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PAWS Chicago  
**Guardian Angel**  
Program



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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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 Pippen Fasseas Adoption & Humane Center is the first cageless, No Kill shelter of its kind in the Midwest. Located in highly-visible Lincoln Park, this state-of-the-art Adoption Center is leading the way in cutting edge programs and 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

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David Sutton, Sutton Studios

Dear Supporters,

As we enter a new year and a new decade, we are so grateful for our volunteers and supporters who have enabled

us to grow our lifesaving efforts. Even in difficult economic times, we have been able to do more, primarily because of the time invested by thousands of volunteers, which is equivalent to 60 additional full-time employees.

As a volunteer, I know how important it is to have a culture that encourages and enables volunteers to best utilize and develop their talents. In 2010, we will be kicking off our Volunteer Executive Leadership Training, which will provide more opportunities for volunteers interested in pursuing a career in animal welfare.

This year, with even more homeless pets needing help, we were able to grow our adoption program by 20%, increasing the number of lives saved from 3,000 to 3,600 cats and dogs. And we were also

able to increase the number of free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries performed at our Lurie Clinic from 15,000 to more than 16,000 surgeries. This growth is not possible without the dedicated supporters and volunteers who give so much to homeless pets. Together, we are truly making a difference.

With the continued support of our community, we will reach our dream of a No Kill Chicago in the next three to five years. Thank you for making our lifesaving work possible.

Warm Regards,

Paula Fasseas  
Founder and Chair

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## DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Friends,

This year, our Development Board has launched a new Desktop Calendar to help fund the costs of our new Adoption Center. You can purchase the 2010 Desktop Calendar on PAWS Chicago's website or at many of our retail partners throughout the city. You can also make your own pet a star by sponsoring a weekly page or monthly tab in the 2011 Desktop Calendar.

Please continue to keep homeless pets in mind. The more support PAWS Chicago receives, the more lives we can save. PAWS

Chicago is one of only a few charities in the nation that has consistently received four-star ratings on Charity Navigator, the largest independent charity evaluator. By attending our events or donating to our cause, you are making a big difference for homeless pets in our community.

Many thanks,

Amy Mack  
Development Board President



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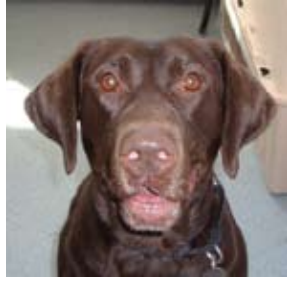


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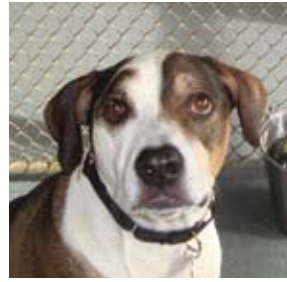
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**Sam**



**Gus**

## PAWS Chicago Helping Families in Economic Crisis

PAWS Chicago's Crisis Care Foreclosure Program and Pet Food Bank was recently featured in the *New York Times* in an extensive article on how pets are faring in these difficult economic times. In 2009, PAWS Chicago took more than 125 pets into its foster network, providing a temporary foster home for cats and dogs of families displaced due to the economy. Once settled, pets return to their families, although some families who cannot find pet-friendly accommodations ask PAWS Chicago to find a new home for their pet.


PAWS Chicago is also helping make it affordable for people to keep their pets by providing free food, supplies and spay/neuter surgeries. The Pet Food Bank, supported by Petco and donations from the community, has assisted more than 600 pets this year, distributing more than 30,000 pounds of food to ensure families facing economic hardship can keep their pets.

**Pictured above:** Bean and Whiskey are four-year-old littermates who have been in foster care for three months while their family looks for a new home. Shadow, Sam and Gus came to the Crisis Care Program after their families were evicted.

## Saving Tundra & Rosalie



Tundra was found by a good samaritan after being hit by a car and was rushed to a local emergency hospital for treatment. At the hospital she was diagnosed with a broken leg and it was discovered she was also pregnant. The next morning Tundra was transferred to PAWS Chicago for care and gave birth to a litter of kittens within hours of her arrival. One kitten, Rosalie, survived the trauma and with the help of an excellent and dedicated foster volunteer, Rosalie was given time to grow and Tundra was given time to heal her broken leg. Rosalie was adopted to a new family and Tundra is at the Adoption Center awaiting a new home.




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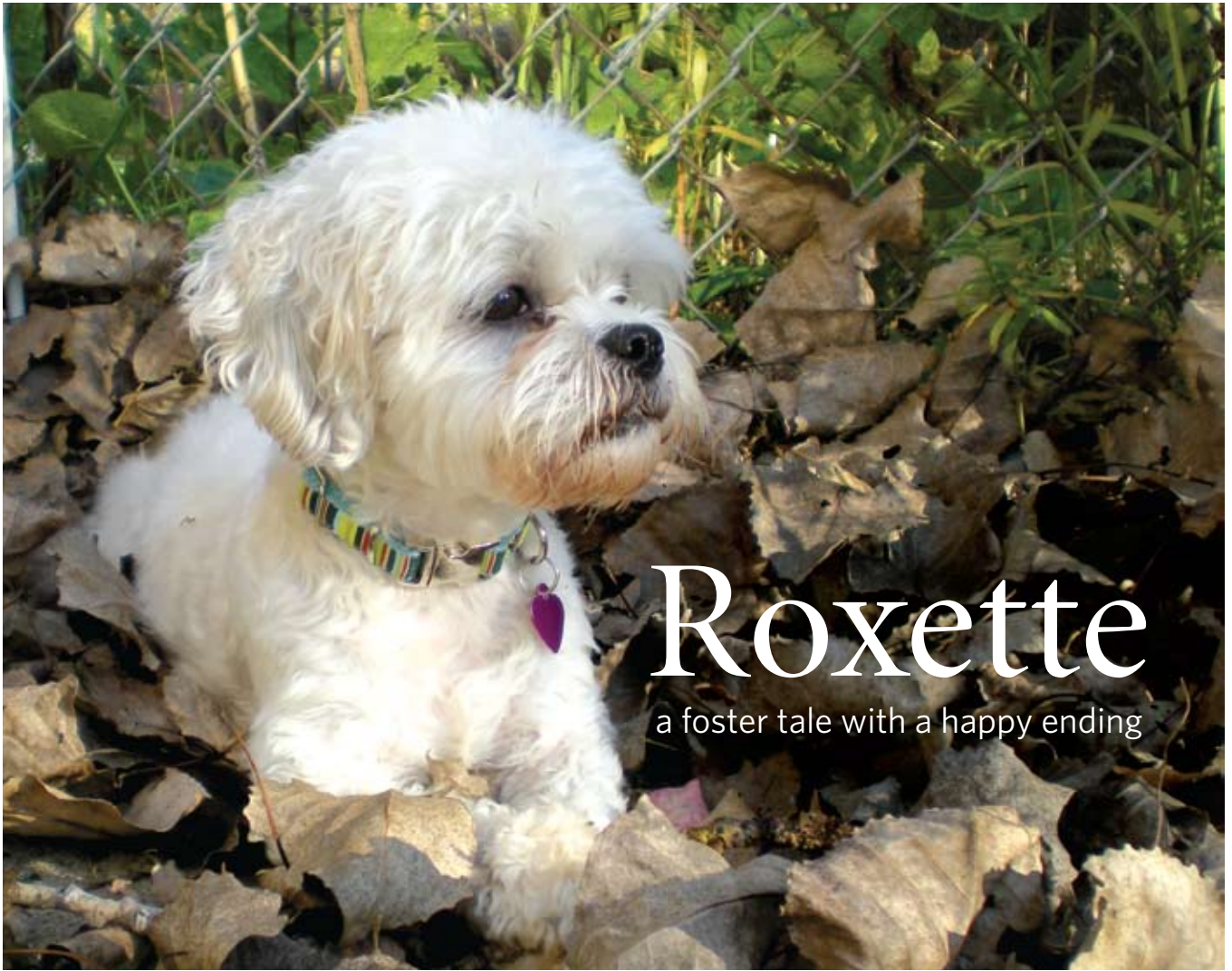
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# Roxette

a foster tale with a happy ending

Roxette arrived at Animal Care & Control as part of a cruelty and neglect case, her fur matted in painful knots. While there, the little three-year-old poodle mix gave birth to a litter of puppies. PAWS Chicago transferred Roxette and her pups into the adoption program and immediately placed them in foster care. After the puppies were old enough to be weaned, Roxette became an in-house foster pet at Oakton Place – a senior home that offers independent living, long-term care, and rehabilitation – to provide love, companionship and therapy for residents.

When Roxette (nicknamed “Roxy” by the senior residents) first arrived at Oakton Place, she was timid and very submissive. But her sweet and gentle nature was the perfect match. She also hated being

alone, which was not a problem since the home is bustling with constant activity.

Soon, with love and affection, Roxy transformed into an active and confident pup. In turn, Roxy made an immediate, positive impact on so many people. A few residents who had exhibited signs of depression and loss of interest became very engaged and rejuvenated, showing great interest in Roxette’s care and well-being.



Roxette and her puppies with their first foster family

Several weeks later, it was time for Roxy to return to PAWS Chicago for a medical check-up to determine whether she was ready for adoption and then be spayed. Everyone at Oakton Place was sad to see her go. Not much time went by before PAWS Chicago received a call: they decided to adopt Roxy and made Oakton Place her new forever home!

Roxette has come a long way from the scared and shy dog that first arrived. Now she's zipping all over the place and attacking her squeaky toys with enthusiasm. Roxy enjoys morning walks and frolics in the leaves outside on the large fenced in patio. She also loves to partake in the occasional drum circle: as the staff and residents sing, Roxette happily howls along. Lately, she's even chosen to make the rounds with one of the nurses! This Cinderella dog has found her fairytale ending.



Dear PAWS Chicago,

As soon as we got out of the car Roxette's tail went straight up and was wagging with enthusiasm. She obviously remembered Oakton Place and ran toward the building. Once inside she visited all of her favorite spots and some new ones as well. She seems a lot more confident this time. Hopefully she'll soon realize that this is her forever home.

