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Penny is lucky to be alive. This one-week-old kitten was born at Chicago's city pound. When she and her mom, Jaycee, were transferred to PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center Jaycee was unable to nurse Penny, who desperately needed her mother's milk to survive. Our veterinary team acted quickly and paired the tiny kitten with another nursing mother who immediately accepted Penny into the litter and allowed her to nurse. After several weeks of care, she was ready for her spay surgery and became available for adoption.

A National Model

PAWS Chicago is building a global resource for shelters and individuals interested in learning about its life-saving strategies and best practices. People from across the nation visit PAWS Chicago every month for a first-hand look at how they can bring No Kill success to their communities. In 16 years, PAWS Chicago has transitioned from a fully volunteer grassroots organization to a national model:

- The Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic is one of the largest free and low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the nation, focused on providing services to low-income families who could not otherwise afford the procedure. The GusMobile, the mobile counterpart to the Lurie Clinic, enables PAWS Chicago to provide accessible spay/neuter and vaccinations in the neighborhoods where the highest stray populations originate.
- The Phippen Fasseas Adoption 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 innovative programs and shelter design.
- PAWS Chicago has been recognized as one of the best-run charities in the nation. For the past 11 years, Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent evaluator, has given PAWS Chicago its highest four star ranking, placing it in the top 1% of charities in the nation for efficient use of donor funds. In 2012, Charity Navigator recognized PAWS Chicago as the highest-rated Animal Rights, Welfare and Services Charity in the nation. Your contributions go directly to saving animals' lives.
- Transparency, which allows the public access to truthful statistics about the fate of homeless animals, is a cornerstone of PAWS Chicago's No Kill mission. Current financial reports and shelter data are always available at www.pawschicago.org.

Volunteer and Give of Yourself to the Animals

PAWS Chicago was founded as a volunteer organization and has stayed true to its roots. Our network of more than 5,000 volunteers donate their time in nearly every aspect of the organization to provide high quality care to all animals, working in intake, socialization, animal care, dog walking, adoption counseling,

follow-up calls, site management, fundraising, fostering, event support, humane education and community outreach. Volunteers are critical to PAWS Chicago's operations and play an invaluable role in building a No Kill Chicago.

Adopt a Homeless Pet and Save a Life!

Visit PAWS Chicago's state-of-the-art, cageless No Kill Adoption & Humane Center at 1997 N. Clybourn Avenue in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. Since our founding, we have united more than 25,000 cats and dogs with new families, with 5,606 adoptions in 2012 alone. New puppies, kittens, dogs and cats arrive daily from PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center. If you do not find your perfect match at PAWS Chicago, please visit another No Kill shelter.

Foster a Homeless Pet in Need

PAWS Chicago utilizes its foster network to care for puppies and kittens who need time to grow before being spayed or neutered, pets who are sick or injured and need time to recuperate, animals who need time to build confidence and acclimate to living in a home environment, pets whose families have experienced a crisis and need a temporary home while their families rebuild their lives, and for hospice care, when a pet needs a loving family for his remaining days. By placing these pets in foster homes, there is space available at the Rescue & Recovery Center to take in and save more homeless pets.

Spread the Word

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

Support No Kill Efforts

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

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It has been another busy year of lifesaving at PAWS Chicago. We cannot thank you enough for your support, enabling us to continue to take steps toward building the No Kill community that we have envisioned since our founding in 1997.

I am so excited to announce that Merrick Pet Care will be providing the dogs and cats in our adoption program with their high-quality pet food. It has always been our dream to feed our shelter pets the same caliber of food that we feed our own pets and can highly recommend to adopters. As you'll read in "Do you know what's in your pet's food?" on page 36, the cost of a high-quality pet food is the least expensive way to optimize your pet's health

and longevity. With Merrick as a partner, we are able to educate our adopters and the general public about the importance of high-quality, high-protein, low-carb pet food.

I also encourage you to read about the Gold Standard of No Kill on page 10. I receive calls and emails from individuals around the country who want to support animals in their community, but do not know how to assess if an organization is efficient, effective and truly committed to the No Kill model. We will continue to feature organizations like MN SNAP and Austin Pets Alive, who have demonstrated the ability to really make an impact.

And please don't miss our feature on TEAM PAWS. This group of inspiring athletes pushes themselves every year, training and competing in athletic events to raise funds and awareness about homeless pets. TEAM PAWS has been an essential foundation of funds, really fueling the growth of our adoption program and enabling us to save more and more lives each year.

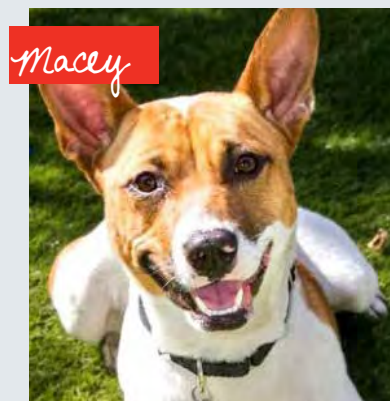
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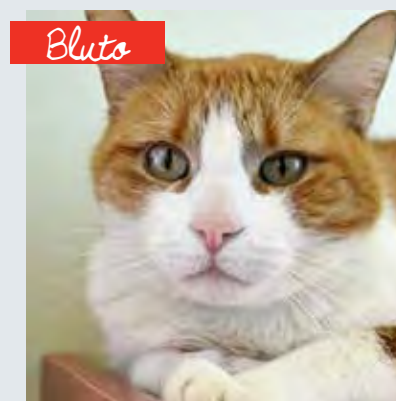
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ADOPT a Homeless Pet

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



Macey, a gentle one-year-old Shepherd mix, came to PAWS Chicago scared and timid after being found as a stray. With nurturing and encouragement from volunteers, Macey is coming out of her shell and showing off her sweet personality a little more each day. She has also gained a lot of confidence by rooming with an outgoing dog - she'd love to have a canine companion in her forever home. Although Macey is a little shy, she loves being loved and will thrive with a kind and patient rescuer who will give her time to come out of her shell.



Bluto, a handsome five-year-old kitty, is an independent, yet friendly boy and will be a loving, gentle companion to his new family. He loves to be close to his human friends and will snuggle the day away or follow you around the house. He also gets along well with other cats and dogs! Bluto will make a wonderful companion and has plenty of love and affection to offer. Can you help this sweet boy find a place to call home?

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For the past five years, Angi Taylor has been the voice that wakes up Chicagoland alongside Brotha Fred as morning co-hosts of 103.5 KISS-FM radio. A runner for most of her life, Angi recently completed her first full marathon – the Bank of America Chicago Marathon – with TEAM PAWS. She also donned the distinguished blue TEAM PAWS singlet in the 2012 Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon which she completed on behalf of Dre, the four-year-old Pit Bull she adopted from PAWS Chicago at an Angels with Tails event.

Inspired by her love of animals, Angi has become an avid supporter of PAWS Chicago, emceeding the annual Animal Magnetism event and volunteering time with her daughter as a part of PAWS Chicago's 12 Strays of Christmas. But, running is where Angi finds her balance and inspiration to do more to help save the lives of homeless pets.

Read more about **TEAM PAWS** on page 26.

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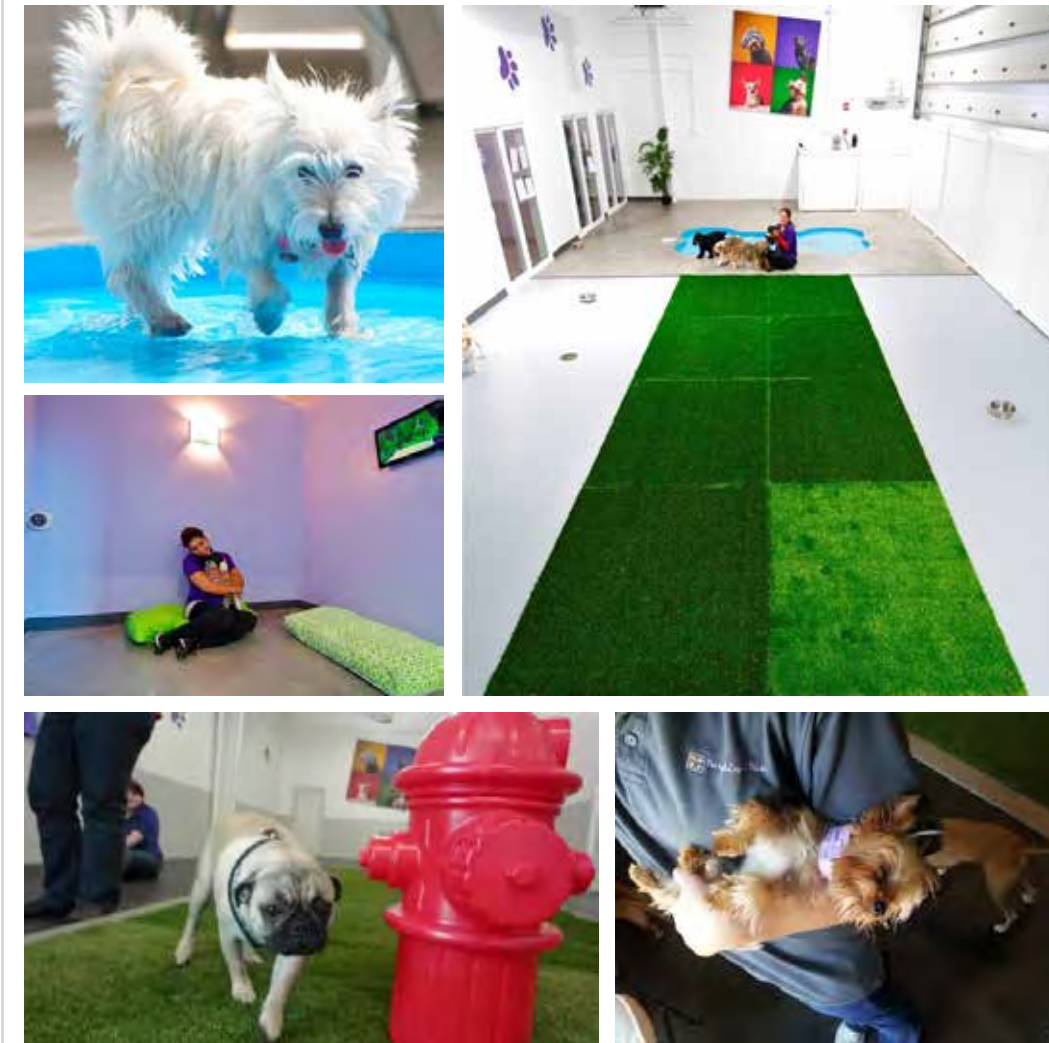
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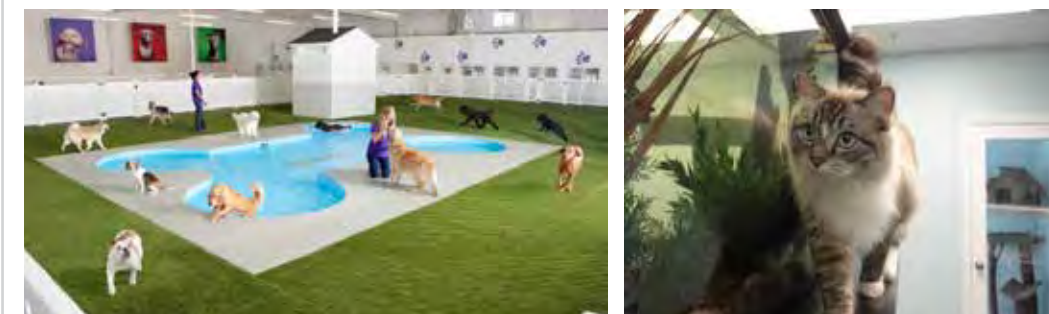
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For the love of GUS

PAWS Adopter Susanna Negovan
Shares Her Favorite Goods for Dogs

DJ DIRTY PAWS. LITTLE MAN IN FUR PANTS. GOOSEY. When my husband and I adopted Gus from PAWS Chicago last February, we had no idea what dotting dog parents we'd become (or how many embarrassing nicknames we'd coin for our pup).

