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Julie Donatelli Leaves a Legacy for the Animals



“It gives me peace of mind to know that no matter what, my pets will be well taken care of. They will not be left to fend for themselves or be subject to an uncertain fate.”

Through the PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel Program, Julie has ensured the futures of five-year-old Sparky (above), as well as her nine and 14-year-old tabbies Bob and Cassie, should she be unable to care for them.

When Julie Donatelli read about PAWS Chicago’s No Kill philosophy, she knew that she had found an organization she wanted to support. Since, she has contributed financial resources and time to Chicago’s homeless pets, leading volunteer orientations, helping with fundraising and community outreach events, and donating to the cause.

While starting her future planning, Julie wanted to ensure that her cherished pets were taken care of after she passed and she wanted to help PAWS Chicago continue to save homeless pets in years to come. On PAWS Chicago’s website she learned of the Guardian Angel program, where individuals can guarantee the wellbeing of their beloved pets by making a bequest to PAWS Chicago.

Julie worked with her attorney on the appropriate language and then completed the Pet Care Enrollment Form, a questionnaire covering the background, special needs, personality and temperament of each of her pets. Once finalized, she informed her friends and family that she was a Guardian Angel, providing them with precise instructions should anything happen to her.

“I really believe in the importance of the work that PAWS Chicago does on a daily basis and I can’t think of a better use for a part of my estate than to entrust it with PAWS Chicago,” Julie says. “Our animal companions add so much to our lives but are also totally dependant on us for their survival. So anything I can do to provide for their care and protection I will gladly do.”

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

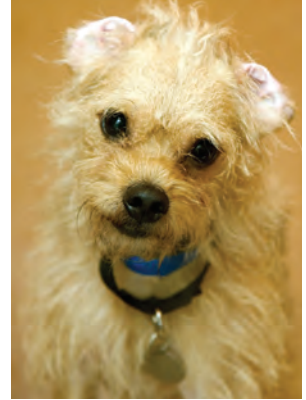
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about PAWS Chicago



PAWS Chicago (Pets Are Worth Saving) is the city's largest No Kill humane organization, focused on alleviating Chicago's tragic pet homelessness problem. Since PAWS Chicago's founding, the number of homeless pets killed in the city has been reduced by more than half – from 42,561 pets killed in 1997 to 19,288 in 2008. PAWS Chicago envisions a No Kill Chicago and that dream is within reach because of important lifesaving work that is being done every single day.



A National Model

People from across the nation are visiting PAWS Chicago every month to see how they can bring No Kill success to their communities. Only 10 years ago, PAWS Chicago was a fully volunteer grassroots organization. Now, PAWS Chicago's programs are recognized nationally.

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

Volunteer and give of yourself to the animals

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

Adopt a homeless pet and save a life!

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

Foster a homeless pet in need

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

Spread the word

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

Support No Kill efforts

By donating to No Kill shelters, you will support lifesaving work. Private resources should go to saving, not taking, lives.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit www.pawschicago.org
for event registration

July 23

6 p.m.

**All Paws on Deck
Beach Party**

Castaways
North Avenue Beach Boathouse



July 26

12 - 4 p.m.

Angels with Tails Adoptions

West Loop



August 2

6:30 a.m. start

Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon

Grant Park



August 30

12 - 4 p.m.

Angels with Tails Adoptions

Armitage Avenue



September 27

9 a.m. start

Run for Their Lives

8k Run/4k Walk

Montrose Beach



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FROM THE CHAIR

through adoption. Shelters from around the country are coming to PAWS Chicago every week to learn about state-of-the-art No Kill sheltering.

PAWS Chicago's Lurie Clinic is the major force in providing spay/neuter surgeries throughout low-income communities in Chicago and these efforts are literally translating into more lives saved. For example, 300 fewer kittens came into Animal Care & Control this May when compared to May of 2008. With special Trap-Neuter-Return programs (read about the Piñas on page 32) and the Lurie Clinic's focus on increasing the number of spay/neuters performed every year, providing more than 15,000 surgeries last year, *we project that Chicago will be No Kill within five years.*

This would not have been possible without Ann Lurie, who saw the vision and made the lead gift for the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic in 2000. In a special tribute to our 2009 PAWS Chicago Heroes (page 38) you can read about Ann Lurie, Charles Day, Julia Mickelson and Carol Walter –

individuals who have done so much for homeless pets.

We are also seeing a dramatic increase in potential adopters coming through our Adoption Center, which we can attribute to the Oprah Effect. Oprah Winfrey's focus on adoption and the importance of No Kill sheltering, followed by her visit to PAWS Chicago to adopt her sweet Sadie this past Spring, has made a big difference for homeless pets. While we were able to find homes for more than 3,000 pets last year, we are on track to exceed our goal of 20 percent growth (3,600 adoptions) in 2009.

None of this important work would be possible without the commitment of our supporters and volunteers. Thank you for continuing to support our lifesaving efforts.

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

Dear Supporters,

In this issue of *Angel Tales*, we celebrate many of the successes for homeless pets. Due to the dedication of PAWS Chicago's supporters, volunteers and employees, we have been able to reach unprecedented levels of growth and are seeing positive results showing that our solutions are working, both reducing the number of pets coming into shelters and increasing the number of homeless pets saved

DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all you do for the animals. Our results in 2008 were remarkable, particularly considering the transitional economy, and we are working very hard to match last year's fundraising success. Most Chicago events are down 30 percent this year, but with events making up such an important portion of PAWS Chicago's operating budget, we cannot be satisfied with this trend. We are increasing our efforts and working even harder than before so that we do not have to cut back programs, which would mean saving fewer lives.

Please join me in committing even more to homeless pets this year. On September 27th, you can join the 8k run or 4k walk at PAWS Chicago's annual Run for their Lives. Your pledges and fundraising make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many pets. Also, mark your calendars for our fun and elegant Fur Ball at the Drake on November 13th.

Amy Mack
Development Board President



Classic Kids Photography



Oprah at PAWS Chicago for O Magazine photo shoot

“O”utstanding!

June 2009

Five PAWS Chicago homeless pups share the spotlight with Oprah Winfrey on the cover of June's *O Magazine*, the first pet-themed issue for the nationally acclaimed publication.

Amongst in-depth features on the special intangible people-pet bond, animal thoughts and intelligence, and the horrors of animal hoarding is a heartfelt editorial by Oprah entitled *What I Know for Sure*, where she chronicles falling in love with Sadie. From their first encounter during the photo shoot, when Oprah says, “She had licked my ear and whispered, ‘Please take me with you,’” to their first night at home when Sadie managed to con her way out of the crate and under the covers, readers get a sense of the wonders of newfound love. One week later, Oprah finds herself nursing Sadie through the dreaded parvovirus and coping with the possibility that she might be lost before her time, until finally, the happy homecoming and Sadie’s full recovery to a playful pup and unconditionally loving family member. Readers are treated to an emotional glimpse of love in its purest form.

The Oprah Store Partners with PAWS Chicago

Lucky Dogs

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

Angels With Tails West Loop

The Oprah Store and PAWS Chicago are presenting an Angels with Tails adoption event in the West Loop on July 26th from noon to 4:00 p.m. Cats, dogs, kittens and puppies from ARFhouse Chicago, Bassett Buddies Rescue, Greater Chicago Cavalier Rescue, PuppyLove/LoveCats, New Beginnings Shih Tzu Rescue and Northern Illinois Pug Rescue will be joining PAWS Chicago's homeless pets, looking for homes at 20 stores along Fulton Market/Madison Street and Ada Street/Green Street.



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A Complementary Approach to Veterinary Medicine

by Barbara Royal, DVM



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Chronic Care
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Underwater
Treadmills

Lovely Mia, a black labrador, having a calming acupuncture treatment for a seizure disorder and allergies.

The success of alternative modalities, herbal medicine, acupuncture or the latest supplements continues to gain traction, although mainstream medicine often scoffs at the results. What is it about this type of medicine that makes it both so compelling and so reviled? With all the information out there, owners and their pets are expecting the best, but are having trouble determining how to get it. They don't really want to choose sides, they just want someone on their side.

West: We are a society that is on a constant search for a single cure. "This medication will do it...surgery is the answer...feed raw food...add fish oil...bathe in oatmeal...use Windex...". Anything that shows promise is quickly dissected to find the single ingredient that is the magic factor. We would rather take a pill, have a surgery, and do no more. But there is evidence, in many cases, that this is not the best way.

East: People talk about "holistic" or

"alternative" medicine. Unfortunately, these terms remain separate and distinct from "regular" medicine. Holistic/alternative medicine has come to mean practices that are used instead of standard treatments. They are usually not recognized by the medical community as a serious method for treating disease. But there is a danger in trivializing holistic/alternative medicine. Alternative practices must be prescribed with the same concerns for possible contraindications and side effects that veterinarians do with pharmaceuticals and surgeries. It is important that the veterinarians involved be fully informed about all treatments.

What really makes sense is a combined approach. After a knee surgery, the best recoveries happen with the help of some physical rehabilitation. Medication may work to stop arthritic pain in the short term, but appropriate nutrition, weight loss, acupuncture and exercise may decrease the need for any

medication at all. Even as mainstream veterinary medicine continues to follow human medicine – focusing on state-of-the-art diagnostic testing, new pharmaceuticals, and cutting edge surgical techniques – there is growing interest in trying to find a way to bridge the gaps between standard and holistic/alternative medicine. It is reasonable to choose the best from any discipline that will work to complement a more traditional medical approach.

Indeed, a better medical model for true healing is "complementary medicine." In complementary medicine, we incorporate holistic/alternative practices that enhance or complement conventional treatments. A combination of mainstream and alternative therapies is a sound approach. This complementary approach to medicine should not be considered the polar opposite of mainstream medicine – it may be, in fact, just where veterinary medicine should be heading – toward the same goal: healing.

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Nutrition for Dogs & Cats

There are many basic things that we can do to help our pets live longer, happier lives. While it seems like we have gone over the top in nutrition and options for pets, what we have really done is follow our own bad habits of putting chemicals and inappropriate calories into their foods. Just because it's "human grade" food, doesn't mean it's appropriate.

No Corn, No Wheat, No Peanut Butter, No Soy

Meat by-products are less problematic for pets than corn or wheat. Even good quality, organic corn or wheat is still not an appropriate food for a dog or a cat. When these become the mainstay of their diet, with too many carbohydrates and too little protein, many medical conditions result including dog and cat obesity/weight problems, diabetes, arthritis, allergies, chronic skin/ear infections, dental disease, thyroidal problems, seizures and inflammation.

Protein should be greater than 30 percent of the diet

This country provides a shockingly low amount of protein in dog and cat diets. Comparatively, in other countries, animals do not have many of the health problems we see in our pets because they are not feeding their carnivores foods with such low protein levels.

Minimal chemical preservatives: No BHA, BHT, Ethoxyquin

These are toxins that the liver has to remove from the system, but they are also often carcinogens. BHA/BHT and Ethoxyquin are implicated in problems with bladder cancers and other diseases.

Foods to Avoid

No onions, grapes or raisins - they are toxic for pets

Avoid larger quantities of alfalfa, white potato (sweet potato is OK), garlic (a strong and potentially toxic medicinal herb). Watch for maize (corn), spelt (a wheat). Avoid pea protein, potato protein, or soy protein (they are not a meat protein, and thus not carnivore-appropriate).

Food products made in China

Wet Food over Dry

Carnivore teeth are made for soft foods, ripping and tearing and grinding bones. They lick soft food off the surfaces of their teeth with no problem.

Kibble is not a naturally occurring texture in nature. Dry food does not "chip off" tartar or keep teeth healthy by virtue of chewing and often it may be worse for teeth as it sticks more than wet foods. In order to make each kibble stick together pet food producers often use glutens and sticky carbohydrates, which also hold on to the teeth and build tartar.

Canned food is easily licked off teeth. Additionally, the body has to pull a great deal of water into the stomach to digest the large amount of dry cement-like food, which can lead to dehydration. Although your pet may only be dehydrated for a short time, if this occurs once or twice a day every day of his or her life, it could place unneeded stress on the kidneys and body in general.

Raw Diet

Many animals with chronic allergies, arthritis or gastrointestinal problems can improve immensely on a pre-prepared commercial raw food. But raw food does not mean simply raw meat. It must be a completely balanced food, prepared with all the minerals and vitamins needed for the animal. This includes a proper calcium to phosphorus ratio, which is very important. Raw meat alone does not have a proper ratio.

Pre-prepared commercial raw foods are carefully processed to avoid contamination; they know that you are going to feed it raw. This is not always the case when you buy raw meat from a grocer, as they expect you to cook it.

Home Cooked Diets

Some people prefer to cook for their pets. If you have the time and can commit to doing this correctly, it can work well. Diets and options for ingredients can be found in a number of books and online.