Some of the residents (and a couple of staff members) were so happy to see her that they actually cried. Roxette seemed to remember a few of the residents. I love that she's eager to just sit on someone's lap and get a little head rub. Since we have many folks in wheelchairs, this is perfect.

She also loves to hang out in the physical therapy room, which is awesome since her presence really seems to provide a boost to folks working on re-gaining or increasing their physical ability. It's hard work that can be frustrating - so the little boost of energy she provides is golden.

Right now we're just trying to take it slow as she recovers from her surgery. She has many "nests" where she can retreat and get some quiet time.

Thanks again for the perfect match. Roxette will get the love and dedication that all pets deserve.

Sincerely,  
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# + PET EMERGENCY GUIDE +



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How do I know if there's an emergency with my pet?

by Barbara Royal, DVM

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I recently spent about four hours in an emergency room with my labradoodle, “Hudson”, who had eaten half a box of milk chocolate. They made him vomit it up although it wasn't a toxic dose, because it might make him a little sick. Then they sent us home with some Pepcid and bland food. I felt a little foolish, though, because there were animals there in worse condition. How do I decide what problems merit a visit to the ER and when to wait it out?

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First, don't feel foolish. It's never foolish to see a vet if you're concerned about your pet. Sometimes you can get helpful information over the phone if you call first. Unfortunately, there are many problems that can't be assessed over the phone and a visit to the Emergency Room (ER) is unavoidable. Emergencies depend on both the animal's condition and the owner's ability to deal with the problem. Although a

bleeding tail tip may not be life threatening, if an owner can't stop the bleeding and needs help, it becomes an emergency.

Keep the phone numbers for your vet, the closest animal emergency center and the National Animal Poison Control Center (888.426.4435) in a place that's easy to find. Also, take a drive by the ER during daylight hours, to be sure you can find it in an emergency when you may be panicked and not thinking clearly.

# Problems that often mean a visit to the ER:

## Bloat

(Stomach overfilling with air/gas and possibly twisting)

**Signs:** Dogs may act very uncomfortable, pacing, hypersalivating (drooling), trying to vomit/retching, or be very nauseated. Dog's abdomens may appear distended, gums may be pale and they may collapse.

**Action:** Go to the ER as soon as possible. This is a real emergency where time counts. There are some mild cases where you can get the dog to burp by getting them to stand on their rear legs (like dancing with them) and it can bring up the gas and they can recover for a while, but don't waste time doing this if it doesn't work right away, because this condition can become life threatening very quickly.

## Male Cats Straining to Urinate

(Some kind of obstruction/stone/crystals/swelling/infection in the urinary tract blocking flow of urine)

**Signs:** Frequent visits to the litter box with no urine production, pacing and crying (sometimes near the litterbox), small amounts of urine (sometimes bloody) in inappropriate places. They can lose their appetite and even vomit and become listless.

**Action:** Go to the ER. This is another real emergency where time counts.

## Trouble Breathing

(Can be caused by a number of illnesses)

**Signs:** Increased respiratory rate, increased abdominal effort to breathe (belly moving dramatically with each breath), increased respiratory noise, shallow breathing, gums pale (or any shade of blue rather than pink), breathing signs may be combined with an inability to lie down or lying down in a prone (sphinx-like) position.

**Action:** This is always considered an emergency. Go to the ER

## Bleeding

**Signs:** Any kind of bleeding may be an emergency or it could just be a temporary response to trauma – like in humans. It is useful to pay attention to how much and how fast the blood is coming. Ears, tongues

and tails bleed and bleed, often justifying an ER visit. Sometimes blood in the urine looks like a lot, but it's really just diluted in the urine. It needs to be treated, but may not be an emergency. (Ask a vet.) Also, although it's not pleasant and can be a severe problem, many dogs have diarrhea with blood and it is only temporary.

**Action:** Use common sense. Cuts will bleed, but usually can be stopped with pressure or a bandage where possible. Try to elevate the bleeding body part above the heart and apply pressure to the bleeding area for several minutes. Excessive bleeding that doesn't stop is an emergency. Bleeding toenails stop bleeding when you apply a quick-stop powder, styptic pencil, bar-soap shavings, cornstarch, or tea leaves (from a used tea bag) with firm pressure to the bleeding nail. It should stop after a minute or two.

**Action:** This is a judgment call. You might ignore a mild cut and go back to sleep or race to the ER in your pajamas if blood is gushing.

## Trauma from Being Hit by a Car

Go to the ER. Even if animals appear fine after being hit by a car, it is best to have them checked at a vet as soon as possible. Internal injuries (bruising to the heart muscle, contusions on the lungs, small hairline fractures, etc.) can be missed by the untrained eye.

## Prolonged Vomiting

(For more than a day)

Animals that cannot keep food or water down at all for more than a day will probably need a visit to the ER. There is a difference between regurgitation and vomiting. Regurgitation is usually shortly

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after eating and the food has not been altered much by digestion. Some dogs or cats eat too quickly and regurgitate. Then they may try to re-eat that regurgitated food (gross, but not a big deal if they eat more slowly and keep it down).

It is good to note what is being vomited up. Is it early morning vomiting on an empty stomach, yellowish (bile) fluid? This is likely to be less of an emergency and more a chronic diet/acidity issue. Is it a few pieces of fabric or a toy or plastic pieces and you're concerned there might be more still in them? This is more of an emergency.

Sometimes dogs just use the dog motto ("I think I'll eat this and if it isn't good for me I'll vomit it up") and they are then done. This is not an emergency, unless it's a toxin (see page 16).

**Note:** Don't keep giving food to a vomiting animal. If they are vomiting water also, withhold that too and call a vet or your ER.

## Lethargic Puppies/ Kittens

Go to the ER. Often they are hypoglycemic, but need care. You can start by putting honey or syrup on the gums and get to the vet. Also, make sure they are not too cold – warm them up by holding them in a warm blanket or using a hot water bottle (not a heating pad or anything from the microwave – they can get too hot).

## Heat Stroke

Heat stroke can occur if the animal is exposed to high temperatures (over 100 degrees without water or shade, or even less, depending on their health and age). Ambient temperature can be as low as 70 degrees but the temperature in a car even

with windows open can climb to over 100 degrees in minutes. Be careful leaving animals in cars!

**Signs:** Animals can show heat stroke in many ways: panting, restlessness, vomiting, excessive salivation (thick ropery saliva), stumbling gait, seizures, collapsing.

**Action:** If you can take a rectal temperature and it's over 104 just due to heat stress, go to the ER. You can cool them by using cool-ish (not ice cold) water all over, especially in groin area, on the feet and head and get to a vet. DON'T USE ALCOHOL. (It can be absorbed and be toxic to the animal.) A veterinarian may need to give IV fluids and other treatments to stabilize the pet. This can be life threatening very quickly – especially for cats.

## Choking Animals

(Known or unknown obstruction or foreign body obstructing airway)

**Signs:** Depending on the cause and severity of the obstruction they may suddenly collapse from no oxygen. Or they may be partially obstructed and paw at their face/mouth, try to vomit, lie down in odd positions, run around with their neck stretched out, salivate excessively.

**Action:** This can be a real emergency, so trying to clear the airway may be tried before going to the ER. Getting a clear airway is an emergency where seconds, not minutes, count. If an animal has an object stuck in its mouth/throat, you can try to remove it if visible, but avoid getting bitten (put something in the mouth to hold it open for you, a cloth, roll of thick tape, etc). The Heimlich maneuver can be used also applying quick pressure just under the ribs. Use a two-handed fist (one hand covering the other) and aim up and in towards the head. You can try this several times. Sometimes the obstruction is



# PET FIRST AID KIT

Here is a list of things that come in handy when you're dealing with a pet problem or getting veterinary advice over the phone.

- + Digital thermometer
- + Quick-stop powder for nails
- + Vet wrap or Ace bandages
- + Tweezers
- + Ice packs or frozen baby peas
- + Artificial tears
- + Triple antibiotic ointment and Cortisone cream
- + Benedryl liquid (small pets) or tablets (over 25 pounds)
- + Hydrogen peroxide (fresh bottle every 6-12 months)
- + Pedialyte
- + Cotton balls
- + Animal ear cleaner
- + Pet shampoo (not human)
- + Exam gloves
- + Feeding syringe
- + Muzzle if needed
- + Carrier if appropriate

dislodged, but the dog won't start breathing unless artificial respiration or CPR is performed. This type of action is beyond the scope of this article, but animal CPR courses are available.

## Electrical Cord Shock

(Usually from chewing on electric cords)

**Signs:** Electric shock can cause anything from no injury, to a mild oral trauma at the base of the teeth, to severe life-threatening injuries (fluid in lungs from the shock can be a severe problem, etc). Signs can be difficult to assess without help of an exam and a radiograph. They can include, hypersalivation, panting, trouble breathing, dizziness, walking oddly, visible burns/lesions in the mouth, and a chewed electrical cord.

**Action:** If there was an electrical shock, you need a veterinarian to assess the damage, and possibly pain issues, with an exam and possibly a radiograph. Go to your vet or an ER.

## Lameness

(Not using a leg properly)

**Signs:** These can vary.

**Actions:** A lame animal that can bear some weight on the leg and is otherwise acting normally does not usually need a visit to the ER and may wait for a regular vet appointment. But when an animal is not using a leg (or legs) at all, suddenly can't get up on its own power, or if there is bleeding or any significant swelling or pain in a limb, it can be time to get to the ER.

## Eye Problems

**Signs:** Tearing, moderate discharge or the whites of the eye looking more red are all signs of moderate eye issues that usually can wait for a regular vet visit. Any eye problem that involves any squinting/shying away from light, significant eye swelling or bleeding from the eye, or animals showing significant pain are an emergency.

**Action:** Go to the ER if there are any of the latter signs. Otherwise, see your regular vet to check milder eye issues.

