different ways I can help out as a volunteer. In addition to the standard Dog Town activities, I often take a few high-energy PAWS Chicago dogs running on Saturday mornings and participate in the Basic Training courses with the dogs," said Autumn.

Her background in marketing and advertising also helps shape who she is as a volunteer. As a Research Associate at Richard Day Research, a market research company, Autumn focuses her professional career on client service. This focus, she says, "helps me to really listen to potential adopters and tailor my dog and adoption counseling recommendations to their experience, situation and concerns."

"I love the animals and the friends that I have made at PAWS Chicago," said Autumn. "Anything I have given to the animals, they have given it back ten times over."

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Angels with Tails

Bucktown

Angels with Tails wrapped up the summer by making its premiere in the Bucktown neighborhood on August 22. 56 local retailers joined forces with 31 shelters and rescues along Damen Avenue, each featuring furry faces whose wagging tails confirmed their excitement to meet their new families. Capping off the event, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn joined the festivities where he signed the Pet Store Disclosure Bill. The gorgeous, successful summer afternoon event found forever homes for 63 animals!

Pet Store Disclosure Bill



The Pet Store Disclosure Bill mandates that as of January 1, 2011 pet stores must disclose on the cages of dogs and cats the name and location of their breeders, as well as the animal's medical history. This is a huge victory for the thousands of dogs suffering in puppy mills (large scale breeding facilities with substandard living and medical conditions) that are eventually sold, often with hidden diseases and illnesses, to unknowing consumers in pet stores. What better venue to witness such a victory than Angels with Tails, an event promoting pet adoption!

West Loop



On July 25, PAWS Chicago headed west and hosted its 2nd annual Angels with Tails event in the West Loop. Anchored by the Oprah Store at Harpo Studios, this premier adoption event brought together 30 local businesses along Madison Street, 16 local rescues and shelters and more than 125 adoptable pets in an effort to raise awareness of animal homelessness and the importance of pet adoption. The picture-perfect weather set the stage for a beautiful afternoon and very successful event which found loving homes for 42 animals.

The Oprah Store Partners with PAWS Chicago

Newly adopted PAWS Chicago pooches are walking out in style. The Oprah Store is now generously donating an "O" leash, collar and bowl to every dog that is adopted from Sophie's Room at the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center. They also present Angels With Tails West Loop.

The Oprah Store
37 N. Carpenter Street, Chicago
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Michigan Avenue & Oak Street

Animal lovers and shoppers along the Magnificent Mile were treated to the first Angels with Tails adoption event of 2010 which kicked off on June 13. More than 400 homeless cats, dogs, kittens and puppies from 38 local animal rescue groups and shelters lined over 60 businesses on Michigan Avenue and Oak Street for the area's 13th annual event. Using their adorable furry faces and big beautiful eyes to their advantage, 104 animals, who donned the events classic golden "I need a home" scarves, were adopted into loving homes. Nearly 190 PAWS Chicago volunteers provided event support, answered questions, counseled prospective adopters and shared information about PAWS Chicago's No Kill movement.



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PAWS Chicago and the Chicago Fire Department Join Forces to Save Animals' Lives



On Saturday, November 6, 2010 around 6 p.m., I received a call from Commander Keen of the Chicago Fire Department Dispatch Operations asking for PAWS Chicago's assistance in Pilsen. There was a dog found without an owner. I arrived at the scene within 30 minutes, not sure what to expect, but what transpired in the next 45 minutes was really inspiring. It took me a few minutes to make it through all of the police barricades. At first, I got yelled at for trying to get by, but when I told them I was with PAWS Chicago and looking for the Commander of the 4th Battalion to assist with the dogs, they let me through without hesitation.

When I got close to the home, I was taken aback. The heavy smell of fire and smoke was in the air; there were firemen with soot all over their faces; fire hoses and trucks everywhere; and ambulances assisting people while the flashing lights from their engines provided the light needed to work.