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Dogs and cats do not need less protein as they get older

Dogs and cats are carnivores and need protein their whole lives. Protein is important to keep their muscle mass strong and their minds aware. We feed too little protein to our pets in the U.S. because corn and wheat are so popular, so cheap, and considered "Human Grade."

Changing Diet

If you are going to change diet, make sure to do it slowly, over about 10-14 days, adding a little more new food each day as you slowly decrease the old food.

Give some unsweetened, canned pumpkin daily (about one tablespoon per 30 pound dog, or 1 teaspoon for a 10 pound cat) and also some white rice (not minute rice) in the same amounts. These can help regulate the stools and absorb toxins as the body resets for the new and better food.

Vaccines

For your pet, minimize vaccines when possible. Vaccines used judiciously are effective in controlling diseases in populations. Pets should not be over vaccinated, as vaccines have the potential to cause adverse effects and reactions as they work by stimulating and stressing the immune system.

Over-vaccination may contribute to immune system problems and other chronic systemic conditions. This is why veterinarians will not vaccinate animals that are too young or too old and will never vaccinate an animal that is ill.

Tips

- Separate vaccines – give one injection at a time, and wait 10 -14 days before the next vaccine. (For example, give a Rabies 3-year vaccine then give Distemper combo in two weeks.)
- The only vaccine required by law for an adult dog in Illinois is a 3-year Rabies vaccine. The 3-year and the 1-year vaccines are poured out of the same vat, but are just labeled differently. There has to be a vaccine labeled "1-Year" to make sure

that boosting takes place in a puppy or for the first time a pet gets the rabies vaccine. After that, the vaccine lasts three years. There is even research being done to prove that the 3-year vaccine lasts five to seven years.

- Other vaccines are given based on the age and condition of the animal and the possible risk of exposure.

Distemper combination vaccines are given as puppy series and a booster a year later. After that it does not need to be given every year. A simple blood test (called a vaccine titer) can determine if there is still immunity, rather than continually giving the vaccine when it is not needed. The distemper combination vaccine is now considered at least a 3-year vaccine and may last longer than that.

Often, if a distemper vaccine is required for a kennel or dog park, the facility will accept a blood test to prove that the animal still has immunity to the disease.

Annual Bordatella (nasal drops are best) is required for most boarding facilities and dog parks.

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Leptosporosis Vaccine often results in adverse reactions so try to avoid the vaccine if possible. The vaccine may be needed in very congested urban areas with exposure to rats and rat urine, or if an animal swims where there may be diluted rat urine. Ask your veterinarian to assess your animal's risk of exposure to this disease. To really work, it is recommended that this vaccine be given every nine months. Take into consideration the frequency required, the fact that it is not completely protective against all strains of Lepto that are out there, and that there are common vaccine reactions when deciding whether to administer.

Lyme Vaccine can cause signs of the disease (chronic joint pain, etc) that are not treatable by antibiotics. Lyme disease, while dangerous, is treatable with antibiotics. There is no vaccine for this disease in humans due to these types of health and safety issues. Many veterinarians choose not to recommend this vaccine.

Weight Loss for Dogs

Use the "Atkins Diet" and less food, rather than "diet" foods.



The incredible shrinking Jeeves, who, with significant weight loss and rehab, regained full mobility after a knee injury.

Dogs (not cats) have the unique ability to lose weight FAST without any chemical imbalance, change in their organ function, etc. As scavengers, they are meant to "eat their fat" when there isn't enough to eat. There is evidence that being hungry some of the time (dogs only) also makes them produce a hormone that may improve

their stamina and mental acuity.

So if your dog is overweight, feed less food. If he gives you those sad eyes when there's less food in the bowl, don't despair. Fill his stomach with low sodium canned green beans, other veggies (no onions), or rice cakes (carbohydrates, but not digested much and can be used as stomach filler). Mix them liberally with the food. Remember, it is okay if they don't eat it. We're not trying to convince them to eat. The goal is to lose weight!

Geriatric and Chronic Care Assistance

Old age is not a disease, but there are many special considerations in maintaining a geriatric pet or a pet with a chronic disease. Addressing the special needs and logistics of managing these pets at home involves a comprehensive plan – nutritional needs, special clothing, harnesses, supports, foot protection, room lighting, temperature control, therapy plan, home exercises, prescription medications and herbs, and many more details that individual pets require.

Chronic care balances the capability and special needs of the pet with the abilities and resources of the owner. This is usually a work-in-progress type of relationship that rewards diligence and attention to detail.

Acupuncture

Acupuncture is an ancient Chinese medical technique used for more than 3,000 years in China, Japan and Korea. Needles are placed in designated points to effect various changes in the body to decrease pain, help heal injuries or disease conditions, stimulate or regulate immune responses, and/or decrease anxiety or behavioral issues.

Acupuncture has been shown to increase blood and lymphatic flow to tissues, stimulate nerve function, increase the release of neurotransmitters and pain modulators, influence inflammatory responses and help the release of hormones. It can be used in a variety of conditions, including:

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Immune system disorders

(allergic dermatitis, chronic allergic diseases, immune diseases, lick granulomas, chronic skin conditions)

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The Scoop on Litterboxes



by Lisa Ward

If a cat (or cats) are part of your life, then a litterbox (or litterboxes) are too—there's no getting around it. And while the daily effort required to maintain clean, attractive, accessible boxes—which your cat will enjoy using, and therefore use consistently—is likely nobody's favorite chore, it is certainly preferable to dealing with the problems which can arise if your cat (or cats) develop “litterbox issues.”

Litterbox problems are one of the most common behavior problems cat guardians can experience—but they can also be some of the simplest problems to solve with a bit of effort, patience and common sense.



Reasons why cats may develop an aversion to the litterbox, and solutions for resolving the issue(s):

The box is not clean enough, not of an adequate size and/or there are not enough boxes available (in homes with multiple kitties.)

1 Keep the litterbox extremely clean. Scoop at least once a day (twice a day if you have multiple cats) and change the litter completely once a week. Put yourself in your kitty's place—you prefer a clean restroom to a dirty one, right?

Outside the box?

Cleaning Tips

If your kitty has started eliminating someplace other than the litterbox, it's important to be sure you clean up his or her “alternate restroom location” to ensure the kitty doesn't keep returning to the same spot.

- Thoroughly soak whatever surface has been used, with an enzyme-based liquid cleaner, such as Petastick Simple Solution, Nature's Miracle or The Eliminator. The enzymes contained in these cleaners neutralize the enzymes in the cat's urine.
- Allow the area to thoroughly dry, then repeat.
- Once the area is completely dry for the second time, apply a 1:3 solution of white vinegar and water (one part vinegar to three parts water).
- Make sure to keep the cat away from the area being cleaned until all solutions have had a chance to completely dry.

Other suggestions

- Cat Attract brand litter contains an herb which helps to attract cats to the box; especially if your cat is already using a clay litter, switching to Cat Attract may help to solve the problem.
- Some cats have issues which require more complex solutions than those contained in this article. Once you've visited your veterinarian to rule out any physical reasons for the problem, you may want to take the additional step of consulting a pet behavior specialist. Your veterinarian can make suggestions of individuals they recommend. Friends and family with cats, as well as your local rescue agency, may also be able to make referrals to behaviorists.

2 Make sure your litterbox is large enough; and in a home with multiple cats, make sure you have enough boxes. If your cat doesn't have enough room to climb into and comfortably turn around in her litterbox, it's not big enough—replace it with a roomier one. In homes with multiple cats, a good rule of thumb is to provide one box per cat, plus one additional box, i.e., for two cats, you need three boxes. This ensures that everyone has plenty of space.

3 Avoid covered litterboxes. Covered boxes trap odors inside. Even a clean covered box may not smell good to your cat. And a dirty one is (for your cat) like being in an overused port-a-potty would be for you.

The box is located inaccessibly, or, is placed too closely to the cat's food and water dishes.

1 Keep the box or boxes accessible. As tempting as it may be to place litterboxes in an out-of-the-way location, doing so does greatly increase the chances that your cat may decide to relieve themselves elsewhere. Keep the boxes centrally located, and if your home has multiple stories, be sure there are boxes on each level.

2 Locate the boxes well away from the cat's food and water dishes. Cats don't want to eat in close proximity to their litterboxes any more than you want to eat in your bathroom.

The cat is avoiding the box because he or she is experiencing pain while in the box as a result of a medical issue.

See your vet. It's very common for cats who are sick to fail to use their litterbox, especially if the problem they are experiencing is a urinary tract infection. Only your vet can determine for certain if your kitty is sick, so check with your veterinarian right away to rule out any medical problems.

The cat has developed a fear of the box, after having been ambushed or cornered there by another cat, a child, a dog, etc.

1 Alleviate the fear by ensuring that the cat has more than one exit from the litterbox. Having an "escape route" may help him or her to feel more confident.

2 To whatever extent possible, prevent the ambush. This could mean separating your cats from one another, giving everyone a chance for a "time out", or creating a "safe zone" around the litterbox vicinity by employing low gates to keep dogs or children away from the area.

The points listed above, while some of the most common reasons for litterbox issues, are by no means a comprehensive list. Your veterinarian or local rescue organization can provide you with many additional ideas and resources. The most important thing to remember is that the majority of litterbox issues can be reversed. The key is taking action sooner rather than later, and having the patience to stick with a plan until the problem has been resolved.

Other resources:

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OUTDOOR

ACTIVITIES TO SHARE WITH

YOUR DOG

by Joan Harris

Warm weather is here! So grab a leash and get outside with your best friend! It is a proven fact that sharing fun activities with your dog makes them easier and more enjoyable to live with. Dogs are pack animals, and they thrive on companionship and variety in their daily lives. Fun activities provide stimulation and exercise and reduce the boredom that is likely to result in behavior problems. Outdoor activities not only enhance your relationship with your dog, but may help you connect with other dog owners too.

First things, first. Make sure your dog has received enough obedience training to be trustworthy wherever you go. If not, start by enrolling in a class. Obedience training is not only fun, but promotes teamwork for future activities. Let's face it, a well trained dog is a joy to be around. Peace of mind concerning your dog's safety is very important. Now you're ready for fun.....

Take a walk!

Walking is best way for both humans and dogs to stay in shape. Enjoy our local parks or take a stroll through a different neighborhood. A change from your regular routine is stimulating and refreshing. Many neighborhoods have unique architecture and incredible gardens and landscaping. Try a walk in Grant Park or along the many lakefront paths. There are also beautiful walking paths along the Chicago River that extend from

Albany Park to Evanston. Purchase a doggy backpack for longer hikes and your dog can carry his own treats, water and bowl.

Play Ball

Many dogs love playing ball more than anything else. It is a healthy way to exercise and burn off pent up energy. If you're short on time after work, go out and play a quick retrieve game with your dog. You can tire him out and unwind yourself by spending some time outdoors.

Head out to a dog park

Chicago is currently known as one of the most “dog friendly” cities. Several areas around the city are listed as “Dog Friendly Areas” where dogs can play and socialize off-leash. Montrose Beach has an area sectioned off where dogs can run in the sand and enjoy the water. Bring a tennis ball or water toy if your dog likes to retrieve. A complete listing of “Dog Friendly Areas” in Chicago and suburbs can be found at www.chicagocanine.com, and www.dogpark.com lists dog parks all over the United States.

Go to an outdoor cafe or restaurant

You don't have to leave your dog at home when you go out for lunch or dinner. Many outdoor establishments in the city allow pets. Some even put out water bowls so your dog won't go thirsty. It's a fun way to socialize without the guilt of leaving your best friend behind.

Be adventurous

If your dog likes a crowd, take him along to a “dog friendly” outdoor festival or art fair.

Plan a vacation where you can hike and swim with your dog. Check out a dog camp that has structured activities for dogs. Most importantly, get out there and play!

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WARNING

Be particularly cautious when running your pet in the heat. Every summer, there are many instances of well-intentioned pet owners jogging their dogs to death, since dogs do not show warning signs when overheating.

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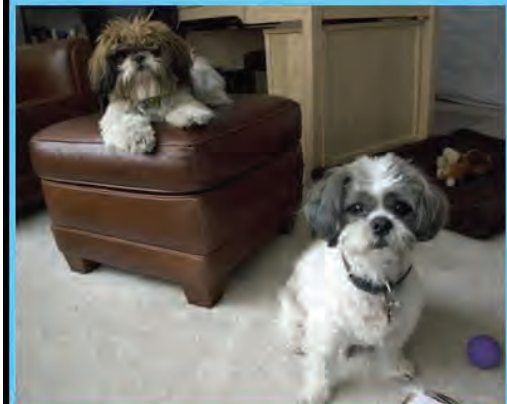
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Agility

Agility is an obstacle course complete with jumps, dog walks, tunnels, A frames, weave poles and fast paced fun! It is great exercise for both human and dog, both body and mind. All dogs can participate and with practice, titles can be won. This sport is all about team work and provides year round enjoyment.