## Seizures

(Involuntary twitching/convulsing, sometimes accompanied by involuntary urination or defecation)

**Signs:** Twitching can be just local (snapping motions with just the muzzle or jaw) or it can involve the whole body (paddling, shaking, etc.) The animal usually is not in pain during a seizure and is most likely not aware of the seizure. If the episode lasts more than one or two minutes or returns immediately, or they come in clusters, it is an emergency. First-time seizures are in the emergency category because the cause may be determined to be something treatable if caught early enough (toxin, illness, etc.)

**Action:** Generally, it is best to see a vet or go to the ER immediately if your animal has a seizure for the first time and it's undiagnosed. Don't worry about them "swallowing their tongue" – you'll only get bitten and they won't swallow their tongue anyway. Just try to keep them from falling or injuring themselves, and keep them cool – prolonged seizures can dramatically increase body temperatures. Also go to a vet if the seizures are prolonged or are in clusters, or if the animal's temperature starts to rise due to the seizure. It is possible to try gentle eye pressure to help decrease the heart rate and calm a seizure, but if there's a lot of shaking, uncontrolled poking at the eyes can cause damage, so just get to the ER.

## Anorexic Cats (Not eating)

Any cat that has not eaten anything in over 24 hours should be seen by a vet. Not eating is a life-threatening situation for a cat, especially an overweight cat. You can try offering foods that are warm, that have extra warm water added, or that have a new flavor to tempt them.

## High fevers

Normal temperature in dogs and cats are about 101-102.5 degrees. Anything above 103.5 should be assessed. Over 104 should go to ER for sure.

## Dog/Animal Bites

Better to treat any punctures right away with antibiotics (go to ER) and significant lacerations may need suturing and antibiotics. Often these animals need pain medication as well.

## Ingesting Toxins

(Dark chocolate and baking chocolate are the worst.)

### How much chocolate is really toxic?

One ounce per pound of body weight for milk chocolate is a toxic dose. One ounce per three pounds of body weight for semi-sweet chocolate is a toxic dose. One ounce per nine pounds of body weight for baker's chocolate is a toxic dose.

**Lily plants** (very toxic to cats),

**Toads** (eating or licking toads or frogs can be toxic)

**Onions, Raisins, Grapes, Alcohol, Wild Mushrooms,**

**Antifreeze** (one teaspoon can be toxic to a seven pound dog or cat)

**Rodenticides & Insecticides**

## 'Tis the Season

With the holidays coming up, pets are exposed to many toxic or dangerous seasonal items. Even one or two mistletoe berries can be extremely toxic for a pet. On the other hand, poinsettias are only irritating to the mouth and are not as toxic as people believe. Decorations, electrical cords, tree ornaments, tinsel are all possible dangers to pets. Holiday candy should be kept away from pets: chocolates, and even sugar-free candies with Xylitol are toxic.

Don't leave wrapped gifts that are food/candy under the tree where animals can get to them. Animals may try to drink the water for a Christmas tree, so don't put in chemicals. Not to mention the increase in rich, tempting foods that can cause serious illness for pets eating leftovers. Think twice before giving something totally new and rich to your pet. Your holidays will be much happier without a trip to the ER.



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## Some cleaning agents

Unfortunately there are many other toxins that we can't list here, so if your pet ingests anything unusual, it's best to call a vet or the National Animal Poison Control Center (NAPCC) for information.

**Action:** Call your veterinarian or the National Animal Poison Control Center (NAPCC) immediately. Give them the type of animal you have, its weight and as much information about what the pet has ingested as possible: the label, when it was eaten, exactly how much, etc. Don't induce vomiting without consulting a veterinarian first. Sometimes toxins or other substances do more damage on the way back up than they do on the way down. When advised to induce vomiting, you can do so by giving fresh hydrogen peroxide orally—about one milliliter per pound of dog—which is about 1/8 cup for a 30 pound dog, and 1/4 cup for a 60 pound dog, etc.

## Allergic Reactions

(Often to insect bites or contact allergens, sometimes reactions

from vaccines or other injections)

**Signs:** Swelling of the face or other parts of the body, rashes, painful areas of skin, itchiness, discomfort, shaking head/ears, pacing, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy

**Action:** It is always useful to keep Benedryl in the house for occasions like these. A dog's dose in milligrams is the same as its weight in pounds. For example, a 25 pound dog can take a 25 milligram tablet of Benedryl up to every eight hours to help with an allergic reaction. A 50 pound dog takes 50 milligrams or two tablets, and so on. Call your vet or the ER and describe the signs. Sometimes you need medical attention for this, but usually if there is no vomiting and the signs are mild, benedryl can work. You can give it right away. A dose of Benedryl is usually safe for nearly all dogs, and it can really make a difference. It can also cause sleepiness, and increases thirst.

**Note:** For smaller pets, keep a bottle of the children's Benedryl around and dosing is easier (one teaspoon is 12.5 milligram of Benedryl.)

Equally important when dealing with gastrointestinal problems:

**White rice** (not minute rice)

**Unsweetened canned pumpkin** (about one tablespoon per 30 pound pet) A few jars of **Stage II meat baby food** (chicken, lamb, etc., no onion powder) are useful bland foods for GI problems and a great way to give oral medications.

**The final bit of advice; if you're not sure, CALL the ER! Usually they can help you decide the best course.**



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# WINTER ACTIVITIES

## TO SHARE WITH YOUR DOG

By Joan Harris



When the weather outside gets cold and the snow begins to fall, getting outdoors with your dog can be a lot of fun. Even though many Chicago residents avoid outdoor activities in the winter, most of our canine companions find the snow and cold weather down right exhilarating. When you start to feel that the shortened hours and colder temperatures are bringing on the winter blues, bundle up and follow your dog's lead to the great outdoors. Here is a list of things that will make getting off the couch worthwhile.

## Take a walk (or run)

Chicago's lakefront is gorgeous in the winter. The ice forms beautiful patterns on the lake and the crowds are gone. Sometimes it is so beautiful and still, you feel like you've traveled out of the city. Walking along the lake in the winter is one of my favorite memories of time shared with my dog.



## Go to a dog park

Although they are less crowded, they are still open. Dress warm, bring a cup of hot chocolate, and enjoy watching your dog running with his friends in the snow.

## Play in the snow

My dog goes crazy catching snowballs! He could do this for hours at a time. Throw them in the air and watch your dog jump up and smash them.

## Winter dog sports

For those of you who are looking for real winter adventure, skijoring may be the ticket. Literally meaning "ski-driving" in Norwegian, skijoring is a sport combining cross-country skiing and dog mushing. Skijoring requires cross-country ski gear, a skijoring belt, a harness for your dog and a towline-line to connect you to your dog. Any dog that loves to run (and weighs more than 30 pounds with enough height to negotiate running in the snow) can participate. This exhilarating sport allows you to exercise with your dog while enjoying the beauty of the winter landscape. For more information go to [skijornow.com](http://skijornow.com).

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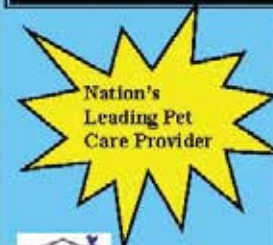
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Remember to prepare your dog properly for outdoor activities. Snow between your dog's foot pads can cause frostbite and lameness, and ice can cut his feet. Salt on the sidewalks and streets can burn and crack his pads and cause him to pull up his feet and limp. Trim the excess hair from the footpads and toes or buy booties for the best foot protection. If your dog has a very short coat and doesn't do well in the cold temperatures, a variety of coats and sweaters are available on the market.

Now, if you're still not sold on being outside during the winter months, here are a few suggestions to burn off some energy and eliminate boredom while staying indoors.

### Sign up for an obedience class.

As a trainer, I find that obedience classes are very popular during the winter months. Besides teaching manners and preparing your dog for being outdoors in the summer, obedience training provides mental stimulation.

### Agility class

Agility class is not only great exercise, it's a fun way to make use of your obedience commands and develop off-leash skills. Agility is an obstacle course for dogs, with jumps, tunnels, climbing frames, teeter-totters and weave poles.

### Daycare

Playing with other dogs all day keeps our canine companions social all winter long. Most daycare places in the city have large indoor spaces where dogs can play safely, under supervision, while their owners are at work all day. After a long work day, it's nice to



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### Play games

Indoor games can also provide both fun and bonding time for you and your pet. Try playing hide and seek games with your dog's favorite toy or treat. Start by putting your dog out of sight while you hide the object. Prompt him by saying "find it" in a excited tone and coach him to begin searching. Start with easy finds and quick rewards. After he gains some confidence, use tougher hiding places. You will probably start to see him use his nose to start sniffing out the object. If you have someone to assist you, try hiding yourself and see how long it takes for your dog to find you. If you have enough space, retrieve games can also be fun. Roll your dog's favorite ball across the room and teach him that by bringing it back you'll roll a second ball.

### Teach your dog a new trick

Let's face it, tricks are an enjoyable

and fun part of training. It has always been a gratifying experience for humans to communicate with dogs and what better way than by teaching them a new trick. My favorite book is *How To Teach A New Dog Old Tricks* by Dr. Ian Dunbar. In this book, Dr. Dunbar covers some of our favorite tricks including, rollover, bang, beg, back-up, give us a hug and bow. Teaching these simple tricks can offer you hours of entertainment and laughs.

Whatever winter activity you choose, remember that our dogs get bored if they are kept indoors all winter without proper stimulation. Whether you choose an active outdoor sport like skijoring, a casual stroll along the lakefront, or a stimulating indoor activity, winter can be a wonderful time of year for both you and your dog.



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# DOG FIGHTING

A Ring of Violence

By Jaclene Tetzlaff



**On September 23, we watched in horror as reports showed the day care house that was raided for a dog fighting ring in Maywood. Dogs used for fighting were being kept behind closed doors throughout the house and in the garage while children played on the swing set in the yard. What kind of people would be so heartless? What kind of parents would just leave their child in a place without thoroughly inspecting it first? What kind of people conduct these vicious dog fighting rings?**

Three people were arrested and nine dogs underwent surgery and rehabilitation after the Cook County Sheriff's Department Animal Crimes Unit raided this west suburban dog fighting operation. Police found a dog with its eye ripped out, a dog with a leg twisted backward and a dog with its lower extremities nearly ripped off its body.