We also didn't anticipate how different our home would become with that little beating heart inside. Between my husband working nights at WGN-Channel 9 and my more typical days at the *Sun-Times'* *SPLASH* magazine, we'd both grown accustomed to coming home to an empty condo. In fact, that had always been the reason we thought we couldn't have a pet. But it's turned into the opposite: My husband takes day duties (Gus' morning feeding and his first two walks of the day) and a few hours after he leaves for work, I'm there to spend the evening with Gus.

In a matter of months, he's brought immeasurable joy into our lives. So I love finding little ways to fill his life with joy, too. Here are some of Gus' (and my) favorite things we've discovered in our first year together:



Susanna Negovan is the editor and publisher of the *Sun-Times'* *SPLASH* magazine, which is inside the Sunday paper as well as more than 30 suburban Pioneer Press titles and the *NapervilleSun*, distributing more than 300,000 copies each week. She is also a regular contributor to WFLD-Channel 32's Good Day Chicago.



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One of the greatest things about becoming a dog parent is the new friends I've made, like Angie DeMars at Noah's Ark in Winnetka. She's provided a wealth of ideas for toys, like these Snuggle Puppies - which offer a warm heartbeat to keep him cozy when we aren't home.



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GOLD STANDARD FOR NO KILL

TRANSFORMING ANIMAL WELFARE

by Alexis Fasseas



FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, HOMELESS PETS WERE KILLED on a massive scale behind closed doors in animal shelters. The No Kill movement has brought light to this tragic epidemic, prompting people around the country to get involved, save lives and change the status quo.

But transformation requires leadership, innovation and action. With an ever-growing number of animal groups in the marketplace, PAWS Chicago has received frequent inquiries from individuals about how to conduct due diligence and ensure their local shelter is effective, sustainable and committed to the right practices.

Thus began the process of developing the Gold Standard for No Kill, designed to assist consumers with asking the right questions to ensure that their support for animals is maximizing lifesaving impact. The following are important Gold Standard cornerstones to consider, as well as a spotlight on two No Kill organizations making a tremendous impact in their communities: Austin Pets Alive and MN SNAP. *PAWS Chicago* magazine will continue to feature leaders and innovators in the field.

This Gold Standard for No Kill document will continue to evolve as individuals and organizations around the country continue to contact us with questions and to provide improved feedback on its application in the real world.

Email GoldStandard@pawschicago.org with questions you have on applying the Gold Standard for No Kill to your community.

CORNERSTONE 1: MISSION & STRATEGY

When looking for Gold Standard organizations in animal welfare, a mission statement that is committed to No Kill is the first thing to consider. Assess whether it is broad enough, whether it is realistic in scope, and whether it is active and solutions-based. Beyond the overall mission, the organization must demonstrate strategic thinking and capability.

KEY QUESTIONS

- Ask the organization what their overall mission is and how they plan to reach it. Ensure that their priorities align with yours. Listen for action words and results.
- Evaluate the leadership and whether they have a history of growing businesses or nonprofit organizations; whether they have a depth of knowledge about how to optimize resources and maximize impact; and whether they have shown a commitment to the No Kill movement.

CORNERSTONE 2: TRANSPARENCY

Transparency is a frequent buzzword, but organizations must actually live it to be Gold Standard. Publicly reporting their detailed programmatic results and financial statements should be standard for all nonprofits. It provides insight into whether the organization is effectively stewarding resources, making an appropriate impact, and operating in a sustainable manner.

KEY QUESTIONS

- How does the organization present itself in the public space? Is it easy to find detailed information on their program results and financials?
- For larger, established organizations, consult Charity Navigator for a rating on financial effectiveness and transparency. Gold Standard charities will be rated 4 Stars in both categories.

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AUSTIN PETS ALIVE

TAKING NO KILL TO TEXAS



Dr. Ellen Jefferson

With Austin Pets Alive (APA) in the lead, Austin, Texas has become the largest No Kill community in the nation. Dr. Ellen Jefferson, a veterinarian, joined the advocacy organization in 2007 to change the fact that 14,000 pets a year were being killed in Austin, with only 50 percent of pets making it out of the city impoundment facility alive. Just six years later, they are saving more than 90 percent of the animals in their community.

Austin Pets Alive's success has built off of the Emancipet Spay/Neuter Clinic that Jefferson founded in 1998. At the time, the city shelter was killing 85 percent of the animals coming in. By providing spay/neuter for low-income families, Emancipet was able to help bring intake down and continues to target 15,000 spay/neuter surgeries per year in low-income communities, now operating without Jefferson's oversight.

APA started as a grassroots effort with a robust foster program. Their approach was to take in only those pets who were on the euthanasia list at the city shelter. "What we found by looking at those animals only is that there were certain groups without a safety net and that's where we created our programs," said Jefferson.

Tiny newborn kittens, called "Bottle Babies" (because they are not yet able to eat on their own), were the largest single group APA targeted because of the staggering statistic: more than 1,200 kittens a year were dying. They modeled their baby bottle nursing program after the local Wildlife Center, where babies were set up in rooms with volunteers, feeding from cage to cage on 24-hour shifts.

APA started small by launching their Bottle Baby program in a trailer. But by 2011, the city shelter moved to a new building and Austin Pets Alive was able to move into the vacated facility. That is now home base for APA's innovative lifesaving programs. They will save 2,000 Bottle Babies this year.

APA also has a Ringworm Ward for cats and a Parvo Ward for puppies, both quarantined from other shelter populations, and a dog behavior program. The Parvo Ward treats around 500 dogs each year with an 85 percent survival rate for the often-fatal disease.

Last year, APA surpassed the 6,000 adoption mark on a \$2.5 million budget. With a robust foster network, APA will have up to 1,000 animals in foster at a time during peak season. Typically two-thirds of their shelter population is in foster homes.

APA's work is not done. They have reached No Kill status, but now they have to sustain it. This will require a capital campaign for a new building in the coming years, since their lease on the old city shelter will expire in 2015 and will not be renewed due to its dilapidated condition.



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- Look at Guidestar to evaluate the organization's 990 filings. Become knowledgeable about the basics of nonprofit reporting so you can determine if Fundraising and Administration percentages are appropriate for the organization's size and reach.
- Ensure the organization has sustainability and is operating within its means. Being able to say 'no' can be more important than saving every life if the long-term viability of the organization's lifesaving would be compromised.

CORNERSTONE 3: PROGRAMMATIC EFFECTIVENESS AT BUILDING NO KILL COMMUNITIES

Developing programmatic expertise and operational excellence is critical to creating change. There are three core programs essential to building No Kill communities. Gold Standard organizations will be top performers in at least one of these sectors.

I. AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN (TNR) FOR FERAL CATS

Free and low-cost targeted spay/neuter in low-income communities is critical programming for any organization looking to make major transformation toward No Kill in their community.

Every year, the dreaded kitten season brings waves of litters into shelters and many are ultimately killed. TNR programs are proven solutions to kitten overpopulation.

KEY QUESTIONS:

- How many spay/neuter surgeries is the organization performing on the pets of the general public and are they targeting those surgeries to low-income families, providing them for free or low-cost? Spay/neuter surgeries performed on owned pets (compared to adoption program pets) is key to reducing pet overpopulation.
- Where are the services being provided? Are they convenient for low-income families or is transportation offered?
- How robust is the organization's TNR program?

II. COMPREHENSIVE ADOPTION PROGRAMS INCORPORATING BEST PRACTICES IN SHELTER MEDICINE

Adoptions are the most tangible life saving work that an organization can perform. But many animal shelters have a long and continued history of killing dogs and cats as a population management tool. The No Kill movement was founded to end this inhumane reality and hold private shelters accountable for dedicating their resources to saving lives. Many of these traditional "open door" kill shelters have adopted the language of No Kill, but have not yet reformed and adopted these lifesaving practices. If you are committed to building No Kill communities, it is essential that you ask important questions below to determine whether a shelter you want to support is really living up to the expectation of saving—not killing—homeless animals.

With weakened immune systems from stress and exposure to disease, homeless animals present a myriad of illnesses. The most essential component of an adoption program is the field of shelter medicine, with a trained veterinary team working to provide each pet with the treatment and rehabilitation necessary so that they can be ready for adoption.

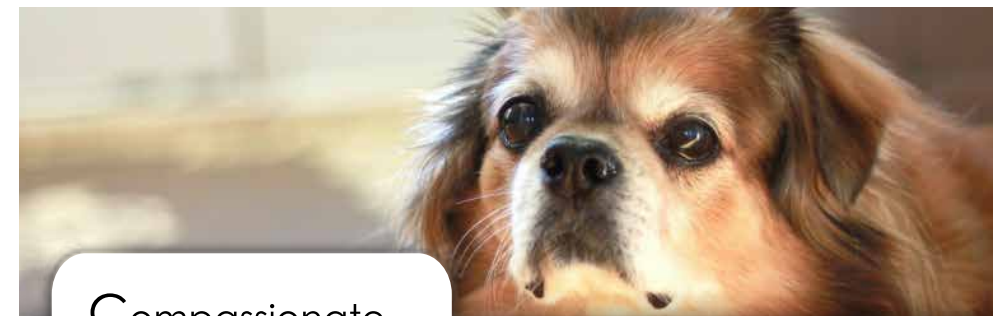
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In only a few short years, MN SNAP (Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program) has made a big impact for homeless animals. Every day, they take strides toward fulfilling their mission, "To help end the suffering and death of companion animals in Minnesota due to pet overpopulation...", by providing high-quality, affordable and accessible spay and neuter surgeries to their state's underserved populations. Since starting surgery on April 21, 2010, MN SNAP has spayed or neutered more than 38,000 animals. This has all been accomplished on a start-up nonprofit's budget of less than \$400,000 annually.



Britt and Rick Gage

In late 2009, Britt and Rick Gage decided to shift their animal welfare focus to spay/neuter after meeting with MN SNAP's founder, Kim Culbertson, DVM. The goal was to address the tragic pet overpopulation epidemic in their community. "The best estimates we were able to get our hands on at the time suggested that between 85,000 to 100,000 companion animals a year were being put down in Minnesota, primarily due to overcrowding. With just over 5 million people in the entire state, that number seemed way out of balance," said Rick. The large, traditional open door kill shelter in the area was taking in over 33,000 pets each year and killing around 40 percent while working with a budget of over \$12,000,000 annually. The Gages were convinced that a massive change was needed, and utilized their business skills, their resources, and their connections to help Dr. Kim make MN SNAP a reality.

Hearing about PAWS Chicago's successful spay/neuter program, the Gages, Dr. Kim, and a handful of other early MN SNAP Angels, made several trips to Chicago in the founding days of their organization. "PAWS was so inspiring for us in those early days," Britt remembers. "They were supportive and

always willing to help. As much as anything else back then though, they were a real live success story; something concrete to show off as we tried to convince people that what we were suggesting was achievable."