Rally Obedience

Love obedience and want to compete? The first step may be Rally Obedience. The dog and handler navigate a course with numbered signs that give direction indicating different obedience exercises such as Recall Over Jump, Sit-Down-Sit, Straight Figure 8. The course is done at a brisk pace and handlers may talk to and encourage their dogs during the performance. All dogs can participate.

Flyball

Another fast paced sport where dogs run a relay race as a team. There are four dogs on each team and they race another team down a lane, over jumps, hit a box with their feet that releases a tennis ball, and race back with the ball. This is a great sport for high energy, ball-crazy dogs.

Disc Dog

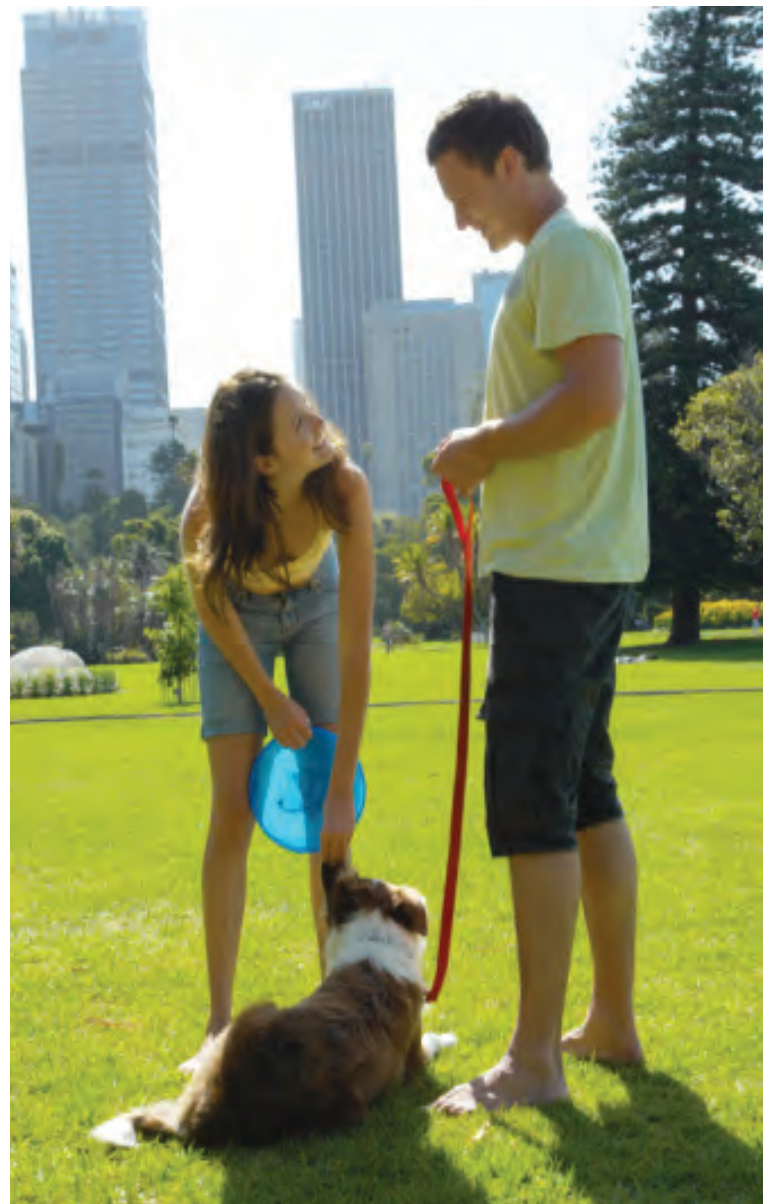
This is a sport where the dog and handler can compete in frisbee tossing. The handler tosses the frisbee and the dog catches it and brings it back. The judge issues points on accuracy, distance and speed. Another form is choreographed and accompanied by music.

Tracking or Search and Rescue

A dog's sense of smell is very keen and complex. Dogs use their noses constantly and it is definitely their strongest faculty. A dog can be trained to follow a specific track to find an article. Search and rescue (SAR) dogs are trained to detect human scent in order to find a lost person.

Animal Assisted Therapy

If your dog is easy-going and loves people, you may choose to make him a therapy dog. There is nothing more rewarding than helping a person in need in a nursing home, hospital or group home for people with developmental disabilities.



This article is just a partial list of the many ways you can begin to enjoy your dog this summer. Every year new dog sports and activities emerge. Do some research to find activities that fit both your personality and the temperament of your dog.

If you have an athletic dog that loves water, try Dock-Diving. Maybe your dog has strong herding instincts and would like to try sheep herding. Just remember that summer is a great time to get out there and have some fun with your canine companion.

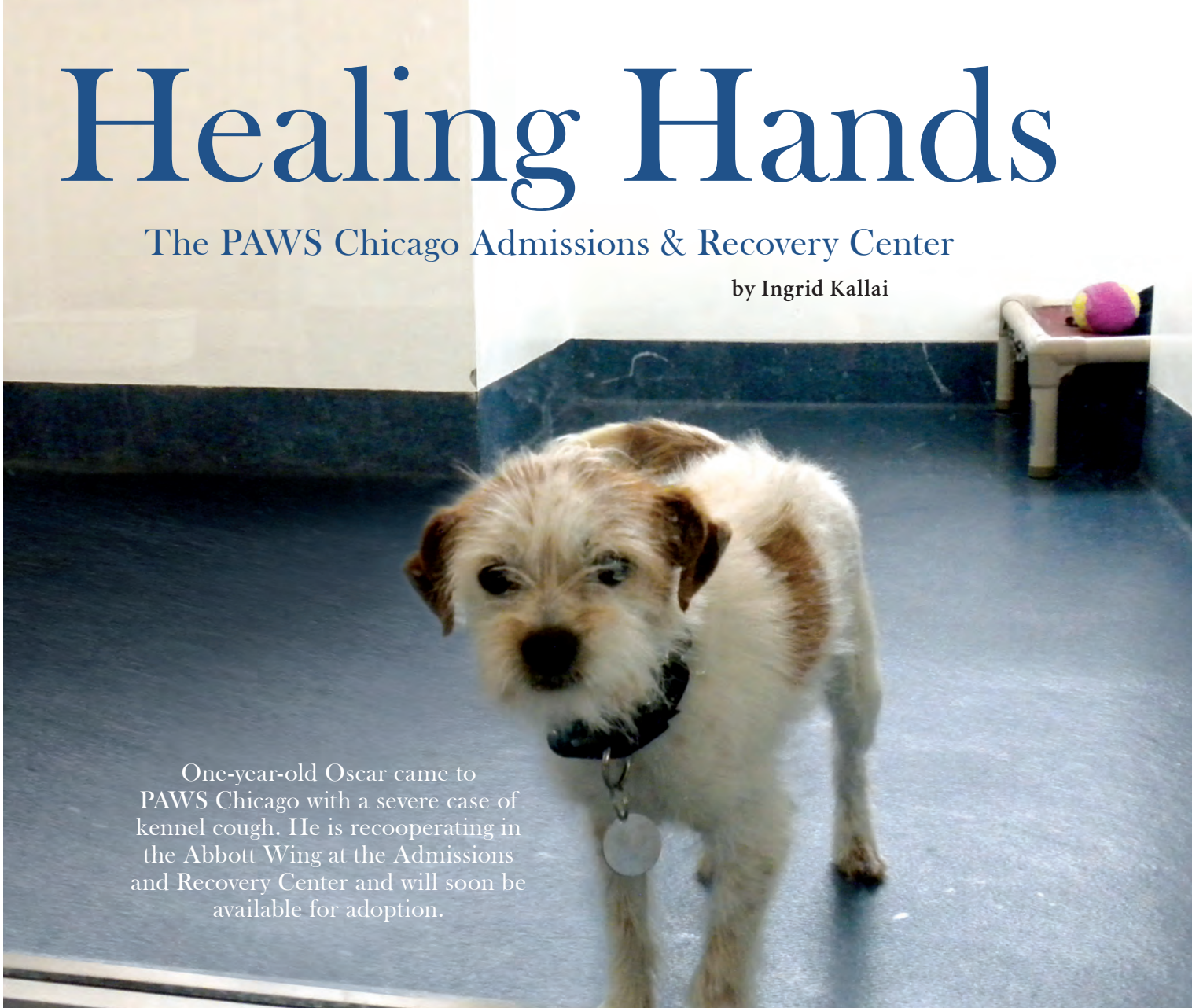


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Healing Hands

The PAWS Chicago Admissions & Recovery Center

by Ingrid Kallai



One-year-old Oscar came to PAWS Chicago with a severe case of kennel cough. He is recovering in the Abbott Wing at the Admissions and Recovery Center and will soon be available for adoption.

For many animals in the PAWS Chicago program, it is a long road to adoption. Some are ill, suffering from chronic conditions or infectious diseases. Others are injured from abuse or neglect. For all, the care provided at the PAWS Chicago Admissions & Recovery Center can mean the difference between life and death.

Regardless of their age and health, animals of all breeds and sizes are taken-in, provided medical and rehabilitative care, and found forever homes by PAWS Chicago every year. Some are strays that have been picked-up on the streets by Chicago Animal Care and Control before being transferred to PAWS Chicago. Others have been relinquished to PAWS Chicago by their owners because they can no longer care for them. The Admissions & Recovery Center on 26th Street in Chicago's Little Village

neighborhood is an animal's first stop at PAWS Chicago. It is here that animals are evaluated, examined and treated by medical staff; spayed or neutered; and paired with foster homes, if necessary, until they are ready for adoption.

In addition to the Admissions & Recovery Center, the 26th Street building is home to PAWS Chicago's Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, Humane Education Center and Foster Care Program.

Admissions

When dogs, cats, puppies or kittens arrive at the Admissions & Recovery Center, they are examined by a PAWS Chicago veterinarian. Depending on the outcome of the exam, a customized treatment plan is developed to address each animal's unique medical needs. While many animals are effectively treated by the medical staff at PAWS Chicago, others are sent to medical facilities that are capable of providing specialized and critical care.

Medical Treatment

After an initial behavioral assessment and medical exam, animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped, and treated for any illness or condition diagnosed during their initial exam by the medical staff at PAWS Chicago. Treatment decisions are made and protocols are designed specifically to meet the medical needs of each animal. Such a customized approach to care helps to ensure that the most positive outcomes are achieved for every dog or cat whose treatment is being managed

by PAWS Chicago.

For animals that have presented with a contagious condition such as upper respiratory infections, isolation rooms in the Abbott Wing keep them from infecting other animals at the Center. Special air ducts push the air directly to the outside from the isolation rooms, preventing recirculation of contaminated air throughout the building. Foot baths, set at the threshold of the door to each isolation room, are meant to minimize cross-contamination by staff moving from room to room.

While some animals require isolation, others might need surgery. The PAWS Chicago Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic not only serves pets and their owners in the surrounding community but also supports PAWS Chicago's animals. Equipped with four surgical stations, the clinic staff spays, neuters, and performs a variety of surgical procedures every day.

For animals that require more complex surgery, an examination by a specialist, or round-the-clock care, the Admissions & Recovery Center

Hannah's five-week-old kittens needed three more weeks of nursing before they could be adopted into new homes, while Hannah needed to be treated for an upper respiratory infection.



turns to a network of carefully chosen veterinarians, animal hospitals and veterinary universities from all over the country for help. The medical professionals in this network regularly collaborate on cases, often sharing their diagnostic skills, surgical talents and state-of-the-art medical equipment to deliver the best possible care to PAWS Chicago animals.

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Greta Von Barken's Story



Greta Von Barken (formerly Zelda), a six-year-old, unsprayed German Shepherd, was surrendered by her owner to Animal Care and Control and subsequently transferred to PAWS Chicago in September 2008. She was diagnosed with two mammary tumors, severe hip dysplasia, and excess tartar build-up on her teeth. Greta received a dental cleaning and had her tumors removed by the veterinary staff at PAWS Chicago.

The surgery necessary to treat Greta's hip dysplasia, however, was more complicated than the PAWS Chicago medical staff typically performs. Greta needed the skills of a specialist with access to specific orthopedic surgical instruments to correct her hips and alleviate her pain. She was sent to Care Animal Hospital of Arlington Heights, where Dr. Arathi Vinayak performed the procedure, first on

Greta's left hind leg, allowing it to heal before operating on her right side.

After several successful surgeries and two foster homes, Greta came to stay with Jessica Hiltner, a PAWS Chicago volunteer caregiver since January. Jessica had experience fostering puppies, but it was her first time caring for an injured adult dog. It turned out, though, to be a perfect fit for both dog and woman – Jessica was at a place in her life where she wanted to put her energy into something positive. And Greta, with everything she'd been through, needed a little extra care and special attention that Jessica's home could provide.

Jessica brought Greta home on May 11 and recalls, "What was supposed to be 10 days, turned into five weeks!" At first, Greta was unresponsive, using only three legs. She had a hard time going up and down the three stairs in Jessica's home without support, which might persist for her entire life. And she didn't seem comfortable walking, much less navigating, the hardwood floors in her new foster home.