I found the Commander in charge, and he informed me that three dogs had died and there was one that needed our assistance. Another fireman was put on point to assist me. When we got to the front of the house, I will never forget what I saw and heard – Precious was standing on the landing in the badly burned home and the firefighter said she wouldn't leave. She kept going back and forth to the front and back door looking for her family. She finally went to the second story back porch and sat at the top of the landing. I slowly made my way up the porch (with the assistance of a firefighter) while softly talking to her. She sat there soaking wet, soot on her coat, whimpering and confused. I was able to harness her, walk her down the stairs and loaded her into my car.

I had to return to the scene to see if I could get the information on the owner, who was taken to the hospital after trying to save his son and daughter. Tragically, his 3-year-old son had died, and he and daughter were rushed to the hospital in critical condition due to smoke inhalation. I met with a relative to get Precious' information. I also found out that the other dog was okay and was with its owner but had lost its crate and

basic supplies. After getting Precious settled in, I went back with supplies for the other dog.

Precious and I made our way to our veterinary partner, VCA's emergency room. All 82 lbs of her sat on my lap. VCA did a full exam, x-rays and blood work to make sure there was no major damage to her lungs. After exposure to fire, the first 24 hours are critical to ensure the lungs are functioning properly. Precious spent the night at VCA and was returned to PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center the following day. She has a great disposition and is currently waiting for a foster family.

The families of the fire were grateful for our assistance. They had just suffered a terrible loss and were relieved to know Precious would be cared for during their time of need. When I called Commander Keen to let her know we had Precious you could hear a cheer go up in the Command Room.

I have great respect for the Chicago Fire Department. If you see a firefighter please say, "Thank you for all that you do."

Sincerely,

Rochelle Michalek

PAWS Chicago Executive Director



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Tom Hay
Bauer

When Tom Hay Bauer moved to Chicago in 2008, he wanted to find a way to help animals. After his experience as a volunteer and board member at a traditional shelter in Michigan, and his own life-saving work on behalf of animals in Mississippi and Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina, he decided that volunteering at a No Kill shelter was the way to go. He quickly discovered that PAWS Chicago was the area's largest No Kill shelter and began volunteering as a Humane Educator through PAWS Chicago's Community Outreach program.

Today, his primary focus is on neighborhood cats, in which Tom takes an active

role. He says, "To me, this is the number one companion animal issue, both in sheer numbers of animals and in their dispersion though almost every community in the United States. There is a tremendous opportunity to improve the lives of these cats and reduce their numbers over time using TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release)."

"So many of the cats on Chicago's streets are just amazing," Tom said, recounting the rescue effort of a kitten who was stuck in a boarded-up abandoned building. "After hearing her cries, we rushed over with food and water. While she was eating, we contacted the property's realtor and received

permission to force access. Under the care of PAWS Chicago, 'Roxy' progressed from a hider to an adorable, in-your-lap kitty in short order."

Tom leverages his background as a teacher of office computing classes, at both Illinois CareerPath Institute and Albany Park Community Center, to communicate about the importance of the TNR program. "My teaching experience definitely comes in handy, as sometimes the methods and goals of TNR is a tough message to get across."

In addition to his focus on helping animals through the TNR program, Tom has volunteered at a number of PAWS Chicago special events, including the 2010 Chicago Marathon where he was "amazed at the number of people who rise to the personal challenge of the race, but also dedicate their success to the benefit of PAWS Chicago."

To Tom, "what's best for the animals is always front and center." The chance to volunteer with an organization that not only has its heart in the right place but also has the drive and resources to commit to its mission of "Pets Are Worth Saving" is what keeps him dedicated to helping the animals at PAWS Chicago.

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Tenth Annual Run for Their Lives

On Sunday, September 27 more than 3,600 animal lovers and 1,000 pups took part in PAWS Chicago's 10th Annual Run for Their Lives 8K Run/4K Walk, raising \$355,000!