MN SNAP has focused on the most important spay/neuter population: providing subsidized services for low-income families who could not otherwise afford the procedure. They are currently on pace to perform more than 15,000 surgeries this year. They operate a spay/neuter van that has hosted nearly 1,000 clinics at 140 different sites. Starting in early 2011, with the addition of a second surgical team, the vehicle is out-performing surgeries seven days a week. In early 2012, a third team was added at a stationary clinic four days a week, working directly out of the Minneapolis Animal Care & Control (MACC) facility. "This allows us to brag that we provide 11 days of surgery per seven-day-week," jokes MN SNAP's newly minted Executive Director Dana Andresen.

In 2012, MN SNAP purchased a building in the heart of North Minneapolis, one of the most socioeconomically challenged areas in the entire country, where they are planning to open a permanent Spay/Neuter Clinic. They are in the process of kicking off their first capital campaign to build-out and operate their Clinic.

Beyond their spay/neuter focus, MN SNAP has worked to usher in progressive change to their community. They successfully lobbied, educated and advocated for a rethinking of how feral cats were handled in Minneapolis; efforts that ultimately saw the Minneapolis city council unanimously pass a Trap Neuter Return (TNR) ordinance amendment in September of 2013. Modeled after the successful Cook County TNR ordinance, PAWS Chicago worked with MN SNAP to facilitate meetings between Dan Niziolek, Director MACC, and Dr. Donna Alexander, Director of Cook County Animal & Rabies Control. TNR ordinances are proven to be the most effective way to reduce cat and kitten overpopulation. In less than three and a half years, MN SNAP has become the leading spay/neuter voice in Minnesota.

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For an organization to be No Kill, it must save all healthy, treatable and rehabilitatable animals and feral cats. A common rule of thumb is that they must have at least a 90 percent save rate, meaning that at least 90 percent of animals taken in make it out alive.

KEY QUESTIONS:

- Assess the shelter's data to determine what percentage of animals leave the shelter alive.
- Evaluate the shelter's physical spaces to determine whether there are enough isolation areas to treat the wide range of disease that presents itself in shelters. In more progressive shelters, animals will be housed in suites with bleachable flooring and wall surfaces and isolated air flow.
- Do they have a robust shelter medicine program where they are treating diseases like ring worm, parvo, all upper respiratory disease, calici, heartworm, mange and other common illnesses in shelters and perform orthopedic surgery, necessary dentals and other surgeries?
- What is the shelter's return policy? A No Kill should require that any adopters bring the pet back to them in the event that the adopter can no longer care for it.

III. INNOVATION & LEADERSHIP IN ANIMAL WELFARE TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO AND INITIATE CHANGE

While lifesaving programs are essential to building No Kill communities, model organizations also innovate and provide leadership that can be shared within the animal welfare field at large.

KEY QUESTIONS:

- How has the organization responded to challenges and innovated to solve problems?
- Is the organization perceived as a national leader in a particular program or arena?



CORNERSTONE 4: VOLUNTEERS & COMMUNITY

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KEY QUESTIONS:

- How vocal is the organization about the plight of homeless animals? Do they rally and motivate the community to get involved? Are they frequently on television, radio and in print, discussing animal issues and raising awareness?
- Are trained volunteers able to help every aspect of the organization, or are there areas where the volunteers are not permitted?



Alexis Fasseas is Editor-in-Chief of PAWS Chicago magazine and helped found PAWS Chicago in 1997. She is a member of the Illinois Bar, but her career is focused on strategy and management in the business sector.

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Co-chairs Renata & Robert Block with Godiva and Co-chair Virginia Stafman



Emcee Bill Kurtis with Nancy Officer

For 11 years, PAWS Chicago's annual Beach Party fundraiser has been a seasonal favorite for pet lovers across Chicagoland, spending a warm summer night sipping tropical cocktails aboard Castaway's on North Avenue Beach. On July 18, legendary Chicago journalist Bill Kurtis joined co-chairs Renata and Robert Block and Virginia Stafman in leading the event, which raised more than \$200,000 for homeless pets.

Pups were treated like royalty with complimentary pet spa services and kept cool in the splash pool, while guests danced and watched the sun set behind the waves of Lake Michigan roll in. We look forward to welcoming you aboard next July!



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It was a record-breaking year for the PAWS Chicago Run for Their Lives 8K Run/4K Walk. The annual pet-friendly event, sponsored by Zoetis, pulled nearly five thousand animal lovers to Montrose Harbor on Sunday, June 9, for an afternoon dedicated to helping Chicago move one step closer to a No Kill community.

The pet-friendly event was hosted by KISS-FM's Brotha Fred and "Kitchen Crashers" Alison Victoria, who kept the crowd energized and entertained. It also featured dozens of activities that dogs could participate in with their owners, including; the Purina Pro Plan shelter-dog agility stunt show, an interactive agility course, pet/owner stunt and costume contests, a pet painting station, and a kid's corner.

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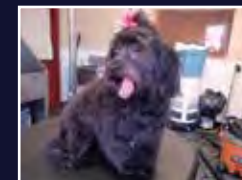
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Melissa French

Melissa French is – in the truest sense of the word – running down a dream. As Director of Sponsorship for TEAM PAWS and Athletic Events, she still pinches herself that she gets to combine her professional marketing expertise and her passion for animals to further a mission that she is inspired by every single day.

“I feel lucky that I come into the office to my dream job,” French said. “I know that I am exactly where I am meant to be – saving lives at PAWS Chicago.”

French manages the *Run for Their Lives* 8K Run/4K Walk event for PAWS Chicago, as well as TEAM PAWS – the organization’s fundraising endurance team and second largest fundraiser.

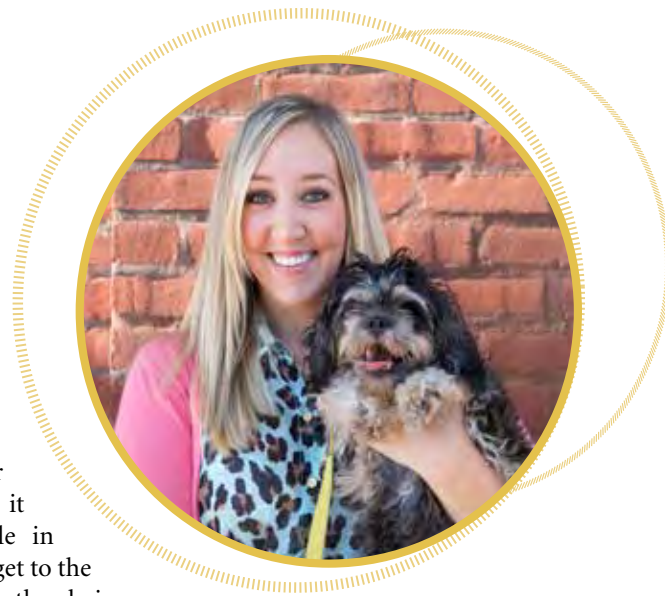
She began volunteering at PAWS Chicago back in 2010 after she heard a friend talk about her experience as a weekend dog walker. “I thought to myself, ‘I must find this wondrous place and volunteer immediately,’ and the rest is

history,” she recalls.

After volunteering weekly for a year, French decided to start raising money for the organization by running a half-marathon with TEAM PAWS.

“I knew that if I ran for a cause close to my heart, it would keep me accountable in training and motivate me to get to the start line, so TEAM PAWS was the obvious choice,” she said. Running became a form of therapy and stress relief for French, who, consequently wound up running three half-marathons and a 15K in 2011 alone.

A few minor injuries prompted French to take a break from running, and that’s when she shifted her volunteer focus to the Adoption Center, where she devoted much of her free time to walking dogs, learning breed tendencies, practicing training techniques, handling strong dogs and



introducing pets to potential adopters. Before long, French became an Adoption Counselor and a Level 2 volunteer in Dog Town, both roles she was groomed for at an early age.

“I remember visiting the city pound in Cleveland at age four and learning that Buffy’s time was up,” French remembered, “We adopted her not because she was the prettiest, smallest or best-behaved, but because she needed us the most.”

French has also been a foster mom to numerous litters of kittens and a few dogs in need of some TLC. One of those fosters was Andie, a scared, malnourished dog who was at immediate risk of euthanasia at the city pound. Melissa cared for Andie for two months, nursing her back to a healthy weight and building her confidence before finding her a forever home with the perfect family in Boston.

French officially became a PAWS Chicago employee in 2012, leaving a professional career in marketing to apply her skills for homeless pets. As a result, PAWS has gained a creative and dedicated leader who has used her marketing degree from Ohio University, her volunteer experience and her running background to create successful athletic programs and events that further the No Kill mission and save the lives of homeless dogs and cats in Chicago.

“I find incredible inspiration from my TEAM PAWS athletes,” said French. “Their stories of triumph, dedication, tribute and passion amaze me and make me want to be a better person.”

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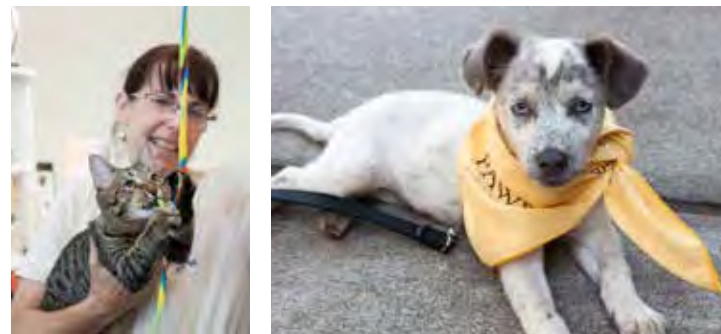
This past spring, PAWS Chicago announced exciting plans to expand its life-saving operations and open the first satellite Adoption Center in the Petco store at 1616 Deerfield Road in Highland Park.

Since the announcement, PAWS Chicago has jumped wholeheartedly into working with the North Shore community and is currently working to recruit volunteers, raise awareness about adoption and fundraise for the Adoption Center's build out. The organization is currently hosting adoption weekend adoption events in Highland Park as well as volunteer training sessions to prepare for its opening. To date, those adoption events have been incredibly successful, finding homes for 95 homeless pets, which underscores the importance of this new Adoption Center. In this new market, there is limitless life-saving potential.

The North Shore Adoption Center in Highland Park is expected to open in 2014. This new Center is an opportunity for PAWS Chicago to save more lives and expand its No Kill mission by focusing on uniting families in the northern suburbs with homeless pets at risk. It will be modeled after PAWS Chicago's Lincoln Park Adoption Center, which features custom cat furniture for kitties to climb and perch, and dog suites with windows, beds, toys and piped in music. Each pet will be well socialized and cared for, and dogs will receive multiple walks each day by loving volunteers.

Go to pawschicago.org/northshore for updates and join the community of supporters who want to help PAWS Chicago expand the vision and save more homeless pets.

PAWS CHICAGO HOSTS ANGELS WITH TAILS ADOPTION EVENTS THROUGHOUT CITY



Raising awareness about the tragic fate that homeless pets face in shelters is what prompted PAWS Chicago's founding in 1997, and nothing promotes the cause of homeless pets better than adorable furry faces and four-legged friends taking over the streets of Chicago.

