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A National Model

People from across the nation are visiting PAWS Chicago every month to see how they can bring No Kill success to their communities. Only 15 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 one of the largest free spay/neuter clinics in the nation, focusing on assisting low-income families who cannot otherwise afford the procedure. The GusMobile, the mobile counterpart of the Lurie Clinic, enables PAWS Chicago to provide accessible spay/neuter and vaccinations in the neighborhoods with the highest stray populations.
- PAWS Chicago's Phippen Fasseas Adoption & Humane Center is the first cageless, No Kill shelter of its kind in the Midwest. Located in highly visible Lincoln Park, this state-of-the-art Adoption Center is leading the way in cutting-edge programs and shelter design.
- PAWS Chicago has been recognized as one of the best-run charities in the nation. For the past nine years, PAWS Chicago has received the highest four-star rating from 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 5,000 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.



Fairy is one of the more than 1,000 kittens PAWS Chicago will save this year. This five-month-old girl was found as a stray on the streets of Chicago. She was malnourished and needed time to grow and regain her health. Fairy spent time recovering in a loving foster home until she was strong enough for her spay surgery. Fairy was recently adopted and now has a place to call home.



Lucky Boy's name says it all. This sweetheart was found caught in a large snare trap. After being set free, Lucky Boy was suffering from massive soft tissue damage and had deep scars around his torso. He was transferred to PAWS Chicago where veterinarians performed surgery to save his life. Lucky Boy is at the Adoption Center eagerly awaiting his new family.

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 Rescue & Recovery Center. If you do not find what you are looking for at PAWS Chicago, please visit another No Kill shelter.

Foster a homeless pet in need

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

Spread the word

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

Support No Kill efforts

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

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FROM THE CHAIR

the organizations they trust *really* operate. That premise must extend to animal shelters, those groups that protect the creatures who cannot articulate their fears, hopes and joys for themselves.

The story on page 18, “Gimme Shelter – in a No Kill shelter, please!,” is another step in PAWS Chicago’s ongoing effort to help the public discern critical differences among the humane societies that are entrusted with the vital work of protecting America’s homeless pets.

Our job in the No Kill movement is to continue to inform the public about the reality that homeless animals face, which further engages people to usher in change. Please learn everything you can about animal welfare and join in helping to change the terrible status quo, in which pets die in silence, their stories unknown.

I’d like to welcome you to our Adoption Issue, focused on giving these abandoned and uncared for pets a new start in a loving home with a caring family. We hope it will be a resource for anyone considering opening their home to the

wonders of a pet. We truly thank all of our adopters for saving a life.

You will also see our annual report on page 44. Last year, we were able to save more than 4,200 lives through adoption and spay/neuter more than 17,000 pets, greatly helping to prevent further pet overpopulation. I’d like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful supporters who so generously contributed to our work in 2011. Every dollar is important and enables us to save more lives, prevent thousands of unwanted pets from being born and continue to expand our programs to serve the needs of our often forgotten friends.

Warmest Regards,

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy our spring/summer issue. I especially love seeing my friend and amazing animal advocate, Judith Blazer, on the cover. Her story (see page 38) and family history represent an amazing journey that could only happen in America.

The basic principles of this great country include honest dialogue, transparency and the public’s right to know how

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Dear Supporters,

Please join us for “All Paws on Deck” Beach Party on Thursday, July 19 at Castaways (North Avenue Beach Boathouse). Co-chairs Robert and Renata Block and Virginia Stafman invite you and your pooches to join in this summertime beach-front favorite.

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Beach. You can also make your pet a star in the PAWS Chicago 2013 Desktop Calendar.

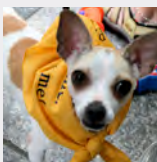
If you’d like to become more involved in helping to save the lives of animals, we’d welcome your participation. Please visit www.pawschicago.org to find the perfect event or volunteer opportunity.

Amy Turk
Development Board President



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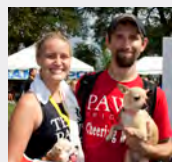
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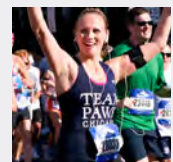
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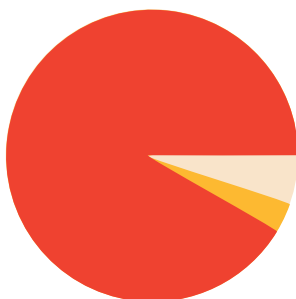
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PAWS Chicago awarded with Charity Navigator's 4-star rating for the ninth consecutive year



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PAWS Chicago is thrilled to be the recipient of Charity Navigator's 4-star rating for nine consecutive years. This is an exceptional accomplishment for PAWS Chicago, as only one percent of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have ever achieved this level of recognition.

Charity Navigator is the country's premier independent charity evaluator, assessing charities based on their efficient use of donor funds, including rankings on program expenses, administrative expenses and fundraising efficiency.

PAWS Chicago would not be able to accomplish such milestones without the community's support.



Donation from PETCO Foundation and Hill's Science Diet satisfies animal hunger through PAWS Chicago Pet Food Bank

In February 2012, PETCO and the PETCO Foundation, longtime supporters of PAWS Chicago, and Hill's Science Diet donated more than 10,000 pounds (or five tons) of dog and cat food to the PAWS Chicago Pet Food Bank. The Pet Food Bank was created in 2008 to help families affected by the recession who were often forced to give up their pets when they could no longer afford to feed or care for them. The Pet Food Bank helps prevent adding to the population of Chicago's homeless pets. More than 130,000 pounds of food has been distributed and more than 2,000 pets have been kept in their homes, rather than entering the shelter system.

The 10,000 pounds is part of a matching donation that Hill's committed to PETCO and the PETCO Foundation's National Pet Food Drive in 2011. For the second year in a row, Hill's Science Diet matched, pound for pound, every bag of Hill's Science Diet donated during the drive.

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RED

PAWS Chicago's beloved ambassador finds a home

By Julie Mazzola

Red, a loving Pit Bull Terrier, was seven years old, when his world was turned upside down after his owner was attacked and robbed in their home in 2009. Attempting to protect his owner, Red was shot in the back and lost the use of his hind legs. Fortunately, Chicago Police Officer, Brian Cicio, contacted Animal Care and Control (ACC) to help Red. As his owner was taken to the hospital, ACC officers picked Red up and took him to the city pound.

With his owner unable to care for him, euthanizing Red seemed, at the time, the only humane option due to the major care he would require for the rest of his life. Fortunately, Red was spotted by a PAWS Chicago team member who was making her daily trip to transfer in pets for adoption. Red was taken into PAWS Chicago, given medical care, led by PAWS chief veterinarian, Dr. Jessica Von Waldau, and eventually placed into the adoption program, where he quickly became a favorite among staff, volunteers and visitors.

According to Dr. Von Waldau, Red was paralyzed from the last segment of his spine and down, thus he was unable to move or have feeling in his lower back, tail and hind legs. Dr. Von Waldau was, and continues to be, Red's primary veterinarian and worked with team members and volunteers at PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center to learn how to care for his daily needs, including playing and socialization with people and dogs, expressing his urine and stool, getting him in and out of his wheelchair, providing him with a special diet and supplements, and arranging his room to prevent skin injuries, sores and infections.

Red also received extensive special care and rehabilitation from PAWS Chicago partner veterinarian, Dr. Barbara Royal. To help strengthen muscles and keep him healthy, Dr. Royal provided Red with weekly acupuncture treatments, time on an underwater treadmill, B-12 supplements and a special diet high in nutrients needed to keep him strong.

"More than any other animal, Red personifies PAWS Chicago's mission. We took in the neediest dog, nurtured him to great mental and physical health, and kept our promise to find his forever home.

His resilience is epic. His adaptability is Nobel-worthy.

We can all take a real lesson in dealing with adversity."



Laurie Gentle
Adoption Counselor



"Red is my hero - my teacher. **Each day I worked with him, I learned something about myself while encouraging him.** He will always be a significant part of my life."

Kara Severson

“ PAWS Chicago provides a lifetime commitment to each pet we save. **Red is a true ambassador for Pit Bulls and is a shining example of the wonderful animals who are euthanized each day because they don't have a home.** Our work to build a No Kill Chicago is underscored by stories like Red's. ”

Paula Fasseas,
Founder of PAWS Chicago

After two and a half years under the care of PAWS Chicago, the Schaible family from Stockton, Ill came forward in late 2011 and expressed interest in giving Red a temporary foster home. PAWS worked with the Schaibles on how to transition Red's care and, in December, he moved in.

In foster, Red thrived and loved life. He settled in very well with his new family, which included a 17-month-old baby who giggled when she saw him, and a six-year-old Beagle named Razor who came out of his shell to play and snuggle with

Red. The Schaible family, who brought Red to aqua and massage therapy, took him on regular walks and emptied his bladder every eight hours. They fell in love with Red and finalized his adoption in April 2012.

Red owes so much to the volunteers who enriched his life. There are many stories of volunteers who gave their time and devotion to him. Laurie Gentle helped design custom-made 'scooty pants' to help his mobility, transformed expressing him from a daily chore to a fun, playful process and even sang to

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“When guests learn about Red's story, many become sad. However, when I share how dearly loved and cared for he is by so many people at PAWS - through the donation of his wheelchair, food for his special diet and those who take him outside to run and play - they understand what a good life he has been given. Red's wonderful personality made him fight for his life and now makes him happy to be alive. **He has an incredible energy and love of life and people. He is a prime example for all of us to keep going no matter what obstacles are placed in our way.** Red showed me his courage, love, joy, patience and incredible will to survive. No one could have been a better teacher than Red. He will always be in my heart.”

Julianne Harmon Dog Town Level 2, Adoption Counselor



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him. Kara Severson provided Red with physical therapy support which helped him gain strength and agility in his chair. She also created the "Red Ironside" Facebook page to raise awareness of his need for a forever home.

Julianne Harmon provided transportation in a car she customized for Red so that he could get to and from his therapy appointments.

Sue Van Winkle raised funds to purchase an orthopedic bed which made it easier for Red to sleep and lounge. She cleaned Red's room and stocked it with his favorite toys, bathed him and assisted in expressing him.



Sue Van Winkle

Level 2 Dog Town volunteer

"To me Red represented all the good that an animal can teach humans - acceptance, overcoming adversity and absolute trust even when that trust is violated. He made lemonade out of lemons and represents survival.