Within a short time, Greta's body and spirit began to mend. She started to respond to Jessica, wagging her tail and pushing her muzzle into Jessica's arm to be rubbed. "I think that her spirit was a little broken until she found our home," says Jessica.

Today, Greta is no longer intimidated by the hardwood floors, eagerly making her way across them to awaken Jessica every morning. And only having had the stamina for three 10-minute walks per day when she first arrived, Greta now walks four times daily for up to 30-minutes. According to Jessica, "She's become somewhat of a celebrity in the neighborhood. I can't take her for a walk without someone stopping me to ask about her."

With her medical history, Greta will likely face additional challenges as she ages. She is expected to have less mobility than normal due to her hip surgery. She also faces the possibility of her cancer returning. It is precisely these challenges, coupled with her age, that drew Jessica to Greta.

Jessica officially adopted Greta on June 22, nine months after she was first admitted to PAWS Chicago. "Greta has stolen the heart of my family. She's a very sweet dog – quiet, but with a huge personality. She just wants to chill-out and has a lot of love to give. She's definitely my dog," says Jessica.

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Recovery & Foster Care

Depending on the severity of an animal's condition, recovery can last a day, a month, or even several months. Animals with special needs or prolonged recovery times are entrusted to volunteer caregivers to foster them back to health.

The volunteer caregivers that open their homes to these animals are given

careful instructions and provided with support and medical care. On average, animals are fostered for two to four weeks in a caregiver's home. Timing, however, varies by case. In addition to sick animals, healthy puppies and kittens that are too young to be adopted are generally cared for in foster homes until they reach eight weeks. The foster caregivers provide an invaluable service to PAWS Chicago. By

fostering animals with special needs, animals recuperating from surgery, and litters of puppies and kittens too young for adoption, they make available those internal resources that would have been used, thereby freeing space at the Admissions & Recovery Center, enabling PAWS Chicago to save more precious lives.

Two-and-a-half-year-old Jolie was found as a stray by Animal Control. When she was transferred to PAWS Chicago she had an upper respiratory infection and three days later had a litter of pups.

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SAVING OWEN

Jennifer Molski's story of pet loss and the healing joy of saving a life.

Dear PAWS Chicago,

After losing our 15-year-old blind and deaf cocker spaniel Ralphie in August of 2008, I repeatedly told friends and family I would never ever get another dog as Ralphie was the greatest. He was my hero, my wayshower, and my constant companion who taught me everything I know about hope, faith and unconditional love.

In November of 2008 while I was busy NOT looking for another dog, my Mom and I were out shopping in Lincoln Park and near PAWS Chicago on Clybourn. I had always wanted to see the new facility and figured this was as good of a time as any to stop in. After touring the lovely facility we ended up in the medical wing in the back and there he was. Owen! He had me at our first glance and I was so overwhelmingly taken by him. He looked a little mangy but oh so proud and just sat at his window with his droopy eyes just staring at me (I later learned that the staring was just because of his dry eyes!) I just couldn't leave him. My Mom tells me she went back to the car as she could see what was happening to me and this dog. I remember everyone who saw Owen would exclaim "Look at the puppy. His paws are so big he is going to be huge!" They had not yet read his information which indicated that Owen was 12 years old and had been given up by his owner.

After reading about Owen's unfortunate story and how sad he must have been after losing his Dad he really had me. I learned that he had a somewhat serious medical condition called Addison's disease that made it difficult for his body to handle stress. I thought to myself that it might take some time for a senior dog in this condition to get adopted. I knew that my husband and I would be traveling the next month and we would not be able to take Owen right then. I had to say goodbye for now.

The next weekend just out of curiosity I stopped by PAWS. Owen was not there. I kept walking around the facility thinking that he would show up in another room. After a while I told myself that Owen must have been adopted and was so happy for him. It was bittersweet. While leaving PAWS Chicago I ran into the very nice volunteer who had helped us the weekend before and she informed me that Owen was in the hospital.

His stomach "flipped" the previous week (this is the same condition that Marley died of in the movie *Marley and Me*). At this moment, I knew we had to help this dog. We had several conversations with the Foster Coordinator, who knew of our interest in Owen. She was great and even let us come visit Owen while he was under medical care on 26th Street.

Owen finally came home with us on December 19th and has filled our hearts with immeasurable amounts of joy! He is such a character and has so much personality! My husband Tony says that his favorite part about Owen is how much he makes me laugh. We do our very best to spoil him rotten and I must say we are doing a pretty good job. We take Owen for 2-3 mile walks to the lake several times per week which he seems to love. We work in a warehouse out on the southside and Owen gets to come to work with us during the week and enjoys running around. His medical condition has seemingly stabilized and he acts much younger than his 12 years.

I never thought that my heart would repair itself after losing Ralphie but my heart has actually come back stronger and expanded in many ways and I owe this life lesson all to Owen. We are so blessed and so grateful.

Thank you PAWS Chicago and thank you Owen!
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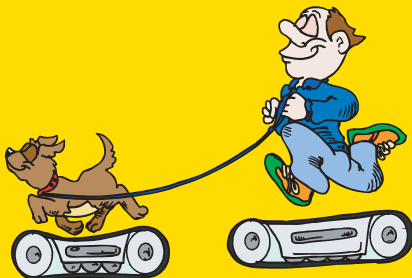


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by Patty Donmoyer



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John Vlahakis showed green tendencies at an early age. At 12 years of age, with six of his classmates in tow, John hit the streets distributing paper bags painted with “Clean Earth” messages, encouraging passers-by to take responsibility for the environment and avoid littering. The police ‘rewarded’ the group for their efforts by reprimanding them for obstructing traffic, and offered them a chance to defend their cause at a Glenview, Illinois town meeting.

“That happened during a time when everyone was challenging authority, but it was also the first time I argued publicly for change,” explains John. “We ended up getting permission to pass the bags out at the train station during certain hours, but our target was people who threw trash from their cars, so that let some of the air out of our mission,” he laughs.

John’s interest in keeping the environment clean and healthy and conserving its resources persevered. Today, John and his wife, Stephanie, own Earth Friendly Products, a green evolution of his father’s company, Venus Laboratories, Inc., which manufactured industrial cleaning products.

Tapping into his Kellogg School of Management MBA, John started Earth Friendly Products in 1993 with four environmentally safe, non-toxic cleaning products, which he introduced to the retail world by cold calling grocery and health food stores. Both he and Stephanie attribute John’s decision to create the company to “the innate feeling you get as a new parent, to protect your child.” After his infant daughter, Zandra, developed a rash on her face that doctors guessed was caused by toxins in the air, John realized that he needed to do what he could to protect her and preserve the world for her and

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Today, the company offers more than 60 products, including a line of pet-friendly stain and odor removers, detergent, dander removers, pet training aids and kitty litter treatments which are sold at major grocery chains such as Treasure Island, Whole Foods, Trader Joe’s, Costco and Jewel. Last year, after touring the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center, John and his family began to donate Earth Friendly cleaning products and supplies to PAWS Chicago, saving the organization thousands of dollars each month.

John is also currently working on a book about people living greener lives, which explains everything from sustainable organic gardening to vertical farming. Whether it’s operating his own environmentally sound business, contributing to the welfare of Chicago’s homeless animals through his donations, or continuing to spread awareness about environmental issues, John Vlahakis and his family are living proof that, as John puts it, “We can make a positive difference in our health, the health of our pets, and keep our planet healthy. One by one, we can change the world.”

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Patricia Donmoyer is Senior Editor of *Angel Tales* magazine. She is also a member of the PAWS Chicago Marathon Team. Her cat, Buddy, is also PAWS Chicago supporter!

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Whole Foods Partners with PAWS Chicago for Homeless Pets



This summer, Whole Foods is pairing up with PAWS Chicago in its “One Dime at a Time” campaign, proving that, with a little collective effort, one community can make a difference. Customers who shop at Whole Foods with their reusable shopping bags will be given a \$.10 discount on their grocery order and offered the opportunity to donate that dime to help PAWS Chicago save homeless pets. “The purpose of the promotion,” explains Rick Crump, Marketing and Community Relations Specialist for Whole Foods’ Lakeview store, “is to bring attention to the great charities in our community—PAWS Chicago being one of them. People see these names around, but don’t know exactly what they do. If they are donating their money to them, they’re going to ask.”

For this reason, PAWS Chicago representatives will meet with Whole Foods employees from five area stores to educate them on PAWS Chicago’s No Kill mission, the city’s pet overpopulation problem and how the community can help. Whole Foods will help promote the event through in-store signage, e-mail blasts and postings on the Whole Foods website. The campaign runs from July to September. PAWS Chicago is one of many charities Whole Foods partners with, including Cabrini Connection, Cubs Care, Children’s Memorial Hospital and various cancer research organizations.

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Puppy Mill Survivor

Puppy Mill Dog Overcomes Rough Beginning

Now at his heaviest, Charlie weighs approximately eight pounds, but his size doesn't keep him from admiring the devilishly handsome one-year-old Papillion/Pomeranian mix gazing back at him from his owner's bedroom mirror each night. Charlie is a happy dog, and for good reason. He was rescued from the abhorrent conditions of a puppy mill. Although his story ends well, its beginning was bleak.

When Terri, a PAWS Chicago volunteer, met Charlie, the little dog coughed violently, struggling to breathe. He choked for air whenever he played or became excited.

Veterinarians guessed that a severe case of pneumonia had been left untreated while he was at the puppy mill and permanently damaged his lungs, heart and trachea. Sickly and weak, Charlie was given immediate medical treatment through the PAWS Chicago Sick & Injured Animals program. While his condition could be managed, there was no cure for Charlie.

Yet Terri's decision to foster Charlie marked the beginning of what she calls a "love affair". The first time Terri witnessed one of Charlie's coughing attacks, she cradled him in her arms, talking softly to him and eventually quieted his cough. "That was when I fell in love with him. He felt like he belonged with me." It did not take long for Terri to adopt Charlie.

With the safety of his new home and with medical care, Charlie's breathing has improved. There are times when Terri has to calm him, or give him medication to ease his coughing, but now he leads a normal dog life. "Despite all he's been through, Charlie is the happiest dog! He even holds a toy in his mouth while he sleeps."

Charlie's prognosis has improved with one lung fully recovered from the damage he endured at the puppy mill. Veterinarians think he may make a full recovery with time and care. Though they cannot predict how Charlie's condition will affect him in the years to come, Terri isn't worried. She is enjoying the time she has with Charlie, who is living proof that a little love goes a long way.

PAWS Chicago Pet Food Bank Helps Owners in Crisis

Since its inception in October 2008, the PAWS Chicago Pet Food Bank, in partnership with PETCO, has distributed over 21,000 pounds of high quality food to families throughout the Chicagoland area who have struggled with unemployment, foreclosure, or other financial emergencies as a result of the flagging economy. As of June 2009, the program helped over 400 pets remain with their owners at home, keeping them out of crowded local shelters, where they would likely be euthanized.

In addition to food, the Pet Food Bank provides cat litter, leashes, collars, cat carriers, litter boxes, dishes and other supplies as well as vouchers for free spay/neuter surgery.

PAWS Chicago thanks PETCO and the generous donors of monetary gifts and pet supplies for helping the Pet Food Bank become a critical source of relief for families facing financial hardship.

For more information on the PAWS Chicago Pet Food Bank, please call (773) 475-9426.



Rick Nielsen & piece

DELIVER FOR HOMELESS ANIMALS

A rockin' party, great pizza and the sweet satisfaction of knowing they helped save the lives of Chicago's homeless pets. That's what Christina Pulawski and Ken Skupien received for their \$1,500 bid on eBay to have Cheap Trick's Rick Nielsen personally deliver pizza to their Lincoln Park home. Nielsen, the band's lead guitarist, animal lover and investor in Piece Brewery & Pizzeria, a classic Wicker Park destination, was excited to donate his time to benefit PAWS Chicago.

"The relationship between Piece and PAWS Chicago is a great example of how a business can help raise awareness and money for this terrific and important organization," said owner, Bill Jacobs. "We promoted the auction on every table, on our website and in ads in the RedEye. Rick loves animals and was excited to forge this relationship."

kids corner

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

A regular visitor at the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center, Sarah put her saved dollars to work, helping to brighten the lives of homeless animals with food and toys for the dogs in Dog Town.

Sarah



Olivia



Olivia, 13, not only raised \$1,200 for PAWS Chicago by participating in the *Run for Their Lives* 4K Walk, and donated between 400 and 500 cat and dogs toys to PAWS Chicago following her April Bat Mitzvah - all to help Chicago's homeless animals.

Angelica & Riley



Teaming up for PAWS Chicago, Angelica and Riley joined forces in March to help homeless pets, asking guests at their combined birthday party to contribute money and supplies to PAWS Chicago. The group collected monetary donations, canned and dry dog and cat food, dishes, toys and bedding - all to be used at the Adoption & Humane Center, the Lurie Clinic, and the Pet Food Bank.

