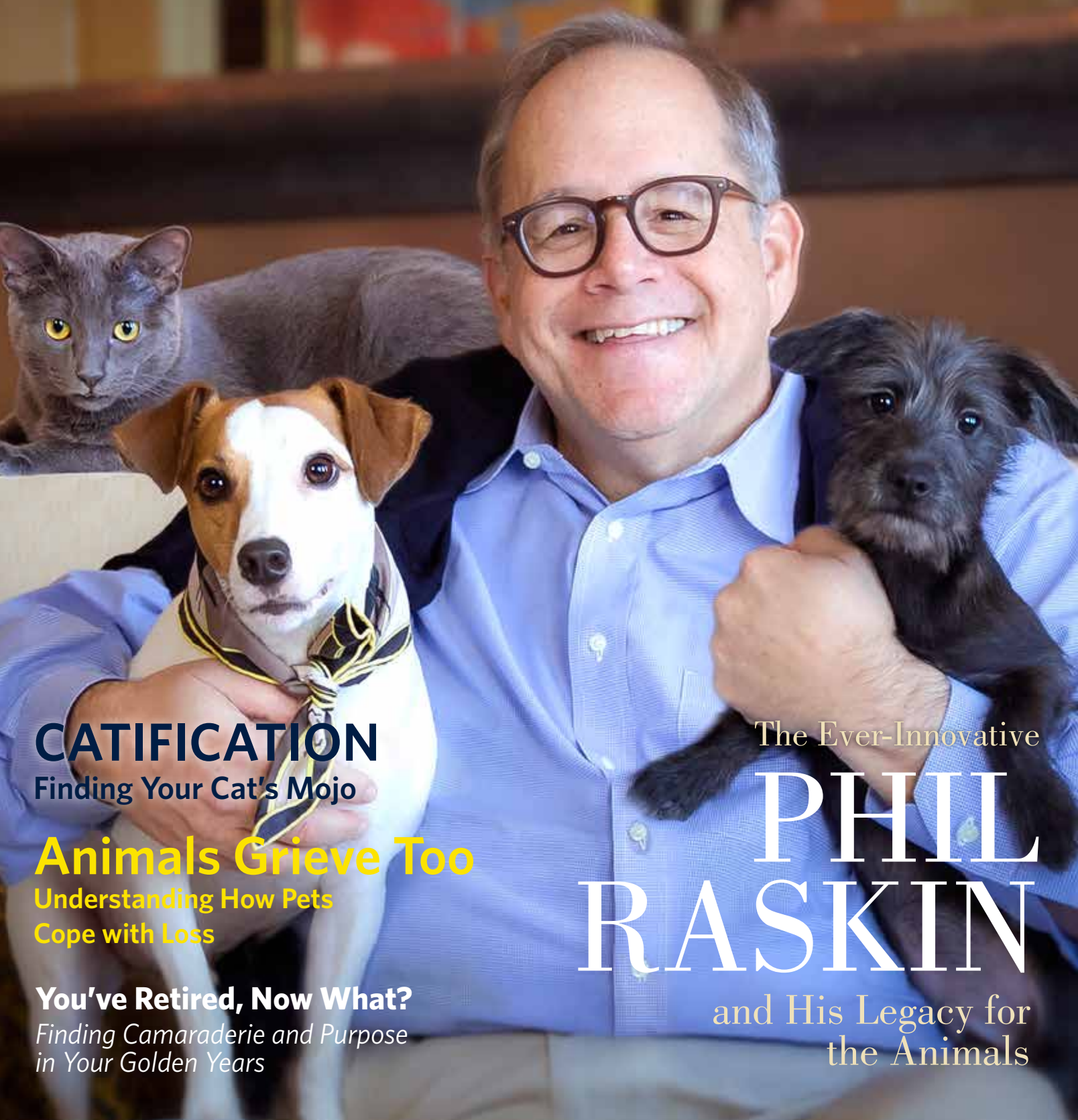


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VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the life-force behind PAWS Chicago. This dedicated workforce is made up of thousands of impassioned community members who make it possible to provide homeless pets with the quality care and love they deserve.

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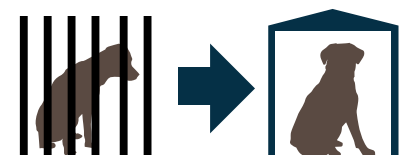
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Kaitlin Allen is the Director of Development for PAWS Chicago, focusing on community building and fundraising for PAWS No Kill mission. In her free time, she is at the beck and call of her adorable and energetic Border Collie, Kyna.



Jackson Galaxy

A cat behaviorist with more than fifteen years of experience – and the host of Animal Planet’s hit show “My Cat From Hell” – Jackson Galaxy specializes in helping individuals whose “out of control” cats are turning their lives and homes upside down. Jackson has dedicated his career to promoting a compassionate world for all animals and is working toward his ultimate goal of instilling a No Kill policy in shelters throughout the country.



Keri Buscaglia

As the Director of Communications for PAWS Chicago, Keri Buscaglia works daily to lead her team in helping educate and engage the public in the No Kill mission. Being able to focus daily on two passions – storytelling and animal welfare – is not a job but a gift.



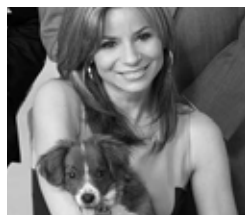
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from the chair



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Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for your continued support of homeless animals and for your interest in their wellbeing. We hope that you find this issue of *PAWS Chicago* magazine to be an interesting blend of deeper insights into our companion animals, from how they grieve (page 18) to their remarkable sense of smell (page 40) to insights into their behavior (pages 15 and 36.)

At PAWS Chicago, we are constantly learning about animal behavior and implementing programs that help us enrich the lives of the homeless animals in our care. After all, happy, well-adjusted pets are the first to be adopted! Of course, we never really know the stories of where they come from. Many of our pets arrive scarred from past experiences, which display themselves in a variety of ways, including fear of loud noises, anxiety about new circumstances, wariness of other animals, and sometimes even being terrified of new people. These experiences can manifest themselves in actions like protecting food, possessions or their new family from strangers to leading their new pack by dominating family members or other animals to fear of new environments or going on walks.

This year, we have focused on expanding and deepening our behavior resources to help more animals. We are so excited to announce that our new Training Center is now open and we have added two full-time behavior experts as permanent PAWS Chicago resources! This focus on behavior has already helped our homeless dog population tremendously. Routine enrichment and training is critical to transform our more challenged animals into well-adjusted family members, and we can see the benefits in our population! At the beginning of the 2014, we had 60 Gold Star dogs (dogs that require more experienced volunteers and adopters because of behavior challenges.) With the special attention of our Training team, these animals are getting the rehabilitation and enrichment they need to be seen by prospective adopters as the great pets we know they are, and as a result, we are down to 25 Gold Star dogs.

We are also focusing on better understanding the behavior of our feline friends. We were so honored to have a visit from Jackson Galaxy, the cat behaviorist host of the “My Cat from Hell” television series on Animal Planet. We are working with him to find ways to turn our homeless cats into Mojito Cats. (Find out what that means in his article on page 15.) By raising more awareness about cat socialization and encouraging people to understand feline behavior, we are hoping to expand our universe of cat adopters.

In closing, I encourage you to read about our dear friend Phil Raskin who graces the cover of this issue. His concern, not just for his own animals, but for the most needy animals in Chicago has prompted him to make an endowment gift to PAWS Chicago. His generosity will create a fund to cover expenses for external medical costs for puppies and kittens in perpetuity.

We are so indebted to Phil for thinking about PAWS Chicago’s sustainability. While we spend most of our time focusing on getting Chicago to No Kill, we must equally focus on how to sustain it. Other cities have reached the much-coveted No Kill status, but then returned to killing because of new management, new focus and diversion of resources from lifesaving programs like spay/neuter. We must remain razor focused on both getting to No Kill and maintaining the programs to sustain No Kill. Otherwise, our hard work is in vain and animals will continue to die.

The need is there for us to continue to save homeless animals and provide under-resourced communities with spay/neuter services. But to grow, sustainability becomes an important focus of our organization so that we can grow prudently. With friends like Phil Raskin, I am optimistic that people will consider leaving planned gifts to ensure that PAWS will always be here for Chicago’s homeless pets.

Phil, your vision and commitment to animals makes you a hero for homeless animals and for all of us at PAWS Chicago. Thank you!

Warmest regards,

Paula Fasseas
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SAVING DANNY

At just 11-weeks-old, Danny was already a survivor. When we met him, he was suffering from massive swelling on the side of his face, a sprained leg and signs of neurological damage. Danny had been intentionally abused and he was in pain.

Our veterinarians gave him medications to relieve his pain, placed him on crate rest and gave him raised food and water bowls so he didn't have to bend down to eat. Once stable, Danny was placed in a foster home where he could relax and focus on healing his wounded body.

Thanks to our medical intervention and the time given for him to heal, Danny made a full recovery. Once at our Adoption Center, this cuddly boy was quickly welcomed into his new home.



SAVING CORVETTE

> If you're interested in fostering pets like Corvette, visit pawschicago.org/foster.

Corvette is just one of the hundreds of kittens we take in each year from Animal Care & Control. She was sick with a highly contagious virus that attacked her respiratory tract with ulcers on her tongue, mouth, nose and eyes.

We took Corvette to our Medical Center and provided her with the intensive care she needed to beat this life-threatening virus. Thanks to our community of supporters, Corvette received the second chance at life she deserved and is once again a happy, bouncing kitten in her new home.