He should be the poster boy for Pit Bulls - gentle, sweet, loving, playful, great with children, and very smart as opposed to the perception of the breed that we largely have today.

He is what everyone wants in a pet.

One of my favorite moments was taking Red to the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home. The residents loved him, including 89-year-old Sister Lucille, who clutched her walker with one hand and Red's leash with the other."



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

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Your Home Can Be HAZARDOUS to Your Pet's Health

By Dr. Robert Dann, DVM

My father worked as an insurance agent for more than 60 years and spent much of his career advising people on how to avoid risk. I would often hear him say, “There is no such thing as an accident. An accident only happens when people do something that allows it to occur.” Although I may not agree with my dad’s assessment 100 percent of the time, when I think of all the preventable household problems I have seen afflict my patients over the years, I can only nod at Dad’s wisdom. People often go to great lengths to make their homes childproof. Unfortunately, pet parents sometimes fail to undertake the same precautions, opening the way for dangerous mishaps to occur.

Socks, string and other things

Experience has shown that pets will try to chew or eat almost anything! Although many of the objects pets consume are toxic, those that are nontoxic can be just as dangerous. Dogs are attracted to scents and often find the body odors associated with dirty clothes to be irresistible. A pair of socks or underpants left on the floor is an open invitation for a hungry canine to eat them. Once swallowed, these can quickly lead to a bowel obstruction. Small children’s toys are also frequently gobbled up by our pets, and surgery is sometimes necessary to retrieve them. With cats, there is a greater tendency to ingest string, thread (often with the needle attached) or even a length of dental floss hanging over the edge of a wastebasket. Similarly, pets will be attracted to loose strands of fiber sticking up from a rug or carpeting, often pulling on them until there is a long strand to play with. Collectively, veterinarians refer to these as linear foreign bodies. When swallowed, the leading edge of these items moves through the intestinal tract while the trailing edge often gets stuck, sometimes under the tongue. Eventually, the bowel will “pucker up” like an accordion, necessitating surgery.

What's in the wastebasket?

One of the most common hazards to cats and dogs in the home is an unprotected garbage can. When a pet gets into discarded fat scraps it can induce pancreatitis, a dangerous inflammatory condition of the pancreas. The sheer volume of large amounts of ingested trash can lead to the fatal condition known as bloat.



One of the most common hazards to cats and dogs in the home is an unprotected garbage can.

Whether fed from the table or snatched from a kitchen counter or garbage can, many of the foods or food products we eat are actually toxic to pets. Most everybody is aware that chocolate is toxic to our furry friends (the darker, the more dangerous), but many other human foods are lethal as well. Avocados, grapes and raisins, macadamia nuts, onions, garlic, chives and alcohol can also have serious consequences when ingested. Raw yeast dough can rise in a pet’s gut, releasing large amounts of gas, causing pain and potential stomach rupture.

Gum and Candy

A lesser known substance, potentially deadly to our canine companions, is seeing dramatically increased popularity as a low-cal sweetener in human food. This substance is Xylitol, and it warrants special mention. While Xylitol is a naturally occurring sugar alcohol extracted from fruits and vegetables,



It is important to remember that most medication vials are childproof, but not "petproof."

ingestion of only a small amount can be toxic to dogs. Within hours of consuming a food sweetened with Xylitol, a dog's blood sugar can plummet dangerously, causing hypoglycemia and seizures. It can

also cause potentially fatal liver failure.

As a human food additive, Xylitol is a great product. It looks and tastes like sugar but is much lower in calories. As the public has called out for healthier snacks without sugar, more and more companies are now using Xylitol in their products. Chewing gum, jams and jellies, baked goods, candies, toothpaste and even children's vitamins can contain it. Veterinarians sometimes prescribe pediatric elixirs from human pharmacies for small dogs and Xylitol has even made its way into some of these prescription medications for children.

Around the house

One of the most common emergency calls we receive involves the accidental ingestion of medications (animal or human) by our pets. It is important to remember that most medication vials are childproof, but not "petproof." Whether it is a single tablet left on a night stand or dropped on the floor, or

the accidental consumption of an entire prescription after a medicine vial is chewed open, many medications can be highly toxic to pets. Among the most common causes of pet toxicity are anti-depressants, amphetamines, sleeping pills, pain relievers and NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug) products like Advil. Drugs containing Acetaminophen, such as Tylenol, are especially dangerous to cats, with a single tablet being a potentially fatal dose.

There are many other compounds commonly found in the home, unrelated to food or medicine, that have the potential to cause harm to pets. Many household cleaning products (especially those with bleach), insect baits, rodenticides, batteries and tobacco products are examples of items that should not be left where they can be discovered by a curious animal. And if your cat or dog regularly drinks out of the toilet bowl, you should know that many toilet bowl cleaners are hazardous when lapped up.

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Be Prepared For an Emergency

Always keep the phone number of your veterinarian and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888-426-4435) readily accessible. If you suspect your pet has swallowed something toxic, the Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour hotline is staffed by trained toxicologists ready to help you. It is also advisable to keep a bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3% USP, handy at all times in case it is necessary to induce vomiting.

Being a veterinarian I like to think I'm pretty aware of the hazards to my pets in our own home. I also think we keep our home in a "pet safe" condition. In preparation for writing this article I walked around my house to identify any lurking dangers. Was I ever surprised! The door to our clothes dryer was open and the only thing in the dryer was a fabric softener sheet, an easy and toxic target for a dog. One of my children left a TV remote controller on a couch. Dogs like to chew these up and the batteries are dangerous.

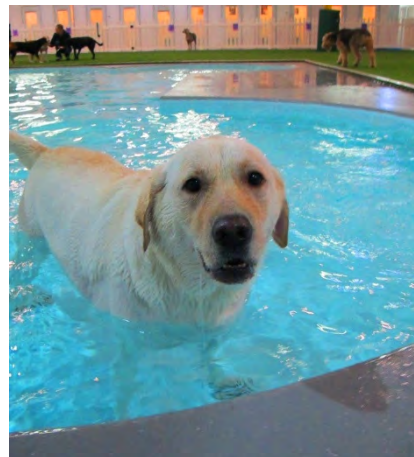
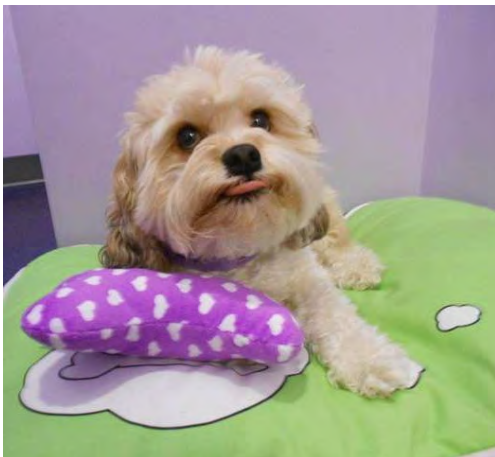
My daughter left her purse on the floor next to her bed. When I asked her if we could go through the contents together for this exercise, I found a pack of gum sweetened with Xylitol, antibiotic capsules and a small bottle of hand sanitizer with enough alcohol in it to topple our Chihuahua. On my wife's sewing machine table were clumps of sewing thread clippings just waiting for the chance to obstruct our cat's intestines. Wow! I thought our home was pet safe.

Our animal companions bring so much joy into our lives, and they ask so little of us in return. So take a walk through your own home, and see what you can do to remove any unintentional hazards that may be lurking. Your pet requires only a bit of heightened awareness and vigilance from you to be kept safe and healthy for years to come.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Anita Mauro

"It is important for us to serve as a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Six years ago, Anita Mauro was invited to a PAWS Chicago Development Board meeting by a friend. By the end of the meeting, she became a member of the board and began dedicating time to saving the lives of homeless pets. And, she hasn't looked back since.

Anita has been an active volunteer and has served on the Fur Ball Committee, participated in many Angels with Tails adoption events and volunteers as a greeter at the Adoption Center.

She has also made volunteering at PAWS Chicago a family affair. Her husband, Dan, plans to join the Development Board this year. "Dan and I love animals. It is important for us to serve as a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves," says Anita.

Leveraging her background as a real estate tax and commercial lending attorney at Thompson Coburn LLP, Anita has served as a pro bono legal advisor on real estate matters. According to Anita, "By providing PAWS Chicago with my real estate tax expertise, I am doing my part to enable the saving of even more lives. I am also proud to report that a number of attorneys and staff from Thompson Coburn, LLP volunteered their time at the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic for the 2011 Make a Difference Day."

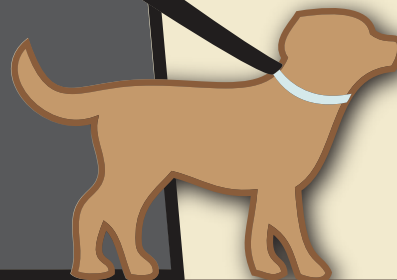
The adoption of Bella, a flat-coated Retriever/Border Collie mix, stands out as one of her best experiences of volunteering at PAWS Chicago. "The No Kill movement is very close to our hearts," says Anita. "If PAWS did not take Bella in when her prior owner relinquished her, she would have been euthanized because of her severe allergies. We are so lucky to have her in our lives."

Thanks to Anita's support, PAWS Chicago is growing closer to creating a No Kill community. "PAWS Chicago is the family that you choose. Dan and I are so fortunate to be a part of such a great family," says Anita.

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For a poignant perspective on why the revolution in No Kill sheltering is gaining ground, imagine yourself in Mr. Ed's scenario. This sweet-natured tabby cat suddenly found himself homeless when his family home was foreclosed upon. Tragically abandoned by his owners, the scared, starving Mr. Ed took refuge in a lonely room. By sheer luck (and before he died from neglect), his fortunes were radically reversed when a mortgage worker discovered him.

Coincidentally, a group of PAWS Chicago volunteers were nearby, unloading food to stock the Emergency Pet Food Bank. They immediately took Mr. Ed to the PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic, where he received medical care, nutritious food and a soft, warm place to rest his weary body. Once restored to good health, Mr. Ed joined a new family, one he found at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center.

Despite his challenges, Mr. Ed was one of the lucky ones. He could easily have been killed in a shelter – one decidedly unlike PAWS Chicago, simply for lack of a home.