Photograph by Chicago Police Department

Investigators learned dogs used in this operation were also housed nearby in the home of an ex-con who was released from prison on a drug conviction in 2006. He was cited by Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's office for being a felon in possession of an unneutered or unspayed dog.

According to Sergeant Mark George, neglect, drugs, guns and animal cruelty are usually associated. Sgt. George is on the Chicago Police Department's Animal Crime Team of Gang Investigations. He says that among the dog fighters they've

arrested, at least 75% have a history of domestic violence and gang activity. That's why the Animal Crime Team is part of the Gang Investigations Unit. "These people are de-sensitized to this because they grew up with abuse and cruelty – they think it's the norm. It's a complete ring of violence." The problematic environments he's seen are appalling and upsetting. "They abuse the dogs and then throw them away like a Dixie Cup."

Sergeant George is on a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of the Chicago Police Department, the Cook

County Sheriff's Department, and the USDA. "Dog fighting rings have gotten very organized," Sergeant George explains. "They've scattered to the suburbs and rural areas where it is more difficult to detect their activity. Kankakee, Crete, Joliet, as well as Indiana and Wisconsin are areas of high activity." There are no outsiders at these dog fights. They are secretive, underground, and spread by word-of-mouth only. There is a location scout, an event organizer, and a referee. All get a cut of the profits.

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Due to the spread of these dog fighting rings, the multi-jurisdictional team must work together in order to accomplish an effective raid. City, County, State, and Federal guidelines are followed to ensure arrests and convictions. The team exchanges information, gets a search warrant, and all go in together. "Chicago Police are trained to recognize evidence of dog fighting and what to look for. An officer may be at a scene for a different reason. But if an officer sees dog fighting evidence, that officer will report it, and we will follow up on it."

On August 9, a late night raid in Hopkins Park led to the arrest of seven individuals when the Animal Crimes Unit stopped a dog fight in progress. Officers surrounded a Kankakee County farm after developing information during a two month-long investigation that led them to the date, time and location of the dog fight. Seven people were arrested, including a man who brought his five-year-old daughter to the dog fight.

More than 40 officers from several agencies worked together to secure the scene. Nine severely scarred pit bulls and

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\$20,000 in cash were seized. “The investigative efforts put forth by the officers of the Animal Crimes Unit not only protects the dogs subjected to this torture, but also innocent children forced to witness this violence,” stated Sheriff Tom Dart. “It is something that no child should ever witness.”

A raid like this shows how all crime units and agencies come together to secure a scene. Sheriff Dart commended officers from the Cook County Sheriff’s Department, Hostage Barricade and Terrorist Team and Helicopter Unit, Illinois State Police and their SWAT team, the Kankakee County Sheriff, the Chicago Police Department, and the USDA.



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

## What Can You Do?

### Be aware of it.

“We must address it. Don’t turn a blind eye – report it,” says Sgt. George. “Our job is law enforcement. We want to get the bad guys.”

If you have any information about dog fighting, you are urged to:

Call 911 or contact:

#### Cook County Sheriff’s office:

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email: [Cookcountysheriff.org](mailto:Cookcountysheriff.org)

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# Howard

## & the agency he leads are Literally.

by Alexis Fasseas



Pictured Above: Caroline & Howard Draft with PAWS Chicago alumnus Drake Smithburg

A lifelong animal lover and longtime supporter of PAWS Chicago, Howard Draft set out to change the tragic reality facing the millions of homeless pets who are killed each year in the United States. After being elected to the board of directors of the Advertising Council in 2007, he proposed creating a campaign benefiting animals to Peggy Conlon, the organization's president and CEO. Two years later, the campaign has launched and will reach millions of consumers with one simple message: Adopt. But this theme is a gross simplification of the ingenuity, thoroughness and passion underlying the creation of The Shelter Pet Project.

### The Beginning

It all began with Max. "He made me a dog lover for life," Howard said as he reflects on the first of several dogs in his life.

On the job, Howard has spearheaded multiple marketing revolutions. One of the founders of the agency called Kobs & Brady in 1978 (which would later become known simply as "Draft"), Howard led its transformation from a small direct marketing agency into a global marketing communications powerhouse. Draftfcb, the result of the merger of Draft and Foote Cone

Belding in 2006, was in keeping with his and his leadership team's vision for a new agency model. Now one of the world's premier marketing services networks, Draftfcb has more than 9,500 employees spanning 96 markets worldwide.

Animals have interlaced themselves in his work and home life. In one of his first apartments in Chicago, Howard had a stray cat living under the porch, which eventually delivered five kittens. One of the kittens, Bob, became the third feline in the Draft household, joining Boots and Maggie. "Over the next several weeks I would

bring the remaining kittens to the office and 'gift' them one by one to colleagues," Howard recalled. "Looking back, I suppose that's the first time I got involved in the pet rescue movement, and it felt good."

### Helping Chicago's No Kill Vision

In the founding years of PAWS Chicago, Draft recalls walking his family dog Abby and coming across an Angels with Tails adoption event on Armitage Avenue. "At the corner of Armitage and Halsted, I met PAWS Chicago founder Paula

# Draft

giving pets a voice.



Fasseas...I told her that I believed in her cause and if I could help further to let me know." Little did he know how much help he would provide.

Howard was one of the first supporters to help PAWS Chicago open the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic in 2000 by donating money for the Dog Holding Room. He also became one of the early supporters of the Adoption & Humane Center, naming The Abby Draft Dog Home – one of two dog adoption suites in the Center with a window overlooking Clybourn Avenue. But his efforts did not stop there. His team at Draftfcb created a campaign to launch the opening of the Adoption Center

with dogs and cats throwing their own revolution, demanding No Kill, No Cages; No Lack of Belly Rubs; and begging for Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a Lap to Curl up on.

"I have long believed in PAWS' mission to make Chicago a No Kill city," said Howard. "With such great progress being made here, I started to dream about a national effort to make the USA a No Kill country."

## A National Platform for Homeless Pets

Howard's dream of a national campaign required support. "With such an audacious goal I knew we'd need to get an organization like the Ad Council involved," he said. The Ad Council created the category of public service advertising, launching with War Bonds, Rosie the Riveter and "Loose Lips

Sink Ships" in 1942. Their longest running and most recognizable creation is Smokey Bear and the "Only you can prevent forest fires" slogan, also a Draftfcb creation, now celebrating its 65th birthday.

Howard knew the Ad Council's expertise would be a perfect partner to help take the message of homeless pets to the public, however he did not know that the organization had never done a pro bono campaign that wasn't directly focused on people. Peggy Conlon, an animal lover, loved the idea and was eager to help bring the Ad Council into a new dimension. "Since nothing like it had ever been done before, it required a special Board vote," said Howard. "Happily for pet lovers and pets alike, the Board voted enthusiastically to move ahead with the program." Of course, Howard requested that Draftfcb take on the pro bono initiative.

By September 2008, the Ad Council had aligned with

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partners Maddie’s Fund, a family foundation dedicated to building a No Kill nation by providing grants to communities of shelters and to shelter medicine programs, and the Humane Society of the United States.

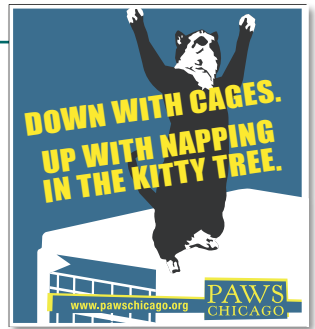
Draftfcb wanted to determine how people decide to adopt pets rather than buy them, which required defining their decision process and purchase path. They began by utilizing seven different research techniques, which showed that many people don’t perceive getting a pet from neighbors as any different from adopting a pet from a shelter. Draftfcb saw that the campaign needed to brand adoption to differentiate it from other pet channels in the consumer’s mind. Additionally, there were many misconceptions about shelters and pets in shelters. The team saw that it was their job to dispel these misconceptions before

arriving at the overall strategy: “There’s nothing wrong with shelter pets.”

Armed with a strategic plan, it was time to bring in the creative team. Draftfcb held a Creative Rumble at PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center. “It was great because the creatives got a chance to meet shelter cats and dogs. We had creatives who had only been to breeders and had stereotypes about shelters, so they were able to see there were so many great pets,” said Joi Freeman, a Draftfcb account executive assigned to the campaign.

Indeed, PAWS Chicago residents became the faces of the print campaign, which features pets looking into mirrors, examining the flaws that they perceive led to their abandonment at a shelter. On the television side, “Ditched” portrays a scruffy terrier dumped on the side of the road and “White Collar” shows a Boston Terrier’s owner arrested

Draftfcb supported PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center opening in 2007 by designing a revolutionary campaign.



for insider trading. In each spot, the dogs communicate that they are shelter-bound through no fault of their own. There are also animated spots to complement comic strips that tell the story of how pets often end up in shelters because of people issues like divorce, marriage and death.

To see the innovative and motivating television PSAs, visit [www.theshelterpetproject.org](http://www.theshelterpetproject.org).

Howard is proud of the agency's work, calling the campaign "among the best work we've ever done." He is clearly impassioned by the cause and his experience with PAWS Chicago. "I have been most impressed by the absolute commitment and determination of countless volunteers to stop killing defenseless animals whose only 'crime' was being born," said Howard. "That's why I'm so proud of our Shelter Pet campaign. It makes the point that it's not a dog's or cat's fault if they're abandoned.

The responsibility rests with people."

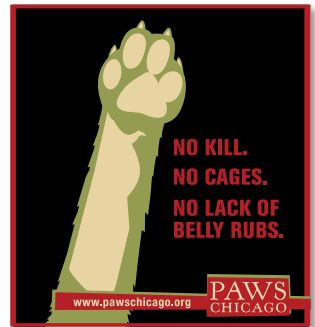
The people who are motivated by these ads to rescue their next dog or cat from a shelter will help enact much needed change for homeless pets.

When asked about how animals have impacted his life, Howard stated: "Animals offer an undying, unwavering love. They're your buddies. They make you laugh, they are cantankerous little souls and they always make you feel needed. I am one of the millions of people who realize that, with animals, you always get more than you give."