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The "TODAY" Show chose to honor PAWS Chicago Founder Paula Fasseas as TODAY's 'Amazing Woman' in its inaugural segment to launch its 'Powerful Yet Gentle' contest.

For the first segment in a series that will feature 'Amazing Women,' co-hosts Hoda Kotb and Kathie Lee Griffin highlighted the unique model of PAWS Chicago and its strength as a national leader in the No Kill mission.

"It's all about solutions," says Kotb regarding PAWS' No Kill model. "That's what it's all about it. It's a solvable problem and we are working with shelters across the country to train and teach them," says Fasseas.

Training Center NOW OPEN!



The PAWS Chicago Training Center opened its doors on June 1, 2014. The new facility serves as a space for an innovative dog training program headed by Joan Harris, Director of Training and Canine Behavior. In addition to training, the space hosts New Volunteer Workshops and Special Events and serves as a second foster pick-up location.

Learn more at pawschicago.org/training.

X-RAY ROOM



Beginning in November 2014, PAWS Chicago's sick and injured pets no longer have to travel to external veterinary clinics for a simple, yet diagnostically critical X-Ray. The PAWS Chicago Medical Center debuted its new X-Ray Room, all thanks to many generous and compassionate supporters. We now have the capability to take and process X-Rays and diagnose sick and injured animals on-site at our Medical Center, saving precious time and relieving stress for our most critical patients.

PAWS Chicago Magazine Goes Viral!

Thanks to you, our readers, the summer issue of PAWS Chicago magazine featuring Billy Corgan and his rock n' roll cats, went viral, reaching an international audience of more than 26 million people and catching the eye of some high-profile media. Thanks goes to Billy Corgan and our dedicated supporters for helping to raise awareness of the plight of homeless pets and our No Kill mission!



Chicago Shows its PRIDE!

PAWS Chicago Pride was one of the largest and most popular floats in the 45th Annual Chicago Pride Parade on June 29! Mascots Pepe and Happy and a host of volunteers decked out in official PAWS Chicago Pride t-shirts greeted onlookers and supporters by distributing PAWS Pride buttons and spreading awareness about our No Kill mission.

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Saving the Most Vulnerable

by Kaitlin Allen, Director of Development for PAWS Chicago

It was a Thursday afternoon in July when we received the phone call. An epidemic of feline panleukopenia, an incredibly contagious and often deadly virus that attacks a cat's gastrointestinal tract similar to parvovirus for dogs, was sweeping through the population of cats and kittens at the city pound. Traditional shelter management means euthanasia for entire banks of both the sick and those who were healthy but had been exposed to illness.

A photo was snapped on a cell phone and forwarded on. Tumbling kittens, round eyes and soft limbs – all of them, slotted for death. PAWS mobilized, sending staff and volunteers down to the pound to take in as many cats and kittens as we could help. Foster families were notified of the incoming influx of felines, and asked to open their homes to the animals that did not need medical supervision.

In addition to the pound outbreak, PAWS Chicago began seeing outbreaks in its own population, with most cats coming to PAWS from the pound. It reached a crisis point when 19 cats and kittens were undergoing major treatment at the same time. The volume and medical need surpassed PAWS Chicago's well-equipped and well-staffed Medical Center. In order to dedicate the time and resources to saving these helpless

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Kolby Jack undergoing treatment at PAWS Chicago's Medical Center.



Kolby Jack today

Kolby Jack

Kolby Jack (PAWS name Darius) is happy and healthy and loving live in his new home. According to his adopter Amanda, "Kolby Jack is super playful and loves to chase the laser pointer around the house. If he isn't getting enough cuddles, he likes to face plant into our palms, demanding more. We are so thankful he was such a strong boy and pulled through so that we could give him a loving home."

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Become a Foster

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TREATING THE MOST DEADLY DISEASES

As the only animal shelter in the city of Chicago equipped with a comprehensive Shelter Medicine program, including specially trained veterinarians and specially designed isolation facilities to treat contagious illnesses like panleukopenia, PAWS Chicago is truly the only hope for many sick homeless dogs and cats.

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

At PAWS Chicago, our No Kill model means treating every treatable pet! By using a case management approach to veterinary medicine and shelter management, every single pet is evaluated as an individual and given the nurturing, treatment and rehabilitation needed. Euthanasia is only reserved for pets irremediably suffering, in which medical treatment cannot alleviate their condition, or for dangerous dogs, as determined by behavior experts, who pose a threat to the public.

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animals, additional supplies and personnel were needed. The veterinary team made a wish list of medication, intravenous therapy machines, incubators and pumps to treat a large volume of critical felines.

Through an urgent Facebook post reaching out to the PAWS Chicago community, we showcased our wish list and asked for financial donations to purchase the needed equipment. Additionally, we made a plea for foster families to open their homes to cats and kittens who were in recovery mode in order to free up space for the most sick cases. The response showed the best of human nature as individuals responded with compassion and generosity. In all, 44 cats and kittens were treated and PAWS Chicago was able to save a remarkable 73 percent from this virulent disease.

I tell this story because it illustrates so vividly that saving lives is a community effort. The PAWS Shelter Medicine program cannot successfully exist in a bubble – it needs the support of families who can foster the pets when our Medical Center is at capacity, volunteers who provide animals with care and attention as they recover and donors who provide the funds for medicine, veterinarians, and medical equipment. We were able to respond as a community to the summer panleuk epidemic. We know that there will very likely be another crisis for the unprotected homeless animals of Chicago but, with the community's support, we know that we will be able to help. ■



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PAWS Chicago Chief Operating Officer Theresa Softcheck comes from the world of business intelligence, which she says is a fancy way of using data to inform business decisions and improve overall performance. At PAWS Chicago, data has a special meaning. “When we are talking numbers at PAWS we are talking lives saved,” she says. “This is truly inspiring to me.”

Softcheck joined PAWS in July and oversees the operations including the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, Medical Center and the Adoption Centers in Lincoln Park and now the North Shore.

Prior to joining PAWS, Softcheck spent 14 years at Verizon Wireless supporting

national call centers, finance, marketing, and retail and sales departments in a variety of roles. After 14 years, she took a job as the Director of Business Intelligence for US Foods where she oversaw the logistics department. “The employees and culture at PAWS are great – everyone is so passionate about their roles and the vision for PAWS,” she says. “I love that our employees really live each day with our core values – that is so important when it comes to successfully working toward our mission.”

The mission of PAWS is what drew her to the organization. Softcheck has always had a soft spot for animals, especially rescued animals. About five years ago, she



learned more about the animal euthanasia rates in the United States and began to volunteer with various shelters in the suburbs, helping with intake, fostering, adoption events and adoption counseling.

Softcheck has three of her own pups at home: Fred, Buster and new addition, Cece. She’s excited to work with each and every employee at PAWS. “I believe that everyone here plays such an integral role in PAWS Chicago’s operation, helping build the No Kill model,” she says. “From our front line volunteers to the leadership team, each person has a hand in our success.”

Catification

Finding your cat's mojo

by Jackson Galaxy

Acclaimed feline behaviorist, author and star of Animal Planet’s “My Cat From Hell,” Jackson Galaxy, recently visited PAWS Chicago to talk to cat lovers about feline behavior and the crazy things they do to make us love them. In addition to motivating the audience with stories and personal experiences, Galaxy provided tips on how to find homes for harder to place cats, and leveraged tips on how to ‘catify’ a home. Below is an excerpt from his second book, *CATIFICATION: Designing a Happy and Stylish Home for Your Cat (and You!)* to help you find your cat's mojo.



WHAT IS CAT MOJO?

What is it that motivates cats? What makes them tick? The answer is confident ownership of territory and the instinctive feeling of having a job to do in that territory. This is cat mojo. When a cat really has his mojo on, he will carry out his daily activities of hunting, catching, killing, and eating his prey, followed by grooming and sleeping, all with confidence.

Cat mojo is something all domestic housecats, whom we call family members, inherited from their wildcat ancestors—it’s the Raw Cat in all of them. Cat mojo is part of who cats are and has a significant impact on how they experience the world. In the Raw Cat’s universe, mojo in action is the key to survival. A confident cat is proactive, while an unconfident cat is reactive. Confident cats have objectives and tasks to complete, while unconfident cats are simply reacting to things happening around them. In short, a mojo-tastic cat is a portrait of confidence in motion.