Adoption is one of PAWS Chicago's Core Four Pillars. (Others are targeted spay/neuter, a robust volunteer culture and state-of-the-art shelter medicine.) When adopters learn that PAWS Chicago found loving homes **for 4,268 pets in 2011**, a 5.6 percent increase over 2010, they are proud to count themselves among the genuine lifesavers that prevented these cats and dogs from likely death. *Prior to the founding of PAWS Chicago in 1997, nearly all of these animals would have been killed.*

With its adoption rates steadily mounting and its proven resolve in prevention of more homeless pets through the targeted spay/neuter solution, PAWS Chicago is working to build a No Kill community within the next five years.

Like many nonprofit success stories, the journey that led to the founding of PAWS stemmed from the outrage of one individual, then was nurtured by the power of many. In 1997, then high school student Alexis Fasseas, daughter of Paula and Peter, was volunteering at a local "open door" humane society/shelter. To her horror, dozens of dogs and cats were euthanized there daily. (In fact, in 1997, more than 800 homeless cats and dogs were killed in Chicago every week, totaling a staggering 42,561 deaths that year alone.)

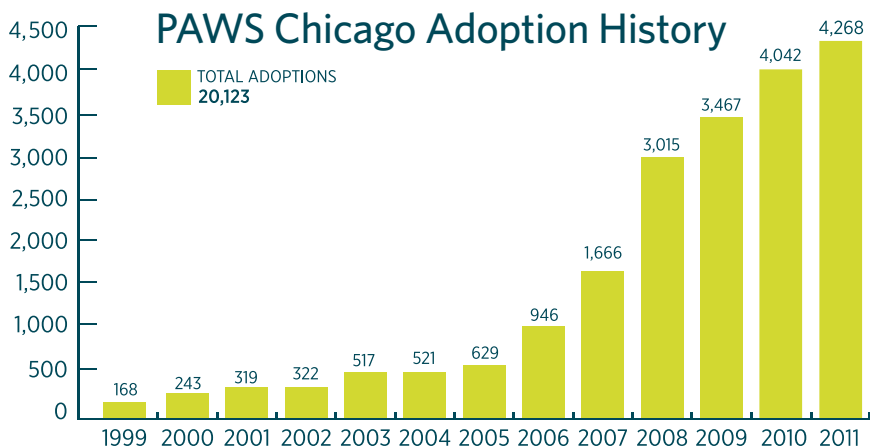
At home, Alexis sought her mother's intervention with passion and persistence. "I was not only shocked at the mass killings, but at the fact that these animals were killed in silence. The public had no idea," says PAWS

Founder Paula Fasseas. With 25 years of banking experience as a guide, she put her business acumen and her address book to work. The effort kicked off with a high-profile adoption event, Angels with Tails, that celebrates its 15th anniversary on May 6, 2012.

Many PAWS Chicago adopters experience transformations of their own. They encounter joy at choosing to share their love, lives and homes with cats and dogs that were literally at death's door after suffering neglect, abuse and an unthinkable lack of medical care for illnesses and injuries.

"More than two years ago, I began fostering, and later adopted a wonderful dog, Dolly. It was a hospice situation; she wasn't expected to live long. However, PAWS Chicago was THE best advocate for Dolly, who went through so much at PAWS, including biopsies, multiple adoptions and medication issues. Today, Dolly is certainly living with her condition vs. dying from it."
- Julie, Hospice Volunteer & Adopter

PAWS Chicago is a volunteer-driven organization. Participation from as many people as possible is a gift to homeless animals and the people who work tirelessly to assure better, longer, richer lives for these four-legged friends. There are many ways to help and learn through frequent seminars, donor events and youth education sessions, among other gatherings. If you've never been to the Adoption and Humane Center at 1997 N. Clybourn Avenue in Chicago, please schedule a visit. The 150 or so animals in dire need of your attention will be thrilled to welcome you.



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Gimme Shelter – in a No Kill shelter, please!

The Startling Truth Behind “Open Door” Sheltering

By Patty Donmoyer

Nathan Winograd, one of the founders of the No Kill movement in San Francisco in 1994, lays out this challenge: “We can fully, completely, and without reservation embrace No Kill as our future. Or we can continue to legitimize the two-pronged strategy of failure: adopt a few and kill the rest. It is a choice which history has thrown upon us. We are the generation that questioned the killing. We are the generation that has discovered how to stop it. **Will we be the generation that does?”**



Unsurprisingly, the majority of people assume that *all* shelters exist to give the gift of life to animals. However, thanks to the growing influence of the No Kill movement, the public is slowly learning the ugly truth about the amount of killing that takes place at so many of America’s shelters. Still, animal welfare supporters have much to accomplish in the quest to bring light to the hidden practices employed at many of the country’s largest and most well-funded private “open door” shelters.

First, it is important to differentiate private shelters from tax-payer funded municipal shelters, like the local city pound. Government shelters are responsible for the safety of communities and must be “open door,” accepting all stray or unwanted animals. In a No Kill model, the government shelter will be a clearing house, taking in all strays, reuniting lost pets with owners, and transferring the rest to private shelters and rescue groups.

On the other hand, private shelters have a choice to operate as a traditional or a No Kill shelter: whether to accept all animals, regardless of resources, or commit to saving the lives of every one they take in. At traditional shelters, the phrase “open door” is used to convey the friendly message that all animals are welcome, but, in

reality, many (if not most) will exit the doors through which they entered in body bags.

Conversely, No Kill shelters practice “managed admissions,” assuring that all animals taken in are cared for and guaranteed life under the no kill guarantee, but triaging the neediest cases first.

Open Door Kill Shelters

As with any business, institution or nonprofit, every animal shelter has to allocate its resources and manage to financial and capacity limitations. Open door shelters do not manage their populations to those limits and utilize killing as a population management tool. While these traditional open door shelters have the prerogative to do what they wish with the animals in their care, they are rarely transparent about their statistics to the general public. These privately funded shelters are wholly supported by the animal loving community, yet they essentially use donor dollars to duplicate the role that government shelters play in animal control. However, rarely are they upfront about the killing, afraid that the truth would scare away supporters and volunteers.

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No Kill Shelters

Essentially, No Kill shelters guarantee the lives of all animals in their care and only euthanize if an animal is suffering and medical treatment cannot alleviate its condition, or if a dog is truly vicious. “Vicious” does not mean a simple behavior problem but rather a dog that poses a true safety risk to the public. This accounts for a very small number, with most No Kills saving in excess of 95 percent and all No Kills saving more than 90 percent of the pets they take in.

All animals in a No Kill shelter are given needed medical care and necessary behavior training to make them adoptable. The shelter is, in essence, a safe haven, dedicated to preserving life, not ending it.

The most important difference between “open door” and No Kill shelters lies in how intake is managed. Much like a hospital for humans – if 1,000 beds are the hospital’s financial and physical capacity, the hospital will not take in 2,000 patients and kill the excess. They will triage and take in the neediest, most urgent cases and work with the public to treat all less urgent cases over time.

A No Kill animal shelter works the same way, having an honest dialogue with the public to help solve each individual’s need. The dog whose guardian died or lost his home to foreclosure or eviction will be prioritized over the golden retriever whose guardian’s daughter has allergies. Waiting a few weeks is sometimes required if the owner wants to guarantee the life of his pet. Transparency is also critical to help inform the public about the plight of homeless animals, arming them to become a part of the solution.

Christie Keith, a journalist for the San Francisco Examiner, writes: “Dear kill shelters: please close your open doors.” Keith says, “If one more shelter defends their kill rate by proudly pointing out that they are ‘open door,’ I’m going to scream. I think continuing to take in animals you have no room for is foolish and immoral, and 10 times more so when you turn around and kill them.”



Patty Donmoyer is a writer and longtime supporter of PAWS Chicago. She has run marathons as a member of Team PAWS Chicago. Her cat, Buddy, is also a PAWS supporter!

Translating the Disguised Language at “Open Door” Kill Shelters

The truth of massive killing at “open door” shelters is frequently disguised from the public, donors and volunteers. Often, such shelters encourage the public to bring them their animals by making dishonest claims of “finding a home for every adoptable pet” or “having no time or space limits.” Yet, on average, 40 to 70 percent of pets taken in are killed. Here’s a translation guide:

“We find a home for all adoptable pets.”

The question to ask, is what is the criteria for a pet to be “adoptable”? A scratch on the nose, too many black dogs in the shelter, a common upper respiratory infection, being too young (under eight weeks), being too old (over six years of age), being too shy or failing a temperament test that has no scientific grounds are examples of justifications used at “open door” shelters to excuse the killing. Of course, pet owners do not think their pet is unadoptable, so they bring their pet to the “humane” society to find a new home.

“We have no limits of time or space.”

While this might sound like a No Kill shelter, “open door” shelters make these statements, but they only count the pets that make it into their kennels, not every animal that comes through their open doors. Making it to the kennels is the hard part and a matter of life or death. In fact, often the owners are still in the parking lot when their pets are being killed in the shelter. By operating this way, volunteers never see the pets that are killed. Shelters also manipulate statistics to show large numbers of “owner consent euthanasia,” which was in the fine print that pet guardians signed when surrendering their pets, considering it a separate line item and not including it in their publicly released data.

Warning Signs: Beware of shelters that restrict volunteers from entering areas of their building.

Get the Facts: To investigate whether your shelter is truly No Kill, ask “What guarantees do you give *all* your animals?” “What is your exact criteria for euthanasia?” “Do you adopt out senior pets?” “Do you treat for ringworm, heartworm and parvo, all common diseases in shelters?” Look to see how many senior pets are on the adoption floor. Does the shelter publish or post its shelter data of all animals coming in?

from Intake to Adoption

meet Gabriella

Gabriella at Animal Care and Control as PAWS Chicago came to rescue her.



meet Bennett

Bennett was one of many cats awaiting PAWS Chicago's help.



Day 1



At ACC, a PAWS Chicago veterinarian gave Bennett and Gabriella an initial medical check, including a blood test and ringworm test, cleaned their ears and gave them their first round of vaccinations. Gabriella was given a temperament test by PAWS Chicago's Intake Coordinator to ensure she was safe to interact with people and other animals. After being cleared, Bennett and Gabriella boarded the transport van and headed to PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center.