Every summer, PAWS Chicago hosts its signature Angels with Tails adoption events in communities across the city, partnering with retail stores and boutiques to showcase the wonderful pets available in shelters. Sponsored by Merrick Pet Care, these premier adoption events feature hundreds of adorable homeless cats, dogs, kittens and puppies from local shelters and rescue groups – each one eagerly waiting to meet their new families. These new unions could be seen up and down Michigan Avenue and Oak Street, on the streets of Roscoe Village and along Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Square.

Supported by hundreds of volunteers, these life-saving events help to raise awareness around the issue of pet homelessness and the importance of adoption. This summer, the Angels with Tails events resulted in new, loving homes for 134 pets at PAWS Chicago.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER

PAWS Chicago is currently hosting monthly volunteer training events to prepare for the opening. > **Sign up for a session today by contacting volunteers@pawschicago.org.**

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PAWS Chicago needs to raise funds to open and operate this new Adoption Center. Your donation of any size will help. > **Donate today at pawschicago.org/donatenorthshore.**

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Join PAWS Chicago at adoption events at Petco in Highland Park and meet adorable PAWS puppies, dogs, cats and kittens who will be available for adoption and are looking for their forever homes. > **Visit pawschicago.org for event dates and times.**

NEW HOMES FOUND FOR 125 HOMELESS PETS

With the warm weather comes breeding season and waves of new puppies and kittens inundate shelters. To address this crisis, PAWS Chicago designed a 36-Hour Spring Adopt-A-Thon to save more lives, raising awareness about the importance of adoption.

This year, the annual event held on June 21 and 22, was a terrific success. The Adoption Center was bustling with adopters throughout the day and night, who met their new best furry friends during the adoption marathon. By the close of the event, 125 wonderful pets had found loving homes.

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From mid-July through Labor Day, more than 300 kittens were saved through the hard work and dedication of PAWS adopters, volunteers and supporters, who answered the call to help these homeless pets. This year, the call was particularly urgent because of the warm Chicago summer; it had the potential to be fatal to the influx of kittens moving into Chicago's Animal Care & Control. In total, the Kitten Challenge placed 304 into loving homes.



GOVERNOR QUINN SIGNS IMPORTANT ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS

Pets in the State of Illinois now have some protection in place when it comes to ensuring their humane treatment. This past summer Governor Pat Quinn signed two new animal welfare bills into law: the Anti-Tethering Bill (HB 83) and the Puppy Lemon Bill (SB 1693).

The Anti-Tethering Bill was signed into law on July 20 at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center. It's an important step in the right direction for pet safety because it places limits on the length and type of tethers that can be used to restrain animals. It is hoped that this will take Illinois in the direction of prohibiting tethering of pets altogether.

On August 17, the Governor also signed the Puppy Lemon Bill (SB 1693) into law, focused on protecting the consumer against negligent animal breeders and puppy mills; specifically mandating that people who purchase animals with a pre-existing, undisclosed disease or illness, get a refund, replacement or reimbursement of veterinary costs incurred as a result. This law will also require pet stores to notify customers and the state veterinarian of a life-threatening outbreak of contagious diseases.

There is never a replacement for a pet, but the Puppy Lemon law is also about accountability and putting pressure on pet stores to work with more reputable pet suppliers; a detail that animal welfare advocates are hoping will ultimately help halt production at puppy mills. The law, and ultimately the financial liability of selling sick and unhealthy dogs and puppies, will place increased financial pressure on pet stores, who, in large part, obtain their supply from puppy mills, where dogs are repetitively bred in unsanitary conditions without proper food, water, shelter or veterinary care. As a result, the puppies originating from mills are often wrought with medical, genetic, and mental issues.

PAWS Chicago thanks Governor Quinn for his continued support of animal welfare laws that give a voice to these innocent pets.



SUBARU AND 101.9 FM THE MIX PARTNER WITH PAWS CHICAGO TO SAVE LIVES

This summer, 101.9 FM The MIX joined PAWS Chicago and Subaru at 11 adoption events throughout Chicagoland. The events, called "Love A Pet," featured homeless dogs in need of loving homes. While there, guests had an opportunity to meet and adopt these adorable pups, win prizes from MIX on-air talent, and test drive Subaru vehicles. For every test drive, a donation was made to local pet shelters and rescues, including PAWS Chicago!

Through these wonderful events, PAWS Chicago found loving homes for 26 dogs.

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Led by their supportive teacher and PAWS Chicago community outreach volunteer Jennifer Guerrero, the first grade students went to each class to explain the PAWS Chicago mission to all the classroom and then handed out flyers asking for donations. The children were responsible for collecting and organizing the items and also recognized each donor with a special certificate of recognition. Each student even created a doggie-shaped visor to wear while carrying out their project so they would be recognized as Kindness Project members.



Through the perseverance of the students, and the generosity of those who donated, they have enabled PAWS Chicago to save more lives by stretching our dollars even further.



Jake, Claire & Ceci

Jake (8), Claire (10) and Ceci (4) have a deep love for animals and an appreciation for PAWS Chicago's efforts to find loving homes for homeless pets. They wanted to find a way to help the organization and its mission, so they decided to hold a lemonade and cookie stand during the Old Town Art Fair. The stand was a hit and raised \$120 for PAWS Chicago, which will go toward saving more homeless pets.



Will

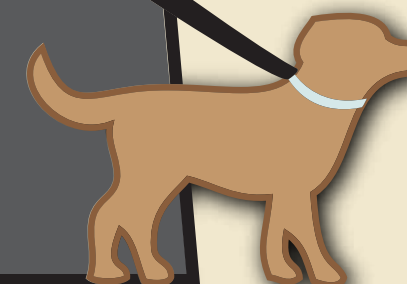
At just six years of age, Chicago resident Will is well on his way to becoming a seasoned animal advocate. For the second year in a row, Will set up a lemonade stand alongside an Angels with Tails adoption event in his Roscoe Village neighborhood. He served up homemade lemonade and cookies to all those passing by looking for a snack and a way to quench their hot summer thirst.

Through his efforts, he raised more than \$250 for PAWS Chicago. Will is an animal lover whose interest in helping pets began by fostering, then adopting, Rambo, a cat rescued from a No Kill shelter in San Francisco. After the recent passing of Rambo, Will and his family hope to continue saving lives by rescuing another cat or two soon!

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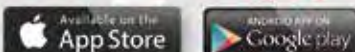


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TEAM PAWS

by Keri Buscaglia

They wake before the sun rises, training hard to log the miles while most of us are still in bed. They pound the streets of our neighborhoods, well after dark, because after a long day there's nothing better than the rhythm of feet striking pavement. They are members of TEAM PAWS, one of the fastest growing charity endurance fundraising teams in the nation, and they are proud to be pushing their bodies, competing around the world in support of PAWS Chicago and its mission to save homeless pets.

Chances are you've seen them, either on the lakefront, plowing out a solo run, or in a pack, training together, under one name and one cause. The goal? Support PAWS Chicago and change the world for homeless pets by being their advocate, one step and one race at a time.

The signature navy singlet and TEAM PAWS logo is not just an indicator of an extraordinary athlete, but has become a vehicle for creating awareness around pet overpopulation to countless runners and spectators at events around the globe. With each step, stroke and pedal, TEAM PAWS athletes serve as a voice for pets that deserve a second chance at life. They race for change and strive to make a difference in the lives of thousands of pets whose lives depend on their efforts.

In 2013, the team's goal was to raise funds to save 2,000 cats and dogs who would otherwise become a tragic statistic by working to raise even more money from its fundraising efforts.

In addition to its impressive life-saving financial accomplishments, TEAM PAWS has garnered some impressive accolades in the athletic arena as well. It is one of only seven Official Charities in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and is one of the largest teams in the race. This elite charity status has made the TEAM PAWS navy singlet one of the most highly honored, distinguished and recognizable on the course amongst runners and spectators.

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

Each January, TEAM PAWS builds its new team with the goal of growing by 25 percent each year – this is growth that translates into more lives saved. When a member joins the team, they pledge to compete in one of the featured races or a race of their choice in the name of TEAM PAWS. They then plan a fundraising strategy based on the events they've chosen.

There are benefits to membership. In addition to the inspiration and camaraderie of TEAM PAWS, runners can take advantage of discounted athletic training, participate in dog-friendly fun runs, dog-friendly bar nights, pre-race PAWS (Pasta) parties and race day team hospitality tents.

WHO COMPETES FOR TEAM PAWS?

TEAM PAWS members share a united goal of racing to save the lives of homeless pets. They range in age from 16 to 72, and come from all walks of life. The team's experience ranges from seasoned marathoners to masters who have crossed dozens of finish lines, not just here in Chicago, but as far away as Hong Kong and London. Recently, three Chicagoans raced to save lives in Berlin, Germany!

Many members of the team are trained PAWS Chicago volunteers, pet foster parents and adopters, while others use running as their way to support the cause.

THE LIFE-SAVING IMPACT OF TEAM PAWS

Each TEAM PAWS member pledges to raise funds between \$500 and \$3,000 – all of which totals the ability to fund nearly one-third of the Adoption Center's annual operating costs.

In 2013, the total financial support of TEAM PAWS raised the funds needed to save 2,000 cats and dogs. TEAM PAWS is an essential component of PAWS Chicago's ability to continue its annual growth and save more dogs and cats each year.

GET INVOLVED

Set a new goal. Accomplish a milestone. Be inspired. Get involved and save lives.

PAWS needs your support, whether you are an existing team member, volunteer, fan club supporter, past member of the team or are looking to sponsor or donate to the team. Join TEAM PAWS and be a part of the change to make Chicago a No Kill city.



Registration for the team opens January 2014. Visit teampaws.org to sign up and start saving lives.

TEAM PAWS

NINE LIVES CLUB

The "Nine Lives Club" was launched in 2013 to recognize the outstanding efforts of those who raise \$3,000 or more, which translates into what it costs to save nine homeless dogs and cats. These signature members are truly motivated by the cause and are identified by their Nine Lives Club royal blue singlets.

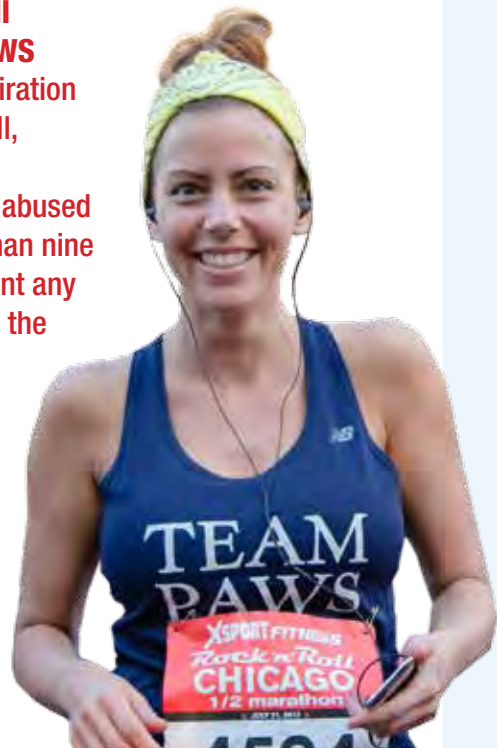
"TEAM PAWS has given me the opportunity to show my love for all animals. I am truly inspired by this amazing organization and knowing that my small contribution makes a difference makes every training step worthwhile!"



CHRISTINE ROLOFF, 25

"I care about the protection of homeless animals and I support the No Kill philosophy that PAWS represents. My inspiration is my rescued Pit Bull, Maxwell. I found him starving, scared and abused on the street more than nine years ago. I don't want any animal to go through the pain, suffering and abandonment he did."