CAT ARCHETYPES, MOJO STYLE

Cat mojo is all about ownership. Life on the territorial spectrum encompasses the vast terrain between displays of confident ownership and unconfident posturing and acting out. With the help of Catification, we strive to help all cats be confident and comfortable in owning their environments. To give you some guidelines, consider these three types of cats:

THE MOJITO CAT

(A.K.A. THE HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST)

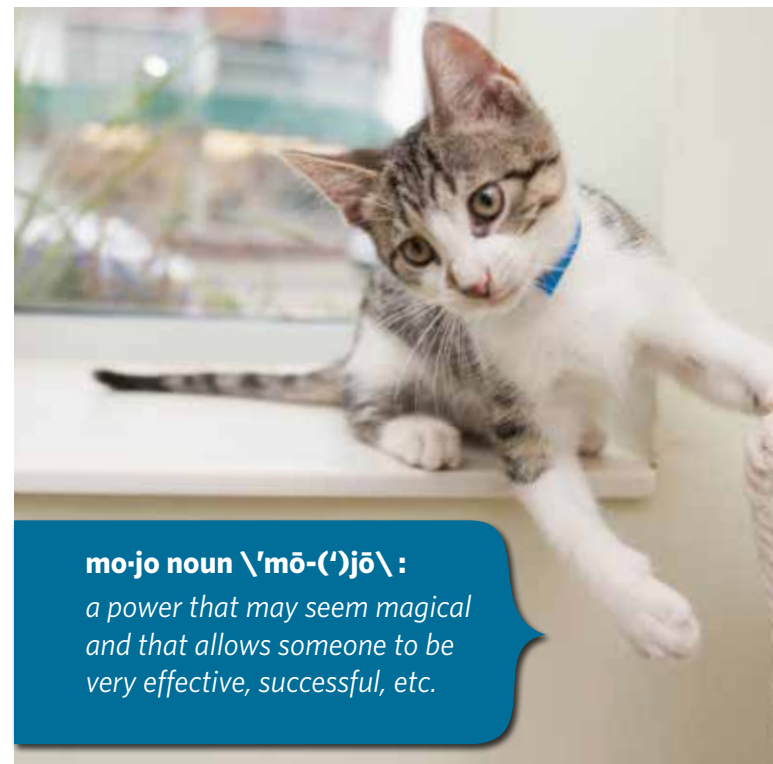
First we have the confident owner of territory, the Mojito Cat. This is the cat that walks into a room, chest held high, tail in the air, with a relaxed posture. She comes right up to you, gives you a little head butt, weaves in and out of your legs, and gives you sweet eyes—she’s a picture of territorial confidence. If that cat was human, and you arrived at her house for a cocktail party, she would greet you at the door with a tray of drinks, saying “Welcome to my house! Help yourself to a mojito. Twist of lime? Come on in and I’ll give you a tour!” The Mojito Cat represents the essence of cat mojo because she is owning her territory actively, confidently, and in a relaxed way. Her confidence comes from her knowing that everything she has is safely hers.

THE NAPOLEON CAT

(A.K.A. THE OVEROWNER)

Next we have the Napoleon Cat. When you encounter this guy, his ears are forward; he’s glaring at you with eyes zeroed in just a little; and he’s crouching down in an offensive, sometimes even aggressive posture. His initial thought is, Who are you, and what are you here to steal? Perhaps he’s even lying down across the doorway of the house to ensure you’ve got to step over that line. Sometimes the Napoleon Cat pees on things because he doesn’t trust his ownership of the territory—he needs to mark it.

All beings, whether they’re people or animals, who don’t confidently own their territory, overown it instead. Think of



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a power that may seem magical and that allows someone to be very effective, successful, etc.

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gangs who “tag” walls with graffiti—they need to tell competing gangs (and the world at large) that this wall, this block, this neighborhood belongs to them . . . and don’t forget it. The Napoleon Cat is anti-mojo, anti-confidence, because overowning by definition is reactive, not active.

THE WALLFLOWER CAT
(A.K.A. THE DISAPPEARING ACT)

While the overowner is lying across the doorway and the mojito cat is walking around shouting, “Hey! How you doing?”, there remains the cat hanging back against the wall, never walking across the middle of the floor. The Wallflower Cat is saying, “I don’t own this. You must be the owner. Okay, fine, I’m not looking at you, I’m just going to the litter box over there. I’m just leaving. Don’t mind

me. Good-bye.” And, just like that, the Wallflower disappears. Like the Napoleon Cat at the other end of the confidence pendulum, the Wallflower Cat is also anti-mojo because hiding is reactive, not active. It doesn’t matter whether or not the threat is real or imagined—it still deserves her full attention and prompt action.

We want all cats to be their version of mojito cats; in other words, not conforming to what we think confidence should look like but acknowledging their tendencies and easing their anxieties to make them the best Mojito Cat they can be. If your cat is a Wallflower, you’ve got to bring them out a little bit. If they’re an overowner, you’ve got to pull them back a little bit. Why? Because we want all cats to own their territory with confidence—and we believe it’s a completely attainable goal.

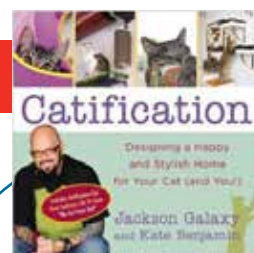


CAVING - Caving is a term for cats that are hiding away out of fear. They are trying to do nothing but vanish. When a cat is caving, he is trying to disappear into a dark, enclosed space where no one can find him. We can allow cats to be tucked away in secluded areas, but we need to control where these places are.

FRIDGING - This a cat who hides on top of the fridge, or in another place that’s up high, to get away from other cats or people in the house who are tormenting him (it doesn’t matter whether the torment is real or perceived.) He’s not coming down because he only feels safe up where he can disappear. It becomes our very important job as guardians to show him that safety does not equal confidence.

CATIFY

Of course you want to help your cat transition from caving to bush dwelling, and from fridging to tree dwelling. How do you do that? First and foremost, you Catify. You allow the territory to become his ally. You add features that allow your cat to move around with confidence first in his “comfort zones,” and then, over time, encourage him to come out and join the rest of the world. If your cat is displaying the unconfident—fear and the urge to disappear and be small—it’s your job to gently push his challenge line, demonstrating to him that he can, with relative ease, move from that place of fear into a confident world that is set up for him step into his greatness. ■



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THE UNCONFIDENT WHERE

THE ANTI-DWELLER

If your cat is under the bed, making himself small and invisible, or cowering on top of the refrigerator, this is not expressing confidence. This is not dwelling. Rather, this is exhibiting fear; it is anti-dwelling. Unconfident cats are in a place of hiding because there’s nowhere else for them to be. They’re trying to disappear or get away. Here are some anti-dwelling behaviors to look out for:

Catification is all about creating an environment where your cat is confident and comfortable. Cats assess territory in its entirety; that is to say, they see the entire world, both horizontal and vertical, as space worthy of ownership. Even if your cat is a Napoleon Cat or a Wallflower Cat, you can be sure he finds confidence someplace.

When your cat walks into a room, where is he most confident? Remember, it’s all about cat mojo, that inner sense of having a job to do, and, of equal importance, knowing where he does that job best. So if your cat is expressing confidence in his environment, he will be actively surveying the “confident where” of the territory. Somewhere from floor to ceiling you will find him stalking his prey, grooming, or resting. Remember, hiding or becoming small does not signify confidence. The key to confidence is spotting proactivity as opposed to reactivity.

We’ve broken the confident where into three basic places. When a cat expresses his mojo in one of these places, we call it dwelling. Dwelling equals owning with confidence, and that’s exactly what you want to see your cat doing. Let’s take a look at the three types of dwellers.

THE BUSH DWELLER

A Bush Dweller is a cat who is confident in spots that are down low and somewhat hidden from view, like under a table or behind a potted plant. From this spot, he can survey his territory, stalk his prey, or simply rest with ease. Think about cats in the wild, hanging out in the bush. They’re waiting to hunt, to strike, to

pounce. They’re down there getting their mojo on. One thing they are not doing is hiding; even while hidden, even while perfectly still, the mojourific cat is still engaged.

THE TREE DWELLER

The Tree Dweller isn’t on the ground; he’s up somewhere in the vertical world. Think about leopards taking their kill up into a tree. Why? Not to hide from everybody but to demonstrate confidence. He’s saying “I feel safe up here. My kill is safe from the other cats down on the ground. And I want the cats on the ground to see what I’ve done.”

Here’s the important thing about tree dwelling: it can be anywhere above the ground. Tree dwelling doesn’t necessarily mean way up in the rafters. Rafters are included, for sure, but it can also include a chair, a table, or the top of the couch. The key is demonstrating confidence anywhere in the vertical world.

THE BEACH DWELLER

Like the Bush Dweller, the Beach Dweller is also down on the floor, with all four paws planted firmly on the ground; however, Beach Dwellers like being out. This is the cat you trip over every day when you walk into the living room. Just like the leopard eating its prey in the tree, this cat is making a territorial play. Beach dwellers are sending a clear message to you and the other animals in the house that the center of the floor is their territory. They’re saying, “If you want to walk through this room, you’re going to have to go around me.”

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SHINING A LIGHT ON

by Emily Marron



Anyone who has lost a pet knows the incredible grief and pain that comes with it.

But what about when a pet experiences a loss, how do they grieve?

And what can we do to help them through the process?

Grey Areas In Grief

What we understand about grief is a human emotion and the idea that animals feel emotions in the same way as humans can cause controversy. Behaviorists, who rely on quantitative data, believe if you can't measure it, you can't prove it. On the other side, those who believe that while we can't ask our pets how they feel, there's enough qualitative data to know something is going on. Observations of changes in behavior prove our pets are feeling something. This is the viewpoint of many veterinarians and the one taken in this article.

What Causes A Pet To Grieve

There are two main triggers that cause pets to grieve. The first is the loss of a companion, human or animal. Examples include the death of an owner or another family pet. The second is a loss in consistency. Pets can grieve even

if their owner hasn't passed, but they experience a social loss or a change in environment. Common examples of this are moving to a new home or a pet being surrendered to a shelter.

How Pets Grieve

There is no easy or right way to describe how pets grieve. Ask a psychologist about the human grieving process and they'll often tell you things like "we're all different" and that there's "no right or wrong way to grieve." The same applies to our pets. Animals tend to grieve differently, even within the same species. The main sign of grief to look for is a change in your pet's behavior. Some common signs include decrease in appetite, lethargy and loss of interest in activities.