The fact is that Howard Draft – and Draftfcb – are giving back in a big way.



Alexis Fasseas is Editor-in-Chief of *Angel Tales* and helped found PAWS Chicago in 1997. She is currently pursuing her JD-MBA at Northwestern University.



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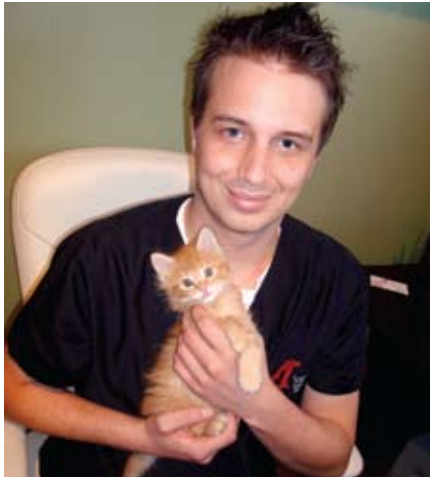
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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

by Catherine Crown



## Matthew Balgie

**Matthew Balgie once designed custom furniture for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.** Now he's training to be a licensed veterinary technician at Fox College in Tinley Park. Matt says his experience at PAWS Chicago is the reason for the drastic career change.

**"I'm helping these animals on their way home."**

"After working in interior design, I saw so much excess. It always troubled me when someone would spend thousands upon thousands of dollars on a home theater system while others remained homeless," he said.

One of Matt's friends adopted a kitten from PAWS Chicago and she encouraged Matt to volunteer. Since he began working with PAWS Chicago in April of 2009, Matt has fostered three kittens. O.J., a tiny orange tabby and Matt's current foster kitten, moved in with Matt when O.J. was only nine days old.

"I've been bottle feeding him for the past few weeks, have enjoyed watching him develop and explore the world. He didn't even look like a kitten when I took him home. Now I can see his gears turning. He's learning

to pounce and act more like a cat. I know it will be difficult to say goodbye to O.J. when he's ready to return to the adoption center, but, like a child, he needs to grow up and move on. And I want to continue to foster other animals."

Matt has two cats of his own: 18-year-old Julian and 8-year-old Jackson, both adopted from shelters. "Once I finish the vet tech program, I'm planning to adopt a dog," he says.

Matt feels his skills as an interior designer directly apply to his work at PAWS Chicago. "It's a matter of managing expectations," he said. "If an adopter comes in and expects a high energy Jack Russel Terrier to be a cuddly couch potato, neither the owner nor the dog will get what they want." Matching up the right pet with the best owner is "part intuition and part asking questions, much like interior design," he said. "It's essential to fully understand what adopters want, what they expect, from a pet."

As for "designer dogs", Matt believes, "unless someone's looking for a show dog, you really can find any breed through a rescue organization. It just might take a little more patience, a little more time. Plus, a certain breed doesn't guarantee a specific personality. Any breed, with proper training and care, can be an excellent companion animal."

Since childhood, Matt has always been interested in helping those in need. His parents provided foster homes for teenage runaways. "Sure, there were challenges," he said, "but, for the most part it was great to have an older sister or brother." Matt has one younger brother. His foster siblings would spend several months with the Balgies while they participated in counseling designed to reunite them with their own families.

Matt sees his role in PAWS Chicago foster program similarly. "I'm helping these animals on their way home."



## Heather Newcomb

**Heather Newcomb believes "dogs and cats choose their owners."** She volunteers at PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center in both Dog Town and Kitty City. As a Level Two volunteer, she helps match people with pets.

Heather remembers a recent adoption she facilitated. Two short haired male cats arrived at PAWS Chicago: Oden and Kahn. They'd grown up together and loved one another, so, ideally, Heather knew they should be adopted as a pair. But there was a huge problem – literally. Both cats were enormous. "This is a drawback for a lot of people," Heather said. She was concerned not only about the cats staying together, but about the cats finding homes at all.

Shortly thereafter, she met a man who'd suffered the loss of both his cats within a month of one another. He came to PAWS Chicago bereft, sharing his emotional story with Heather. "We talked for nearly three hours," Heather said. The man was thinking about adopting a cat, so Heather introduced him to a few, and like many who enter Kitty City, he sat down and waited for one of its feline residents to approach him. Oden approached immediately, and, after a few chin rubs and friendly cuddles, Heather pointed out standoffish Kahn, who was across the room, staring at the wall. She explained the bond between Oden and Kahn.

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“He understood how Kahn might be depressed,” she recalls. Both cats had been at the Adoption Center for only a week; it often takes considerable time for animals to adjust to a new environment. Identifying with Kahn’s grief, the man adopted both cats.

Fate played a part when Heather found her own dog Shadow, too. While she was living in Cedar City, Utah, she saw Shadow’s picture in a weekly newspaper advertisement placed by the local pound. The ad plainly stated that Shadow’s “time was running out.” Because of overpopulation, most city and state animal control facilities have to euthanize homeless pets who aren’t adopted promptly in order to make room for more, a sad fact that has always disturbed Heather, so Shadow remained in her thoughts.

A few days later, she and her mother went to an event sponsored by Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. Heather immediately recognized Shadow from the picture she’d seen in the paper. Apparently, Best Friends had rescued Shadow – then named Mickey – from the pound. Hearing destiny’s call, Heather and her mom brought the dog home.

“I named him Shadow because he was always half a step behind me, no matter where I went,” Heather said. “Shadow chose me, even though he was supposed to be my mom’s dog.”

Heather also enjoys working with shy dogs and cats “to get them to the point where they’re able to warm up to people.” After she began volunteering last summer, she noticed Charlotte, a long haired orange and white cat, meowing in a room alone. “It was like she was begging me to come in and keep her company,” Heather said. Charlotte has her own room at the Adoption Center because she doesn’t get along well with other cats. But when Heather entered Charlotte’s room, Charlotte immediately curled up in Heather’s lap. Has Charlotte chosen Heather? Heather intends to find out. She’s eager to provide a foster home for Charlotte.



## David Maska

**David Maska is the co-author of a book about Charlie Chaplin,** a dedicated Bears, White Sox and Tori Amos fan, able to expertly patch dry-wall, an amateur photographer, works with homeless people and is a program manager at Sun Microsystems. He also runs marathons. Even his seven-year-old dog Tori is busy: she has several videos on You Tube.

At PAWS Chicago, David splits his time between the Adoption Center on Clybourn and the Lurie Clinic on 26th Street. He walks and trains dogs, cleans up messes, takes dogs to K9 University for training, performs temperament testing, is training to become an adoption counselor and helps out with special events. “I like to learn a little bit of everything,” he said, “so I can fill in wherever I’m needed.”

dered over to have a look. Tori – then a seven-week-old puppy named Fudge – curled up in his lap.

“I was excited about bringing her home, but it was also scary,” he said. “I was suddenly responsible for this little life and had no experience training a puppy.” PAWS provided him with directions, and Tori was soon crate trained, housebroken, and followed basic commands.

“Everybody thinks their dog is the smartest dog,” David said. “But Tori was a very fast learner. She was easy to train. I was very lucky.” Like most puppies, though, Tori had her ‘moments’. She scratched gashes in David’s walls and tore the stuffing out of a brand new comforter. “At times, I’d think, ‘what have I gotten myself into?’”

But he never considered backing out. “She was just being a puppy. She was counting on me, and I wasn’t going to give up,” he said. He patched the drywall and got another comforter. He made going into her crate a “big event” for Tori. Named for one of his favorite singer-songwriters, Tori Amos, he calls his dog’s crate her “studio” and saves her favorite treats exclusively for “studio time”.

David believes Tori has taught him more than he’s taught her, though. “Puppies, dogs, pets in general require

“I like to learn a little bit of everything, so I can fill in wherever I’m needed.”

When does he find time to sleep? “When I’m tired,” he said.

David adopted Tori from PAWS Chicago in 2002. “I hadn’t intended to get a dog,” he said. “I’d never had any pets other than a goldfish, and that was when I was a kid.” David was on his way to Marshall Field’s in Woodfield Mall to buy a wedding gift for a friend when he noticed PAWS Chicago was holding an adoption event. He wan-

compassion and patience,” he said. “And we all need more of that in our lives.”



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



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Flaca in her hospice foster home

# HOSPICE FOSTERS

Providing a Nurturing Home for Pets with Terminal Illness

by Patty Donmoyer

This past April, Leana Ruiz opened her home to Flaca, one of five puppies rescued from a puppy mill. From the start, Flaca's prognosis was grim. She was experiencing seizures, was lethargic and extremely underweight. Her littermates sensed her illness and bullied her and she eventually stopped eating. For several months at the onset of her foster time, Ruiz cooked for Flaca and hand-fed her with a syringe, in addition to bringing her to PAWS Chicago's Lurie Clinic for blood work, vaccinations and a battery of tests.

Today, Flaca remains with Leana, and her prognosis is brighter. Ruiz remains hopeful that it will get even better with time and care, but understands

the reality of her condition. "Every day she makes me laugh. The most important thing for me was that she made it this long against all odds and is a loving, intelligent dog in spite of her miniscule size, peculiar looks and [medical] condition," says Ruiz.

In most cultures, aging, illness and inevitable death are subjects largely avoided or ignored – until the reality of a loved one's imminent passing hits home. Western culture focuses so intently on the vibrancy of youth that those entering the final stages of life – especially those without family or financial means – are often forgotten.

The plight of homeless pets nearing the end of life is no

exception. For this specific group of animals, the odds of being treated and given a second chance at life within a loving home is slim. PAWS Chicago's commitment to the life of the animals it takes in provides a life-affirming option for those animals in the twilight of their existence.

The foster program at PAWS Chicago is nothing new and currently has over 250 active cat fosters, over 175 active dog foster care volunteers and nearly 100 volunteers who foster both. Typical foster candidates include underage puppies and kittens, whose immune systems have not developed sufficiently to withstand common infections and are not yet ready for adoption.