Day 2



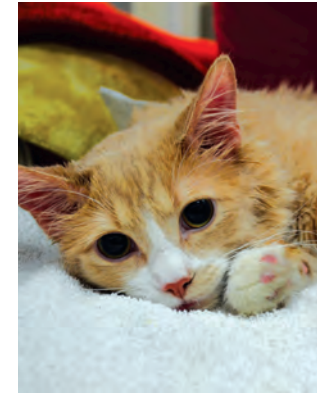
The next day, PAWS Chicago veterinarians gave Bennett and Gabriella full medical examinations to determine if they needed special medical treatment and ensure they were strong enough for their spay/neuter surgeries. They were also given a final round of vaccinations and a microchip so that they would never be lost again. Both were in very good health and were cleared for surgery.



Later that day, Bennett and Gabriella were brought to the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic where they received their spay/neuter surgeries. Bennett and Gabriella are two of the more than 18,000 pets who will receive a spay or neuter surgery this year.



Here, Bennett and Gabriella wake up from anesthesia after their surgeries.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Sebastian Sparenga

Each time Sebastian Sparenga volunteers his time at PAWS Chicago, he tells an animal's story through his camera lens. As a volunteer photographer, Sebastian captures striking images of available cats and dogs for the PAWS Web site, during special events and for a variety of marketing

pieces for the organization – all to help them look their best and find their forever home.

“I was originally drawn to PAWS Chicago through the *Run for Their Lives* event. I thought it was so great that PAWS drew so many people in from all over the city to help raise money for animals in



The Journey of a Homeless Pet

Each year, more than 17,000 homeless pets are killed in traditional “open door” Chicago shelters because they do not have a home. Although many of these animals are sick or injured, the vast majority are treatable and would make wonderful, loving pets if given a chance. Each year, PAWS Chicago is giving thousands of pets that opportunity. PAWS Chicago goes to Chicago Animal Care & Control (ACC), the city pound, almost every day and rescues as many pets as there is room. Thanks to generous donor support, PAWS Chicago is able to take in animals who are sick, injured or have socialization needs. Every pet is treated as an individual and is given a guarantee of life. We followed two of their stories.

Day 3



The next day, Bennett and Gabriella were transferred to PAWS Chicago's state-of-the-art Adoption Center, where the search for their new families began.



At PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center, rather than being put in a cage, Bennett and Gabriella were treated to large sunlit rooms with plush pillows and classical music, as well as interaction with volunteers who provided enrichment and socialization.



Day 6



Fortunately, Bennett was adopted the day after he arrived at the Adoption Center. Gabriella was adopted three days after she arrived. Within a four- and six-day period, Bennett and Gabriella, whose futures were uncertain as strays, were given the gift of life. PAWS Chicago will remain committed to Bennett and Gabriella for the rest of their lives, should anything happen to their new families.

Day 4



need. My wife, dog and I attended with some friends and had such an amazing time that I started looking into ways I could help out at the Adoption Center, which I began in April of 2010.”

Sebastian leverages his professional background in photography for the benefit of homeless cats and dogs. As a research microscopist and instructor for McCrone Research Institute, he trains others how to use microscopes to identify unknown substances and photographically document the findings.

According to Sebastian, “This work has greatly helped me hone my photography skills, which eventually led to me starting Sparenga Photography. My main focus is pet photography, portraits and fine art photomicrography.”

Each time Sebastian photographs an animal, he/she has an increased opportunity of grabbing the attention of a potential adopter. “I volunteer for PAWS Chicago because I love animals and want to do all that I can to increase their chances of being adopted to good homes,” he said.

“I really enjoy interacting with all the animals as well as meeting and spending time with the other volunteers.”

“Volunteering at PAWS has been a great experience for me. I love coming in and seeing everyone working together, donating their time for the sake of the animals. I would highly recommend being involved in volunteering. There are so many different aspects to this organization that there is truly something for everyone,” said Sebastian.

The PAWS Chicago Adoption Center

[where pets and people fall in love]

By Betsy Storm

PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center welcomes all with a contemporary yet rustic décor. The open environment is a metaphor for the new era of sheltering that distinguishes PAWS Chicago. When the Center opened in 2007, it helped usher in a seismic change in animal adoption. Sadly, even now, many shelters are dingy, loud and unwelcoming. Animals are crowded into small cages; they're not exposed to natural light or the out of doors; the surroundings aren't pristine; and they sorely lack human interaction.

Conversely, PAWS Chicago's state-of-the-art environment was designed to accord animals the dignity, respect and healthy conditions they deserve. Dogs and cats reside in suites rather than cages to ensure a quiet, relaxed environment. To eliminate disease transmission, a seven-ton HVAC unit supplies fresh air continuously.

Dogs are walked several times daily and benefit, weather permitting, from rooftop exercise. Inside, they cavort in an ample open play area. Cats bask in lots of petting and lap-sitting and



PAWS Chicago's state-of-the-art cageless Adoption Center integrates innovative features that enhance the physical and emotional health and adopt-ability of its temporary residents.



spend their time in areas designed with plentiful perches. Special accommodations include private "condos" for bashful felines and a senior cat environment equipped with ramps and climbing areas to suit their more limited mobility.

Canines lounge in cozy comfort and often in pairs as they anticipate play times and snuggles with a host of skilled volunteers. Because PAWS Chicago is fortunate to have 5,000 devoted volunteers, every animal receives individual attention.

By the time cats and dogs arrive at the Adoption Center from PAWS Chicago's Rescue & Recovery Center in Little Village, they have received vaccinations, medical exams and treatment for illnesses or diseases. They've also been spayed or neutered, and dogs are microchipped. Looking and feeling good, these pets are prepared to meet their public, hoping for an ideal owner.

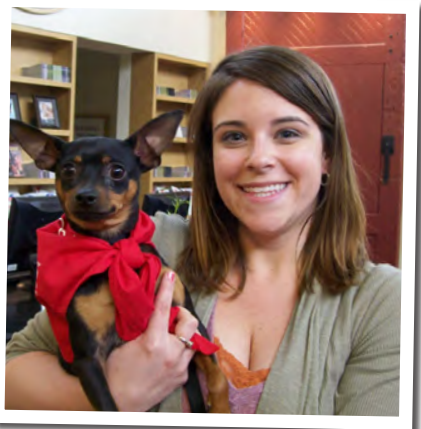
Upon arrival at the Adoption

Center, adopters complete a computerized Meet Your Match survey. (See story on page 23.) Next, they view the animals, weighing in on which ones they want to meet individually. After the options are narrowed to the animal of desire, adopters meet with specially trained adoption counselors.

These volunteers engage them in a wide-ranging conversation about pet ownership, an individual's or a family's lifestyles, whether the pet they've chosen is the optimal choice for their household and the importance of training. Before pets and their people depart on that memorable trip home together, staff and volunteers assure the new dog and cat owners that guidance from PAWS Chicago's experts is only a phone call or an e-mail away.

Perhaps most important, all animals receive a life long commitment from PAWS Chicago, providing a safety net to ensure that they will always be cared for should anything happen to their adoptive families.

Meet Your Match



Delve Deeply to Reveal Your Ideal Companion

Too many of us have been there:

A well-intentioned friend fixed us up on a blind date that resulted in a less than storybook ending. One only hopes the aftermath of such a fractured pairing was no more than a few hours wasted, with no long lasting impact.

But now, consider a far more enduring matchmaking scenario – one that will color your days, enliven your nights and provide entertainment and affection for years to come – selecting the perfect pet for you.

Yes, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but good looks aren't the major consideration when making a life-changing decision about which pet to hang out with over a string of gorgeous spring afternoons by the lake. Specially-trained adoption counselors and others at PAWS Chicago realize that it's easy to become enamored with a dog or cat that, in truth, may not be appropriate for a person's prior experience with pets, living quarters, energy levels or aspects of her household operation. The PAWS adoption procedure is designed to guide adopters in surpassing the good intentions that usually are the basis of their wish to bring home a homeless pet by asking questions and to understand their expectations – both of themselves and of PAWS team members and volunteers.

To help people on their quest for the perfect pooch make reasoned choices, the initial step at the Adoption Center is completion of a survey called "Meet Your Match™" (MYM). It's a time-tested program developed by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to

assist individuals in the first step toward creating optimal, long-lasting relationships with their dogs.

Adopters complete the survey before meeting available dogs. Based on their answers, individuals are assigned color-coded tags: Green represents high energy; orange signifies a middle ground; and purple suggests a lower-energy companion.

Adopters carry these colorful markers while walking through Dog Town, and ever-observant volunteers help match prospective adopters with dogs who meet their preferred traits and temperaments. (Puppies are not assessed and therefore do not have a canine-ality assignment.)

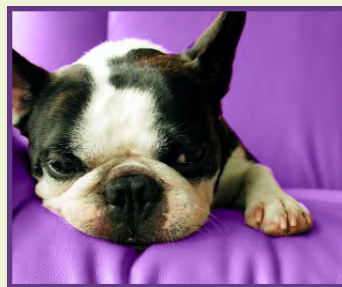
"Meet Your Match is a great gauge, and when people respond honestly to the questions, it works," says Susan Wallace, Adoption Center Director. She adds that the survey is a valuable information-gathering tool that enables PAWS to identify adopter preferences and adopters to approach the selection of a pet with a good amount of realistic information literally at their fingertips. "When we see disparities," says Susan, "that's an opportunity for discussion at any point along the path to adoption."



Betsy Storm is Director of Communications for PAWS Chicago. As a writer, she especially enjoys telling the stories of life-changing nonprofits, such as PAWS. Her petite dog, Truffles,

often dressed in colorful holiday garb, adds a helping paw by rarely leaving Betsy's side when she is at home.

What's Your Canine-ality™?



PURPLE

Couch Potato: need we say more?

Constant Companion: desires to give and receive affection; a low-maintenance pooch

Teacher's Pet: versatile, loves to learn, relishes entertaining encounters



ORANGE

Wallflower: charming, shy and sweet

Busy Bee: playful, curious and trusting

Goofball: happy, always up for a good romp and socially motivated



GREEN

Life of the Party: fun, interactive and on the move

Go-getter: thrives on a "let's go" lifestyle

Free Spirit: intelligent, independent, usually well-behaved when proper attention is paid



PAWS Chicago's Pit Pals Program

Building Ambassadors for a Misunderstood Breed

The PAWS Chicago Pit Pals Program was developed to work closely with families and their adopted Pit Bulls. PAWS Chicago staff members, trainers and volunteers help these adopters develop the understanding and commitment that can lead to a lifetime of companionship. A substantial part of the undertaking lies in dispelling long-standing myths about Pit Bulls while helping owners to understand, through advanced and extended training, the specific needs of these bright, engaging canines. Mike Scheiber is a classic case of someone whose focus on his Pit Bulls' particular requirements is helping them (and him) to thrive.