Danielle had her Bat Mitzvah on March 28th. She decided to donate all the money from her friends to two charities, including PAWS Chicago. She has grown up with dogs and has always, like the rest of her family, loved animals. She has two rescue dogs, Gus and Charlie, who were adopted from PAWS Chicago. She has been to many events including the Fur Ball. She hopes to do some volunteer work at PAWS Chicago this year with her family.

Danielle



Leo



On March 15th, Leo dedicated his Rock 'n Roll themed birthday party, complete with lunch at the Hard Rock Café, to helping Chicago's homeless animals. Instead of gifts, Leo requested that donations be made to PAWS Chicago.

Olivia, Claire & Sarah



Third grade friends Olivia, Claire and Sarah capitalized on the crowds that Chicago's Old Town Art Fair drew to sell their lemonade and help homeless animals. The idea for the lemonade stand evolved months before the June 14th sale and offered a chance for the girls to show their concern for homeless animals.

Olivia is the proud owner of Leo, a shelter dog she's had since he was eight weeks old, and Ginger, her cat. Claire shares Olivia's love of animals, and is particularly concerned with the plight of polar bears due to global warming. Sarah and her four-month-old puppy Lacey, are inseparable.

36 Hour ADOPT - A - THON

First Annual Adopt-A-Thon Success Brings Pets Home for the Holidays



Over 250 volunteers joined forces at the First Annual PAWS Chicago 36-Hour Adopt-A-Thon, demonstrating the life-saving difference one weekend can make. The event took place around the clock from 10 a.m. on Friday, December 6th to 10 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th at the Adoption & Humane Center, and showcased over 200 homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, 130 of which found loving homes just in time for the holidays.

This event was only possible because of the many families who opened their homes before the event, providing foster care to 100 kittens, puppies and dogs. Fostering not only helped socialize these lucky pets, preparing them for adoption and boosting their confidence, but it plays an essential role in freeing up space at the Admissions & Recovery Center, enabling PAWS Chicago to take in even more animals and prepare them for adoption.

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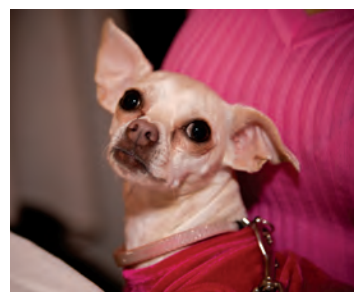


animal magnetism



On February 6, PAWS Chicago served up a recipe for fun at this year's Animal Magnetism, drawing nearly 300 animal loving partiers and their four-legged friends to Galleria Marchetti. The event, sponsored by North Community Bank, featured an Italian buffet dinner for guests, a special pet buffet, an animal communicator, a live auction, dancing and celebrity emcee Anna Davlantes. Special thanks go to co-chairs Anna and Matt Bluhm, Shawn DeAmicis and Susan Monahan

Lucky auction winners took home Oprah tickets, a private in-home chef's dinner by the extraordinary Paul Wildermuth, Executive Chef at Briarwood Country Club in Deerfield, Bulls/Miami Heat tickets with signed Dwayne Wade jersey and more. By the event's end, more than \$67,000 was raised to help save Chicago's homeless dogs and cats.



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Animal Rescue

Pilsen's Dynamic Duo

by David Sutton



When animal lovers Francisco and Yvette Piña first met, neither of them had any pets. Now they have six, if you limit your count to the ones they consider “permanent residents” of their home in Pilsen.

If you consider animals in their care, well, that’s a different story. Now you have to include the cats in their home waiting for adoption. You would add to those the feral cats living in their yard and the abandoned house next door. You’d consider the cats that wait for Yvette every morning in the field down the street, and let’s not forget the feline residents of “Tamale Alley” or the “Convent Kitties.”

Growing up, Francisco got to know a lot of animals, but his pets tended to come and go, which saddened him. “It was easy for my parents to just dispose of (the family’s pets), as if they were just property.” Young Francisco could never be sure when his father might get tired of his dogs and dump them in another neighborhood – or when a beloved rooster or duck might end up on the dinner plate.

Yvette, on the other, hand spent most of her Logan Square childhood growing up with a dog she cherished. When Yvette and Francisco met in November of 2000,

they found that their strongest bond had to do with their mutual love of and compassion for animals. Within just two months of meeting, Yvette and Francisco had a condo in Evanston and had adopted their first pet, a black cat they named Bucky Bloo. They rescued two more cats and two dogs over the next two years.

When the Piñas moved to their new home in Pilsen, they were greeted by a few surprises. “The first evening there we looked out the window and there were cats looking back at us.” They quickly discovered that the yard they’d sought for their dogs already had occupants, as did the “vacant” house next door.

Yvette searched the internet for answers. She started posting questions on her blog, looking for advice about feral cats. Susan Robinson, the community outreach manager at PAWS Chicago, happened upon Yvette’s blog and recognized she lived near PAWS Chicago’s Lurie Clinic. Susan contacted Yvette and was able to

recruit her to help with the Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program PAWS Chicago had in place.

"You use humane traps with tuna or cat food as bait, to trap feral cats. You take the cats to Lurie Clinic in Little Village. They neuter the cat, examine it and vaccinate it. The whole thing costs \$20," explains Yvette. In addition, the vet clips the tip off of every sterilized cat's ear to



He was so feral and he let me in, he trusted me.

He melted my heart.

avoid trapping that animal again. The cat is then returned to the same spot where it was picked up to rejoin its "colony" 48 hours after surgery. The idea is to stabilize the population of feral cats, preventing them from multiplying but allowing them to live out their lives.

Yvette was hesitant at first. "It took me a month to do the first cat, and it ended up he was the neighbor's cat!" Yvette laughs, "He wasn't a feral!"

It may have taken Yvette a month to do the first cat, but once they started doing TNR the Piñas found their groove. They began by trapping the cats that came into their yard. Twenty cats, thirty cats. When that subsided, they focused on another area. Later, when road construction forced Yvette to change her route to work she discovered another cat colony in a vacant lot. She and Francisco TNR-ed all of those cats, too. Soon she was doing all the cats in a three-block area. Then that area expanded. They next discovered what they refer to as "Tamale Alley," an alley popular with feral cats because of the abundance of leftover food in the dumpsters and trash cans.

Less than three years after first

learning about feral cats and TNR, Yvette and Francisco had trapped, neutered and returned 213 cats through the PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic alone. Estimates place the number of feral cats in Chicago at between 300,000 and a half million. Of the hundreds of cats Yvette and Francisco have met and worked with personally, one in particular became a special member of the Piña family.

Yvette recalls the first day she met Amigo. "I fell in love with him when he was trying to rescue Pedro (his feral friend)." Pedro had been recovering from his neutering in a humane trap on the Piña's porch when Amigo tried to save him,

howling to his friend, scratching at the door, scent-marking around the entryway. Over the course of nine months Francisco and Yvette managed to tame Amigo's wild heart. "We have enough scars from Amigo from when we were trying to socialize him, we deserved to keep him."

What made this one cat special? "He was so feral and he let me in, he trusted me. He melted my heart - I felt so honored."

In November of 2007, Yvette became a registered colony caretaker for her entire zip code, with PAWS Chicago as her sponsoring organization. Colony Caretakers agree to spay/neuter the cats they're feeding, look after their health, find homes for "friendlies" (socialized cats) and to find homes for kittens.

"Yvette is superhuman in terms of the time she invests in this," says PAWS Chicago's Susan Robinson. "She's an amazing marketer and very skilled at placing cats. She does two workshops a month for PAWS Chicago. She helps us with Spanish speaking clients, and she comes in and talks at PAWS Chicago presentations on TNR."

Yvette plans to keep at it. "We hope Chicago can become a No Kill city. We hope more people

will spay/neuter their pets, and not let their cats roam free - hence decreasing the numbers of feral cats and stray animals on the streets." With the support of dedicated animal lovers like the Piñas, the dream of a No Kill Chicago is within reach.



David Sutton takes pictures, writes and operates Sutton Studios in Evanston where, over the past fifteen years, he has met and photographed more than 5,000 pets and their people.



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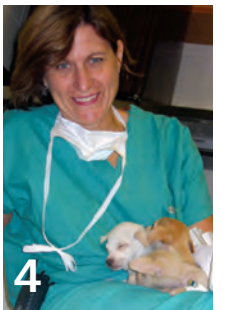
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The No Kill Vision takes Center Stage at the Humane Society of the United States Conference

by Christie Keith

Saving animal lives isn't the first thing that comes to mind when people think of Las Vegas, but that's exactly what was on everyone's mind when Maddie's Fund® held a day-long workshop at the Humane Society of the United States' Animal Care EXPO in Las Vegas last April.

Titled, "Is An Adoption Guarantee Really Possible? Four Steps to Success," it featured eight of the nation's top animal welfare leaders, including PAWS Chicago's founder, Paula Fasseas, and drew more than 200 attendees interested in saving the lives of more of their communities' animals.



This workshop had great information and I love the idea of leaving the negative and moving towards positive to increase adoption rates. Each speaker was well informed and presented their information in a way that made you think, 'Wow, that makes sense.' One of the better classes I have attended in the last 4 years.

- A municipal shelter in Missouri

In the audience were people from every part of the shelter community. "We welcomed the opportunity to present the idea of adoption guarantee sheltering, and the goal of making America a no-kill nation, to a new audience," said Maddie's Fund President, Richard Avanzino. "Traditional shelters, animal control, adoption guarantee facilities, rescue groups – all are part of our movement. Our message is for everyone."

The eight-hour session opened with Avanzino announcing that Maddie's Fund, along with HSUS, were sponsoring a three-year Ad Council campaign called the Shelter Pet Project, set to

launch this summer. Its purpose? A massive makeover of the public's perception of shelter animals, with the goal of getting every single healthy and treatable shelter pet in America into a good home.

"The Shelter Pet Project (www.theshelterpetproject.org) will convey that these are good, loving pets, who find their way to our nation's shelters through no fault of their own," Avanzino said. "We're going to make shelters and rescue groups the first destination of anyone looking to add a new animal member to the family."

The message Nevada Humane Society Executive Director Bonney Brown and Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Director Susanne Kogut had for the audience was a simple one: Yes, adoption guarantee really is possible in any community – and they know, because they've implemented it in their communities.

Excellent information...I liked the variety of panelists. I learned many things to take back to the shelter—there was something for everyone, from volunteers to Board to staff. It was great to hear from successful Executive Directors.

- A humane society in Arizona

"The first step is to believe that it's possible, and that's exactly what we're here to help you do," Kogut said. After Brown and Kogut walked the audience through the basic steps of a transition to a no-kill community, Robin Starr of the Richmond SPCA and Betsy Saul, president and founder of Petfinder.com, addressed how shelters can fine-tune their customer service approach to maximize adoptions, volunteer rates, and donations.

No Kill Advocates from around the country shared their knowledge:

1. Richard Avanzino 2. Bonney Brown 3. Paula Fasseas 4. Natalie Isaza 5. Sheila Segurson-D'Arpino 6. Susanne Kogut

PAWS Chicago Profile

Sharyn Hosemann

What about animals who come into the shelter with health and behavior problems? “Treat the treatable,” Natalie Isaza, DVM, from Maddie’s® Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida said. Then she and Sheila Segurson-D’Arpino, DVM, DACB, Senior Applied Animal Behaviorist at the Animal Rescue League of Boston outlined a comprehensive approach to preventing and treating medical and behavior problems in shelter animals, stressing the importance – even the urgency – of developing a network of foster homes to get animals in need of treatment, or animals who don’t handle a shelter environment well, into something more like the home they’ll one day find.

Foster programs were a big part of Paula Fasseas’ recipe for success, too. She joined John Boone from the SPCA of Northern Nevada to talk about strategies shelters can use to find homes for the harder-to-place animals – older dogs and cats, pets with special needs, and even just animals who are shy.

“We set things in place so the animals will succeed,” said Fasseas. “We send dogs and cats with medical problems to foster homes, where they’re cared for. Many have chronic illnesses. Without a vibrant foster program, placing these animals would be very difficult. Our foster program is our critical path for medically challenged animals.”

But PAWS Chicago’s reliance on people power goes beyond just the foster program. “At every step of our journey, we engage the community and utilize volunteers,” she said.

Fasseas closed the session by echoing the same words that opened it: A no-kill nation really is an achievable goal. “Everything is possible if you just open the doors to the community.”



PAWS Chicago Volunteer Program Manager, Sharyn Hosemann’s journalism, mass communication, and English studies at the University of Iowa and her impressive resume could have placed her on a career track toward renowned reporter, well-rounded magazine editor or even local newscaster. But Sharyn chose to focus on the education she acquired from her work with animal rescue, landing her the self-described “dream job” she currently holds at PAWS Chicago’s No Kill shelter. Although she utilizes her educational background every day on the job, it quickly becomes clear that it’s the heart behind the knowledge that makes her position with PAWS Chicago so rewarding.