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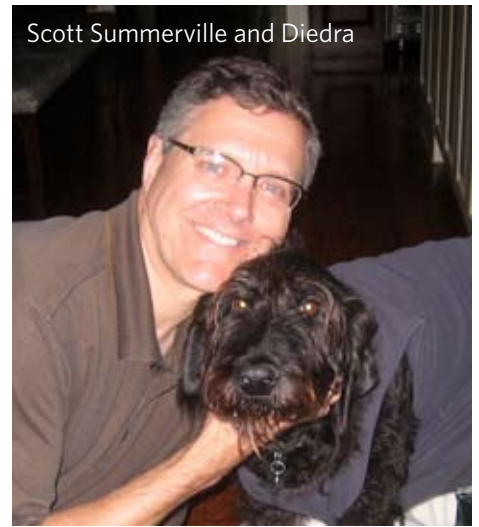
Candidates may also be dogs or cats who have undergone minor surgeries or are in need of socialization or minor medical treatment before they can be placed into permanent homes. Allowing these dogs and cats to rest, heal and gain confidence within the home of a caring volunteer not only increases the chances of the dog or cat becoming a more adoptable pet, but allows PAWS Chicago the space and resources to take more animals into its care and guarantee them life.

PAWS Chicago's animal hospice foster care program extends this commitment to dogs and cats whose condition prevents them from being ideal adoption candidates. "It goes hand in hand with PAWS Chicago's No Kill Mission," says Nicole Campos, PAWS Chicago's Foster Care Coordinator. "The medical team makes quality of life decisions if the animal is suffering or in pain that cannot be alleviated. But many animals with terminal illnesses not only have time, but time to thrive before they become symptomatic. Fostering these animals gives them a chance to live out their days with dignity and love. It is a great gift to an animal nearing the end of life."

And for many of the animals who have lived their life in neglect and never felt the love and care of a nurturing family, it is an opportunity to experience the life that every pet deserves.

Recognizing this unique stage in the life of every pet and the extra compassion needed to help them complete the journey, PAWS Chicago works closely with hospice fosters, ensuring that they have the tools necessary to care for these dogs and cats. Fosters are educated about forthcoming surgeries and aftercare, as well as rehab requirements. The Lurie Clinic provides needed veterinary care and medication.

"My cell phone is turned on 24-hours a day and I'm always there to answer questions," says Campos, "and in some cases, when major decisions need to be made I am part of a collective decision-making process that focuses on the quality of life for the animal. With hospice fosters, death is a very real possibility and it can be devastating for the caregiver. Not only are they opening up their home and hearts to an animal they don't know, but they are facing the possibility of having to



Scott Summerville and Diedra

For more information on PAWS Chicago's Foster Care program, please visit: [www.pawschicago.org](http://www.pawschicago.org).

let that pet, who they've cared for, go."

Heart-wrenching, yes, but ask any of the PAWS Chicago hospice fosters about their experiences with hospice pets and they're quick to report that the rewards of their efforts are not only worth the trouble, but life-changing. Every story is unique, as are each of the courageous volunteers who take on the foster hospice task.

Scott Summerville and Scott Summerville had more than a few concerns when they agreed to provide a temporary home for Diedra, an adult Labradoodle who was in the advanced stages of cancer. Although many people initially wanted to adopt Diedra, the reality of her terminal condition discouraged them.

When the Adoption & Humane Center was scheduled for painting, Van Winkle and Summerville agreed to foster Diedra. Nearly four months and countless adventures later, it became evident that the time had come to say goodbye to Diedra. While initially vibrant and active, Diedra's health had deteriorated. By the time they let her go, Diedra had changed their lives to such an extent that Summerville penned a 14-page essay about his time with their dog.

"Our four months with Diedra were intense and seemed like years. On many

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occasions throughout our time with Diedra, after learning of her situation, people would comment that she was lucky to have us and that we were doing a great thing. To us, WE were the lucky ones. She cushioned our personal situation regarding my job loss. Diedra was an angel. She was first and foremost the right companion for us at the time and we will forever remember her for that.”

Sweetie, a three-year-old cat whose

grade three heart murmur will potentially lead to cardiac arrest, is Bernadette Neri’s second hospice foster. Despite her shortened life expectancy, Neri reports that Sweetie is “doing wonderful. It seems like we are going to be together for awhile,” she adds hopefully.

There are currently numerous homeless pets at PAWS Chicago who need foster care—to help them become healthy, socialized and ready for adoption. And

for foster volunteers with a special place in their hearts, hospice foster care is needed for those pets who seek a quiet, caring and loving home to live out their “golden years.”



Patricia Donmoyer is a regular contributor to *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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Special thanks to Co-Chairs Pat Spratt, Anne Boyle and Rodger Kadet, committee members, participants, sponsors and volunteers who made this special day a success.



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## PAWS CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT Lisa Nowak



PAWS Chicago's Lisa Nowak is making up for lost time. Although she has adored animals since childhood, her father's severe allergies kept her from having pets when she was growing up. Now, with two cats and a dog, Dax, who accompanies her to work each day, her varied job keeps her submerged in every aspect of animal welfare.

As Director of Development, Lisa has found innovative ways to support PAWS Chicago's growth, particularly following the opening of the Adoption Center in 2007. Her enthusiasm and leadership has motivated her team to always think creatively on how to raise more money for homeless pets and communicate the need to the public.

One of Nowak's biggest accomplishments this year has been expanding the PAWS Chicago Marathon Team to over 450 members—one of the largest local charity marathon teams—with each runner raising a minimum of \$600 to help homeless animals. “Next year, we plan to add triathletes so I have no doubt we will grow it even more,” says Nowak. Inspiration wasn't hard to find for the Wisconsin-born, California State University graduate, who ran both track and cross country while studying journalism and public relations. “Running for the charity, I put my heart and soul into it. It's that much more rewarding.”

Asked what her favorite aspects of working at PAWS Chicago are, the stories pour from her memory, but the event that cemented her dedication to PAWS Chicago occurred during the Hurricane Katrina rescue mission. “This is when I truly saw how dedicated and amazing the staff is. Everyone worked around the clock, and banded together to save these animals. I even remember one PAWS Chicago employee sleeping on a dog bed at our 26th Street location in the wee hours of the morning, waiting to help. This is what set PAWS Chicago apart for me.”

After working on the Katrina rescue missions in fall of 2005, Nowak moved from Development to Adoptions Manager, where she doubled PAWS Chicago's

adoptions in her first year by expanding from weekend off-site adoption events to enabling interested families to book appointments during the week. She also managed the planning for the opening of the Adoption Center in 2007. Working directly with the animals gave her great hands on experience and an understanding of programs that has served her well since she returned to the Development department two years ago.

On the busiest of workdays, Nowak has joked that her job is not a job, but a 24/7 lifestyle. Yet it is an occupation that moves her every day, reminding her how good it is to be alive. Upon a recent visit to the Adoption Center Nowak came across Red, a pit bull taken in after he was shot and paralyzed from the neck down. Lisa recalls watching the dog “scoot around the room on his front legs with a big smile on his face – a truly emotional moment for me. My eyes welled up with tears as I thought of all the things that stress me out, and here is this dog that can't walk, and he's just so happy to be alive. That is why PAWS Chicago is so amazing...we (take in) animals others would consider 'defective' and give them a second chance at life.”

## 446 Runners join PAWS Chicago's 2009 Marathon Team



If you watched the packs of runners training along the lakefront in the wee hours of the morning last summer, you would have seen 446 of them proudly sporting PAWS Chicago tanks.

This year, PAWS Chicago's Marathon and Half Marathon Team more than doubled in size to 446 runners dedicated a long summer of training and collectively raising more than \$345,000 for homeless pets. Team members committed to raising at least \$600 in exchange for many PAWS Chicago

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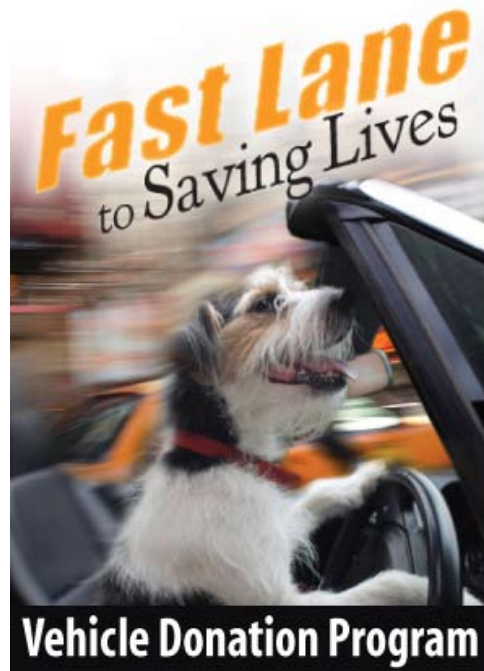
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These kids are finding great ways to lend a helping hand to homeless animals.

## Sophia



For her bat-mitzvah, Sophia Pietrkowski (pictured on the right) volunteered at PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center through the Family Service Program, where children over 12 and a parent or adult guardian can work on behalf of homeless pets together. Sophia and her family helped get the animals at PAWS Chicago ready for adoption by playing with them, which helps them become socialized. She even donated some of her bat-mitzvah money to help the homeless pets at PAWS Chicago! Sophia continues to volunteer several times a month and is considering fostering a dog.

Will & Molly Bauhs held a "Garden Walk" this past July. These super kids raised \$100 and collected five bags of cat food, a case of canned food, three bags of kitty litter and scoops, a cat bed and toys, all for the homeless cats at PAWS Chicago!

## Will & Molly



Students from Curie High School volunteered 2 ½ days assisting at the Adoption & Humane Center. This wonderful crew helped with cleaning, putting PAWS Chicago ID tags on dog collars, assembling e-collars for the Spay/Neuter Clinic, assembling adoption folders, and more! Their help was much appreciated.

## Curie High School

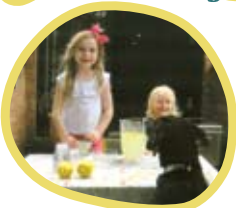


## Skokie-Washburne Middle School



The Skokie-Washburne Middle Schools in Winnetka decided to help those less fortunate than themselves through a month-long service effort called "Go HOG Wild" HOG stands for "Helping Others Grow". Nearly 1,000 middle school children collected gently used items: winter coats for a homeless organization, books for a reading program, and linens for PAWS Chicago! PAWS Chicago was elated when the kids came to drop off the items they collected which filled two vans, stuffed to the ceiling!