AMY DANIEL-MOSER, 35



"I initially ran in Chicago only, but over the years, have added additional races and locations as my way of spreading the word and bringing awareness outside of the Chicagoland area. Racing gives me an opportunity to inform others of the mission of PAWS Chicago, which makes me want to keep running. I like to think of it as my two legs helping out my four-legged friends."

TOP FUNDRAISER Jeff Welch, 47



Jeff Welch is running his way around the world, all in support of homeless animals. A runner most of his life, Jeff has completed ten marathons since 2009. He recently donned his "Nine Lives Top Fundraiser" singlet in Germany, running the 40th BMW Berlin Marathon; then, two weeks later, he ran the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and will finish off the season with the ING New York City Marathon. He has also represented TEAM PAWS in the Goofy Challenge (the Disney Marathon), the Vancouver Marathon, and the Ragnar Relay from Madison, WI to Chicago.

Jeff is inspired by the outpouring of crowd support he receives from spectators on the course while wearing the TEAM PAWS jersey, both in Chicago and across the globe. During his most recent race in Berlin, he met a runner from Washington D.C. who had adopted his dog from PAWS Chicago. For Jeff, spreading awareness for the No Kill mission with every step is what makes it all worthwhile.

In addition to running, Jeff has played a leadership role in growing TEAM PAWS, serving on the TEAM PAWS Committee and being an inspiration and role model to many rookie TEAM PAWS members, both for his running skills and his commitment to homeless animals.

TOP FUNDRAISER Ken Gasper, 39



"My dog, Jersey, was rescued from one of the highest kill shelters in southern Louisiana and I can't imagine my life without her. So many homeless dogs and cats can be great pets and will eventually enrich their forever homes. Euthanasia is not the answer. I race because I want to support the No Kill mission and continue to educate the public."

ELIZABETH RACIOPPI, 27



NINE LIVES CLUB

TEAM PAWS

Ken Gasper's path to running started nearly 13 years ago after his friends made a bet as to whether or not anyone in the group could complete a marathon. With a little encouragement, Ken registered and completed his first marathon. But it was the beginning of something bigger; he immediately knew he could do better and wanted to race again.

Ken first became involved with PAWS Chicago in 2007, when he adopted his dog, Lyla G. Since 2008, Ken has run more than 18 marathons and six triathlons with TEAM PAWS, including the New York Marathon, Austin's Livestrong, and the Big Sur International Marathon. Ken will complete his twentieth marathon just before his 40th birthday.

"Running the Mt. Nittany Marathon (in State College, Pennsylvania) was challenging because it was hot, humid and hilly. But when I saw my six-year-old niece ringing her TEAM PAWS cowbell and cheering in her official 'PAWS Chicago Fan Club' T-shirt, I was inspired to finish the race."

"My dog is my best friend and I believe that every pet deserves a loving owner, a warm home and a happy heart. It's also inspired my children and awakened them to the plight of homeless animals."

DAWN LEVINE, 42



TOP FUNDRAISER Jim Peck, 50



"Any organization that prevents suffering for animals is a great thing, especially spay/neuter programs. I am not a resident of Chicago but think TEAM PAWS is a good way to be part of the Chicago community and to raise money for a great cause!"

"As a lawyer, I have a passion for animal justice and fair treatment. Every life is precious and pets bring us endless joy, even in the worst of times. Last year, my heart stopped, for an unknown reason, during a half marathon training run and I was unable to complete the Chicago Marathon on behalf of PAWS Chicago. Just one year later, with the support of my partner and pets, I am poised to resume my distance running, stronger than ever. As I cross the finish line, my heart will be filled with the lives we are saving."

JOSEPH MANICKI, 35



“ WHY I RACE FOR TEAM PAWS ”



“As an officer with the LAPD for the past 17 years, I have made it my personal mission to save dogs in need of rescue and work with local shelters to find homes for dogs in need. Combining my love of running with the TEAM PAWS mission to save lives is just another way I can do more for these wonderful animals.”

FREDDIE ACKERLEY, 46

“After volunteering at PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center for two years, I decided it was time to combine both my passions: running and helping animals.”

ALEKSANDRA BUSH, 21



“Fundraising and running for a charity makes completing a race that much bigger of an accomplishment. Plus the crowd support for TEAM PAWS is an amazing energy boost!”

KRISTINA JURGENSEN, 31



“My own pets (two cats and two dogs) have brought me so much joy and have gotten me through difficult times. I am excited to be able to raise money for such a good cause and participate in this 26.2 mile party!”

AMANDA RUNNION, 30

“All cats and dogs deserve a loving home and all homes should experience the love and joy pets can provide.”

ROBIN BRAZY, 35



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My rescue dog, Luna, loves to run. We began training together, slowly going further with each run. Not long after, I decided to run the Chicago Marathon for a charity and TEAM PAWS was a great way to honor my faithful running partner. I continue to be amazed at the work that PAWS Chicago does to help animals all over the country, and am proud to say I am personally helping a few of those cats and dogs.”

KENDRA FRIGO, 41

TEAM PAWS ELITE ATHLETE

MICHELLE STOFFEL, 32

Michelle Stoffel, an all-star college swimmer, marathoner and triathlon champion is also a member of TEAM PAWS. She first got her start when she visited the city and signed on to run in the PAWS Chicago Run for Their Lives 8K four years ago. Since that first race, Stoffel has moved to Chicago and continues to use endurance events as a platform to raise awareness for saving homeless pets. She recently extended her commitment to PAWS by becoming a volunteer at the Adoption Center. “I started volunteering for PAWS because I know every volunteer effort counts,” she said. “I have been inspired by other members of the team who go the extra mile to volunteer.”

Michelle has used racing in endurance events as a platform to raise awareness for saving homeless pets and giving them a second chance at life. To date, she has complete in four half-marathons, two full marathons and four triathlons (three of which she placed first in her age group). The highest honor of racing came when Stoffel was invited to compete in the USA Triathlon Age Group National Championship this summer. Like most TEAM PAWS athletes, Stoffel’s inspiration is her rescue dog, Chopper, a five-year-old Pit Bull/Boxer she rescued while living in Iowa. “If it wasn’t for Chopper, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” she said. “Because of him, I realized how important this cause is and, through it, I have taught myself dedication, friendship and that hard work will always win. It has become a part of every aspect of my life.” Chopper is always by Michelle’s side and is her biggest fan. He has been seen delivering her post-race flowers, giving celebratory kisses and often sporting a TEAM PAWS tri top or singlet at her races. Her victories and elite status in the triathlon community is helping Michelle make waves of change and raise awareness for homeless pets in Chicago.

“In every race, there is that moment that you have to dig deeper, push it beyond your limits. It hurts, but nothing is close to the pain of the homeless dog’s heart that isn’t loved, that sits in a kennel feeling lost and confused.”



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TEAM PAWS DUOS

"Knowing that TEAM PAWS fundraising saves so many lives gives me great joy. I had no idea that I would get so much more than I give."

MICHELE MCINTIRE, 45

"As a volunteer, I get to see the animals who were strays, given up, abandoned or abused, and am amazed by how resilient they are and how much love they have to give. It makes me want to do everything I can for them. To be a part of that is priceless."

LAURA SLIVKA, 28



BEST BUDDS Michele & Laura

After spending years together on TEAM PAWS and volunteering at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center, Michele and Laura describe their relationship as "an unexpected friendship between a big hearted grumpy blonde and slightly older peppy brunette."

The duo joined TEAM PAWS as a way to make their races more meaningful and to pay forward the love they receive from their rescue dogs, Jet, Wrigley and Dex. Both women, who were named PAWS Chicago 'Volunteers of the Year' in 2012, were part of the rescue missions to Moore, Okla. following a devastating tornado. The encouragement exchanged during their journey is the glue that holds their friendship together. That, and something they saw on a T-shirt in the rubble: "Be Moore, Do Moore, Give Moore." The phrase has become their life's mantra and is exactly what they do for PAWS Chicago and TEAM PAWS.

FIANCÉES Daniela Hernandez, 26 & Lionel Garcia, 34



"TEAM PAWS means more to us than just running a race. It is about uniting a community with a cause that we truly believe in, and working toward a goal that we know we can one day achieve making Chicago a No Kill city."

Daniela and Lionel found more than inspiration, they found true love when they met through their sisters who first joined TEAM PAWS. They plan marry in Disney World in between competing in the Dopey Challenge: a half marathon and a full marathon back-to-back.

MARRIED Julie Morrissey, 31 & Travis Morrissey, 31

"There's a great saying we repeat a lot to each other... 'Running changes everything.' Running for TEAM PAWS is no different. It's not only changed our lives for the better, but also the lives of homeless animals."

Julie and Travis Morrissey's commitment to TEAM PAWS, as well as their dedication to helping save the lives of homeless pets at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center, has made them invaluable assets to the 2013 team.



FAMILY Barbara & Jon



"I get to share this passion with my son. This summer, I would do my long runs along the Des Plaines River Trail in the suburbs while Jon would run along the city's lake path. Post-run, we would text each other all of the details. It has been so much fun to read his reactions to accomplishing 18, 19, and 20 mile training runs."

BARBARA COOKE, 61

"I am running for Team PAWS with my mom. She is my motivation and inspiration for running, not to mention my love for dogs comes largely from growing up in her household."

JON COOKE, 31

TEAM PAWS AROUND THE WORLD



SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco Marathon, Tim Peddycord / **MADISON, WI > CHICAGO, IL** - Ragnar Relay / **BOSTON, MA** - Boston Marathon, Jeff Fine / **BERLIN, GERMANY** - 40th BMW Berlin Marathon, Eric Bruce / **JERUSALEM, ISRAEL** - Louis Hanna / **CHINA** - The Great Wall Marathon, Brian Foy / **ROME, ITALY** - Rome Marathon, Lisa Keller / **WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Marine Corps Marathon, Carrie Haubrich / **CHICAGO, IL** - Midway Fly Away 5K, Corey Marchetti / **Anaheim, California** Disneyland Half Marathon, Rae Goodman

TEAM PAWS SHEPHERDS

TEAM PAWS Shepherds are special alumni members who act as mentors to the newest team members, forming their own pack of support. They facilitate the sharing of the full team experience, providing guidance on training and nutrition, helping with fundraising and building lifelong friendships.

"Being a TEAM PAWS Shepherd allows me the chance to share my previous experiences and motivate my fellow teammates who are new to the team. As a recently new Chicagoan, it is my way to pay it forward and ensure a strong team of active and involved animal-loving endurance athletes."

- Vince Coraci | two-year TEAM PAWS Marathoner | Dog Town Volunteer

"Being a Shepherd lets me share my love of animals and running with others. PAWS Chicago does so much to help these animals, I'm honored to help support them and spread the message to as many people as possible that 'pets are worth saving!'"

- Mike Cora | five-year TEAM PAWS Marathoner | PAWS Chicago Professional Board Member

"Being the Top Dog of the Shepherds program has meant so much to me because it blossomed in ways I couldn't have ever imagined. Not only have other Shepherds been wonderful, enthusiastic resources for their "packs," but it's been a great surprise to see packs planning activities with each other as well. Being an athlete for TEAM PAWS is rewarding on its own, but the Shepherds program has been a tremendous way for athletes to have an even more enriching experience and has allowed us to utilize the amazing energy of the team in a positive way."