“I love that education is the basis of everything we do at PAWS Chicago,” she explains. “I am proud to work with the volunteers and staff who put their hearts and souls into being advocates for the homeless cats and dogs of Chicago, and to be a part of an organization that focuses on the solution (spay/neuter and education) to pet overpopulation.”

Sharyn admits that her intense passion for helping animals can seem a little overzealous to friends and family but explains that it’s always been there. At just six years of age, she rescued a stray kitten with a crushed leg who wandered onto her family’s Wisconsin farm. After the vet amputated the injured leg, Sharyn became not only the kitten’s full-time caregiver, but also her lifelong friend. As Sharyn recalls, Tammy, the rescued cat who passed away at 17 years of age, taught her “so much about unconditional love and having the strength to overcome any obstacle. Tammy was one of many animals that we opened our home to.”

Sharyn went on to work at a vet clinic during her teen years, and then for a local pet grooming business during college,

“I love that education is the basis of everything we do at PAWS Chicago.”

supplementing her work and studies with volunteer work at an Iowa City animal shelter. After college she worked as a vet assistant at an animal hospital where she focused on client education that centered on the spay/neuter solution to pet overpopulation. When a friend told her about the Volunteer Program Manager position at PAWS Chicago, Sharyn jumped at the opportunity. And the rest is history.

Her passion for the cause—wanting to spend every waking hour helping homeless pets—is also a challenge in the quest for downtime. “My family and friends are very supportive, but I think they might like to see me take interest in a hobby or two outside of animal welfare,” she laughs. “You could say I have animals on the brain 24/7! But I will never stop being an advocate for animals and supportive of the No Kill movement. Animals remind me to embrace every day with enthusiasm and hope. They may have emotional and physical scars from abuse and neglect, but their capacity for love and forgiveness is beyond amazing.”

Thank you, Sharyn, for being an inspiration to the thousands of PAWS Chicago volunteers and supporters whose lives you touch with your warmth, compassion and dedication to homeless pets.



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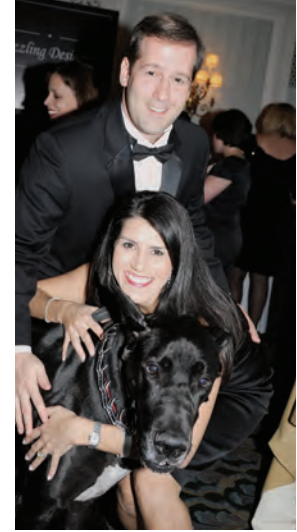


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After recognizing honorary chair Ann Lurie (see page 38) for her dedication to Chicago, to philanthropy and to homeless pets, the room overflowed with generosity as guests began bidding to sponsor PAWS Chicago's key lifesaving programs during the live auction.

By the end of the evening, the event raised over \$596,000 for homeless pets. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Nancy and Wyllys Baird and Stephanie and James Letchinger and Corporate Chairs Julian and Amy Mack for their hard work, making 2008 the most successful Fur Ball to date.



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by Alexis Fasseas

Ann LURIE



Charles DAY



Julia MICKELSON



Carol WALTER



In the darkest hours, you shine light. You have answered a voiceless plea for help, saving countless lives and, one by one, working towards the day when all will live.

You are an inspiration. You are hope. You are a hero.



Ann Lurie



Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic Seeds Chicago's No Kill Transformation

Across the world there are living testaments to Ann Lurie's heroism in the thousands upon thousands of lives she has touched through her hard work, her ceaseless philanthropy, and her inspiration to others who have resources to give. In Africa, she founded Africa Infections Disease (AID) Village Clinics, providing medical care and education to the Maasai people in rural Kenya and she has funded 30 rural schools in northern Ethiopia through One Love Africa. In Chicago, the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University and the Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center are treating today's cancer patients and researching cures for the future, while the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago,

currently under construction, will combine innovation, technology and proximity to top specialists in its location on the Northwestern University's Streeterville medical campus. Her gift launched the Greater Chicago Food Depository Campaign and she co-founded Gilda's Club to help develop support networks for the friends and families of cancer patients. And the Little Village based Lurie Family Spay/Neuter Clinic, offering low-cost and free surgeries for the pets of low-income families, will be largely responsible for eliminating the city's pet overpopulation and building a No Kill Chicago within the next five years.

In early 2000, Ann saw the need and potential for a free and low-cost spay/neuter clinic in an under-resourced part of Chicago, and she made the leadership gift to the Lurie Family Spay/Neuter

Clinic. It was the first major undertaking for PAWS Chicago, an organization that was launched with

the Angels with Tails adoption event along Michigan Avenue and Oak Street in 1998. The purpose of this adoption event was to bring attention to the massive killing of homeless pets in Chicago, where 42,561 pets were euthanized in 1997 alone. While PAWS Chicago continued weekend adoption events around the city, founder Paula Fasseas knew that adoptions alone would never solve the problem of homeless pets if a never-ending stream of pets continued to enter the sheltering system.

However, fundraising for spay/neuter was a challenging task. While people were generously contributing to savings homeless pets after they saw their sweet, innocent faces in need of help, donating funds to spay/neuter was less tangible. Ann Lurie, however, saw the importance and made the connection between spay/neuter and saving lives. "I believe in the PAWS Chicago mission," says Ann, whose love for animals traces back to her childhood. "I was an only child, so dogs were very much my 'friends'.

As photographed

Ann Lurie with Schatzie, a 10-week-old terrier mix, at the Abbott Treatment Wing. Seen in the background is Willoughby, a seven-year-old English Setter.

I was one of those really sensitive kids who would weep at the plight of a sick or injured animal.”

Her sensitivity to animal issues has continued throughout her life, which is evident when she comments on what inspired her to become involved with PAWS Chicago: “I do not believe it is humane or human to euthanize a living creature because his owner no longer wants him or to euthanize animals who, for some reason, have fallen into the hands of the system.” In just less than nine years, the Lurie Clinic’s results are remarkable. Every year, the Clinic performs more surgeries, and the number of homeless pets killed in the city has precipitously fallen by more than 50%, to less than 20,000 pets each year.

The effect that spay/neuter has had on pet overpopulation is clear in comparative maps (see below) that reflect the number of stray calls by Chicago ward in 2001 and present day. After seeing the maps, Ann commented, “Prior to inception of the Lurie Clinic, a large number of strays and abandoned animals came from the neighborhoods bordering the clinic. Now that trend has changed completely.” She continued, “I believe most people want to take care of their pets, but for many, especially in the current economic climate, paying full price for a spay or neuter is just not an option. The Spay/Neuter Clinic provides an option and pet owners are obviously taking advantage of the service. It’s great to see that the concept works.”

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On her recent visit to the Lurie Clinic, Ann formed a special connection with Willoughby, a seven-year-old English Setter (seen in his suite in the Abbott Treatment Wing on page 39.) She is no stranger to falling for dogs. “Every time I visit any of the PAWS Chicago facilities or participate in events, I am first moved emotionally by the animals who need homes,” Ann continues, “but a strong second sentiment is appreciation for the passion of the volunteers and employees who work to make life more comfortable for the animals in the care of PAWS Chicago.”

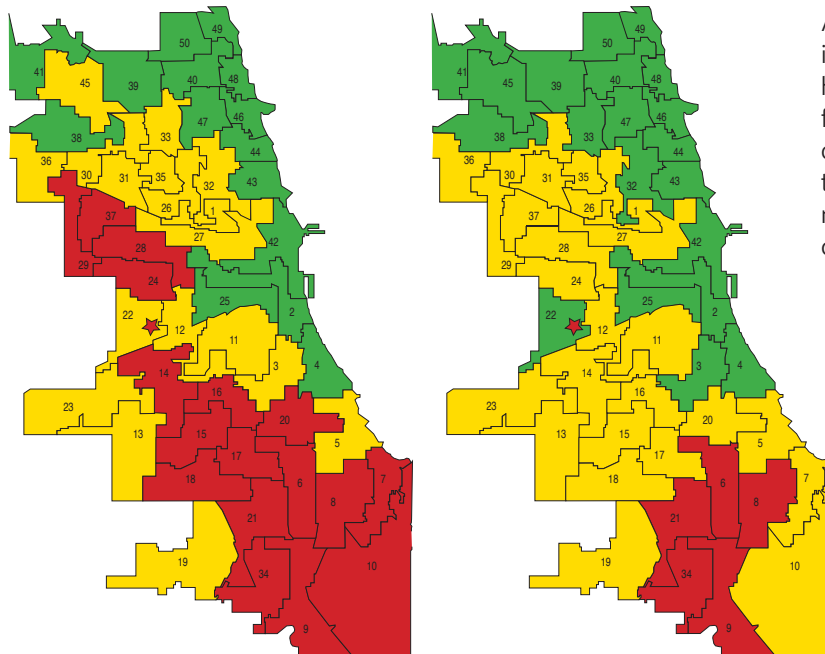
Ann Lurie’s vision in the founding years of PAWS Chicago has led to a transformation in the sheltering system for the city’s homeless pets. “Helping to care for animals who are helpless and unable to take care of themselves is a wonderfully gratifying experience,” says Lurie. “I hope more and more people will consider becoming involved in this initiative.”

Thank you, Ann, for believing in PAWS Chicago and the No Kill vision and serving as an inspiration to engage many other pet-lovers in animal issues.

The Dramatic Decline of Stray Calls in the City of Chicago

2001

2008



When PAWS Chicago plotted the number of stray calls to Animal Control by ward in 2001, it was clear that pet overpopulation correlated with low-income communities. After revisiting the number of stray calls in 2008, it is clear that the Lurie Clinic has made a significant impact by offering free and subsidized spay/neuter for pets of families who could not otherwise afford the procedure. From 2001 to 2008, the number of wards with more than 600 stray calls (in red) declined from 17 to five.

of Stray Calls by Chicago Ward

- 100 - 299
- 300 - 599
- 600 +

Source: Chicago Animal Control

★ Lurie Family Spay/Neuter Clinic



PAWS Chicago 2.0: Revolutionizing Shelter Data Management for a Digital World

Sitting at home watching “every heartbreaking minute” of the news coverage following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Charles Day and his wife, Chris Tardio, felt that they had to help. Charles recalls, “We heard on the radio that PAWS Chicago was bringing animals up from the South. It happened to be a ground breaking day at the Adoption Center site. We came along.” They volunteered to help at 26th street as the animals came in. Three weeks later they were still there, helping put systems and processes in place to deal with the thousands of applications for the several hundred animals that were rescued. Little did Charles know that four years later, he would be on the verge of transforming the way animal shelters operate.

As photographed

Charles Day with his dogs Maude, Maya, Fred and Summer.

Only months before Katrina, in spring of 2005, Charles and Chris had sold their international film editing company. They had the time and passion to get involved, but they didn’t stop at the surface. “PAWS Chicago convinced us that they had a plan that was more than trying to find homes for every unwanted animal. We built our business on a long-term strategy. PAWS Chicago has the same focus. We knew we could help with that.” After Katrina, they donated two rooms at the Adoption & Humane Center in honor of their beloved rescues, played an instrumental role in getting the Adoption Center ready in the weeks leading up to the Grand Opening in September of 2007, and spent countless hours helping homeless pets find new homes. Charles had to retire from volunteering with animals directly when he brought home their fifth dog, Summer, after an Angels with Tails event, so he began working behind-the-scenes. His resulting commitment to transform

shelter operations has made him one of the 2009 PAWS Chicago Heroes.

Having managed 100 people in four cities in two countries, Charles notes that he “learned how to manage an organization across multiple locations and the importance of having platforms and systems to support a strategy.” He saw the need for a central data management system on his second day at PAWS Chicago during Katrina, “when the fax machine could not keep up with applications and there was paper and three-ring binders everywhere.” But after the Adoption Center opened, he recognized that a new system was essential in order for the organization to expand and no shelter management system on the market worked for the No Kill model that PAWS Chicago has created: “PAWS Chicago is a progressive organization. The way it looks at the world is different from anyone else out there. And in an industry in which there are few options for management systems to begin with, there is nothing that

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Julia Mickelson



Carol Walter

 *Helping Homeless Pets for Years to Come:
Launching the PAWS Chicago Desktop Calendar*

Julia Mickelson and Carol Walter demonstrate the dedication and tireless work ethic of PAWS Chicago’s supporters that enabled the organization to grow from grass roots to a national model in less than a decade. As long-term supporters, with both Carol and Julia serving on the development board and Carol launching the inaugural Fur Ball as co-chair in 2002, they knew that PAWS Chicago faced growing budgetary demands with the opening of the Adoption Center in September of 2007. They recognized that the time was ripe to introduce a desktop calendar, inspired several years ago when they saw Aspen Animal Shelter’s calendar.