## Maura & Casey



Maura and Casey (and PAWS Chicago Alumni, Koko!) held a lemonade stand to raise donations for PAWS Chicago!

## Girl Scout Troop 21244



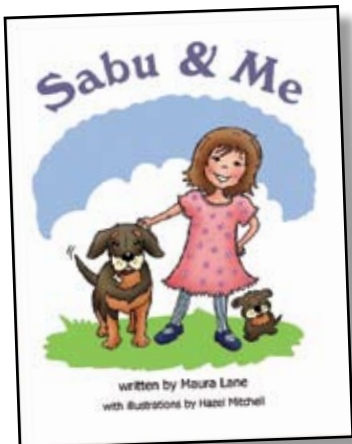
After taking a tour of the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center in July, Girl Scout Troop 21244 decided to help PAWS Chicago, earning their Bronze Award along the way, by organizing and managing a towel drive! They marketed the event and had collection bins at neighborhood schools and churches that the girls emptied daily. These conscientious girls delivered the towels to the Adoption Center on October 12th and ended up staying an extra hour just to help out!





## Maura

Seven-year-old Chicago student, Maura Lane, wrote a children's book called Sabu & Me. The book is a re-telling of her earliest memories with her dog (and best friend) Sabu. Since Sabu was a rescue dog, Maura chose to have a portion of her book's proceeds donated to PAWS Chicago. What a creative and thoughtful young lady!



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## In Memory of Sharon Sharp

The Sharp Family got their first dog in the 1970's: the rest is a history rich with beloved dogs and a cat, Noir. When Sharon spoke of their first dog, she would say she and husband Don didn't know what they were doing. "We had no clue about spaying, dog behavior, nothing." She thought it was great that today organizations like PAWS Chicago are educating people about the responsibilities of having pets as part of the family.

In addition to being "Mom" to children Laura and Kip, Sharon was a busy professional. Previously head of the Illinois and California state lotteries, she continued her career as a leading international consultant in the gaming industry. When she came home she was able to wind down by communing with the dogs, cooking dinner and enjoying a glass of red wine. Even better was entertaining gobs of people where she encouraged guests to bring their pooches too. Dogs had free reign at the Sharp's - they could do no wrong. Even after her husband Don's passing in 2006, she continued to host dinners for a dozen or more friends plus pets.

Recently, summer or winter would find Sharon spending time in Lincoln Park with dogs and friends in tow. She enjoyed watching her Maltese Bo (Mr. Bo Jangles) attempting to catch squirrels. Sharon and her friends talked about books, the news, recipes and a favorite topic - her grandchildren (Quinn and Alexa). She made time to let Bo and his "girlfriends" Princess and Sugar have fun in the park - even in the below zero temperatures of January. She felt that as long as the dogs were having fun, it was definitely worth the red-tipped noses and cold feet.

Sharon often said she was grateful for the sense of fun that Bo and her other pets brought to her daily life. Her son Kip and daughter Laura requested donations be sent to PAWS Chicago, Sharon's "favorite charity", to honor the pets that helped make their mother's life so wonderful.

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## In Memory of Zachary Kokomoor



In early August of this year, PAWS Chicago was devastated to learn that one of its hard-working and dedicated volunteers, Zachary Kokomoor, had tragically passed away. Zachary, a lifelong dog-lover, was a student at Columbia College in Chicago as a Film Major, and his love for the arts inspired him to write his own music and play the guitar. His creativity also spun its way into his excellent sense of humor and fervor for life, and he will be fondly remembered for his big, bear hugs, beautiful smile, and warm heart.

While searching for work in Chicago, Zachary decided he wanted to volunteer for an organization, and he found a welcoming home at PAWS Chicago. Growing up, Zachary's parents, Pam and Frank Kokomoor, taught him and sister, Sarah, to love and respect their family dogs. Lily (English Bulldog), Fanny (a one-eyed Boston Terrier) and Mamie (a black Pug) were treated as a part of their loving family. Although he always cared for dogs while growing up, he adopted a cat named Albert (who is now cared for by his girlfriend, JoAnna), and found an equally rewarding relationship from his feline friend.

After his unexpected passing, Zachary's family did not hesitate to choose PAWS Chicago to receive donations in his memory, because they wanted to honor the choice he made to be a PAWS Chicago volunteer. His loving grandmother, Martha Ann Gould, has made a generous offer to donate to PAWS Chicago every month for the rest of her life because of him, and his family continues to find solace in knowing that animals are being helped in his name.

## In Memory of John Eisendrath



For John, caring for animals was like second nature, especially when it came to dogs. He spent a good portion of his life in the outdoors, spending a lot of time fishing on Lake Michigan or working in his garden. In the latter portion of his life, he enjoyed time with his best pal, Murphy, a West Highland Terrier who won a special place in John's heart when he would not leave John's side after his many surgeries. Murphy was his constant companion and joy, and as John would often joke, his "number one child". John and his wife, Linda, raised their three children, Steven, Laurie, and Robert, to treat animals with respect and compassion; a life lesson that John exemplified every day.

## In Memory of Catherine Soderholm



As a child, Catherine (Cathy) Soderholm always had pets. From the Dachshund to the Irish Setter, to her favorite cat, Tiger, these beloved pets were a big part of her upbringing and development. When Cathy and husband Robert were married, they agreed that one day they would share their home with some feline friends. After cat-sitting for MacArthur, her sister Marybeth's loveable tabby, Cathy decided it was time to get their own.

Within a month, Cathy and Robert welcomed Agatha Kristy (Aggie) into their home, soon followed by Mardi Gras (Mardi). Aggie and Mardi became a huge part of The Soderholm Family and Cathy loved them dearly. They became supporters of PAWS Chicago and asked relatives to donate to the organization in lieu of receiving Christmas presents.

After Cathy's passing, Robert felt the logical thing to do would be to have donations given to a shelter that has done so much for abandoned animals in the Chicago area. PAWS Chicago received an outpouring of special contributions given to honor Cathy's memory. Robert says that he "hopes and prays the money donated will help and knows Cathy is wishing the same".

When he was not with his beloved family, John enjoyed exploring his artistic side. He was an excellent photographer and loved to paint, but he especially appreciated the time that he spent sculpturing stone. He was a family man who cared deeply for his children, as well as his five grandkids. When asked who should receive donations in his memory, his family chose PAWS Chicago – an organization that he always thought had a fine reputation and exemplified proper dedication to animals. A devoted man to the end, John will be remembered for his warm heart and big smile, and he will be missed by all who ever had the pleasure of meeting him.



## In Memory of Robert Ready

Robert Ready was the youngest of 10 kids, beloved husband of Cindy, well-loved Uncle of 29 and Grand-Uncle of 20 nieces and nephews. While he didn't get his own dog until adulthood, Bob loved dogs as a youngster, including a friend's gentle giant Great Dane who leapt over the couch to greet him, and King, the ferocious but loyal German Shepherd who lived at the family company.

Bob had a kind and generous heart with both animals and people. He would help a perfect stranger because he could – whether to change a tire, give a ride to the gas station, or share a coat with the homeless on the street. He was a friend to many whose visitation brought hundreds to honor a solid and well-respected man who will be greatly missed.

As a faithful dog owner, Bob would bring home McDonald's chicken sandwiches (no bun) for a holiday treat, or just after a long day away. He always made sure "the boys" had liver sausage in the fridge and 'cookies' in their jar. When Bob described his love for his dogs, he would say: "While you are always happy to see your spouse after a long day at work, there's nothing like the greeting you get from your dog(s), whether you've been gone 10 minutes or 10 hours! It's unwavering and unconditional love that always brings a smile to your face and warms your heart".

After Bob's passing, The Ready clan decided to have donations go to a worthy animal cause because of the important part dogs played in Bob's adult life. After that was decided, wife Cindy said "it was easy to select a charity as we were well aware of the great work PAWS Chicago does as a No Kill shelter for so many animals; we knew the money would be very well spent saving dogs and others who are just waiting to find the right home!"

Bob is pictured with 7-year old Chip, who personally picked out Bob as his "doggy daddy" and 10-year old Onyx. The last edition to Bob & Cindy's "canine kids" is 5-year-old Mynx.

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## In Memory of Jessica Fon

As a child, Jessica Fon was known for loving animals of all kinds. When she was in the third grade, Santa Claus gave her a card with paw prints on it, saying that her new kitty was waiting for her at the local animal shelter. She and her family adopted her friend, Boots, with the gift from Santa, and Jessica found a loving companion for years to come. Jessica's parents, Joan and Gerald Fon, also remember how Jessica had a habit of feeding the strays in the neighborhood, against her mother's well-intended wishes.

In high school, Jessica spent her spare time volunteering for PAWS Chicago, and later worked for a rock shop in Evanston where she honed her artistic love for jewelry making. Although she was young, she was very independent and enjoyed traveling around the country and baking. She was also an accomplished poet who had been published more than once.

Less than a month before Jessica passed away, she and her mother had a long talk about what they would want in the case of their deaths. Jessica said that she would want PAWS Chicago to receive donations in her name, so when she was unexpectedly taken from the world at the heartbreaking age of twenty-four, her parents did not hesitate to fulfill her wish. She will be missed dearly by all those who knew her, including her cat Smokey, who still looks for her and sleeps on her bed most nights.



## Inner Rain

by Jessica Fon

as the rain washes down on my head  
it reminds me of the things once said  
as i stand in the moonlight  
on a star filled night  
feeling every drop  
as if my life comes to a temporary stop  
i let it drip down my sleeve  
allowing all negativity to leave  
with my feet planted on the earth  
i feel my rebirth  
as i stand in the gentle winds  
i feel them carrying away all my sins  
i no longer have to feel  
that i still need to heal  
i feel whole inside  
my energy no longer confined  
its impossible to remain  
in any way the same  
with my inner rain  
cleansing my brain  
im finally free  
the way im supposed to be.