Every dog or cat is different. A Basset Hound whose natural behavior is on the sedative side might exhibit an

increase in activity. This could be a sign he is looking for whomever is missing. Your retriever who you thought would never lose interest in fetch may not even lift his head at the sight of a tennis ball. The same cat that used to curl up in your lap every night might now spend most of his time alone. Usually the grieving period lasts around a month, until the dog or cat adjusts to the loss and the changes that come with it.

Dr. Sara Bennett, DVM, DACVB, Veterinary Specialist at VCA Berwyn Animal Hospital, points out that at times, changes in behavior following a loss can be a sign of an additional problem. For example, if a home has two dogs and one passes, the owner may discover that their dog has separation anxiety that has been kept under control by the presence of another dog. When this happens or any change in behavior lasts longer than a month, it is best to reach out to a professional for advice in addressing the new behavior.

What We Can Do To Help

Dr. Bennett says, "The most important thing you can do for a grieving animal is keep his environment and routine as consistent, predictable and as close to unaltered as possible." This means keeping things like feeding times, walks and other interactions as they were prior to the loss.

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Four-year-old Cocker Spaniel, MiMi, from PAWS Chicago's Crisis Care Foster Program, taking comfort in the familiarity of a tennis ball.

In the case of location change, bringing something with the familiar smells of the old environment, like bedding that hasn't been washed or a favorite toy, can help a dog or cat transition. Cats are even more attached to their environment and may experience a higher level of stress with a move.

PAWS Chicago sees pets experiencing both types of loss at once when an owner has passed, leaving the pet homeless, or when the animal has been relinquished. Either way, the pet is experiencing the loss of their owner along with the stress of changing environments. In these situations, PAWS often relies on a network of foster homes to help these animals transition. Usually these pets don't have the benefit of bringing a familiar item with them into their new environment. The best thing the new caregiver can do is keep the new environment as low stress as possible and do their best to manage noise and interactions.

Concluding On Consistency

When we lose a pet, there are multiple aspects of our life that remain unaltered. We still live in the same home, get our food from the same sources and find comfort in the people we know and love. When a pet loses a loved one, not only are they going through a time of grief, but often a period of change. It is up to us as caregivers to help keep pets' lives as consistent and low stress as possible as they adjust to change brought on by loss. ■

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Saving Hannah & Harlie

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In their five years of life, Hannah and Harlie have experienced multiple rounds of loss. Their bond has been the only consistency in their lives. That is, until they met their perfect match this September! We congratulate their new family and wish them a lifetime of love and companionship.

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YOU'VE RETIRED, NOW WHAT?

How, after retirement, I found a way to feel useful, alive, be happier and do good all at the same time!

by Louis Cohn



Louis Cohn with two recent adopters

RETIREMENT. That magical word that conjures up visions of sleeping in, perpetual holidays and - if we are very lucky - being able to travel to new and exciting places. However, what happens when you realize that after retirement there is something still missing in your life? Writing from my own experience, I believe I have the answer!

A few years after I retired, I was often asked by my friends who were still working, "So, how's retirement going for you?" I would usually answer "OK" but I knew that it was not like I thought it would be. Like so many of us who are retired, I was missing that part of my work life that revolved around my "work family" and the people I interacted with every day. I missed meeting new people and being part of a process that usually made them happier. And, I missed the feeling that I had done something very, very worthwhile. For me, the solution was at a place I drove past every week on my way home - PAWS Chicago.

"If the studies about longevity are correct and people who volunteer live longer, then there's no time like the present to start your volunteer training at PAWS Chicago."

Having become a "father" again late in my 70s to Daisy, our furry, four-legged adopted Australian Shepherd, I realized how many of my daily smiles were directly related to having a dog. I went online to the PAWS Chicago website to find out what volunteer opportunities were available. The idea of becoming an Adoption Counselor seemed like an ideal role for me.

I signed up for basic orientation and started the process of becoming a PAWS volunteer. I knew how to walk a dog but there was so much more to learn! Fortunately, there were many seasoned volunteers to learn from. It was great to start meeting new volunteers, sharing our love for animals, cats and dogs, while aiming for my goal. Age made absolutely no difference - I am in my 80's - and the energy and

enthusiasm of all the younger volunteers was infectious!

To reach my goal of becoming an Adoption Counselor, I was required to shadow the adoptions conducted by other counselors to see how it was done. Every adoption I sat in on taught me more about the importance of being a counselor and the joy, as well as the responsibilities, the adopters were undertaking. Watching families, couples and single adopters beam with joy when they took adoption pictures with their new four-legged family members was an experience I looked forward to with great anticipation! I remember the excitement and trepidation I felt when my mentor asked me if I was ready to conduct an adoption on my own, and the pride I felt when I was given my black apron announcing that I was an actual Adoption Counselor!

To date, I have helped find homes for more than 200 dogs. Thinking about them and knowing that another 200 dogs have taken their place with the PAWS guarantee that they will be safe until they find their new families makes me proud! There is rarely a week that goes by that I do not get misty-eyed over the adoptions of a special needs dog (blind, disabled or suffering from some other malady) who I am helping find a new forever home.

If the studies about longevity are correct and people who volunteer live longer, then there's no time like the present to start your volunteer training at PAWS Chicago. I can't think of any reason not to volunteer other than perhaps your family and friends might tire of hearing about the new challenge you have undertaken. However, it is certain that they won't tire of the new excitement and happiness they see in your expression every day!

Oh, by the way, come and see me any Friday afternoon from noon to 5:00 p.m. at PAWS Chicago's Lincoln Park Adoption center at 1997 N. Clybourn in Chicago and I'll be glad to show you how special it is to be a volunteer at PAWS - at any age!

Margo, Age 9



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AROUND TOWN

WITH SUSANNA NEGOVAN

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BLOOMINGDALE'S 900 N. Michigan

Gus and I recently emceed a fashion show in the 900 Shops' flagship – and he was surrounded by loving staffers and encouraged to walk around. Though other parts of the mall do not allow pets, Gus and I have gone through Bloomingdale's to visit another dog-friendly shop in the building, Azeeza US (a women's boutique on the 5th floor owned by my friend Azeeza Khan). There, he slurps water from a crystal goblet and plays with her fluffy Pomeranian ZsaZsa.



WATER TOWER PLACE 835 N. Michigan

While the mall only allows dogs in carriers (or that can be carried) to ensure escalator safety, they have a charming holiday tradition: weekly "pet nights" for cats and dogs including pictures with Santa on Mondays starting at 6 p.m. November 17 - December 15.

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CVS 344 W. Hubbard

This one may surprise you, but I've been bringing Gus into my local CVS for months. He's allowed inside his carrier (and they don't require that I zip him in, so he can pop his head out). This doesn't help those of you with larger dogs, but it makes me much more likely to shop there.

LULULEMON 2104 N. Halsted

While all of the chain's stores are dog-friendly, street-front locations are particularly so, offering water, treats and occasional "doga" (dog yoga) classes.

GO SHOPPING

People describe my affection for Gus, my PAWS adoptee of the last 18 months, as a little obsessive. It's true, but when I brought him home at 39 years old he was my first pet (unless you count the frog I caught in Wisconsin when I was 9). Enjoying his pure and innocent love has been an awakening, and I can't imagine spending another moment of my life without him.

So, he comes everywhere with me. On a friend's boat in the Bahamas. To dinner parties. And, since I'm the editor and publisher of a style publication, he joins me when I'm shopping. I've discovered that many stores in Chicago are dog-friendly – provided you do a little planning. Here are a few of my favorites:



THE SHOPS AT NORTH BRIDGE 520 N. MICHIGAN

It's no surprise that dogs of all sizes are welcome throughout the mall; marketing manager Erica Strama is a dog lover and PAWS supporter. Two "pet comfort" stations (on floors 1 and 2) offer treats, water and baggies. Staffers recently starting posting Instagram pics of visiting dogs with the hashtag #dogsofnorthbridge. (Another reason to visit the North Bridge shopping district: A Neiman Marcus Last Call is opening on Ohio Street soon.)

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by Alexis Fasseas



From creating advertising for some of the world's most iconic brands to innovating in the philanthropic sector to forging a life dramatically divergent from his roots, Phil Raskin has created a legacy all his own—a legacy that places significant emphasis on aiding homeless pets.

Discovering the Arts

Raised in a suburb of Kansas City, Raskin never was exposed to the arts.

It was in college at Princeton University and his first job as a copywriter at Leo Burnett in Chicago that piqued his passion for creativity. “These early experiences opened my eyes, touched me and developed my love of theatre, music and art,” Raskin said. “Advertising uses your awareness of all aspects of culture in your work. Burnett was, for me, its own version of a liberal arts education.”

For 22 years, Raskin moved his way up the creative ranks, taking on such clients as Kellogg's, Nintendo, Morgan Stanley, 7UP and the New York Stock Exchange; from copywriter to Group Creative Director to member of the Board of Directors. In 1999, he took on a new challenge, serving as Chief Marketing Officer for Morgan Stanley,

the global financial giant in New York, working to unify the global brand.

Discovering Animals

It wasn't until he was in his 40's that Raskin had his 'pet awakening.' Quite literally in the many sleepless nights that accompany three new kittens, but also much more profound. “I sort of mark my life BP and AP—Before Pets and After Pets. They've been transformative, providing a new perspective on my life,” Raskin said. “They give me a real sense of purpose, requiring an emotional commitment I had never experienced.”