Post-race, canine participants and their owners enjoyed making rounds at sponsor booths which offered mango facials and comb outs courtesy of Soggy Paws; sessions with animal communicator, Alicia Halloran; an agility course hosted by K-9 University; massage for pups & owners courtesy of Blueberry Moon Salon & Spa and more! The highlight of the morning was a performance by the talented Jesse White Tumblers, and Jesse White himself even took the stage to thank PAWS Chicago for their exemplary work over the past 13 years.

Special thanks to Co-Chairs Pat Spratt and Robert Kabakoff and committee members, participants, sponsors and volunteers who made the day such a success.

Top Ten Pledge Raisers

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The 8th Annual Beach Party was an enormous success raising more than \$219,000 for the homeless animals of Chicago!

Committee Co-Chairs Bonnie Spurlock and Christine Mallul, along with more than 400 other guests danced the night away, savored tropical drinks, and bid on one-of-a-kind silent and live auction items. Auction highlights included a *Pretty Woman* weekend in Los Angeles, autographed Chicago Blackhawks memorabilia and tickets to a taping of *Dancing with the Stars*.

Special thanks to Presenting Sponsors Associated Publications and North Community Bank as well as Whitaker Investments, Mercedes-Benz of Chicago, ESCADA, Hinsdale Pet Cemetery & Crematory and James Spurlock for helping to make this event the most successful Beach Party to date!



1) Beach Party Emcee, US99.5's DJ Lisa Dent with Co-Chair Bonnie Spurlock and PAWS Chicago Executive Director Rochelle Michalek 2) Shari Johnson with her dog Chelsea and Co-Chair Christine Mallul 3) Governor Pat Quinn with his dog Bailey 4) Pet Buffet sponsored by Kriser's and hosted by PAWS Chicago volunteers. 5) ESCADA Sponsor Ann Wallace with husband John Wallace 6) Susan Frank & Pam Sage 7) Louis Rosenthal and Sharon Faigin with dogs Zac & Ruby 8) Jaclene Tetzlaff with Vlad 9) Dawn & Jim O'Neal with dog Winston

Pet Legislation

Human and canine guests at this year's 8th Annual PAWS Chicago Beach Party proudly stood by as Governor Quinn signed the Antifreeze Safety Bill and Primate Pet Ban. The Antifreeze Safety Bill requires the addition of a bitter flavor agent to antifreeze and engine coolant to help prevent pet poisoning. The Primate Pet Ban prohibits people from keeping primates as pets. Governor Quinn brought his own dog, Bailey, who he said "is a strong supporter of these two bills." He also thanked PAWS Chicago's strong commitment to making sure our animals are humanely treated.

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In Memory of **Dawn Marszalek**

Throughout her entire life, Dawn Marszalek was a dog-lover and an advocate for the humane treatment of animals. While growing up in the Chicago neighborhood of Logan Square, Dawn was an only child who found the perfect playmate in her dog, Tiger. As she grew older, she always had at least two dogs in her family, including Beauregard—a 100 pound Great Dane mix with special needs, and Dino—her one and only small-breed dog who made up for his petite stature in bark and attitude. She also gave equal love to Spencer, Bogart, and Cooper throughout all the years that she spent with them.

Dawn spent the majority of her adulthood living in Galewood and River Forest with her best friend and partner, Sue Fay, and her beloved dogs. When she wasn't shopping, reading, or avidly watching her favorite films, she worked diligently doing administrative work at the Village of River Forest. She loved to travel but was an apprehensive flyer. However, after her cancer diagnosis, she overcame her fear and braved the air for some far-away destinations. In Hawaii, she found a relaxing paradise, great food and the best tan of her life. And though she enjoyed time in Rome, Florence, Siena and the Tuscan countryside, the highlight of her trip to Europe, in celebration of her 50th birthday, was her time in Paris. Always young in heart, Dawn also reveled in several trips to her favorite U.S. destination: Walt Disney World.

After a nine year, courageous battle with cancer, Dawn passed away at the age of 53. Afterwards, her family thought of PAWS Chicago for contributions in her memory and in honor of the care she gave animals all her life. Dawn will be greatly missed by all that had the opportunity to know her, and she will live on through those that she touched while she was alive, human and canine alike.