## In Memory of Sharon Ann Wolf



Sharon loved all animals, but she had a special place in her heart for dogs. If she visited a home without a dog, she would happily explain to the homeowner why they needed a furry friend of their own. Her first love came in the form of a mutt named Buff, adopted from a neighbor whose dog had an unexpected litter. Even at a young age, Sharon showed the love and compassion that her beloved, Buff, deserved and was rewarded with the unconditional love that one could only receive from a pet. Her relationship with Buff was just the beginning of a lifelong affection for pets, which helped her in her service career as a trading instructor for FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency).

As a member of FEMA, Sharon took part in the effort to provide disaster relief for the United States during the most dangerous of situations. Her thirty-plus years of service won her an award on the Fallen Firefighter's Walk of Fame in Maryland. When contemplating what she would want in the event of her death, Sharon was happy to suggest that donations be made to PAWS Chicago in her name. With this beautiful act of kindness, Sharon continues with her lifelong dedication to service, even when she is no longer on this earth. In gratitude of the donations that were made, her family would like to give their most heartfelt appreciation to the people that remember and loved Sharon.

## In Memory of Natalie Hall



Natalie with her husband Bob and dog Icon at PAWS Chicago's Fur Ball.

As a woman that focused on helping others most of her life, Natalie Hall spent much of her time rescuing and taking care of animals. In her backyard, she kept the birds, chipmunks, rabbits, and deer fed throughout the seasons, and she always had two dogs at a time, along with birds and cats. It was the unconditional love that dogs give that captured her heart, especially from her pug, Isabella, who was by her side while she was ill and who had a special connection with her. When Natalie was in the hospital having open heart surgery, Isabella collapsed, and it was discovered that she had heart disease, just as Natalie did.

Along with her love of animals, Natalie also

enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially those at "Club Cooper" – a neighbor's backyard BBQ. She also loved shopping, walking her dogs at festivals throughout Chicago, and the ocean, where she had intended on spending her retirement. She was an exceptional person and will be missed by her family, friends, co-workers, and her dogs—and especially by her husband, Bob, who considered himself "the luckiest man in the world for having her as a wife and friend". Natalie's compassion for animals that were sick or homeless inspired her family to choose PAWS Chicago to receive memorial donations in her name.

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### In Honor of the Wedding Guests of Justin and Renee Thomas



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**Lisa Young** by Karin and Barry Seiller

## In Memory of Linda Koehl

Linda Koehl has always had a sweet spot for animals and frequently lamented having missed her calling as a vet. As a young girl, Linda got to stay home from school one day to watch the family dog, Puggie, have a litter of puppies. The experience moved her and she has been surrounded by family dogs and puppies since.

The Koehl family got their first mixed breed puppy, Sherrie, from an accidental litter on a farm outside of town. Linda and her daughters, Melissa and Colleen, first saw her playing in a haystack and it was love at first sight. She was struck with an appreciation of the unconditional love and innocence of pets. She only had to hear about PAWS Chicago's mission to know that this was something she would want to be a part of.

Linda lived her entire life in the Chicagoland area and often said she was happy to live in the best city in the world. She and Bill, her beloved husband of almost 36 years, raised their daughters in Joliet, and later in Lemont, Illinois. Linda and Bill moved back to the West Loop neighborhood of Chicago in 2003, where she enjoyed exploring new restaurants, attending operas, plays and movies with her husband, daughters and friends. She also very much loved to cook, and at times fancied herself a "gourmet chef" to which her family would all agree. She was particularly fond of French



cuisine and enjoyed learning the French language. Linda was thrilled to have had the chance to visit France on two occasions, once on a romantic trip with her husband, and another time for her oldest daughter's wedding.

Linda's greatest love was always her family. She was sensitive, full of compassion and humor. Linda also had a very successful professional life as a Labor and Delivery Nurse. She was loved and respected by many of her colleagues at Rush University Medical Center.

As Linda was an avid animal lover, the family felt that she would have preferred donations be made to PAWS Chicago in lieu of flowers. The entire Koehl family would like to thank everyone who has contributed to PAWS Chicago in Linda's honor. This kind and generous action by so many is something of which she would have been very pleased.

## Gifts made between April 16, 2009 - October 15, 2009 in memory of the following pets

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**Donna and Pooch Soto** by Trini and Sasha  
**Duke Burke** by Melissa and Chris Martin

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# 2009 Memorials & Tributes

## Gifts in memory of pets continued

**Elizabeth** by Friends of Lisa Bursich  
**Elmo** by Jo Ellen Martinson  
**Elmo** by the McNamee family  
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In Memory of **Lucy Rodosky**



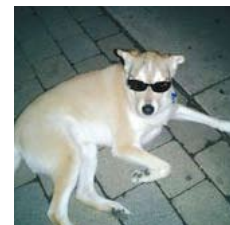
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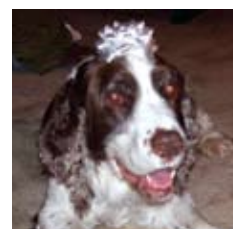
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For any occasion - birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, or memorials - honor someone special and help save lives by purchasing a PAWS Chicago tribute card. Orders can be placed online at [www.pawschicago.org](http://www.pawschicago.org) or by calling (773) 475-4240. Suggested donation is \$50, but donors of \$100 or more may have their names posted on the PAWS Chicago website honoring or memorializing the special person or pet. Honors or memorials totaling more than \$1,000 will receive a special tribute or memorial feature in *Angel Tales*.

## PAWS Chicago honors Kinuko Kagami

Kinuko Kagami was a sweet, kind and compassionate woman whose life was filled with a great love for animals. Kinuko always had at least two dogs and one cat in her home. As she grew older, she made it a point to adopt senior dogs so as not to ever have to leave them behind and allow them a second chance at life. People in her neighborhood may not have known her name, but they knew her as the "little lady" who walked her dogs several times a day around the neighborhood and gave treats to all the neighborhood dogs.

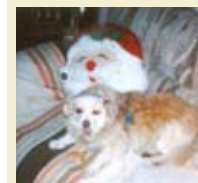
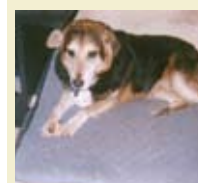


One day while shopping at the Oak Brook shopping center, she met a group from PAWS Chicago who were hosting an adoption event. After talking to the representatives, they told her they had a dog that would be perfect for her. Kinuko met and adopted her first PAWS Chicago dog, Gigi. A short time later, Kinuko received a call from PAWS Chicago asking if she would be interested in fostering an older dog named Millie. She happily accepted and Millie ended up finding her forever home with Kinuko.

Kinuko did not have any children of her own, so her animals became her family. Every day Kinuko's dogs were treated to car rides, walks to the park, special snacks and of course, love. Not only was she loved right back by her pets, she was also loved by many of the neighbor's dogs! As soon as they saw Kinuko in the yard, they would run to the fence to greet

her. Kinuko would always make sure that she walked over to the fence to give the dogs a quick pet.

She would also help out the neighbors by going to their homes during the day to let the dogs out



*Kinuko's beloved pets (from the top down): Millie, Gigi and Cici*

for them if they were going to be gone. She became close with her next door neighbors, The Wiltjer's. She formed a fast friendship and bond with their puppy, Abby. Abby loved her special time with Kinuko. When Abby would see Kinuko outside, she would wiggle and cry for her to come over to the fence for her quick pet and kind words. And of course, maybe a little dog treat too!

Kinuko was an advocate of No Kill shelters. She decided to leave 75% of her estate to PAWS Chicago to ensure thousands of animals would be cared for after her passing. Kinuko felt that all animals deserved the chance to find their "forever homes". This was the reason PAWS Chicago was so special to her.



PAWS Chicago rescue,  
Phoebe

# ADOPT a Homeless Pet

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## Seymour

A 10-year-old Dalmation, Seymour was given up when his owner moved to a building that would not permit dogs. This lovable senior is looking for love.



## Irene

This five-year-old kitty was given up by her owner. Can you give her the love and stability she deserves?



## Jilly

This two-year-old front declaw came into Animal Care & Control as a stray. She is waiting for a new home at PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center.



## Bianca

A two-year-old Cattle Dog, Bianca was picked up as a stray by Animal Care & Control. She is now waiting for an active and loving home to call her own.

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### Stay Committed to the PAWS Chicago Cause



PAWS Chicago rescue,  
Annie

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



## Kingston

I am absolutely thrilled with my decision of adopting **Sputnik** (PAWS name Kingston). He is such a loving and crazy cat with so much personality. He curls up in a ball and sleeps on my chest every single night like a little baby.

I really do think it was a perfect match. I'm pretty sure he's happy with how much we spoil him. I appreciate the time you all take to make sure the cats' quality of life and wellbeing are really taken care of. Thank you for all that you do. - Christine & Kingston

My fiancé and I have had **Stella** (formerly Godiva) and **Oliver** (formerly Stuart) now for a little over three months. We got them at the same time so they could grow up together, now they are best friends. Stella recently finished her first training class and enjoys going to the Montrose Avenue Dog Beach and hanging out at Hamlin Dog Park. They are a great match and we can't thank you enough for bringing them into our lives.

-Tom, Kate, Stella and Oliver



## Stella & Oliver



## Chance

I adopted eight-year-old **Chance** "I'm a Good Boy" Bateman from PAWS Chicago on September 11th. I had been fostering Chance for 4 1/2 months to get him over a nasty case of heartworm. On the way home I bought balloons, champagne and a chocolate cake with "Welcome Chance" on the top. I invited all my neighbors and friends to help me celebrate this joyous occasion. Everyone in the neighborhood saw Chance go from a malnourished sick dog to a healthy dog that trots when he walks! His name will remain Chance, it fits him perfectly.

Thank you PAWS! -Mary Eileen

Everything is going good with **Bacon** ( the dog formally know as Stetson). He is very well trained especially house trained which is a big positive. He gets along with all my friends and family and everyone loves him. Thanks for setting us up. Bacon is an awesome match. Here's a pic of the Chicago White Sox new biggest fan, Bacon.

- Jeremy



## Bacon

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