Raskin had considered himself a dog lover. But his constant business travel and long hours at the office made a dog impossible. So when a secretary at Burnett asked him if he'd be interested in adopting some kittens from her cat's litter, an opportunity presented itself.

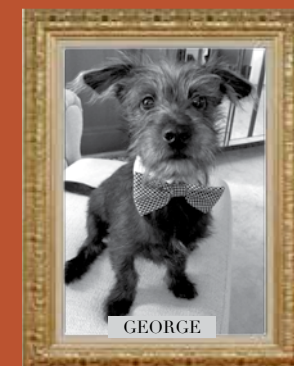
When he went to meet the new kittens, he immediately gravitated to

Zach. After being encouraged to take two cats, he selected Maddie. Charlie ran after them on the way out the door and Raskin could not leave him behind.

Raskin remembers, “Here I was, fairly late in life, having traveled the world and already experienced so much and something as simple as a little kitty so quickly changes your whole point of view.”

He eloquently describes the sentiment that cat lovers share: “It's hard for non-cat people to understand. Cats love the same, they just don't show it like dogs. Dogs are so happy to see you. Cats don't do that. They're completely nonchalant; they find their own time and way to be affectionate.”

Raskin is reflective on the impact his three little balls of fluff have had on him. “In some ways, the greatest emotional lessons of my life have been experienced through my pets. I'm not a patient person; they taught me patience. I'm not, by nature, accepting; they taught me



Meet
THE RASKIN PACK

Since his original three kitties—Zach, Charlie and Maddie—Phil Raskin has saved many other pets in need. It started with Sebastian, who was rescued from a shelter he volunteered at 12 years ago. “I cleaned out Sebastian's cage, put him on my shoulder and he fell asleep. That clinched it; he was mine,” Raskin recalls.

Then he saved Miles, a bed bug detection dog who was living in a cage without affection as the pest control company thought human contact would ruin his training. Miles in turn rescued Ginny who he found in a grate at the Drake Hotel one winter night. She was wet, bleeding and so malnourished that she couldn't even stand up the first few days.

After losing Maddie in early 2014, Raskin found himself “sitting, brooding, inconsolable, depressed and not knowing what to do. Even though I had four other wonderful animals, I felt alone. I saw Henry on TV with Paula on the “TODAY” show and I acted instinctively. Henry the cat now rules the Raskin roost.

And then, only a month later, Raskin found George, a terrier mix. “I happened to be at PAWS with a friend who was adopting a dog. I saw George running around the Treatment Center. And that made seven!”

“I need an intervention,” Raskin laughs. “I've told my friends that they are not permitted to let me go to PAWS any more for fear that I'll bring them all home. I have a vision of becoming a recluse surrounded by 400 animals.”

Were that to happen, they would be 400 lucky pets!

acceptance. I wasn't comfortable with expressing love; they taught me love,” he said. “Everyday, I cherish their role in my life and feel like I to need to spend whatever gain I've received on helping animals in return.”

Embracing the Cause of Animal Welfare

Though he was a late arrival to the pet parent party, Raskin has not only fully embraced pets into every aspect of his life, but their welfare has become one of his primary charitable activities. He heard about PAWS Chicago during Hurricane Katrina and wanted to help. He toured the 26th Street Lurie Clinic and Medical Center. “No Kill really struck a chord

with me,” Raskin said. “I couldn't conceive that animals would be put down simply for not having a home.”

He wanted to play a larger role in PAWS Chicago and joined the Capital Campaign Committee for the Lincoln Park Adoption Center. He became a founding donor, funding the Raskin Treatment Center. “I became a big advocate of PAWS Chicago,” he said. “There are many people doing many great things, but few I've ever met as dynamic and impressive as PAWS Founder Paula Fasseas.”

Earlier this year, Raskin approached PAWS Chicago with the desire to make a lasting impact on homeless animals. After several conversations with Fasseas, he decided that he wanted to endow

a program that would support the medical treatment of animals into perpetuity. His philanthropic priority is impacting lives.

“Phil is the first PAWS supporter who came to us wanting to establish a specific endowment to help homeless animals,” said PAWS Chicago Founder Paula Fasseas. “Through Phil's generosity, we will not only be able to cover the costs of treating puppies and kittens in need of extraordinary medical care beyond what we can provide in our Medical Center for the next few years, but he is establishing the Raskin Specialized Medical Endowment for Puppies and Kittens that will fund this care into perpetuity. Support like this will enable us to continue to grow our

Coping with Maddie's Loss *Funding Medical Research in Her Memory*

In early 2014, Raskin's beloved Maddie passed away at age 15 from FIP—Feline Infectious Peritonitis—a terrible disease that typically kills kittens who do not yet have developed immune systems. Phil was stunned to learn that there is no cure and it was an immediate death sentence. Nothing could be done. She was diagnosed on a Friday and by Tuesday she had passed.

"I was desolate that I couldn't help her. I went into a long period of mourning. I honestly didn't know if it was worth having pets because the pain of loss was so enormous," he recalls. But he has come to accept the loss and reflect instead on her life.

"The first thing is always to remember how much they brought to your life, to celebrate that and thank God that you had them, however briefly," Raskin said when recounting his path to healing. "The second thing is that it takes time. She's never far from my mind. I miss her like hell. But you go on. The scar heals."

In Maddie's memory, Phil has funded six years of FIP research at UC Davis in California, the leader in work on



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this feline disease. "Current thinking is there will never be a cure, but they can and will find anti-viral drugs that will keep it under control, like AIDS in humans. In the pecking order of research, most charitable giving supports humans and dogs. Cats are a distant third, so the folks at UC Davis were very receptive to my funding of research into this dreadful disease."

"I've always had a soft spot for animals and, as I grew older, I was increasingly aware that they helped me define my own concept of love. I had to accept them for who they are and not what I wanted them or expected them to be. It was probably the most important lesson of my life. In them I found a purity of emotion: they love me no matter what and I love them no matter what. How wonderfully uncomplicated!"

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programs with certainty that we can cover our operational costs each year."

In addition to the Raskin Endowment for PAWS Chicago, Phil also adopted two PAWS Chicago pets in 2014 to add to his pack. (Read about Henry and George on page 27.) "It breaks my heart that beautiful cats like Henry would have been euthanized but for the fact that he was rescued by PAWS," Raskin said. "My charitable support is about helping these innocent creatures."

"We're around for such a short time," said Raskin. "We spend a good chunk of our life acquiring. Then, if you're lucky, you have the chance to give back and do something meaningful. I am blessed. I take great delight that, after years of work, I can now do some good."

And what a difference Phil has made. Not only for Zach, Charlie, Maddie, Sebastian, Miles, Ginny, Henry and George—the pets he has taken in over the years—but for the countless animals and people who have benefited from his generosity. ■



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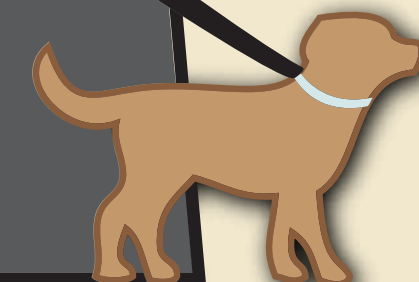
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VOLUNTEER ROLE MODELS IN ACTION

by Abby Callard

Just over a year ago, Debra Turner was searching for value in her life. She was recovering after the loss of several family members, including her cat Baskin, who died of Polycystic Kidney Disease. Turner and her husband weren't ready to adopt another cat, and Baskin's bonded mate Duncan was still at home.

But Turner had picked up skills she knew would be valuable in a shelter: giving fluids and administering medications. She found PAWS Chicago, and decided to volunteer at the Lincoln Park Adoption Center. "PAWS brought me back to life," she says.

Turner started volunteering her time at the Adoption Center, but decided to start fostering even though she was afraid of "failing," meaning that she would love the foster too much to give it back. But, Turner and her husband enjoyed fostering, so they continued to do it and eventually began fostering mother cats and kittens, after finding out they were the hardest to place in foster homes.

And the first mother-kitten foster experience taught them a lot, Turner says. She remembers the first night Penny

and her two kittens arrived: "She was so emaciated that I wasn't sure she would make it through the night. I stayed up all night with her making sure she ate and drank."

The road to a forever home for Penny was a long one and she remained with Turner and her husband for a few months. But eventually, a potential adopter came by to meet her and it was a perfect match. "It was extremely emotional to see her go, but I loved knowing she was going to be in a forever home," she says.

Turner and her husband are now fostering their fourth family of mama and kittens. "It is so rewarding to see the babies grow and achieve milestones in their short lives and allow the mama to relax and raise her babies," she says. "It's extremely hard to say goodbye, but I send them on their way knowing that they have been given the best upbringing and are prepared to meet their new family."

But there was one foster Turner and her husband couldn't say goodbye to: Wrigley. Wrigley started in their home as a foster, but the couple quickly fell in



Debra Turner

"PAWS BROUGHT ME BACK TO LIFE."

love with the way he chirped like a bird. "Those little chirps melted our hearts," she says.

Turner says her love of the unique – her job as a non-traditional floral artist, cats that need a little extra love, and cats that chirp – attracted her to PAWS. "The outliers, or out of the norm pets, are who PAWS helps," she says. "I feel like we strive for a similar goal in life to help and support the unseen and unheard be seen and have a voice."

Five and a half years ago, Don Allerton walked into PAWS Chicago's Lincoln Park Adoption Center for the first time looking for a new dog after his 14 year-old Wheaton Terrier had passed away. But he got so much more.