“We wanted to create this calendar because we needed a fundraising tool other than another event,” says Carol. “With the opening of the Adoption Center

there also came more expenses and the need for more revenue.” By selling weekly and monthly tabs to pet lovers who wanted to feature their cherished dog(s) or cat(s) and then selling the finished product in retail locations throughout Chicago, Carol and Julia knew that there was great potential for PAWS Chicago to raise both funds and awareness.

Knowing that the PAWS Chicago employees were already committed to adoption and spay/neuter efforts and organizing four major events each year, Julia and Carol took charge of the calendar project. They formed a committee in fall of 2007 and explored the economics of the project and created marketing materials and pricing schedules. In 2008 they began selling pages for the inaugural 2010 calendar.

The cover of the calendar was a live auction item at the 2008 Fur Ball, causing a heated bidding war between Ann Lurie and John Walter, Carol’s husband. The winning bid raised \$25,000 and pronounced PAWS Chicago alumnus Bailey Walter as the first cover dog. “John and I have always had a least one dog since we married, but they were all pure bred Golden Retrievers. Bailey was our first mutt. He is so wonderful - gentle, sweet, playful, smart, loyal. The adjectives go on and on,” says Carol. “We just adore him and know that from now on we will always adopt. I truly believe that he knew he needed a home and in return he is totally committed to our family.”

As photographed

Julia Mickelson with her dog Minni.
Carol Walter with Bailey and Sophia.

Julia also offered her services as a pet photographer for the calendar, donating back the money collected for the shoot. "Every dog and cat has its own personality, much like humans," says Julia. "It is amazing

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to capture the love, playfulness, and emotion in each pet's eyes."

It is that emotion and personality that has made the calendar such a moving tribute to pets, with beautiful photography and meaningful quotations throughout. It is available for purchase on PAWS Chicago's website and in retail locations throughout Chicagoland.

Chicago's homeless pets are forever grateful to Julia and Carol for taking the initiative to create an annual source of \$200,000 of revenue for PAWS Chicago. This dynamic duo has committed to leading the calendar initiative once again for 2011.



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comes close to being able to support PAWS Chicago's needs."

With a unique perspective, the knowledge and resources to get a system built and a determination to make it happen, Charles spent hours with PAWS Chicago's management and built a prototype, called BASE, that

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managed a pet's journey through PAWS Chicago, from admission to medical and behavioral history to adoption and follow-up. Charles says that with the web-based application, "We'll be able to keep track of adopters, their histories with every animal, analyze adoption rates, how to improve the adoption process, provide adopters with more specific histories on each

animal, identify trends, reduce length of stays at PAWS Chicago. Whatever we can imagine, the system will be able to help us. It's been built from the ground up, entirely for PAWS Chicago."

Over two years, Charles has invested hundreds of hours and tens of thousands of dollars in direct cost in getting the system ready to go live. But he is not done yet. He is now starting to lead the redesign and redevelopment of the PAWS Chicago website, planning to integrate it directly with the new system, which will automatically update animal availability, enable potential adopters to create applications and accounts online before coming to the Adoption Center, and bring PAWS Chicago to the "world of Web 2.0" as he calls it. Volunteers like Charles Day enable PAWS Chicago to stay at the forefront of transforming animal welfare.



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Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

by Catherine Crown

Karen Murai & Tyler Leoschke

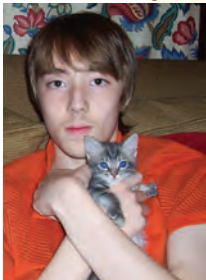
Tyler Leoschke used to volunteer at another shelter where he learned most kittens are euthanized if they're under eight weeks old. "When we found this out, we knew we had to help," he says.

After learning that kittens taken in by PAWS Chicago are placed with foster families until they weigh two pounds, the Murai-Leoschke family became foster "parents" for the No Kill shelter, typically keeping fosters for a week or two at a time. They also volunteer on weekends through the organization's Family Service Program. They spend half their time on basic animal care and the other half playing with the various feline residents of Kitty City. "It's the perfect reward for all our chore time," said Karen and Tyler. "It's a blast," says Karen Murai about her experience fostering kittens for PAWS Chicago. This family has fostered seven kittens thus far, and shows no signs of slowing down. "The hardest part," they agree, "is having to bring them back."

The family, Karen Murai and Tim and Tyler Leoschke, also have two cats: Hector and Atalanta, as well as a goldfish named King. They found Hector wandering in Tim's brother's yard, and Atalanta (named after a princess from Greek mythology who was known as a fast runner) was adopted at PAWS Chicago's Angels

with Tails event. "We just went to check it out. Because we already had Hector, we really weren't looking for another cat." But they quickly found a kitten they wanted, walked around to consider it seriously, and when they returned to adopt, the kitten they'd selected had been spoken for. So they chose Atalanta, a tiny calico. "She's the opposite of Hector," Karen says. Hector is four years old, large (but not fat, Tyler insists), and dog-like. Atalanta is petite and slightly shy around strangers, but the two cats play well together and groom one other. Saving strays isn't a new endeavor for this family. They've been rescuing and finding homes for feral cats in their Jefferson Park neighborhood for years.

Because Tyler was diagnosed with severe allergies, the family thought



they were unable to keep pets. But then Tabby limped into their yard, having been beaten up in a cat-fight. They took him to their veterinarian and discovered he was FIV positive, which meant his life expectancy could be shorter than normal. "We decided to keep him, and we knew we had to keep him inside," Karen says. Although Tabby passed away and is dearly missed, he left an incredible gift. Living with Tabby, Tyler discovered he'd "outgrown" his allergies.

Michael Zarley

"It's one of my favorite things to do in the city," Michael Zarley says of his volunteer work at the Adoption Center. He began working in Dog Town "helping out dogs and puppies during a stressful time in their lives" shortly after the Center opened in 2007. He cares for, socializes and



walks dogs as a Dog Town location manager, trains new volunteers and looks forward to becoming an Adoption Counselor this summer.

Zarley is a corporate accounts manager at Verizon Business, where he's worked for 17 years. Because he's held several different roles within the company's financial operations division, he's "learned how to effectively prioritize and manage a wide variety of situations that require [his] attention simultaneously." He says, "this kind of experience is very useful when working Dog Town on the weekends as things can sometimes get a bit hectic."

One of those "hectic" times in Zarley's recent memory was PAWS Chicago's 36-hour Adopt-A-Thon held in December of last year. Although an arguably ambitious event by any standard, Zarley was impressed with how smoothly it went. "It was great to see so many volunteers working so well, so effectively to match up homeless cats and dogs with new owners." When he's not attending to business finance at Verizon, working with homeless animals or training new volunteers at PAWS Chicago, Michael Zarley spends time with his two dogs, Calvin and Ellie. Both are mixed breeds, and both were adopted from shelters. Zarley was "dogless" for ten years because of his demanding work

Volunteer Appreciation Party 2009 Honorees



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Rock Star Volunteer
Morgan Hill

Morgan Hill

schedule. As soon as he could arrange for a dog walker and more flexible hours at Verizon, he found Ellie. "That's my dog!" Zarley said as soon as he saw Ellie's photo on PetFinder. She was 12 weeks old, very thin and needed much care and training.

At six months, Ellie chewed the arm off of Zarley's couch. "I had to laugh, because I knew she was just showing me how much she missed me while I was at work." Although he kept the couch ("I just threw a blanket over the chewed up arm," he says) he has redirected Ellie's energy into an eagerness to please. "Whenever someone comes in my front door, Ellie's right there, waiting to take something up the stairs. If I'm empty handed, I'll give her one of my shoes so she can do her job." Ellie is now five-years-old.

Then came seven-year-old Calvin. Zarley's biggest challenge now is that "Ellie wants to play with Calvin more enthusiastically than Calvin wants to play with Ellie." But with Zarley's expert attention and his insistence that the two dogs take orderly walks together, Ellie and Calvin have begun to negotiate a playful compromise.

Morgan Hill always considered herself "a dog person" – until she adopted an orange and white long haired cat named Gizmo from a shelter outside of Madison, Wisconsin. "I was studying biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin, and the apartment I was living in didn't allow dogs," Hill says. "When I first adopted Gizmo, I was really nervous, since I had never had a cat before. But it didn't take long for him to 'adopt me' right back. He's such a cuddle bug." Now she says she's fascinated by cats and loves them.



After finishing her doctorate, she moved to Chicago and began volunteering at PAWS Chicago. After a few months, she became a location manager as well as an adoption counselor. At the Seventh Annual Fur Ball, she carried a PAWS Chicago puppy named Gretchen, a four-month-old Chihuahua who'd been hit by a car and dumped at the Lurie Clinic with a broken pelvis. Gretchen was healing from surgery and was on her way to making a terrific recovery, but wasn't yet allowed to walk. "As a scientist who's spent most of the last decade in

a biochemistry lab, I was fairly nervous about mingling at such a large event." But Gretchen made things easier for Hill. "I had so much fun sharing Gretchen's story with everyone and asking them about their own pets, my anxiety evaporated."

This summer Morgan and her husband Mike adopted a two-year-old German shepherd mix they named Georgia. She credits PAWS Chicago's foster-to-adopt program with making the process easy and organized. "PAWS' two-week foster-to-adopt program is wonderful. PAWS Chicago gives adopters the tools to handle all sorts of problems to make sure everything is in place for your animal to succeed in its new home." So far, so good with Gizmo, Georgia, Mike and Morgan.



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

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 (Audited)

	UNRESTRICTED				Total
	Operations	Board Restricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	
REVENUE					
Program service fees:					
Adoption Center	\$ 430,109	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430,109
Admission & Recovery Center	23,385	-	-	-	23,385
Spay/Neuter Clinic	641,897	-	-	-	641,897
Contributions	1,687,439	257,772	1,056,021	30,000	3,031,232
Contributions - In-Kind*	823,792	-	-	-	823,792
Investment income	3,727	2,564	93,447	-	99,738
Unrealized loss on investments	-	-	(298,562)	-	(298,562)
Special events	1,746,010	-	-	-	1,746,010
Advertising income	43,750	-	-	-	43,750
Net assets released from restrictions	244,757	-	(244,757)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	5,644,866	260,336	606,149	30,000	6,541,351
EXPENSES					
Program Services:					
Admission & Recovery Center	1,022,648	-	-	-	1,022,648
Spay/Neuter Clinic	1,288,960	-	-	-	1,288,960
Adoption Center	1,245,568	-	-	-	1,245,568
Humane Education	443,719	-	-	-	443,719
	4,000,895	-	-	-	4,000,895
Supporting Services:					
Management and general	103,553	-	-	-	103,553
Special Events	504,616	-	-	-	504,616
Fundraising	230,650	-	-	-	230,650
	838,819	-	-	-	838,819
In-Kind Expenses*	823,792	-	-	-	823,729
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,663,506	-	-	-	5,663,506
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(18,640)	260,336	606,149	30,000	877,845
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,104,256	128,838	5,073,252	22,326	15,328,672
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$10,085,616	\$389,174	\$5,679,401	\$52,326	\$16,206,517

NOTE

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



Saving Randy

A building landlord suspected that tenants living in one of his units had simply turned Randy, a three-month-old kitten, loose when they got tired of caring for him. Randy continued to sit in the apartment's windowsills. The landlord took Randy to the Lurie Clinic where he was treated for dehydration. He's now safe and healthy at PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center and eagerly awaits a new family.

SHELTER DATA

SPAY/NEUTER	2009 Goals	2008	2007	2006
TOTAL SURGERIES	16,500	15,057	14,154	12,223
Free Health Checks		17,677	15,617	14,906
Free or Subsidized Vaccines		17,428	20,530	16,403
COMMUNITY OUTREACH				
Presentations/Events (Targeted)		116	157	130
Total People Reached		25,193	34,155	24,551
FERAL CAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM				
Number of Sponsored Colonies / Cats		24 / 400		
TNR Educational & Resource Support		980 individuals		
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM				
Total Volunteers		7,900	6,248	5,176
Active Volunteers		2,620	2,129	1,329
New Volunteers (Via Orientation)		2,557	789	579



In 2008, the Community Outreach Program launched 2 new programs. The Pet Food Bank & Crisis Care Program were a result of the down turn in the economy. Both of these programs enable Cats & Dogs to stay with their owners and not enter the sheltering system. The Feral Cat Sponsorship Program is critical to making Chicago a No Kill City, by proactively spaying and neutering and managing the feral cat colonies in our community.