Mike Schieber's life changed when a desperate woman pulled up next to his car and begged him to take in her female Pit Bull. Though he'd never owned a Pit Bull before, the bad press that Pit Bulls so often garner didn't scare off Mike. In fact, he describes his relationship with Barbara (as Mike named her) as "a love affair." He says Barbara – along with his newer Pit Bull, a PAWS Chicago adoptee named Dottie – are, hands down, "the greatest dogs I've ever known."

Mike credits Melissa Dragovan, manager of the PAWS Chicago Adoption Program, with "playing Cupid," between himself and Dottie. Mike had visited the Adoption Center twice before in search of a companion for Barbara, but the all-important element of chemistry was absent. Melissa persevered, however, and when Dottie (PAWS Chicago name "Miss Sheba") arrived at the Adoption Center, she contacted Mike immediately. Dottie was due for some good fortune; she'd been returned to the shelter twice before lucking in to her "home sweet home" with Mike and his girlfriend, Laura Tracy.



Dottie could qualify as the poster gal for PAWS Chicago's "Pit Pals" Program, one that tries to dispel the myth that the majority of Pit Bulls are dangerous and de facto inappropriate as family pets. That's not to say that these dogs are appropriate for everyone, of course. PAWS adoption specialists exert a particular effort to ensure that potential owners comprehend and will fully commit to the specific requirements of Pit Bull ownership. Individuals wanting to adopt a Pit Pal meet with PAWS Chicago trainers to ensure their newly adopted dog is set up for success.

If individuals are apartment/condo dwellers, they must check to find out if their buildings allow Pit Bulls, as some prohibit them.

Laura is just as crazy about Barbara and Dottie as is Mike. They recognize and respect the dogs' need for extensive physical exercise and mental stimulation. Dottie and Barbara are vigorously walked (or run) several times daily, and Barbara even burns calories by hopping onto a treadmill in the couple's living room.

Armed with a whizzing laser pointer, Mike and Laura entice their dogs into romping and running indoors.

"I just want everyone to understand what wonderful pets these dogs can be," says Laura, cradling the 70-pound Barbara in her lap.

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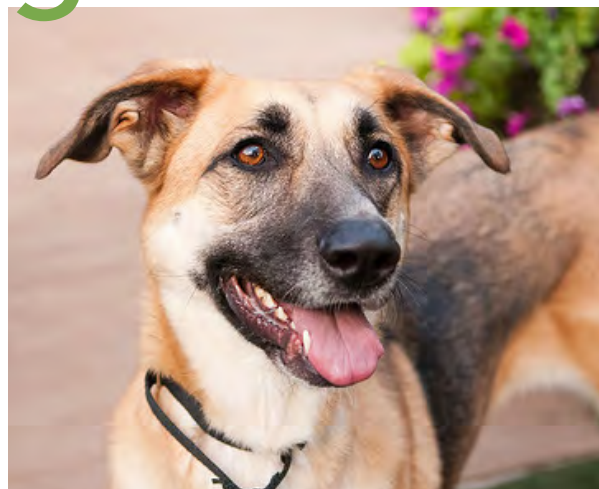
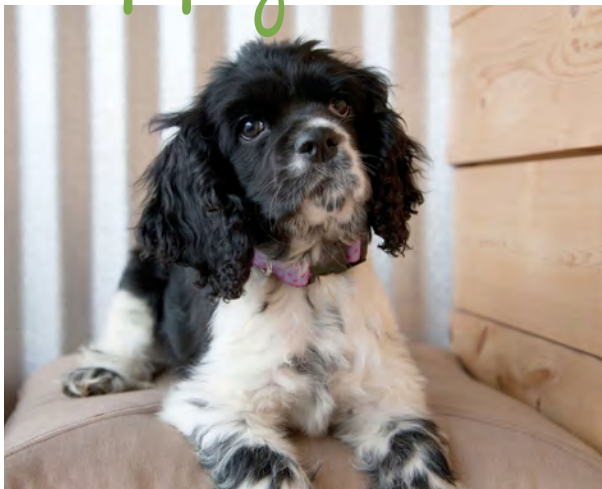
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Puppy or Dog?



Cat or Kitten?

Tips on how to choose the right pet for your lifestyle

By Joan Harris

Adopting any new pet requires a lot of thought, time and commitment.

Every member of your family needs to be on board and present for the selection of this new member of the household. Before selecting a new pet, know what kind of personality will best suit you and your family. Also, be realistic about the amount of time, space and resources that are available. If you have the time and resources, rescue a pet and you'll have a devoted friend and family member for life! Before choosing, consider exactly what type of pet would be best for your lifestyle. Even though you will be doing a good deed, do yourself a favor and consider all of your options. Make several trips to the shelter and introduce all family members (including other household dogs) to make sure everyone is happy. This decision will affect you for many years. Enjoy the opportunity to help a rescue pet find a loving home and a second chance at life.

Pups at heart

Are fun and frisky puppies the right fit for your family?



Puppies generally require much more time and attention than older dogs. Cute as they are, they come into your life untrained. They are not yet housebroken and need to go out on a regular schedule, usually every two to three hours during the daytime. This can be impossible if you are gone for an eight-hour work day. Young puppies may also need to go out one or more times during the night until their bladders are large enough. This could mean losing many a good night's sleep.

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Older & Wiser

Adult dogs take the guesswork out of adoption.



Adopting a mature dog can be a great alternative to raising a puppy. While an adult dog does require time and attention, they do not need the constant supervision and stimulation that puppies demand. Many times, an adult dog is already house-trained which will allow you to leave the house for longer periods of time and sleep soundly through the night. Many already know some basic commands and are intelligent enough to fit into the regular household routine seamlessly.

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Puppies continued...

Adopting a puppy provides an opportunity for you to teach and train as you like.

Puppies also chew! Without constant supervision and crate training, you can expect some destructive behavior. This behavior can go on until your puppy reaches adulthood. Many breeds do not mature until about two years of age. This means they need socialization, activities and training to keep them from becoming a nuisance during a long period of adolescence.

There is also a degree of guesswork involved when adopting a puppy. Although we can make an approximation, we don't really know what the puppy's personality will be like as an adult. There is no way to know if the

puppy will be easily trained, how active he will be, or even how big he will get.

If there are small children in the household, a new puppy can be overwhelming. (PAWS Chicago recommends that the youngest child in the home be at least five years of age when adopting a puppy or a small dog.) Growing puppies put their teeth on everything, including your children. While they are learning bite inhibition, mouthing and nipping can cause tears and frustration from children who want nothing more than to play with the new puppy.

On the other hand, a puppy can be a joy to live with especially if you have the

time, resources and a flexible schedule. Nothing compares to the joy of watching a cute puppy play or learn a new trick. Helping with the responsibilities of a growing puppy can help older children learn to care for an animal.

Puppies can sometimes be easier to train the way you like because their flexible minds are not yet set in their ways. If you feel a puppy may be right for your household, educate yourself beforehand on how to raise and train one. Conduct research to find a good puppy class in which to enroll your puppy and figure out what equipment you'll need to purchase ahead of time.

Cat or Kitten?

By Rick Turley



Choosing between an adult cat and a kitten – even better, a pair of kittens – is all about finding the perfect match. The advantages of an adult cat go beyond their obvious size and appearance. Cats have matured and developed distinct personalities. Volunteers are able to help assess a cat's activity level, temperament and social needs. The personality of a kitten, on the other hand, is harder to predict. Because there's nothing cuter than a kitten, much of the choice with a kitten relies on appearance which can lead to a poor match if potential adopters have particular traits they desire which might be found in an older cat.

For example, a cat who loves playtime and sitting with its human to watch a movie might not be the best choice for those of us who are away from home for long hours. A nice easygoing adult lap cat can be a good choice for a first-time owner. Volunteers will tell you that cats can have definite preferences for

particular humans.

A kitten generally reacts in the same way to almost everyone. Young kittens require a significant commitment to properly train, protect and socialize. Some people prefer to adopt a "blank slate" so they can have an influence on their kitten as it matures. If you are interested in adopting a kitten, you might consider adopting a pair of kittens in a home with no other animals or when no one is home during the day. Sometime young kittens will develop inappropriate grabbing and hard nipping play behaviors if left alone for long periods. Kittens will teach each other what is appropriate and what is not for playtime, which is helpful in training them to interact with humans.

In addition, some parents choose to adopt a kitten to give their children the experience of watching an animal grow up. An adult cat can be a good choice for homes with younger children. Although there are kittens who love

children, there are also kittens who don't want to be held at a particular moment and might scratch or nip to get away. An adult cat will usually learn to avoid children when they don't want to interact.

Cats and kittens can bring so much happiness and love to a home. But, finding the right pet for your lifestyle and needs should help dictate which is right for you. To discover this, identify the top traits that are most important to you in a pet and match those with your lifestyle. Based on those preferences, volunteers at shelters like PAWS Chicago can help introduce you to your perfect match and set your new pet up for a lifetime of happiness.



Rick Turley is a longtime volunteer who focused most recently on developing and maintaining the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center Foster/Holiday Program.

Dogs continued...

When adopting an adult dog, you know more about the dog's size, confidence and personality.

With an adult dog, you have a pet who is mature and ready to do things NOW. You won't have to wait until the puppy grows up to enjoy certain activities. You can come home from a long day at work and take a relaxing walk or sit in front of the fire with your new best friend.

You will know how big the dog will get and what he looks like as an adult. You will also be able to pick a dog whose personality suits your household. For example, an active, busy household would probably do best choosing a confident, outgoing dog that is very friendly. A shy or fearful dog would do best in a household without children that is quiet and predictable. Assertive, high-energy dogs will require more exercise and training while a shy, quiet dog may take less effort to control and will be content with a laid-back lifestyle. And

senior pets can be perfect pairings for senior citizens looking for calm and loving companions.