Allerton found a perfect pup, but as he was waiting to begin the adoption, he noticed a sign on the wall: "We are companions and must be adopted together." Long story short: "We went home with two dogs," Allerton says. He came back the next week to volunteer.

Today, he's a Level 2 volunteer in Dog Town, an Adoption Counselor, Dog Town trainer and occasional media events dog handler. His 26 years of experience as a founding partner of an executive search firm, where customer service was key, serves him well as a PAWS volunteer.

Allerton remembers one Saturday morning, when the PAWS Adoption Center had just opened for the day, a young couple came in to return a

dog they had been fostering. About 15 minutes later, the couple came running back in, hurried across the Welcome Center as if there was an emergency of some kind, Allerton says. "Turns out they missed their foster dog so much they came back to adopt him," he says.

It's the dogs that keeps Allerton coming back, too. "The animals are well cared for in a world-class facility, with volunteers who are committed to the work and mission, a staff that is knowledgeable and helpful, and I get to help families find their ideal pets."

Allerton loves PAWS so much he jokes that when he dies, he wants to come back as a dog at PAWS. "You live in a spotless room that gets cleaned every day, classical background music, lots of attention from friendly volunteers, the best food and medical care, and enjoy the company of great people," he says. Sounds like a good life.



Don Allerton

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At her day job at the Lincoln Park Zoo, PAWS Chicago volunteer Adrienne Savrin uses software to model animal populations and recommend actions to improve the sustainability of zoo populations. "My job allows me to pursue my passion for conservation, but my current position does not involve direct animal care," she says. "By volunteering at PAWS, I can fulfill my passion for hands-on animal care."

Savrin has been a volunteer with PAWS Chicago since May 2014. Volunteering helps put life in perspective, Savrin says. "Yes, I do see cute little puppies and kittens and animals which will be quickly adopted out into loving homes, but I also see animals who were abandoned, animals who have been adopted and returned, animals saved from euthanasia and animals who have chronic illnesses and injuries," she says. "I volunteer because every animal deserves a home, a family and to be loved. And volunteering helps them be loved."

Savrin assists vets and vet techs with the animal exams at the Medical Center on Saturday mornings. One of her favorite experiences was helping a dog who was suffering from a condition that made it difficult for him to digest his food. He had to be held vertically and bounced like a baby for 30 minutes to clear out any air pockets so he didn't choke. "I'm glad to spend the time with him and you can tell how happy he is and how much he loves the attention," she says.

The work Savrin supports at PAWS Chicago impacts lives each day. "I keep coming back because there are more animals and more work to do," she says. "I enjoy how much I've learned in the veterinary field by working directly with the vets and vet techs, including vaccinations, common illnesses, proper handling and animal care."

Savrin saves some of her love for her animals at home: a big-boned cat named Slim Shady and 14-year-old Chocolate Lab, Bosco.



Adrienne Savrin

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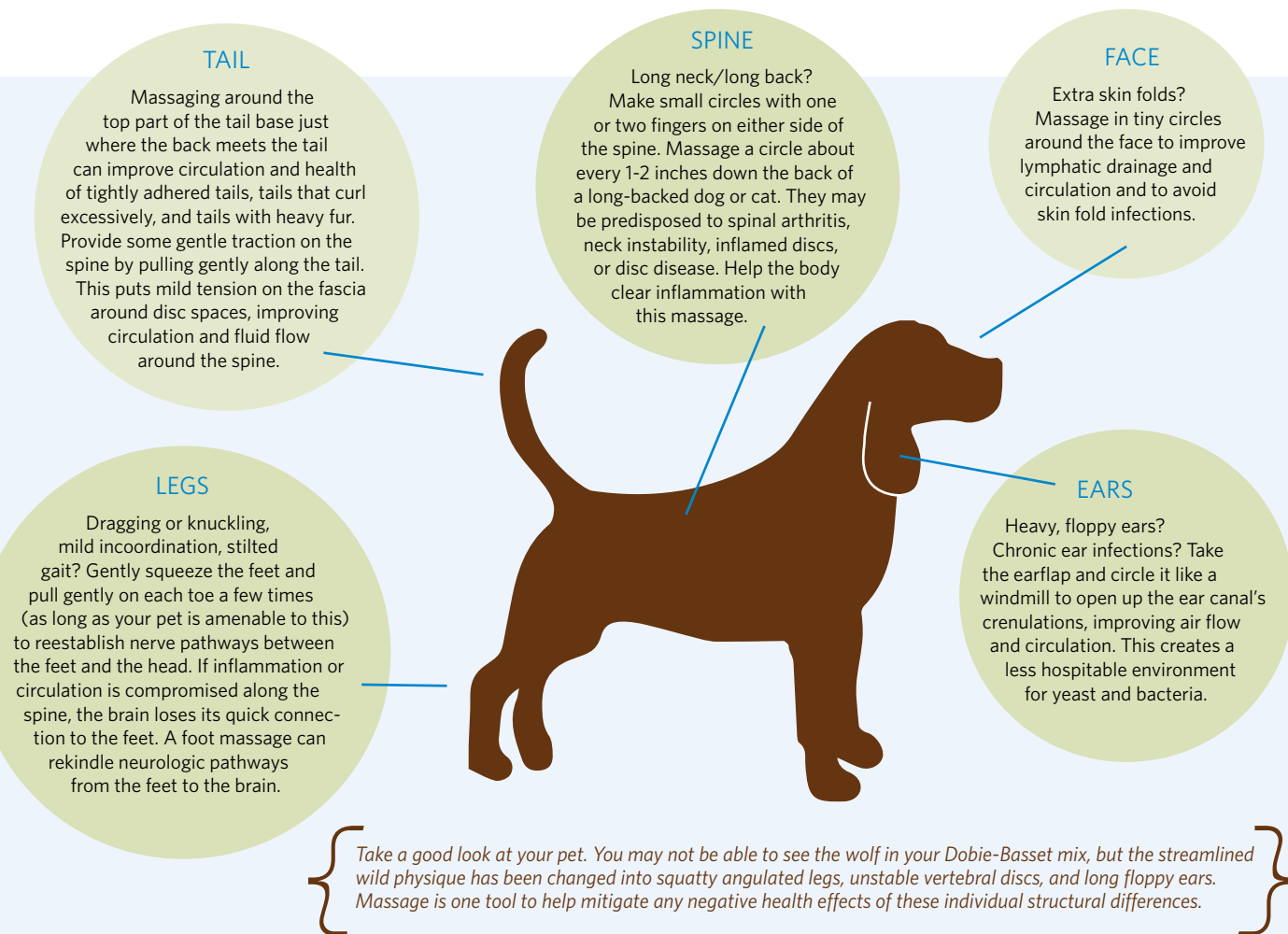
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If I told you that you were going to pay for a therapeutic massage for your dog you might think I was crazy. (Or you might think, "not until I get a massage myself!") But therapeutic techniques like massage and acupuncture are becoming more commonly used in veterinary healthcare. And the big news is that they are incredibly effective tools.

As alternative and integrative medicine is becoming more mainstream, owners are seeing the clear advantage of more noninvasive and practical methods to treat many conditions. There are many dramatic health improvements documented from therapeutic massage that pets couldn't get from any drugs or surgery. And the ancient secrets of acupuncture have become not-so-secret in many veterinary hospitals. These techniques are not just for the exceptional cases but can be used in many situations. So don't hesitate to ask your veterinarian about these options to treat your pets. And don't forget to schedule a massage for yourself now and again too.

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Massage Therapy in Action

Certified Canine Massage Therapist Pam Kasper understands the benefits the practice of massage can have on a dog's anatomy and behavior. Several times each month, Kasper brings her expertise to the PAWS Chicago Lincoln Park Adoption Center to volunteer her services.

What do you do for the dogs at PAWS Chicago?

When I work with PAWS Chicago dogs, each session is different. Some dogs need pain relief, some need stress relief, some need trust building, and some need all of the above!

Why is canine massage important?

Dogs have muscles just like people, so they too get sore and stiff. Massage can relieve muscle and joint pain, boost the immune system, increase circulation, release toxins, promote relaxation and speed healing after surgery. For an animal who is fearful of touch, a session may simply consist of breathing calmly with the dog and letting him know that it's safe to be in a room with a human. We can slowly build up to intentful touch with positive reinforcement.

What is the impact of your work with these dogs?

Many shelter dogs need to de-stress and learn to trust people; massage is a great way to help them reduce anxiety and become comfortable with humans. A dog that is pain-free, relaxed and people-friendly has increased chances of adoption. I love when volunteers tell me how different the dogs are after their sessions: calmer in the hallways, moving better, sleeping better.

Why do you volunteer at PAWS Chicago?

I have a special place in my heart for shelter dogs - I have four at home!. Before I started volunteering at PAWS, I honestly worried that I'd feel the need to adopt all the dogs I worked with. But that's the great thing about working with dogs at PAWS Chicago: I see first-hand how well they are treated and cared for ...and how quickly they are adopted!

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What is Acupuncture Good For?

I am aware that even as I place needles into an arthritic dog or an asthmatic cat, a pet owner may be skeptical. But when their pet is better, almost miraculously, they keep coming back, and the obvious improvements continue with each treatment.

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MEG DAMATO

Volunteer Program Manager

As the Volunteer Program Manager for PAWS Chicago’s Adoption and Humane Center, Meg Damato oversees volunteers in Dog Town, Kitty City, Family Services, and Administrative programs. “My job is to make sure we are always fully staffed to help care for the animals and assist potential adopters,” Damato explains.