In Memory of **Ella Lucille Van De Kreeke**

Ella Lucille was destined to lead a life that stood for charity. Her parents, Craig and Diana, dreamed of exposing her to the various organizations in need, but most especially PAWS Chicago. The organization became near and dear to the Van De Kreeke's when they adopted their dog, Jazz, in 2009.

The mission of PAWS Chicago was also adopted, with plans to support the

organization as a family. Thanks to our many family members and friends who graciously contributed, a donation to the Sick and Injured Senior Dog Fund represents the first of many memorials to Ella Lucille Van De Kreeke. Though she was with us for only a short time, she touched many lives and hearts. It is hoped, that even in heaven, she will touch many more, including those with tails.

Gifts made in memory of a person continued

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In Memory of Adolph E. Mark

Adolph E. Mark had all the ways of the consummate college professor. A member of the economics faculty at DePaul University for more than 40 years, he was always typing out lecture notes or multiple choice examination questions. His notebooks bulged with newspaper and magazine clippings—most, but not all, relating to the economy or other topics of great interest to him, such as Catholic theology, advances in medicine, or auto and home maintenance. “Seriously”—that’s how he took life and the important responsibilities that came with the roles of “Dr. Mark”, head of the Mark household, sole breadwinner, and “good Catholic”.

Yet to those closest to him, it was obvious that Adolph had a jovial side too. Beneath his professorial exterior he concealed a quintessentially puppyish affinity for the goofy, corny, and just plain dumb. He could be downright unabashed—belly laughing at the Three Stooges or the antics of Tim Conway and Harvey Korman on the Carol Burnett Show; transfixed by WGN’s Sunday morning lineup (ca. 1970s) of black-and-white episodes of the Lone Ranger and Cisco Kid; or donning a gray wig, open-toed pumps, and his wife’s blue evening gown for a Halloween party in the church basement.

Adolph’s wife, Dorothy, and children Marlene, Roseann, and Chuck, remember that side of him fondly. When Roseann brought home a four-month-old female Chihuahua-Dachshund—a so-called Chiweenie—she knew she had acted in the spirit of Adolph’s puppyish side. She made a generous donation in his name thinking of the enjoyment his grand-dog would have brought to him, and in honor of the side of Adolph E. Mark that she would have brought out.

In Memory of Esther James



Esther James loved animals all her life and was never without a canine companion. She often organized her memories around the dogs that lived with her at different points in her life. When she would tell a story about her childhood in her Lincoln Park home, she would say, “That happened when we had Taggie, the terrier,” or “That was about the time my brother brought home Rags who would pull dishcloths over her head before she fell asleep.” Dogs were as much a part of her life as were her father and her five older brothers whom she loved and cared for after the untimely death of her mother when Esther was still a young woman.

Esther was born, lived her whole life, and passed away at 91 years of age in the same Old Town brownstone that her father purchased shortly after he immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1902. She loved her neighborhood and her neighbors, many of whom were as devoted to dogs and cats as she was, and she spread

her love of animals to her son, Ken, and her husband, John. If a neighbor’s pet went missing, she would help post notices around the area, and she often fed and took care of strays that lived close by.

When her fifteen-year-old rescued Springer Spaniel, Boots, had suffered a debilitating stroke and was being taken to the veterinarian for euthanasia, her son questioned whether they would be present for that sad event. Esther calmly explained, “Yes, of course we will be present, and hold him and tell him what a good dog he is. He’s been with us since he was eight weeks old, and we are the only world he knows.” Her words served to awaken in her son the same deep connection to animal companions that enriched Esther’s entire life.

After hearing of PAWS Chicago, her son, Ken, began making generous donations in her memory knowing that she would be happy to be honored through a place that holds the same values that she did.