- Beth Morris | four-year TEAM PAWS Marathoner | PAWS Chicago Volunteer

"Being a Shepherd means that I get the opportunity to help new runners be part of something that I've loved so much for the past five years. When I first joined TEAM PAWS in 2009, it was a logical fit: I love running and love helping animals, so why not do something that combines the two? By becoming a Shepherd, I get to help others reach their goals of both completing and succeeding in a marathon, and raising money for such an important cause. I also get to be part of a community of people who love running and animals as much as I do! Being a Shepherd this year has made the already very rewarding experience of running for TEAM PAWS, even better!"

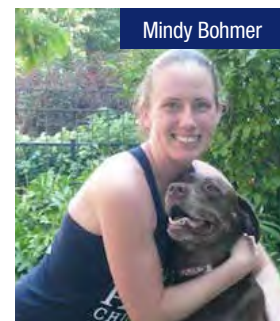
- Mindy Bohmer | five-year TEAM PAWS Marathoner



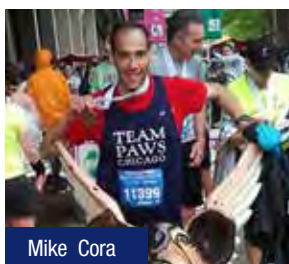
Vince Coraci



Beth Morris



Mindy Bohmer



Mike Cora

PAWS CHICAGO'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO OKLAHOMA CITY

by Sara McGaughy

A class E5 tornado and several smaller tornadoes ripped through Moore, Okla. on May 20. The devastation proved fatal; 23 people were killed and 377 others were injured. Property damages were estimated at \$2 billion. Along with the human and financial toll, several hundred animals were also affected. In the 48 hours after the storms touched down, 150 displaced pets had come into Oklahoma City's Animal Care and Control (ACC).

PAWS Chicago responded to the crisis by organizing a group of 16 volunteers who drove eight vans to Oklahoma City on the Friday following the disaster. The volunteers were accompanied by members of PAWS Chicago's medical and intake team. Emergency medical assistance was provided to pets in need and the group transported 76 cats and dogs from Oklahoma City's ACC to PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center.

Oklahoma City's ACC facility, which is equipped to care for 400 pets, held nearly 900 animals in the weeks that followed the storms. The 76 pets who were rescued by PAWS Chicago alleviated some of overcrowding. The pets who were relocated to Chicago were a combination of existing shelter residents and animals who had recently been surrendered by their owners. Moore residents who lost their pets during the storms were given 30 days to claim them, so there was no risk of taking wanted pets out of Oklahoma.



"AS AN EMPLOYEE AT THE OKLAHOMA CITY SHELTER THAT THESE PETS WERE TAKEN FROM, THANK YOU, PAWS CHICAGO!!!! YOU GAVE THESE WONDERFUL PETS A GREAT CHANGE AT NEW AND LOVING HOMES. WE WERE OVER CAPACITY WITH DOGS AND PAWS MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY! THANK YOU!!!!"

— JENNIE LEEPER, OKLAHOMA CITY SHELTER

"IT WAS TRULY HUMBLING TO RECEIVE SUCH SUPPORT. WE APPRECIATE THIS MORE THAN YOU COULD KNOW. PAWS CHICAGO, SAYING THANKS JUST ISN'T ENOUGH!! YOU SAVED THE LIVES OF SO MANY BY HELPING OUR OKLAHOMA CITY SHELTER."

— SHANA GAMMILL, OKLAHOMA CITY SHELTER

The rescued cats and dogs arrived in Chicago just five days after their world was turned upside down. And most were ready for adoption. Those who were not spent time recuperating in the care of volunteer foster homes. By the end of the first adoption day, 29 dogs had been adopted by new families.

But more help was needed. Oklahoma City still had more dogs and cats than they could handle. So PAWS Chicago volunteers made a second trip, and this time transported 79 homeless pets not yet claimed by owners. There was an increased need for resources following the two volunteer rescue trips to Oklahoma City. Supporters of PAWS Chicago stepped up by donating money and supplies, opening their homes to foster pets, and volunteering at PAWS Chicago's Lincoln Park Adoption Center.

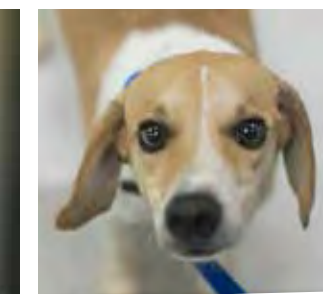
Throughout these difficult circumstances, PAWS Chicago remained committed to Chicago's Animal Care and Control (ACC). In other words, PAWS Chicago did not take in fewer numbers of cats and dogs from Chicago's ACC while it took in animals from Oklahoma City.

PAWS Chicago was proud to be part of the life-saving efforts in Oklahoma City. As a result, dogs like Lettie, the first dog rescued from Oklahoma to be adopted, Bethany and Karen found loving, permanent homes in Chicago.

Lettie is just three of the 155 pets rescued from Oklahoma City who have been given the gift of life, thanks to the dedicated volunteers and supporters who enabled PAWS Chicago to do something positive for a community that had been so devastated.



Sara McGaughy is a career coach and the author of *Matilda Mae: The Dog Who Needed a Name*, which is available on Amazon.com. Sara is also the proud mom of a baby named Cole and Margaret, an eight-year-old Beagle mix.



Lettie pictured with her new family and volunteer rescuer, Laura Slivka. All pets featured above were part of the Oklahoma Rescue mission.

READ MORE ABOUT OUR RESCUE MISSION TO OKLAHOMA AND A SPECIAL DOG NAMED GRIFFIN ON OUR WEBSITE AT PAWSCHICAGO.ORG/PROMISE

PET HEALTH

Do You Know What's in Your Pet's Food?

by Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM



Being an advocate for your own health and well-being is difficult; add to that staying on top of what's best for your pet and suddenly nutrition becomes overwhelming. And with thousands of pet food products on the market today, it's tough to know where to start.

But the most important overall health decision you can make for your dog or cat is what you put in their bowl so it makes sense to start with labels and understanding pet food ingredients. Here are a few basic rules to jumpstart good decision-making when it comes to feeding your pet.

ROYAL RULE #1 HIGH PROTEIN

Our dogs and cats are carnivores so they should eat like carnivores. That means a diet predominantly comprised of meat protein, no grain and minimal carbohydrates. Most pet foods today have that ratio backwards. Too much carbohydrate is being fed to our pets in the form of grains (especially corn and wheat) and other foods (potatoes, rice, oats, and many more). This is not healthy.

There are specific side effects associated with this ratio imbalance, especially in cats, who are obligate carnivores (with bodies designed to eat and get its energy and nutritional values from animal meat). These deficiencies manifest in the form of dental disease, allergies, skin disorders, obesity, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, cancers, kidney disease and more.

Dogs, because they are carnivores AND scavengers, have a little more leeway, but not much. As scavengers, they can make do with a diet of shoe-leather and blueberries, but their bodies need well-balanced meals for optimal health.

ROYAL RULE #2 READ, READ, READ

Every label provides important information:

INGREDIENTS: They should make sense to you and not sound like a chemical factory. Remember, you are feeding a carnivore. This goes for treats too.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS: Determine the proportion of the three major food groups – fat, protein and carbohydrate.

Commercial raw foods, cooked commercial raw foods, cooked fresh foods, and canned or unprocessed freeze-dried foods are preferable to kibble foods.

If you must feed kibble, choose a low-heat processed, high-quality meat-protein based food with greater than 30% protein.

APPROPRIATE AND IDEAL PET FOODS FOR THE AVERAGE PET SHOULD HAVE:

- **AT LEAST 30% MEAT PROTEIN** (AND MORE LIKE 40-60% IF POSSIBLE)
- **LOW CARBOHYDRATE PERCENTAGE**
- **NO CORN OR WHEAT OR OTHER GRAINS**
- **NO SOY OR SOY PROTEIN, OR PEANUT BUTTER**
- **NO UNPEELED WHITE POTATO**
- **NO CHEMICALS, TOXINS OR FILLERS** (SEE ROYAL RULES #2 AND #3)
- **APPROPRIATE MOISTURE CONTENT**

ROYAL RULE #3

LOOK BEYOND THE LABEL

If you do, here's what you might find:

CARCINOGENS: The high heat process of extruded kibble foods produces a byproduct of Acrylamides and Heterocyclic Amines, which are both potent cancer-causing agents.

CHEMICALS: There can be pre-manufacture ingredients that aren't required to be on the label because they were put in before the manufacturer got them. One big concern is ethoxyquin, a quinoline-based antioxidant used as a food preservative and pesticide that is often sprayed on fish. Another is pentobarbital (typically used in the euthanization process), a chemical used to treat the food animals that has shown up in traces in meats.

ROYAL RULE #4

LOOK FOR PRODUCTS MADE AND REGULATED IN THE U.S.

In the United States, all pet food is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). It is also further regulated at the state level. So stick close to home when purchasing pet food. Products that are imported may have lax

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APPROPRIATE MOISTURE CONTENT

Adding water to dry food does not make up for the drying effect of the dry processed kibble. Moisture is super important for health, especially in cats. Be careful with cats that will only eat kibble.



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standards when it comes to labeling, food safety laws and overall regulations. Unless I really know a company well, I tend to avoid foods and treats made in China after the Melamine disaster of 2007 where more than 13,000 pets died because of poor regulation in pet food ingredients.

ROYAL RULE #5 KEEP PETS TRIM

We may not know anymore what a normal weight looks like in our pets. Recent studies show that over 50 percent of our pets in this country are overweight to obese. Sadly, this is, as Temple Grandin says, “when bad becomes normal.”

The secret to weight management and weight loss in general is carbohydrates. Carbs cause weight gain. The carnivorous bodies of dogs and cats know what to do with protein and fat, but carbs get transformed into quick, cheap energy, which gets stored – as fat. So if your pet is overweight, look hardest at the carbohydrate percentage, not the fat content of the food.

One aspect of weight management that does differ between cats and dogs is the speed with which the pounds can be safely shed. Dogs are uniquely suited to lose weight fast. As scavengers, when they can't find food, they just

eat their fat. Simply decrease (often by half) the volume of food (good quality food) for a dog and they lose weight. Sometimes in just a few weeks they are down to a manageable size. Weight gain and loss in dogs is all about the food. If they are not burning the calories with exercise, they need to eat even less than they would if they were active. Simple.

Cats, however, must lose weight slowly and carefully or they can become very sick. I count weight-loss time in cats in terms of months. The diet should be changed to provide more protein and fat and fewer carbs per meal to really make a difference. And a slow, steady weight loss over the course of a year should be a benchmark for success.

Remember, treats and everything that goes in a pet's mouth are included in my rules for health. Often when owners decrease meals to help with weight loss, they quietly increase treats because they feel guilty. But treats can be very calorie dense, so beware!

If your dog doesn't seem to be able to lose weight with careful diet regulation, ask your vet to check the thyroid function. Many dogs have undiagnosed hypothyroid conditions that hamper weight loss and affect many other aspects of health over time.

ROYAL RULE #6

THE WHAT, THE WHERE AND THE HOW

Buy from food companies that source their food from sustainable farms, using more natural and organic products. Meats that come from feed lots/factory/ industrial farms, etc. tend to have been produced by feeding cheap food to animals in close quarters. They are often given very little room to move, and don't get normal exercise, stimulation or family connections. These animals are more likely to have been treated with drugs and chemicals and quite frankly, in my opinion, the stressors, medications and unhealthy diets that these food animals endure cannot make a healthy body, or healthy meat. I suspect that we may find this industrial meat quality is also to blame for many of our pets' illnesses.