Some people mistakenly think that dogs who end up in rescues are inferior either genetically or behaviorally. Rescues acquire dogs for many reasons. Perfectly good dogs are sometimes surrendered because of the financial burden. Others are relinquished because of allergies or owners who really didn't have the time or energy for a dog. Dogs that have been uprooted or have not had a great start in life are likely to bond deeply with their new owners. They are very likely to blossom in a good, loving environment.

Adopting an adult dog doesn't always come without problems. Sometimes there is little information available about the dog's past history and some behavior problems or personality

traits will not show up until the dog is in the new home. This is especially true if the dog was neglected or abused in his/her former home. Adopters must be prepared to be patient and committed to working with their new companion. A consistent environment and a gentle hand may be required to teach the new dog to develop trust in a new guardian. The good news is that most behavior problems can be managed with the guidance of an experienced trainer or a veterinarian behaviorist.



Joan Harris is a regular contributor to *PAWS Chicago* magazine. She serves as Head Trainer at K9 University and PAWS Chicago.



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PAWS Chicago's Hospice Program

PAWS Chicago's Hospice Foster program provides loving homes for cats and dogs who require long-term or ongoing medical care for the remainder of their lives. Pets who have been diagnosed with manageable, yet incurable diseases such as cancer, diabetes or neurological issues, are often considered unadoptable and are euthanized in traditional "open door" shelters. However, with the proper medical care, these animals can happily live the remainder of their lives in a comfortable and loving home setting. These pets have often never felt the love of a family or home.

PAWS Chicago is committed to giving every animal a guarantee of life and partners with foster families to care for these special needs pets. Smudge, an adorable cat suffering from renal failure, is living life to the fullest thanks to the Hospice Foster Program. Here's Smudge and her hospice foster parent Theresa's story.



Foster homes give terminal pets peace and love in their final months.

Hospice Foster Spotlight: Theresa & Smudge

When Theresa lost her beloved 17-year-old cat Tigger to cancer in 2010, it was suggested that she donate her cat's unused medications to a local animal shelter. She visited a few shelters, hoping to find the right cat to help. When she visited PAWS Chicago, she quickly met Smudge, a senior cat who was rescued from a hoarding situation. "After a few visits, I met Smudge when she came and sat in my lap. She was so very skinny with oily fur and looked more like a mangy kitten than a 10-year-old," says Theresa.

Each time Theresa visited the senior cat room at PAWS Chicago, Smudge would jump in her lap and offer affection. They were forming a bond. Theresa inquired about Smudge and was told that she was suffering from renal failure. Theresa was asked if she would be interested in providing a hospice foster home for Smudge. "I was told that Smudge had anywhere between a few months and a few years to live. So, I went home and thought quite a bit about it as I had just lost a cat with multiple medical issues. I

wondered whether I could bear the pain of possibly losing another cat so soon," she said. "But, I couldn't get Smudge out of my mind."

Theresa returned to PAWS to learn how to properly care for Smudge, including how to give her fluids under the skin and how to apply a probiotic gel to her gums. She received information about Smudge's special diet. In September 2010, Theresa and her 17-year-old resident cat Soot, welcomed Smudge into their home.

Since being in Theresa's home, Smudge has thrived. According to Theresa, "Smudge was four pounds when I got her and is now is five pounds, six ounces. She cuddles up to me at night and shows me how happy she is with her growing affection. Also, knowing that she grew up with 50 plus cats in her previous home helps to explain some of her quirky behaviors, such as how she eats. Smudge takes a mouthful of food off her plate, carries it a foot away to eat it and then returns

to the plate for more food. She's a funny cat that makes me laugh!"

"I enjoy knowing that fostering even one animal makes a huge difference. I look forward to continuing to work with PAWS. It's been easy to be a foster with all of the support the organization has provided," said Theresa.

While Smudge may not have as many years to live as we might like, the years that she has left will be filled with love and comfort thanks to hospice fosters like Theresa.



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PAWS CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT

Melissa Dragovan

For Melissa Dragovan, saving the lives of homeless pets is more than a job – it's a passion. Growing up, Melissa's family always had dogs of various breeds which she cared for and loved. But it wasn't until she and her partner adopted and raised an eight-week-old Beagle puppy, Moby (now nine years old), that she was inspired to dedicate her life to helping more animals.

Today, Melissa serves as the Adoption Program Manager at PAWS Chicago where she oversees program strategies, adoption follow-up and client service programs. In this role, Melissa helps adopters find their perfect match and provides post-adoption support so that adopters and pets are set up to succeed. "The adoption process doesn't end when the animal walks out the door. Many adopters have questions or concerns about the pet they adopted. Providing follow-up information and advice after

the adoption is vital to ensuring that the animal remains in the home," says Melissa.

Melissa joined PAWS Chicago five years ago, shortly before the opening of the Adoption Center, and has played a significant role in increasing the number of homes found for homeless pets year after year. In fact, when Melissa joined the organization in 2007, PAWS Chicago found homes for 1,666 pets. This year, PAWS is on track to find homes for 4,600 cats, dogs, kittens and puppies.

"We have had a very successful first quarter and are planning several adoption events in 2012 to help continue to educate the community about PAWS Chicago, the No Kill mission and to find even more homes for our cats and dogs," she said.

Melissa finds inspiration in the pets whose stay at the Adoption Center is often longer due to additional socialization or behavioral needs. She recalls the story



"The adoption process doesn't end when the animal walks out the door."

of Honeybun, a shepherd mix who was undergoing training due to anxiety. There was uncertainty on how she would do in a home environment so Melissa matched her up with Dave, a foster volunteer who had recently and unexpectedly lost his own dog and wasn't ready to adopt. Dave was dedicated to working with her and during that time, Honeybun won him over and Dave finalized the adoption. "Every time I see Honeybun, it amazes me how far this girl has come. She came into Dave's life at a time when he needed her just as much as she needed him," says Melissa.

In addition to helping animals at PAWS, Melissa and her partner have filled their home with rescued pets. Joining Moby is Polly, a nine-year-old Beagle; Tegan, a five-year-old Bengal; and Marshie, a six-year-old Domestic Shorthair cat. "We certainly have a full house, but I wouldn't trade it for the world," says Melissa.

"In addition to helping animals, I have been so fortunate to meet so many amazing people – staff, volunteers, and adopters at PAWS Chicago," says Melissa. "It amazes me to work with so many talented individuals who share the same passion for helping animals. The volunteers are always so helpful and eager to assist in whatever way needed. Without their hard work and dedication, PAWS Chicago would not be where we are today – saving the lives of thousands of homeless animals, and educating individuals on the importance of spay/neuter and adoption."



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT **Pat Spratt Bauer**



Pat Spratt Bauer has always been a champion of animal welfare, but when she was introduced to PAWS Chicago, her interest in helping animals developed into a passion. “In 2006, I was brought to a PAWS Development Board meeting and was immediately drawn by PAWS Chicago’s mission and the people work hard to accomplish that mission. I’ve been a member of the board ever since,” says Pat.

As an attorney and partner at the firm of Shefsky & Froelich Ltd., Pat leverages her experience to provide pro bono legal services for PAWS Chicago including counseling on issues that arise, document review and representation in probate matters. According to Pat, “In my professional life, I am an advocate for my clients, and I use my talents, my training and my experience to the best of my abilities to achieve the best possible results for them. I am gratified to be able to use all those same attributes to advocate for homeless cats and dogs, both as an attorney and as a volunteer.”

Pat describes two experiences that define her time with PAWS Chicago. “I took the tour at Animal Care and Control and saw firsthand the heart-wrenching work done there in fulfilling its charge and how effective PAWS has been as their premier transfer partner. What I learned was emotionally draining but uplifting because, after having been a front door greeter (the second defining PAWS experience for me), I saw the result of the work done by the volunteers who are dedicated to finding forever homes for every pet,” she says.

In addition to her legal support and time as a front door greeter, Pat also volunteers at several Angels with Tails adoption events and has co-chaired *Run for Their Lives* since 2007. She and her husband, the Honorable William Bauer, have also made PAWS a family affair by adopting Desmond, a Siberian Husky mix who is joined in their household by two Ragdoll

cats, Willow and Franklin.

“Samuel Butler said, ‘humans have not yet learned, but animals have, that the principle business of life is to enjoy it’. PAWS Chicago is making it possible for an increasing number of animals to enjoy life, and is helping a lot of humans learn that principle. I count myself incredibly lucky to be among them,” says Pat.



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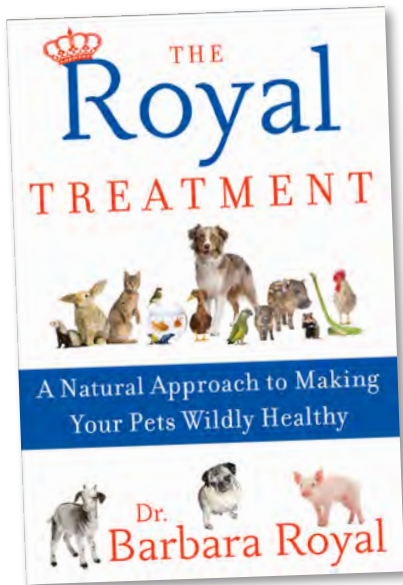
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Her debut title, *The Royal Treatment: How to Keep Your Pets as Wildly Healthy as Nature Intended* will be published this summer (2012) by Simon & Schuster. In the expanding market of holistic pet care, Dr. Royal's

By Karen O'Shaughnessy

their pets' well-being. For example, although many vets recommend annual vaccinations for conditions like parvo and distemper, Dr. Royal believes yearly shots often are unwarranted. "Many of these vaccinations last a lifetime." Instead, she administers periodic blood tests to determine whether they are still potent.

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"I love school and learning about new treatments," says Dr. Royal, who has traveled widely to complete special training in acupuncture, herbal medicine and rehabilitation for the pet set.

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“There are more similarities than you might expect between your pouncing housecat and a stalking Bengal tiger. The point is, the evolutionary biology of your pet is highly relevant to its overall health – and happiness. Applying that knowledge, with a little common sense along the way, will make life with your pets more of a joy and less of a job.”

part-guide, part-memoir, part-advice book is conveyed in reader-friendly style. It presents her innovative concept of “wild health,” which she says helps restore the innate health of animals in zoos, in the wild and in domestic environments.