ADOPTION PROGRAM	2009 GOALS	2008 DOG	2008 CAT	2008 TOTAL	2007 DOG	2007 CAT	2007 TOTAL	2006 DOG	2006 CAT	2006 TOTAL
Shelter Count at beginning a year		150	180	330	55	65	120	45	98	143
PET ADMISSIONS		1,764	1,343	3,107	794	940	1,734	396	491	887
Owner Surrender to PAWS Chicago		503	738	1,241	169	557	726	75	293	368
Transfers from Organizations within Chicago		1,091	503	1,594	526	351	877	238	181	419
Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Chicago		170	102	272	99	32	131	83	17	100
ADOPTIONS	3,600	1,751	1,264	3,015	797	869	1,666	404	542	946
DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED		17 <small>(8 Medical, 9 Behavior)</small>	30 <small>(30 Medical)</small>	47	2 <small>(1 Medical, 1 Behavior)</small>	15 <small>(15 Medical)</small>	17	6	8	14
% of Outcomes		.96%	2.23%	1.51%	.25%	1.66%	1.00%	1.43%	1.43%	1.43%
* DIED WHILE IN SHELTER		6	35	41	4	19	23	11	9	20
% of Outcomes		.34%	2.61%	1.32%	.50%	2.10%	1.35%	2.61%	1.61%	2.04%
SHELTER COUNT AT END OF YEAR		138	192	330	46	103	149	20	30	50

*EUTHANASIA POLICY

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

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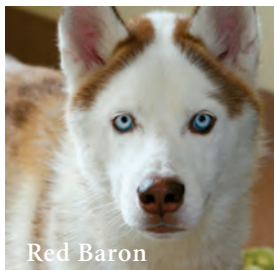
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From her dedication to her own rescued pets and volunteer work at PAWS Chicago to her goal of becoming a teacher of disadvantaged children, Katie Brown's life was a study in giving. Despite her lifelong battle with Cystic Fibrosis, Katie spent her 23 years of life helping others. The Elementary Education student at De Paul University filled her time outside of class advocating for those whose voices often go unheard – helping to rebuild an orphanage in Mexico, caring for homeless pets at PAWS Chicago's Lurie Clinic and Adoption Center, and adopting a neglected "barn" kitten she named Sweet Pea. She often talked about the satisfaction and joy she experienced helping homeless animals and was known to hand-deliver copies of *Angel Tales* magazine to anyone expressing an interest in pets. To honor her life and her spirit of giving, Katie's family asked that donations be made to PAWS Chicago in her name.

In Memory of **Ricky Shorr**

Former Lincoln Park restaurant owner and chef, Rick Shorr never lacked for kindness, and his friends, family and community often speak of his concern for the homeless, his special relationships with his three nephews and two nieces, and the endless compassion he had for people and animals. Even on his days off, Rick opened the doors of his Evanston restaurant to those in need of food or even a cup of coffee.

The love Rick had for his dogs, however, is perhaps what stands out the most to those close to him. Rick's dogs were his "children" – the loyal companions who took long walks on cold winter days with him. His neighbors could count on the man with the giant, furry huskies



passing through their town on his daily walks, even in the coldest weather. Winter was his dogs' favorite season, and he kept them out as long as they liked. On the rare occasions he was without them, they would greet him upon his return by climbing all over him and smothering him with licks.

Rick Shorr passed away suddenly in January, at just 49 years of age. His brother, David and sister-in-law, Julie honored his life and love of dogs by making a special gift to PAWS Chicago in his name. His family, friends and community greatly miss him.

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In Memory of Allen "Bud" Sparks

Four-footed, furry friends always played important roles in Al's life. Married in 1955 to his wife, Nina, the couple started their married life with two dogs that were near and dear to their hearts.

While living in New Jersey, they tended to Touch of Class (TC), their daughter's thoroughbred horse. TC loved to follow Al as he mowed the pasture, and when Al removed his shirt during hot, sticky weather, the horse used Al's bare back as his own personal "salt lick."

The couple moved to Manhattan, Illinois and soon after, a tiny three pound, six-month-old, tortoise-shell kitty (Bitsy) appeared in the dead of winter on their front porch. Bitsy adored Al and loved to twine herself around his neck. During the 18 years Bitsy was with them they were also "adopted" by a second cat, a black and white male named Zog, who chose the Sparks' home over his owner's farm across the street. He kept returning to the Spark's home every time he was taken back to the farm, until eventually, the arrangement became permanent.

Animals brought wonderful, warm, joyous moments into the Sparks' life. Al always said that he felt that people who could not or would not take the time to love, learn about and relate to animals were missing out. Al and Nina so appreciated the work that shelters like PAWS Chicago do for animals in need that Nina chose PAWS Chicago to receive donations in Al's memory.

In Memory of A. Stuart Goldberg



Stuart Goldberg's love and compassion for animals began with his own pets and deepened throughout his lifetime – the joy they brought him eventually leading him to a unique sense of purpose. The Lincoln, Nebraska based columnist entered the world of dog showing with a Cairn Terrier he'd acquired, hoping to teach his daughter, Linda, about animal care and good sportsmanship. In 1960, with his family's help, Stuart bred and raised the top winning Cairn Terrier in North America.

But his dog show days ended in 1962, when he rescued a stray dog that had been hit by a car on a

Nebraska country road. Realizing that the best way he could teach his daughter about life, love and animals was through rescuing pets who needed homes, he turned his focus to saving animals instead. In addition to rescuing a cat and four dogs, Stuart volunteered at the Capital Humane Society well into his 70s, and was a strong advocate of PAWS Chicago's mission to create a No Kill city through spay/neuter, adoption and community outreach. Linda, an active volunteer at PAWS Chicago, carries on Stuart's legacy through a donation in his memory.

In Memory of Erica Klima-Rosenbaum

In September of 2005, Erica Klima-Rosenbaum signed up to be a volunteer for PAWS Chicago. During her time with PAWS Chicago, Erica was always willing to help out when and where she was needed. She was instrumental with the Hurricane Katrina efforts; as an adoption counselor and site manager; as an ambassador for our Community Outreach Department; volunteering at the Adoption & Humane Center; and helping out at the Development Office.

Erica was amazing in so many ways. She was an activist, an educator, a coach and mentor, she was an animal lover, volunteer and friend. She was inspiring and honest in everything that she did in life. Erica's love for animals and being a voice for them transcended from her personal life into her professional life. Erica was an exceptional elementary school teacher at Mark Twain in Chicago. She taught her students about



the love of animals and why we should all work together to be voices for homeless cats and dogs. Her students adored her and the education she gave them about animals will no doubt carry into their adult lives, as they will be the next generation to help homeless cats

and dogs.

To meet Erica was to love her. Her drive inspired many, her bubbling personality was contagious. Erica's smile instantly lit up any room and her wit and charm could ease the most nervous person. Erica's gentle touch could quickly calm any scared animal. Her kindness and compassion really can't be measured. Erica's spirit is too powerful to disappear. She is in each and every one of us in all that we do to save the lives of homeless cats and dogs.

Erica's own pets were the sunshine in her life and she loved them fiercely. Her many cats and precious dogs were lucky to have such a wonderful human companion as Erica, but Erica would say the exact opposite – that she was the lucky one to have them. Erica loved unconditionally and is dearly missed by all.

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In Memory of Kathleen Zyvert

From mutts to Basset Hounds to Kerin Terriers to Westies, dogs had always played a role in Kathy Zyvert's life. But it was Jake, a White West Highland Terrier that became not only the heartstone of Kathy's life, but the glue that formed her special bond with her dogs.

Although she'd had a dog growing up, her husband, Greg admits the family didn't have great luck with dogs. Their first and second Basset Hounds died of cancer at just 4 years old. Yet, despite each passing, Kathy's interest in dogs never waned, and with her son's help, she eventually chose a West Highland White Terrier named Jake to add to her family. Jake remained her constant companion, seeing her through the heartache of watching her son, Chris, leave for college and the ups and downs of the couples' 39-year marriage. When Kathy rescued a four-month-old Kerin Terrier named Malcolm from a local pet store, the two dogs soon became friends. "Kathy was like the alpha dog of the bunch, and they were always at her feet. If she



was in the basement, they'd be at the top of the stairs waiting. They loved her," says Greg. "When Jake finally passed away, it was in Kathy's arms that he died."

Kathy's legacy of love for dogs lives on as Greg and Chris continue to care for both Malcolm, now 9 years old and the dog's best buddy, Ian – a Westie Kathy brought home four years ago to ease Malcolm's sadness after Jake's death. When Kathy passed away, her family requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to PAWS Chicago in her honor.

Jennifer A. Kemp Foundation

On March 14th members of the Jennifer A. Kemp Foundation visited the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center in Chicago. After taking a tour of the sunny, cageless shelter, the Foundation presented a check for \$2,500 to help PAWS Chicago continue its lifesaving work.

The Jennifer A. Kemp Foundation was established following Jennifer Kemp's sudden death by those who held her near to their heart. The mission of the foundation is to preserve her memory by providing financial assistance to and charitable acts for groups that Jennifer contributed to during her lifetime and to reflect the things for which Jennifer expressed a passion.

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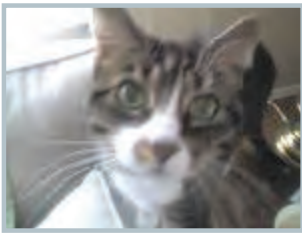
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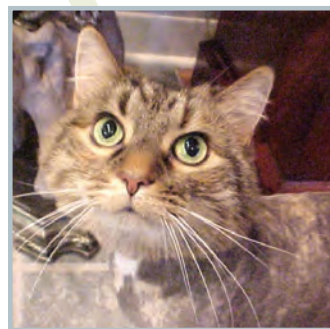
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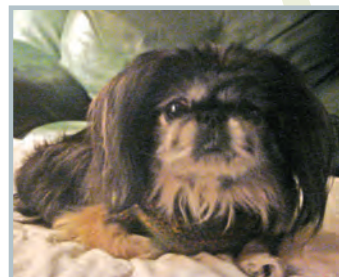
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Daisy has come a long way from the timid girl who arrived at PAWS Chicago. Extremely shy as a result of abuse and neglect from her previous owners, Daisy would wag her tail when approached, then cower away. With a bit of patience and a lot of socialization Daisy's confidence is back and she's eager to find her new home.

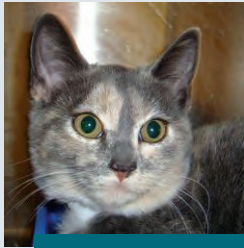


Daisy

Eight-year-old orange tabby **Grendel** is a "love machine." He is healthy, and having lived previously with a loving owner who faced financial hardship, he's eager to become part of a family again.

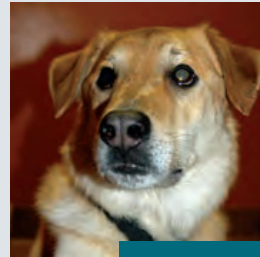


Grendel



Penelope

Nine-month-old **Penelope** is a curious and sweet young kitty who loves to play with toys, but will also take any opportunity she gets to snuggle. When it's cuddle-time, you can hear her purr from across the room! Although she is healthy and not on medication, Penelope is feline leukemia positive. She would love to join a family where she is the only cat or with other feline leukemia positive cats.



Hilo

Hilo, a four-year-old Chow/Shepherd mix is eager to please, works hard, enjoys learning and is extremely affectionate. His active nature and powerful physique will likely mean he will need plenty of physical activity and mental stimulation, but he's already on his way! Hilo has completed basic obedience training.

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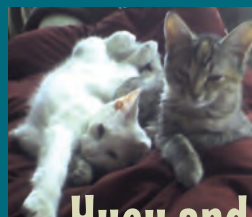
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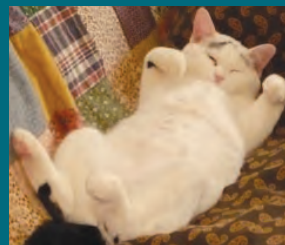
Emily

I am very happy with my decision to adopt **Emily** from PAWS Chicago. She passed swimming 101 last weekend on our first trip to the lake down in Kentucky, and I don't think she could have been happier. I can tell that she is going to be a great dog and bring joy to everyone she meets. The adoption process at PAWS Chicago was amazing and I would recommend it to anyone interested in adopting a pet. -Evan

Here's an update on **Huey** and **Louisa**. It's been two weeks since I took them home and they are doing wonderfully. Both are growing and exploring, and love to play and snuggle. Most of all they love each other madly! I'm so glad I got them both! They are the best companions for each other, as well as for me. -Regina



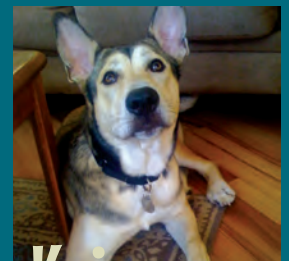
Huey and Louisa



Corina

We've had **Corina** (PAWS Chicago name Jill) for just over a month, and it's hard to imagine life without her now. She is curious and friendly and always welcoming our friends and family with an inquisitive sniff. And she's very affectionate and playful. She recently discovered the wonders of catnip, which was hilarious. We feel so lucky to have such a lovable kitty. Thanks to all of the volunteers at PAWS Chicago who took such good care of her. -Dan and Mary

I am writing to let you know how things are going with **Kaia** (PAWS Chicago name Shadow). Kaia has been doing really well. She is a really sweet puppy who loves people and other dogs. Everyone always comments on what a pretty dog she is. I tell them that rescue dogs make the best pets! -Melanie



Kaia

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