It's hard not to feel frustrated with the pet food industry and the hidden dangers of ignoring your pet's dietary needs. We can certainly do better. With all the wheat, corn and other inappropriate ingredients we feed our pets, it's no wonder our pets aren't wildly healthy.

As humans we can choose to be a part of nature or collide against it. Medicine, nature and wellness have parted ways for too long. There is a natural health in every creature and I know that excellent food provides the tools to maintain it. We must simply get back to the basics, pay attention to diet, and watch our animals regain their wild health.

Dr. Royal's new book, *The Royal Treatment: A Natural Approach to Wildly Healthy Pets* is now available in paperback on Amazon.com. For more information about Dr. Royal's integrative approach to keeping your pets wildly healthy through sensible nutrition and preventive medicine, visit RoyalTreatmentVetCenter.com



Dr. Royal has been wildly interested in the health benefits of appropriate nutrition for over 20 years. Her education and nutrition started before vet school when she worked with wildlife and zoo animals and was a copy editor for the Dr. Scholl's Conference on the Nutrition of Captive Wild Animals for several years. After becoming a doctor of veterinary medicine, she completed advanced courses in herbal medicine and nutrition at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

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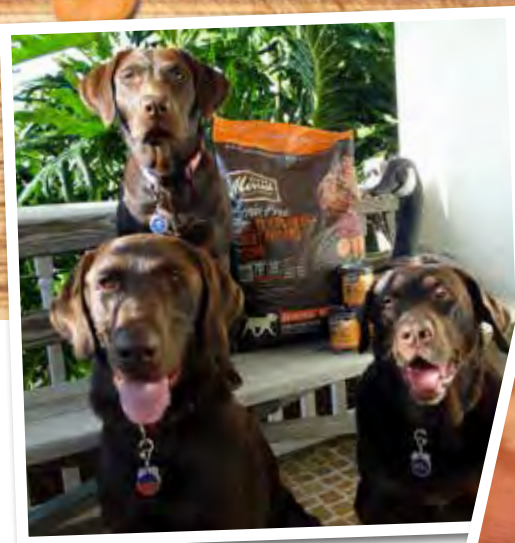
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by Julie Mazzola

WE ALL LOVE A GREAT MEAL, PET FAMILY MEMBERS INCLUDED. BUT WHAT WE FEED OUR PETS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO NAVIGATING TODAY'S COMPLEX AND VARIED PET FOOD OPTIONS.

Considering the epidemic of pet food recalls in recent years and the resulting pet fatalities, knowing exactly what you are feeding your pet and where those ingredients come from can be as drastic as life or death. And proper species nutrition is just as important as the quality of the food supply for your pet's health and well-being. (See "Do You Know What's In Your Pet's Food?" on page 36 for more information on why nutrition is so critical for pet quality of life and longevity.)

As a resource for the pet loving community, it was essential for PAWS Chicago to be at the forefront of pet nutrition. As a result, the organization sought out a partnership with a top tier pet food company, and found a tremendous partner in one of the leaders in pet nutrition: Merrick Pet Care. Beginning December 1, Merrick will be generously providing PAWS Chicago with the excellence and quality of their pet food for all PAWS homeless pets.

WHY MERRICK IS DIFFERENT

Merrick's collection of dog recipes are made using only the freshest, locally grown ingredients. The company spent several years reinventing its formulas using the latest nutrition research, conducting an exhaustive review of farmers and suppliers, and developing quality assurance standards with its expert recipe tasters: the dogs on the kitchen crew.

MERRICK'S RECIPES ARE BUILT AROUND FIVE KEY PROMISES:

LOCAL GROWERS: Merrick uses no ingredients from China, only ingredients grown by American farmers and ranchers. This not only supports local communities, but also ensures freshness and food safety. With fewer distributors, handlers and warehouses, farm-grown ingredients get to Merrick's kitchens faster.

NUTRITIOUS REAL WHOLE FOODS: Merrick uses food in its purest state - with no artificial additives, sweeteners, colorings and preservatives. Real meat provides essential amino acids dogs need; omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids ('healthy fats') provide energy; and vegetables, fruits and whole grains enhance dogs' overall nutrition, absorption of nutrients and immune system function.

COOKED IN MERRICK'S OWN KITCHENS: Putting cooking and quality control under one roof, Merrick cooks food in small batches in its kitchens in Hereford, Texas to ensure its foods exceed taste, health and presentation ratings.

BALANCED NUTRITION: Merrick Classic recipes feature a healthy balance of 60 percent meat/poultry/fish, 20 percent fruits and vegetables, and 20 percent whole grains. Its Grain Free recipes feature a balance of 70 percent meat/poultry/fish, 30 percent fruits and vegetables, and contain no wheat, rice or other grains, for dogs who have food allergies or sensitivities.

HEALTH YOU CAN SEE: Since the adage "you are what you eat" applies to both people and pets, Merrick uses industry-leading levels of protein and healthy fats to ensure dogs' optimal weight and energy; omega fatty acids for healthier skin and coat; glucosamine and chondroitin for healthy bones and joints; and highly digestible meat proteins, peas, apples and blueberries for improved digestion.

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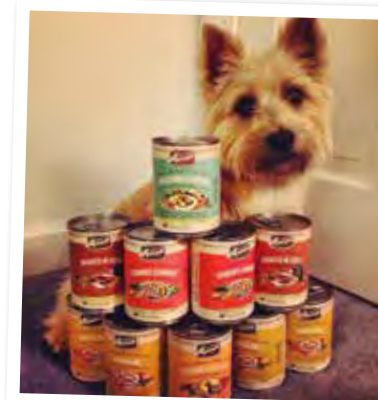
"PAWS Chicago has a proven record of helping pets in need and we are pleased to partner with them to feed homeless pets awaiting their forever homes," says Greg Shearson, chief executive officer of Merrick Pet Care, Inc. "Together, we can better help pets not only survive, but thrive through feeding them more wholesome, natural and nutritious foods."

As PAWS Chicago's exclusive feeding partner, Merrick will provide all of the meals to each resident cat and dog at both PAWS Chicago, and to PAWS Chicago North Shore (projected to open mid-2014), as they begin the journey to find a new home. From their first meal at the PAWS Chicago Rescue & Recovery Center, right on through to adoption day, each PAWS pet will enjoy healthy recipes made in Merrick's own kitchens with locally sourced USDA-inspected deboned meat, fresh produce and high-quality protein. Merrick uses no ingredients from China, the source of the 2007 pet food recalls.

"PAWS Chicago is committed to ensuring the health and happiness of every pet in our adoption program," says Paula Fasseas, PAWS Chicago founder. "We are proud to provide the pets in our care with Merrick pet food during their stay and provide a foundation of health and nutrition that we hope will continue for the rest of their lives."

Merrick Pet Care is guided by one mission: to create superior, nutrition-based products that improve the lives of pets, and their parents. "As animal lovers ourselves, we know that pets change people's lives," says Shearson, "We are very proud to be partners with PAWS Chicago to do our part to help more families welcome healthy, happier pets into Chicago homes."

Merrick's help and commitment to homeless pets doesn't stop at the PAWS Chicago doors. In addition to supporting the shelter-feeding program, they will help each new family kick-off a healthy at-



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home eating program by arming each adopter with a supply of dry food for the transition to their new home. PAWS Chicago's Merrick Pet Feeding program will optimize the health of PAWS Chicago pets.



Julie Mazzola is Senior Editor of PAWS Chicago magazine. She received a graduate certificate in Animal Studies. In her free time, she serves the lavish demands of her beloved cat, Clover.



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In Memory of CAROLE MALLERS



"My mother, Carole Mallers, passed away on July 27, 2013, after a brief illness. She was a mother and a grandmother, an interior designer and a master gardener, an avid reader and lover of the arts...but most of all she was a giver. She generously gave her time to her family, her church and her many volunteer activities. She cooked for a soup kitchen, she said rosary at the neighborhood nursing home, she donated her time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, she distributed communion at more places than I can remember and for over twenty years she was a hospice volunteer – first visiting patients in their homes and later working every Thursday at the inpatient unit. She expected her dogs to give too...training them as therapy dogs and then putting them to work providing comfort to nursing home residents, hospice patients and their families. My Mother came to know PAWS Chicago through my PAWS dog Luke. She was very supportive of PAWS Chicago's No Kill mission and I know she would be tremendously honored by the gifts given in her memory."

– Joanna Mallers

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In Memory of MARY K. DAVIS

Raised on the north side of Chicago, Mary Davis grew up in a family that always had a dog. Whether it was Tuffy the Irish Setter, Mr. Chips the Cocker Spaniel, or Fritz the Wire-haired Dachshund, the dog was always a part of the family photos and funny stories.

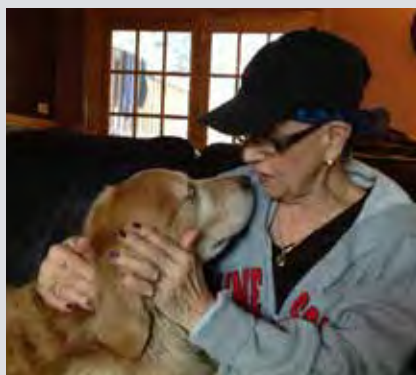
As Mary married and had a family of her own, she continued the tradition. It didn't matter what breed, it mattered the dog was a part of the family. Even through a divorce and raising two young kids on her own with very little money, she couldn't say no to her son's Steve's request to adopt a sheepdog named Molly. Mary was a petite lady, all of 4'-10" and 90 pounds, so the sheepdog would be quite an endeavor. Molly proved to be a sweetheart and was a major part of the family who was dearly loved.

As her kids grew into adults, Mary was working full time and enjoyed traveling, so a dog of her own wasn't the best option. Instead she spoiled her grand-pups with treats galore! Home baked peanut butter doggie treats were a favorite amongst the mixed breeds and the wheaten terriers.

Mary's last years were spent living in Lincoln Park near North Pond. On nice days she could be seen sitting by the pond waiting for the next dog to come by and say hello. Every week she had a story of her new favorite dog, their name and their breed. She once said "I can read a dog's mind." for which we all asked "how so?" and she responded "I always know when they're hungry!" Mary may not have been able to read dogs minds, but she certainly read their spirit.

Paws Chicago was a natural fit for Mary's donations as she passed on. She would be so very proud of the many dogs she helping as her love of them is continuing on.

In Memory of CHARLENE PADOVANO



Charlene Padovano is remembered as a kind and compassionate woman. Family was always first in Charlene's life and her two daughters, Sandi and Kim, were her priority. She worked at Maine South High School for 26 years and became the confidant of many teenagers throughout her career. She loved working with kids.

Charlene also had a passion for animals, which she passed along to her daughters. She was the kind of person who wouldn't hesitate to stop her car in the middle of the road if she saw an animal in need. Charlene had dogs for most of her life and then graduated to "grand-dogs" (as she liked to call them). She received great joy in babysitting her grand-dogs and spoiled them to pieces. They always brought a smile to her face and were a great comfort during her battle with cancer.

She also loved horses and, at the age of 67, finally got the chance to ride for the first time on a vacation in Montana. "She was thrilled and gave the thumbs up as she got off the horse," said her daughter, Kim. "We were so glad that she got that chance before her health failed."