The volume includes many practical nuggets, such as recommendations of simple practices that may save pet owners money on unnecessary medical bills while simultaneously improving

An international lecturer, Dr. Royal's use of acupuncture on zoo animals has been covered by the national media. Her practice has been highlighted in the *New York Times* and *Newsweek*, among other media outlets, and she has appeared on “The Oprah Show.” She is vice president of The American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, whose presidency she will assume in 2013. Dr. Royal is on the Board of Directors and is a consultant for PAWS Chicago.

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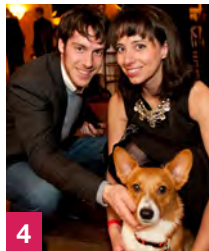
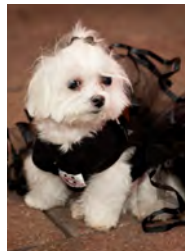
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Curcumin is the root of the turmeric plant, and is in our SunDancer dog food, Curcumin has a 4,000 year old history in India for helping a wide variety of health problems. Dr. Oz on TV frequently talks about curcumin. Edgar Cayce, the sleeping prophet, said the two greatest gifts from God to Man are curcumin and olive oil.

The Jan. 2003 issue of Cancer Research declared that curcumin has the ability to “suppress proliferation of cancer cells.” The October 2010 issue of “Nutrition and Cancer” indicated that curcumin makes chemo more effective.

Recently, a breeder of Dalmatians talked with our sales person about using our SunDancer dog food. He had been feeding a cheap, crappy dog food. He decided to continue to feed the inferior food and buy curcumin/turmeric in a health food store and add it to the dog’s food. BIG MISTAKE!

About a month later he called our store. He asked, “Have you ever seen a yellow Dalmatian?” He had one.

He had overdosed on the curcumin. First of all, curcumin has to be cooked at a low temperature and must be mixed with oils to release the active properties.

He rushed the dog to the vets. He never told the vet what he had done. So after extensive and expensive test, on the liver and kidneys, costing over \$350, he called us.

We put the dog on our non-curcumin Holistique Blendz dry dog food. Holistic does not mean natural or organic. It means that the whole body works together-mind, body and spirit. See the previous information on problems with white, near white or light colored dogs. White dogs absorb more ultra violet light (photo-aging) which may depress the immune system. Holistique Blendz is only 18% protein from fish, to spare stress on the organs. It is particularly effective on dogs with tear stains. Most of the tear stains are on white or light color dogs. So dropping the protein to 18% helps.

Sissy has an 18 year old Dane mix. She was all gray on the muzzle. After six months on the SunDancer, the black came back.

Now for our cute story – “A Wrinkle in Time”

It was during WWII, Sissy, the owner of Solid Gold, lived in N.J. Her father worked for the army getting hard to find products. One summer, he was transferred to New Mexico. Sissy and her mother went there for the summer to be with him.

In the cool of the evenings, the kids would go to a local stable to play with the horses. The kids loved to groom the horses. Sissy’s favorite was Fury, owned by Mr. O.

Mr. O. told Sissy that if she would give Fury a daily brushing, he would teach her how to ride. So the entire summer was a delightful experience. Eventually, the summer came to an end, and Sissy returned back home.

It was several years later, after the war was over, that Sissy was reading the paper. She saw a familiar photograph. She asked her mother why Mr. O’s picture was in the paper.

Her mother smiled, it was a picture of Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, the Father of the Atomic Bomb in Los Alamos, New Mexico. “Just a Wrinkle in Time”.



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— Honoring —

Judith Blazer

*Longtime PAWS Chicago Supporter and
Heroine of Miss Kitty's Senior Cat Room*

By Alexis Fasseas



*I*t all began in *Little Village*, one afternoon in late 2006, over a burrito. Judith Blazer and her longtime friend and assistant Laurie Magee had just visited the construction site of the future PAWS Chicago Adoption Center on Clybourn Avenue and then toured the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic and Rescue & Recovery Center on 26th Street with PAWS founder Paula Fasseas. They were sharing tales of the pets that had touched their lives and Paula discussed her vision of a No Kill city and PAWS Chicago's strategic planning to achieve that goal. "On the spot, I gave Paula a check to name Miss Kitty's Senior Cat room in the new Adoption Center, and an equal amount to use in whatever way would address PAWS' greatest need," Judith recalls of the introductory meeting. "We want to say we joined forces over those cute furry things with whiskers, but it was the burrito," Judith teases. "When you're on a low-carb diet as long as I have been, eating a burrito is like going to the world's fair."

Judith's instantaneous and spontaneous generosity surprised Paula, but it was only the beginning of a relationship that would help advance PAWS Chicago to maturity as a leader in the No Kill movement.

Judith's love affair with animals began at birth. "The day I was born, my uncle gave me a Doberman, Nero, who slept in my crib with me," Judith recalls. However, Nero's love for Judith was so overbearing that he protected her from *all* humans and would not let her have any friends. As a consequence, Judith's family had to find Nero a new home where his guarding behavior would not pose a threat to children.

Following Nero, a lifetime of pets enriched Judith's life, but she never had a cat until Miss Kitty found her on a cruel, stormy March night in Northern Wisconsin. When Judith went to investigate a scratching sound at her door, she found an emaciated kitten looking up at her. Judith nursed Miss Kitty back from the grips of death, and in the process found a best friend for 16 years.

"I can't imagine life without an animal," Judith says. "Whether a dog, hamster, guinea pig, ducks, chickens, rabbits as pets – or the cats that came later in life – my most intimate relationships have been with animals. You can only say that in a *PAWS Chicago* magazine, but it's true."

Blazer Family History

Judith's family was rooted in Wisconsin following her great-grandparents' emigration from the "Old Country," as she calls it. As is often the case, much of her family's history is folklore, passed down through the generations. Both sides of her ancestry were Wisconsin farmers, but that changed when her maternal grandfather, Niels Miller, founded Miller Electric Manufacturing Company. A manufacturer of welding machines, the company achieved success during World War II.

Niels, who possessed only a third-grade education and worked at a broom factory, invented the first alternating current welding machine in his basement. "He sold that first welding machine and made enough money to build two more, and that's how it all started," Judith says. "He had an inquisitive mind, and I just adored him. He was big, and heavy-set – just enormous. He took me everywhere. We were pals." Though he traveled overseas frequently for business, Judith fondly recounts regular visits to the headquarters: "We used to go together on Saturdays and walk through the company."

Following her grandfather's death in the early '60s, Judith's mother and grandmother took the reins. They led Miller Group Limited for more than 30 years, until they both passed away. "Grandma was just a farm girl – a cook at a hotel when my grandpa met her. And my mother had only two years of college," said Judith. "Yet they went on to continue building this incredible business. They worked in tandem and the company grew tremendously and developed an international presence under their leadership."

Marveling at their internal strength to take over a company in an era when few women ran businesses, Judith went on to describe their motivation: "They were there at the inception of the business, and the company

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Kitty City & Steve Kadlec



The cats and kittens who temporarily reside in Kitty City at PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center rest and play in comfort thanks in part to the design team at Kadlec Architecture + Design. Led by founder Steve Kadlec, the team helped to refine the general interior finishes and furniture for each of the rooms in Kitty City when the Adoption Center opened in 2007. From custom furniture pieces and climbing platforms to furniture finishes and signage, Steve's team created a warm and inviting space for potential adopters and an environment where feline guests could climb, jump and curl up for a nap to their heart's content. Steve also took the lead on selecting finishes, colors and furniture for the entire Adoption Center to bring to life PAWS Chicago's vision of a relaxed country escape for four-legged guests, adopters and volunteers.



Steve, a registered architect who has been practicing architecture and design in Chicago for more than 20 years, was introduced to PAWS Chicago through his client, Judith Blazer, who was in the process of designing an environment in her home that was comfortable for her and her cats. His team designed custom cat furniture pieces, which encouraged her cats to play on their own furniture, which were integrated with the interior design throughout the residence.

Kadlec Design's recent projects include a full floor penthouse residence at the Elysian Hotel, a complete restoration of a historic pre-war co-op in Streeterville and work with Northwestern University in Evanston. Steve's team will also soon begin work to develop new and refine existing cat furniture designs for each of the cat rooms in Kitty City. New versions of cat furniture are being developed based on input from PAWS staff and volunteers who have such an intimate relationship with the animals and their environment. He is also offering services to design the interior of the Blazer Building, which will house all of PAWS Chicago operations, volunteer training and serve as an additional dog training center.

Thanks to Steve and his terrific design team, the cats and kittens in Kitty City have a comfortable and relaxed environment while waiting for their new families.

Letter from a Senior Cat Adopter

Dear PAWS Chicago,

In the fall of 2010 we were looking to adopt an orange male tabby – we just love their feisty personalities. We came to PAWS on a Sunday, we saw a young boy, and then we saw Alan in the “Senior Room.” The volunteer said that Alan would not do well with other cats. He had been with PAWS for more than nine months.

When we returned the next Sunday, there was a different volunteer in the Senior Room who had more positive things to say about Alan. She knew we were cat people and understood that we would know how to bring him out of his shell. All we knew about him was that he was hard of hearing and only had four teeth, three of them were already black and would need to be pulled. Alan just tugged at my heartstrings. I knew he would be hard to place due to his age, which was estimated to be around 9-10, and his pre-existing medical conditions.

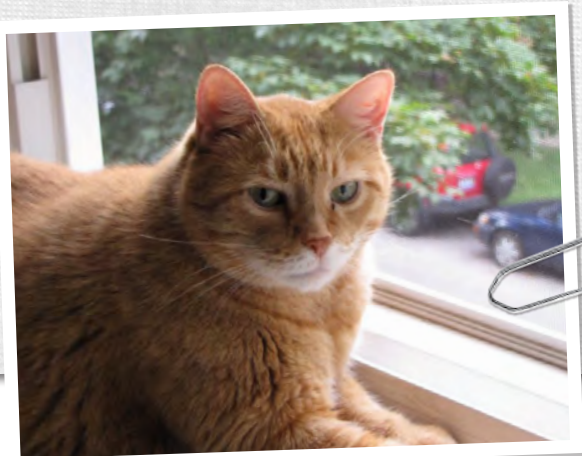
When we adopted him, we had two other cats at the time and a dog. We kept him in the den with his own food, treats and litter box. He loved when I came in to pet him and demonstrated his pleasure with frequent head butting. We had three teeth pulled, and discovered he is totally deaf. Over the months, he started to come out of his shell. He is still wary of men, but he now loves my husband. He sits on my lap and just purrs, especially when I give him head rubs.