Volunteers are an integral part of PAWS Chicago, a sentiment that Damato feels passionately about. “We would not be able to save as many lives as we do without the help and dedication of our volunteers,” says Damato. “All of the wonderful animals that we rescue are a huge inspiration and I am honored to work on their behalf.”

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree from Valparaiso University, Damato received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. During her time there, she worked as a legal policy intern with the Humane Society of the United States and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Prior to coming to PAWS Chicago she worked as a Community Outreach Director at the Hyatt Corporate Office.

Damato’s lifelong love for animals inspired her to volunteer for PAWS in 2011, in Dog Town and special events, for about a year. “I have always been an animal lover and growing up as an only child, I always felt a special connection with animals,” she says. She officially joined the organization in July 2012.

Damato works closely with volunteers to continue the effort of finding homes for animals every day. She recently launched a new mentoring program for new volunteers and enhanced the overall

training program for all of the Adoption Center’s level 1 volunteers. “I hope to provide opportunities for volunteers so that they can grow their skills, create leadership roles and also provide recognition for all of their hard work,” Damato says of the new programs.

In addition to opening her home to two rescue dogs and three rescue cats, Damato has also participated in summer fun runs organized through PAWS Chicago to run with some of the

high energy dogs. “It’s great for the pups and a lot of fun!” The fun run is a great way for the dogs to release energy while running with staff, volunteers, TEAM PAWS members and professional board members by the lakefront.

“I am always really inspired by all of our volunteers and how we can always count on them,” she says. “I honestly cannot think of a better place to work than PAWS Chicago and I am still a little bit in disbelief that I get to work here!”

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to channel her behavior to not only keep her safe, but understand how to I could potentially turn this drive into something enriching and positive.

So I called Joan Harris, Director of Training and Behavior at PAWS Chicago.

“High prey drive can be a problem because the sight of a squirrel, cat, bird or sometimes even another dog can switch something on in their brain. They become completely focused on their ‘prey’ and if you happen to be on a walk, that could mean a wrenched shoulder, a fall or complete loss of control,” Harris explained, “Or depending on the target, it can also mean a kill or injury.”

According to Harris, prey drive is a genetically driven instinct that all dogs possess at some level, born from the fact that dogs evolved from wolves. Logically, the canine prey genes present in the dog’s wolf ancestors also has a presence in the modern dog. All dog breeds were developed with a specific task or purpose in mind. Retention of a certain level of inherent drive was important to make them suitable to perform these tasks.

“A healthy dose of prey drive in our pets is exactly what’s fun about our relationship with our dogs because it’s what they rely on to play fetch, Frisbee or tug games,” said Harris, “But if left unchecked, it can also be the source of stressful behavior like chasing after running children or anything else with fast movement.” Harris added that inexperienced pet owners or those with small children may be wise to stay away from adopting a dog that shows signs of having a high prey drive.

THE STAGES OF PREY DRIVE

There are five stages of the prey drive: the search, the stalk, the chase, the catch and the kill and Harris said not all dogs show all five stages or with the same intensity.

“Parts of the prey drive sequence are useful where working dogs are concerned, but can be more of a problem for the average pet owner,” she said, emphasizing that we, as pet owners, shouldn’t reprimand our dogs for exhibiting prey drive, but rather, redirect their attention.

“There are training methods that work to distract high-prey dogs and can help them ignore the stimulus that triggers certain phases, like ‘the chase,’” she said.

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TIPS FOR MANAGING YOUR PREY-DRIVEN POOGH

PLAY - They usually enjoy any activity that involves fetching a ball or Frisbee, tugging or chasing. Toys of all sorts are another good release. Dogs can pounce on them and shake them.

TRAINING - Agility, flyball, tracking and nose work classes are all great ways to channel prey drive. See the back inside cover for more about these training classes at the PAWS Chicago Training Center.

GEAR - A solid five or six foot leash and a well-fit collar with your dog’s identification tags will help when it comes to managing your walks. In addition, your trainer may suggest a no-pull harness, head halter or other appropriate tool for training and walking. But remember, all tools can fail, break or malfunction, so training is still essential.

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Even so, it's critical to always make sure that your other pets have an escape route and someplace to hide where your dog cannot reach them. And never leave them alone together or let them out unsupervised in the yard at the same time.

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One habit that is good to get into is learning to scan your surroundings for possible prey your dog might want to chase, Harris suggested, and that means taking mental notes of the route you take on walks to see where the squirrels are or the yard with a dog that elicits a reaction.

"When you see a prey stimulus, engage your dog so that you get eye contact and then hold that eye contact until you pass the animal," she said, "Using high-value treats will help establish that your eye contact is much more desirable than the chase."

Another training strategy involves developing a strong recall – or having your dog come quickly when called.

Begin in a controlled environment and then work your way up to practicing in places that present various prey stimulus.

Next up, your tone of voice. I filled Harris in on my approach; yell until they drop and as anticipated, she wasn't a fan.

"That actually feeds into the excitement of it all," she said, "Yelling at your dog is just going to get them more energized and ramped up about the hunt

and the chase. Happy and playful will get you a better response."

In addition to training, Harris suggests engaging your dog in activities that are mentally challenging and stimulating.

"We want to try and replace that desire to hunt and chase with something that will employ their brains and instincts the same way, things like swimming, searching for hidden treats or toys, or even you work to tire them out physically as well as mentally," Harris said, "One of our most popular classes at the PAWS Chicago Training Center is our nose work class. It's a great way to develop those senses, challenge your dog and work on controlling its prey drive."

The most important takeaway from Harris was more of a reminder than a tip and it's this: once a dog with a high prey drive, always a dog with a high prey drive.

"Your dog is who he is and so your best bet is to find outlets for that high energy," she said, "That means daily physical activity to burn it off and maintain a stable, healthy mind, which is equally important." ■

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There were more than 300 search and rescue dogs that helped in the rescue effort on September 11, 2001. All of the dogs in the Penn Vet Working Dog Center are named after these loyal and dedicated dogs. Ohlin's namesake was deployed to the World Trade Center.



Want to see Ohlin in action? Check out a video of him in training or learn how you can help support this research at:

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From Search & Rescue to Sniffing Out Cancer, K-9 Heros Save Lives

by Keri Buscaglia

We've all seen the videos. We've all read the stories: pets performing amazing feats to help humans. Man and his best friend have a long history of working side-by-side and perhaps no image is more powerful than the one of Ohlin, the search-and-rescue dog captured working alongside rescue teams on 9/11; sniffing through rubble for scents that signaled signs of life.

The nose of a dog is powerful - 100,000 times more powerful than a human's - to be exact. Recently, researchers have found reason to believe that these sensitive sniffers could be the key in detecting ovarian cancer, before it's detectable by clinicians or current testing methods.

Each year about 22,000 women in the U.S. are diagnosed with ovarian cancer; most are discovered at an advanced stage because unlike other cancers, there is no early detection test for ovarian cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, about 14,000 women will die from the disease because they didn't know the signs or symptoms.

Enter Ohlin Part II, named after our national hero from 9/11, a Labrador Retriever and one of five dogs in a new program at the University of Pennsylvania that is working to change those odds and the lives of women.

Ohlin and his team are being trained to hone their acute sense of

smell to detect this deadly gynecologic cancer, so that it can be caught earlier and when treatment has better odds of working. Specifically, they are being trained to learn the scents of chemicals emitted by tissue and blood samples, odorants that are altered in the earliest stages of ovarian cancer.

"Our goal is not to put a dog in every hospital, but to help refine the technology by using the exquisite ability of the dog's nose," said Dr. Cynthia Otto, who runs the program at the Penn Vet Working Dog Center. According to Dr. Otto, the goal is for the dogs to be trained to narrow down a specific odor so that an inexpensive and a minimally invasive blood test can be developed within the next two years, which can catch ovarian cancer, while it's still treatable.

So far, the dogs have proven to be more than 90 percent accurate in their detection work which is exactly

the odds that Vallie Szymanski, executive director of the Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization (OSCA), a Chicago-based nonprofit sponsoring the training of Ohlin.

"(Ohlin) is an engaging and tangible reason to learn more about this disease's silent and often-missed

symptoms," said Szymanski, who co-founded the OSCA in 2010 in an effort to educate the public about the silent and deadly symptoms of ovarian cancer.

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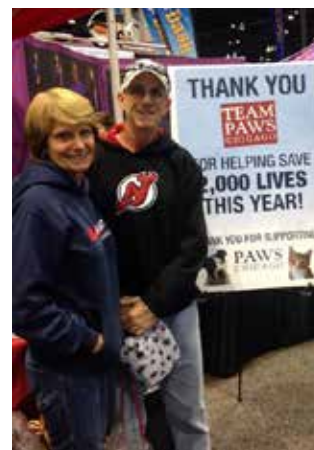


TRANSAMERICA CHASER DREW THOMSON

TEAM PAWS athlete Drew Thomson was selected as the 2014 Rock 'n' Roll Chicago Half Marathon Transamerica 'Tomorrow Chaser.' With this honor, Drew started at the back of the pack of nearly 20,000 racers and Transamerica pledged \$1 to PAWS Chicago for every runner that Drew passed. In total, he raised \$8,027 for homeless pets.

Drew's story is inspirational. He is committed to running because, as a child, he suffered from severe asthma. "I spent years pushing myself physically to break away from the restrictions asthma has put on my life and eventually grew healthy enough to play like the rest of the kids," Drew said.