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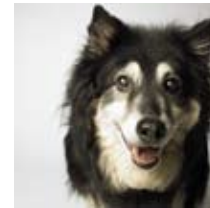
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In Memory of **Gus Shorr** (Our Booter Boy) 2003-2010



We first laid eyes on Gus six years ago when walking into a grooming salon. He was the size of a small pony standing on the table, and I just had to ask what kind of dog he was. The groomer told us he was looking for a loving home for him, and I knew his becoming a part of our family was meant to be. Gus had been abused and was afraid of men, but in a short time he became the most loving and loyal dog anyone could ever ask for. He had such a unique personality and his big brown eyes would look at you as if he were human. Gus's days consisted of countless hours resting his head on the counter next to the cookie jar, cuddling in bed and dancing with his arms wrapped around us. He didn't have a long enough life

with our family but his unconditional love and memories in the 5 1/2 years he spent with us will last a lifetime. We feel so lucky to have had the chance to give him the life that he deserved and in return received love from such a special boy. He will forever be remembered at the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center, where he has a room named in his honor along with his brother Charlie. May he rest in peace and know that we will love and cherish our time together.

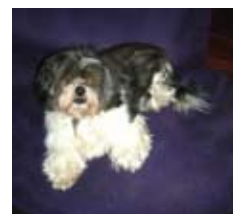
- Julie and David Shorr and Family
Gus will also be missed by Charlie and Bella, his fur brother and sister.

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Phifer

Bucky is a sweet boy who loves to purr and has a vibrant personality. This former stray is as friendly and social as can be and comes with a unique personality trait - his favorite food is peanuts! It is adorable to watch him shell and devour these little treats. He would do best in a home with lots of activity, playtime, unconditional love, and of course, peanuts!



Bucky



Liesel

Two-year-old **Liesel** is a lovely kitty with lots of personality, striking eyes and cute button nose. While she can be timid at first, Liesel adores other cats and would make the perfect playmate for a lonely feline. With some cat treats and a little patience, Liesel will blossom into the sweetheart she is.

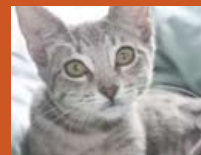


Blue

Eight-month-old **Blue** is an energetic Golden Retriever puppy in search of a fun-loving and active family. He is a smart boy who desires lots of walks and playtime to keep him busy. A true Retriever, Blue loves to play fetch and gets along well with other dogs and children. With some basic obedience skills already under his belt, Blue would do well with continued training.

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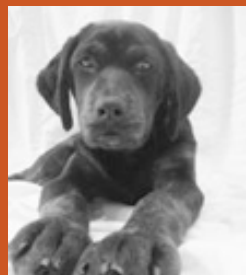
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Gavin

Gavin loves mice toys and he seems to enjoy the cardboard and sisal scratch pads we've gotten him. We can count on him to meet us at the door, say hi and share the day's happenings. He hangs out with us wherever we are

and needs lots of loving. :) He also tries to engage our 10-year-old cat, Samantha, in play, although she remains uninterested. Perhaps over time, he'll win her heart -Annette



Zella

We adopted **Zella** (formerly Janusz) at Angels with Tails West Loop. She is a Lab/Hound mix and is a complete joy. She is very smart, and will do anything if treats are involved. She LOVES playing with her toys and will roll around on the floor squeaking and tossing her stuffed animals for hours. She is so full of life and can't wait to greet us in the morning and start playing. She is growing quickly and has a very sweet, laid back personality. We are so happy to have her in our lives! - Sabrina and Jeff

Otto (formerly Terry) is doing great. We recently moved from Chicago to Los Angeles and he was an outstanding co-pilot for the four day drive. He is getting used to the warmer weather and new environment. He's making lots of friends with the other dogs in our new neighborhood. Here he is helping me study for my final exams! We love having Otto! Thanks again PAWS Chicago! - Mark



Otto

From the moment I saw **Charger** stretched out basking in the sun (PAWS Chicago name, Smokey), I was smitten. I came into PAWS Chicago four months after my 10-year-old Yorkie died of congestive heart failure, so needless to say I was somewhat distraught and more than a little lonely for a furry friend to love. Smokey and I are looking forward to many long luxurious days in the sunshine and nights by the warm fireplace. - Margaret



Charger

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