Charlene and her family have been great supporters of PAWS Chicago. They donated items to help the animals PAWS Chicago saved from Hurricane Katrina and continued to follow and support the organization ever since. Her family selected PAWS Chicago as an organization to receive gifts in her memory because of the opportunities PAWS creates for homeless animals and also because of its No Kill mission.

In Memory of KATHRYN COOL



Kathryn "Katie" Cool was born on December 22, 1983 and lived in Hoffman Estates. She graduated from William Fremd High School in Palatine in 2002 and received her Certificate in Massage Therapy from Harper College.

Katie was a kind and caring person who loved working with animals, people and children. After serving as the primary caretaker for her grandmother for three years, Katie began working at Minee-Subee Day Care and later Bright Horizons Child Care. She will be remembered by her compassion and drive to always help those in need, be it friends, family and especially animals.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Linda and Don Milliken; sister, Jenny Cool-Perik; brother-in-law, Troy Perik; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to her family and friends, Katie is also deeply missed by her special four-legged friends, Smudge, Ripsi and Moe. Katie's family felt the best way to honor her life and love of animals was to request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to PAWS Chicago – an organization they feel has a well established reputation for excellence and is a No Kill shelter.

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In Memory of
MARK DAVIS

Mark Davis was the beloved husband of Laurie Demma Davis. His greatest passions were dogs, cigars and golf. Dogs, however, were his favorite. It all started with Nicky, a Papillion they decided to get after Laurie's dog Lucy passed away. Lucy's passing left a great void in which Mark knew a new pet could help fill. They noticed a Papillion on that month's page of their PAWS Chicago calendar and felt it was a sign. Longtime PAWS supporters, Nicky and his "parents" attended the very first Fur Ball event, held at ESCADA. They had a fabulous time and Nicky, looking his best in a spiffy tuxedo, was featured in *Skyline Magazine*. Mark and Laurie got a kick out of the fact that only Nicky was featured in the newspaper, not Mark.

After welcoming Nicky into their lives, Mark & Laurie rescued a dog from Wisconsin named Maggie, a beautiful red Poodle. "He carried her around like a child and referred to her as his daughter," Laurie recalled. When Maggie passed away they decided to rescue another dog to help ease the loss so they drove halfway to Kansas City to adopt a Poodle named Hope. They renamed her Maggie II. She loved Mark and would not leave his side of the bed.

In 2011, Laurie was visiting PAWS Chicago and spotted a Poodle named Josie. Laurie brought her home as a foster dog, and though Mark pretended to be mad and wanted Laurie to take the dog back, the next day he went out and bought toys for her and she's been a part of their family ever since. They named her Ava. When Mark wasn't taking care of his "kids," he enjoyed his fish pond and bird watching.

In lieu of flowers, Mark's family requested memorial donations be made to PAWS Chicago. Laurie finds comfort knowing that these gifts will help save the lives of so many homeless pets in Mark's name.



In Memory of
JOHN WILLIAM BRADBURY

John William Bradbury was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to the animals. John was a resident of Wilmette, IL. He attended the University of Colorado and graduated from the Business School at Michigan State University. He proudly served two terms of service in the U.S. Army and moved on to own a company that leased railroad tank cars. He was the cherished husband of Mary Nolen Bradbury, the loving father of Julie (Kurt) Miller, Cynthia (Antonio) Miranda and Lisa (James) Schreiber and the adored grandfather of Nolen and Grace Miller and Benjamin, Lucy and Nicholas Schreiber.

John was a huge animal lover. He loved dogs and his favorite name was "Midnight", which he gave to five of them throughout his lifetime! His daughter Julie fondly remembers how he could never say no whenever one of his children brought home a pet and asked if they could keep it.

John was pleased when she ended up marrying her husband, Kurt, a veterinarian. He supported Julie and Kurt's work serving on behalf of PAWS Chicago's Development Board. Most recently, he was extremely proud of his grandson Nolan, who volunteered countless hours at PAWS throughout high school. Julie says her father's love of dogs was passed on to them. "We all love animals because of my dad."

John is deeply missed by all lucky enough to have known him.



In Memory of
PAUL RICHARD BLACKWELL

Mr. Blackwell,

Thank you for sharing your love of literature and the English language with all of us at St. Ignatius. You have left a lasting legacy in so many of your students, who you inspired with your passion for the written word. Without your influence, PAWS Chicago magazine might not exist.

In appreciation,
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In Memory of
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In Memory of
MARLA MINUSKIN, DVM

Co-founder of Family Pet Animal Hospital

April 17, 1960 – May 3, 2013

A TRIBUTE FROM FAMILY PET ANIMAL HOSPITAL TO OUR BELOVED CO-FOUNDER, MARLA MINUSKIN, DVM:



While Marla's professional accomplishments are abundant and her involvement with the veterinary community impressive, these are not the things that endeared her to the masses that love her...

The first thing you noticed about Marla was her smile because it practically entered the room to greet you before the rest of her - wide open, whole-hearted, framed by her dark hair and sparkling fawn-lashed eyes. Next were the infamous hugs, affectionately described as "bone-crushing." Even the staunchest non-huggers in her life made an exception for her. Another undeniable part of Marla's magic was her unflinching ability to make you feel that you were the most important person in the entire world.

Marla loved life fiercely, dedicating her career to saving and enhancing the lives of countless animals and, by extension, their owners. To her Family Pet family she was colleague, mentor, sister, friend, inspiration, and touchstone for remembering our mission: we are here for the animals. We hold dear the memories of a million laughs and tears shared over the decades, and find some solace from our grief in knowing that the good days far outnumbered the bad during her time living with cancer. She spent them fully - lavishing affection on her loved ones and traveling widely with her beloved husband and friends.

We can show no greater honor to Marla's memory than to embrace our lives and everyone (furry and not) around us with all the passion we can summon, and continue to generously spread the wealth of love and smiles she invested in us.

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In Honor of DEB GOLD

Deb Gold is a cherished volunteer and member of PAWS Chicago's Development Board. In honor of her recent retirement, Deb's employer, Mercer, decided to give a generous contribution. They knew volunteering at PAWS Chicago was her passion and that donating to PAWS Chicago in her name would be a most welcome gift. Deb loves what PAWS does for the animals (and Chicago) and says "It's always such a joy to match a dog with the right family. Mercer knew it was my passion and knew that donating to PAWS would be a most welcome gift." Thank you, Mercer, and thank you Deb!

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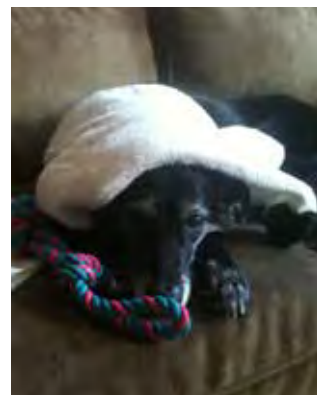


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In Memory of OREO

"In memory of Oreo, for 14 years you have been a wonderful part of our family. You have brought us nothing but joy, laughter, love, and a lot of "fletching" over years. We will cherish the memories from our annual Sante Fe Vacation and how you loved an adventure. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. We love and miss you dearly."

- Kelly, Nathan, Blaze, and all the neighbors



In Memory of GEMINI MACE

"In losing you, I lost a part of myself. The overwhelming loss, sadness, and profound grief is beyond words. Our beloved, beautiful, smart, good, gentle, loving girl. We will always remember her, miss her, love her and are so thankful for her being in our lives. Rest in peace and love our sweet darling girl!"

- Linda Mace

In Memory

PIPER FASSEAS

(1997 - 2013)

For 16 wonderful years, sweet and spunky Piper supervised and controlled our entire pack with a seriousness of duty and an invigorated enthusiasm for life. A whole lot of personality was squeezed into such a small, adorable terrier package.

Pup, we will never forget your deference, your constant kisses and your uninhibited expressions of love and devotion. You will forever be adored.



DAISY MAY FASSEAS

(1996 - 2013)

Daisy May, from the start, you fit so well into our family as the most stubborn and opinionated dog we'd ever met. We loved your independence and personality, and you were such inspiration, opening our eyes to the reality that homeless animals faced in Chicago. But it was your gentleness of spirit brought such balance to our lives. Home is not the same without you.

Thank you for 17 years of affection and companionship. We will miss you always.

In 1997, 28,314 animals came into the city pound. Daisy was one of 1,920 who made it out alive.

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS MONTHLY AT PAWS CHICAGO

The loss of a beloved and cherished pet is devastating. PAWS Chicago's 'HEAL Pet Loss Support Group' meets on the third Wednesday of each month at PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center to provide support during these challenging times. Facilitated by Joy Davy, a licensed clinical professional counselor, and made available by generous contributions by Hinsdale Pet Memorial Services, these sessions help grieving pet parents work together to deal with the difficult emotions related to losing a pet in a calm, safe, and nonjudgmental atmosphere.

For more information or to sign up for future sessions, please visit pawschicago.org/speakerseries



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RUTHERFORD NEEDS A HOME A GERTIE'S FUND SPOTLIGHT

At PAWS Chicago, we have a special place in our hearts for senior pets: especially those looking for families at a time in their lives when growing old gracefully in the nest of a safe, loving home should be the norm. That's why we started Gertie's Fund. Named after a dog whose life could not be saved, Gertie's Fund focuses on helping to save these senior pets, because they face the greatest risk of euthanasia. And this year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters we rescued the first Gertie's Fund pet: Rutherford.

We found this sweet seven-year-old Labrador mix at the city pound and were compelled save him. He was losing his spirit and was at risk of euthanasia. When we brought him to our Rescue & Recovery Center, our veterinarians found him to be suffering from a perineal hernia – an abnormal displacement of pelvic and abdominal organs, possibly caused from him not being neutered. His condition required an extensive specialty surgery, one that we were

able to do by partnering with specialty veterinarians. Not only were we able to perform Rutherford's neuter surgery, but we gave him some much-needed dental attention as well!

Today, Rutherford is comfortable and recuperating in a volunteer foster home, where he is also getting the love and attention all senior pets deserve. But his journey is not over yet. Once he is medically cleared, he will return to PAWS Chicago to begin the search for his new family.


If you are interested in adopting Rutherford, please email adopt@pawschicago.org to arrange a time to meet him.

To read more about Gertie's Fund and how you can help senior pets like Rutherford, please visit pawschicago.org/gertiesfund.



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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.



Through the Guardian Angel program, and in honor of their beloved cat, Amy, Donna and Mike have ensured the futures of homeless cats and dogs for years to come.

Donna & Mike Bell Leave a Legacy for the Animals

The Guardian Angel program at PAWS Chicago was created to offer planned giving opportunities to those interested in saving homeless pets for years to come. A bequest made to PAWS Chicago through this program provides for the shelter, food, veterinary care, medicines and support required to help homeless pets find loving new homes.

Mike and Donna Bell decided to secure the future of PAWS Chicago through a planned gift after learning about the Guardian Angel program. "We were moved by the No Kill model and wanted to do our part to help homeless pets for years to come," said Mike Bell. And, according to Bell, the process was as easy as meeting with their attorney to create the trusts.

"We hope that through our gift, PAWS Chicago will be able to continue to grow and save more lives," Bell added.

For PAWS Chicago, it's not just a hope but a small step that will make a difference in the lives of homeless pets long into the future.

For information on PAWS Chicago's planned giving programs, please call (773) 475-4240 or visit www.pawschicago.org.