Drew chose to join TEAM PAWS because he believes in the mission of rescuing homeless pets. "I relate to the underdog that is often negatively labeled. Drew continued, "I give gratitude to every run I go on and am forever thankful for a second chance at living life as I knew it could be."



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"PAWS Chicago has become a passion to raise money for. Every time I read articles and emails about the magnificent and special things the organization does day in and day out, I was so touched. Many of my donors have rescued themselves, so it was an easy sell for them. I received so many wonderful emails from my donors about what an amazing organization PAWS Chicago is and how they are GRATEFUL for the opportunity to support my run on behalf of the animals."



STANDING OUT RAISING ENOUGH TO SAVE 9 LIVES

People love the standard navy blue and white TEAM PAWS singlet, but red has become the rage. Fundraisers on the team who raised \$3,000 or more were gifted with a standout, cherry-red singlet and were inducted into the elite "9 Lives Club" and decorated as a top fundraiser. As a group, the 49 9 Lives Club members raised \$203,219.

What does racing for TEAM PAWS and raising enough to save 9 Lives mean to you?

"I'm a big supporter of PAWS and love animals. Knowing that I am helping save nine cats or dogs through my fundraising means a lot to me. I have three rescues myself and knowing I was able to help others in need, in a small way, warms my heart."

PATTY CRAWFORD
9 LIVES CLUB MEMBER



"I was encouraged to join TEAM PAWS because my friends Angi Taylor, morning show co-host at 103.5 KISS-FM, and her husband, Jason Prinzo are members and have two PAWS rescue dogs, Dre and Suge, who they love so much. After hosting the 2013 Animal Magnetism gala with Angi, I started to get really into the organization and supporting animals."

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In Memory of Jacob Klepacz

Jacob was an animal lover in every sense of the word. Whether it was feeding his family's pet bird as a child, riding horses, or caring for and playing with the numerous dogs he owned throughout his life, Jacob's compassion and kindness shined through. Jacob channeled his love for animals into his volunteer work at PAWS Chicago.

He often said that he enjoyed being around animals more than people (and that says a lot because Jacob liked people). He was excited about his work there and truly believed in the mission of PAWS. It was not uncommon for his friends to see Facebook posts of the dogs he was working with and pictures displaying which ones were up for adoption. He even joked about how lucky he was to spend his day with the dogs while we were all doing mundane things. Jacob also wanted to start fostering dogs in the coming months and planned to join TEAM PAWS in the 8K - Run for their Lives in June.

"Tragically, Jacob's life was cut short by an unspeakable act of violence. This world lost a kind and generous soul when Jacob's life was stolen from him. Please visit his family's Facebook page "Justice for Jacob" to learn more about his story and express sympathy to his loved ones. His family asks that we share his story to help raise awareness about the kind and generous person that he was.



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In Memory of Alfred Cotto

It is with a very heavy heart that we learned that one of our very own, Alfredo Cotto, has passed away after losing his fight against stage 4 liver cancer. Alfredo was a top fundraiser on TEAM PAWS Chicago since 2008 and had raised over \$10,000 for the homeless dogs and cats at PAWS Chicago. Alfredo was a best friend of PAWS Chicago as a volunteer, fundraiser and animal advocate in the Chicago community. His family plans to let his legacy and love for PAWS Chicago live on by running the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in his name and for him again next year on TEAM PAWS.



In Memory of Patty Smith

She loved PAWS, the people she worked with and those that she met and assisted with their adoptions. Every day my two cats Mookie and Suki remind me of the good that PAWS Chicago brings to pets and our lives!

~Marshall Smith

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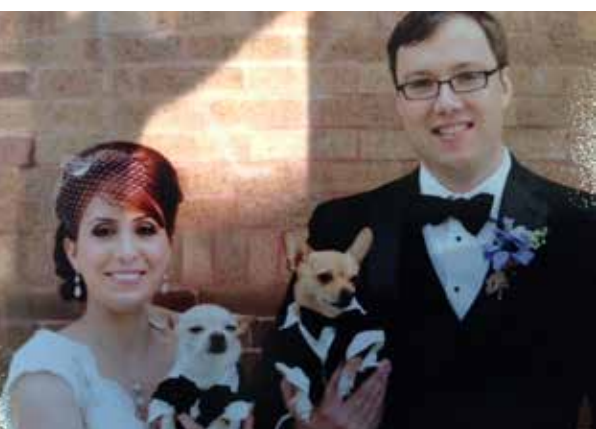


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In Memory of Jackson Hawley

“What Would Jackson Do?”

As a human being I tend to complicate things. Even with the knowledge that life is short and each day is a gift, I tend to get caught up in the planning, plotting, waiting, and shuffling that accompanies a busy existence. Jackson was more than a pet. He was a reminder of my need to simplify things, and an instructor on how to do so. Jack kept his ears and eyes open; teaching me to listen and appreciate beauty while being surrounded by noise and passing scenery. Jackson was kindness. Jackson was unconditional love.

He was friendship, hope, honesty, and joy. He was the spirit of adventure, and the strength of laughter. He was a blessing above all else. He could not have known how much his wagging tale, or his loving bark made me a better human being. When I feel stuck, or am faced with a tough decision, I ask myself ‘what would Jackson do?’ The answer is usually far simpler than I would have concluded on my own. Jackson would be loving, and unselfish, and kind. When I try to act in that way, my life is better. Even though Jackson is no longer alive, the lessons he has taught me are. The best way I know how to thank him for everything he taught me about life is to live mine simply- showing kindness and love without expecting anything in return.

~Heather Hawley



IN MEMORY OF HEATHER
 My beautiful golden baby rescue with her best rescue friendwe both miss you every day!
 ~Kenny



IN MEMORY OF AMBER CAREY
 Pam & Amber Carey at Amber's 15th birthday party
 RIP sweet, gentle Amber

Lexis by Daryl D'Amato
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Lily by Laurel Lipkin
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Zori by Christian Folse
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In Memory of Emma Ahlberg



In Memory of MAX PAYNE

Dog Max, I miss your teathy smile, although others grossly misunderstood it for a menacing snarl. Whenever you smiled, you would dance with your body wriggling all over when guests visited. Of all visitors, Jane was your favorite neighbor, who fed you kitty treats, and for whom you had a special bark. Jane's kitty treats were among your favorite foods, alongside stovetop popcorn and whipped cream.

Although you knew your boundaries in the house, with age, you tried to redefine your own boundaries. You went from your normal spots to rooms you weren't allowed. Remember that one time when you scared the dogsitter when we were gone? She checked the usual spots, and you, being funny, decided to sprawl out on a bed upstairs. We didn't see that one coming.

We are constantly reminded of you by the dirt trail circling the house, which you forged from chasing cars and wildlife. While you were a fierce defender of the house, you also befriended visitors bearing treats. One time, you snuck into a plumber's truck when he went inside to drop off some tools. Upon returning, he saw your furry little body wedged in his truck, looking out at him, waiting for more treats.

You were my best friend. I could tell you anything, and you would listen to me yet never judge me. You were the happy, furry face I would come home to at the end of a stressful day. You would sniff my face with your big, wet nose, and curl up next to me whenever I was sick. You were there for me, just as we were there for you in sickness and in health. We will forever miss you, and you will always remain in our hearts. You will always be our dog, Max.
 ~Sara Payne



In Memory of **Scratchy**



In Memory of **Calvin Walter Carlton**



In Memory of **GUS BECK**

Gus Beck certainly made his mark in animal welfare. He was rescued in Cedar Rapids by PAWS Chicago volunteers after the Iowa floods in 2008. Poor Gus was found swimming in the flood waters by rescue workers and brought to the local humane society. Nobody claimed him so he was brought to PAWS Chicago. He was immediately adopted by ardent PAWS supporters Janice & Philip Beck. For nearly six years he has been an adored member of their family, which included two other Golden Retrievers, Henry and Betsy. He enjoyed living life in canine paradise between Winnetka and Aspen. Gus was also a regular attendee of the PAWS Chicago Fur Ball.

Their love for Gus inspired Janice & Philip to make a special gift in his honor to help decrease pet homelessness. In 2011, the Beck Family donated the 'GusMobile,' a mobile spay/neuter van named after Gus. The GusMobile is a state-of-the-art spay/neuter van that enables PAWS Chicago to provide free spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations in the most impoverished neighborhoods in Chicago.

Gus is deeply missed by the Beck's and all his friends at PAWS Chicago. His memory will live on in our hearts and through the GusMobile, which is paying a critical role in transforming Chicago into a No Kill community.



In Memory of **Rania Chapman**



In Memory of **Charlie Chase**



In Memory of **JellyRoll Habermann**

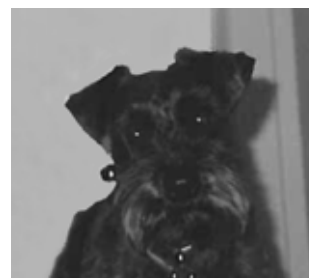
For my Nikki:

Into each of our lives, a 'great' cat comes along. You were that cat, that one in a million. You brightened my life. We understood each other perfectly and weathered our various crises together. Caesar (companion cat) and I miss your gentleness, your playfulness and your sweet disposition. We loved you very much.

~Sandra Bass



In Memory of **Nikki Bass**



In Memory of **Molly Halstead**



In Memory of **Cassidy Goldberg**

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