About six months ago I noticed he was slightly dragging his left hind leg, and after a vet visit and blood work, he was diagnosed with diabetes. Twice a day he gets insulin, my husband injects it under his skin like a pro.

Alan, now called Toby, is pampered, loved, and will be well cared for for his whole life.

Thank you PAWS for taking him in and waiting for us to come along. Everyone should visit Miss Kitty’s Senior Cat Room and say hi to these great cats!

*Sincerely,
Judith and John Sutton*



Judith’s beloved cat,
Miss Kitty



“I’m just grateful to be part of PAWS, I am truly grateful. PAWS makes my heart sing.”

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was theirs. They didn’t want to lose it.” So they went to work everyday to take Judith’s grandfather’s creation to the next level. In the mid-’90s, following the passing of the two women, Illinois Toolworks purchased the Miller Group.

Leaving a Legacy

In 2004, Judith began sharing her time between rural Wisconsin and the city of Chicago, planning to transition to become a fulltime Chicagoan. “I walked by one of the North Community Banks on the way to Whole Foods and there was a poster of Sammy Sosa holding a kitty,” Judith remembers. “I was transfixed by that picture and I swore that when I moved here I would get involved with PAWS.” Shortly after her move, Judith was speaking with the sales team at Van Cleef & Arpels, and discovered their involvement with PAWS Chicago’s Fur Ball. The manager then connected Judith with Paula.

That simple introduction was the catalyst for improving the fortune of homeless pets in Chicago and beyond. “Getting involved immediately was an emotional decision,” Judith said. “I wanted to help animals. I was so in love with Miss Kitty and had become so aware of the plight of domestic animals. It seemed that while there was tons of support everywhere for all manners of worthy issues, there wasn’t much support for those poor little furry things with whiskers.”

Judith’s generosity began with Miss Kitty’s Senior Cat Room and continued with donating the Judith Blazer Community Room in the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center in 2007. Four years later, she made one of the largest single unrestricted donations in the organization’s history – a gift of \$1 million. Her incredibly generous support has been used to purchase the Blazer Building, which is located on Marcey Street just one block from the Clybourn Avenue PAWS Chicago Adoption Center.

The Blazer Building will be abuzz with activity on its opening day in May 2012 as home base for all business operations, development, special events, and communications. The building will also anchor a very large training center, planned to open by the end of 2012, that will facilitate the expansion of PAWS Chicago’s volunteer training programs and dog-training programs for adopters and the general public. The Blazer Building will also house the No Kill Academy, which is planned to launch in 2013.

This learning center will welcome shelters and rescue from groups across the country (and beyond) to learn best practices for the No Kill model. It is fitting that the focal point for the next generation of PAWS Chicago's national outreach will be based in a building named to honor the generous and compassionate friend of animals, Judith Blazer.

Judith's first and lasting impression relates to the organization's passion and focus on results. "I continue to be amazed by the overwhelming commitment to animal welfare displayed by the people who are associated with PAWS – the volunteers, and the people who work there and Paula Fasseas," Judith says. "And I am thunderstruck by the numbers. I'm thunderstruck that there are such huge tangible results to PAWS' efforts in the community, reducing the number of homeless pets killed in Chicago by 60 percent since its founding."

But it is the mission, and the focus on saving lives that continues to motivate Judith. "I see all these little guys who have just been tossed to the curb, and they have feelings. I watch them at the Adoption Center, waiting for nice parents. And then, they get nice parents, finally. And I am just overjoyed every time I see that." Judith continues, "The sign outside the Adoption Center, 'It's good to be alive!' makes me cry every time I see it. That philosophy sums it up."

"I'm just grateful to be part of PAWS," Judith says. "I am truly grateful. PAWS makes my heart sing." But it is animal lovers like Judith, with their compassion for our voiceless friends, who fuel PAWS Chicago's commitment to the life and value of each pet, from fragility at birth to dignity in old age.

When animal lovers like Judith proclaim that we can do better, as a community, and then support their convictions with dedication and resources, transformation occurs. For all of these gifts – compassion, conviction, dedication and generosity – the people and animals at PAWS Chicago share a depth of gratitude and whole-hearted appreciation for Judith Blazer and, of course, for Miss Kitty, Judith's angel of inspiration.



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On November 11, 2011, PAWS Chicago hosted the 10th Annual Fur Ball at The Drake Hotel, co-chaired by Julie and Kurt Miller and Nancy and Michael Timmers. Carol and John Walter, two of PAWS Chicago's earliest and most generous supporters, were Honorary Chairs, recognized for their tremendous support of PAWS Chicago and their commitment to making Chicago a No Kill city.

Finely clad pooches dined on a gourmet doggie buffet and relaxed with massages and "paw" dicures at the dog spa. Their human companions dined on a top-notch buffet, bid on one-of-a-kind silent auction items and danced all night to music provided by Icon Entertainment and The Dave and Donna Duo. Animal communicator, Debbie Weaver, treated guests to individual pet-reading sessions while artist Rosemary Fanti created amazing illustrations of guests and their pooches.

Simon Lambert of The Chicago Wine Company was the live auctioneer for the evening and engaged guests by auctioning off a trip to Argentina; a once-in-a-lifetime portrait sitting with renowned celebrity photographer, Victor Skrebneski; tickets to be in the audience of American Idol; a week-long stay in a Tuscan villa; tickets to the 2012 Grammy Awards; and the opportunity to feature one's pet on the cover of the 2013 PAWS Chicago Desktop Calendar. Following the live auction, generous guests bid on the opportunity to save lives by covering the costs of spay/neuter surgeries at PAWS Chicago's Lurie Clinic and GusMobile Spay/Neuter Van, medical bills for sick and injured animals, medicine for puppies and kittens and Adoption Center utilities. At the event's closing, the Fur Ball netted more than \$750,000 for Chicago's homeless pets!



1. Co-Chairs Michael and Nancy Timmers and Kurt and Julie Miller 2. Paula Fasseas and Ann Lurie 3. Eloise Carlton 4. Ann Wallace and Judith Blazer
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Raj Fernando was the hero of the night, standing up and offering \$25,000 toward spay/neuter programs if other guests would match the amount, which they generously did.



Special thanks

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Unaudited)

	UNRESTRICTED				Total
	Operations	Board Restricted ^(B)	Temporarily Restricted ^(C)	Permanently Restricted ^(D)	
REVENUE					
Program Service Fees:					
Adoption Center	\$ 600,056	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,056
Admission & Recovery Center	8,622	-	-	-	8,622
Spay/Neuter Clinic	798,564	-	-	-	798,564
Contributions	1,535,105	1,268,590	2,372,812	30,000	5,206,507
Contributions - In-Kind^(A)	545,734	-	-	-	545,734
Investment Income	247	-	227,405	876	228,528
Unrealized Gain on Investments	-	-	(206,193)	-	(206,193)
Special Events	2,052,000	-	-	-	2,052,000
Advertising Income	42,001	-	-	-	42,001
Net Assets Released from Restrictions^(E)	1,342,478	-	(1,342,478)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	6,924,807	1,268,590	1,051,546	30,876	9,275,819
EXPENSES					
Program Services:					
Adoption Center	1,542,607	-	-	-	1,542,607
Rescue & Recovery Center	1,424,568	-	-	-	1,424,568
Spay/Neuter Clinic	1,719,134	-	-	-	1,719,134
Humane Education & Publications	598,816	-	-	-	598,816
	5,285,125	-	-	-	5,285,125
Supporting Services:					
Management and General	156,950	-	-	-	156,950
Special Events	818,028	-	-	-	818,028
Fundraising	278,601	-	-	-	278,601
	1,253,579	-	-	-	1,253,579
In-Kind Expenses^(A)	545,734	-	-	-	545,734
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,084,438	-	-	-	7,084,438
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(159,631)	1,268,590	1,051,546	30,876	2,191,381
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,003,816	1,211,772	11,296,535	114,654	22,626,777
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 9,844,185	\$ 2,480,362	\$ 12,348,081	\$ 145,530	\$ 24,818,158

NOTE

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

B. Board Restricted assets - have been designated by the Board of Directors as reserved for future operations.

C. Temporarily Restricted Assets - consist of investments, donations and pledges to be received over the next five years for capital projects and improvements (i.e. Building).

D. Permanently Restricted Assets - consist of contributions and unconditional promises to give restricted to an Endowment Fund.

E. Net Assets were released from restriction for the purchase of the Blazer Building on Marcey Street which will house business operations, development, special events, communications and a large training center to expand volunteer and dog training programs.

SHELTER DATA

SPAY/NEUTER	2012 Goals	2011	2010	2009
TOTAL SURGERIES	18,000	17,699	17,147	16,384
Free Health Checks		22,626	20,870	19,381
Free or Subsidized Vaccines		37,403	31,786	25,381
COMMUNITY OUTREACH				
Presentations/Events (Targeted)		50	64	91
Total People Reached		10,120	13,108	19,078
PET FOOD BANK				
Number of Cats & Dogs		601	588	745
Pounds of Food Distributed		53,690	46,400	29,410
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM				
Total Volunteer Hours		92,100	91,500	76,767
Active Volunteers		3,332	3,300	3,000
Core Volunteers		425	400	350
New Volunteers (Via Orientation)		2,466	3,354	3,214



The Pet Food Bank and Crisis Care Programs were developed to help pet owners during the recent economic downturn. Both of these programs enable cats and dogs to stay with their owners rather than enter the sheltering system. The Feral Cat Sponsorship Program is critical to making Chicago a No Kill City by proactively spaying and neutering and by managing the feral cat colonies in our community.

ADOPTION PROGRAM	2012 GOALS	2011 DOG	2011 CAT	2011 TOTAL	2010 DOG	2010 CAT	2010 TOTAL	2009 DOG	2009 CAT	2009 TOTAL
Shelter Count at beginning of the year		149	193	342	135	185	320	138	192	330
PET ADMISSIONS		2,182	2,226	4,408	1,960	2,124	4,084	1,953	1,502	3,455
Owner Surrender to PAWS Chicago		489	703	1,192	442	627	1,069	510	622	1,132
Transfers from Organizations within Chicago		1,322	1,422	2,744	1,461	1,342	2,803	1,443	770	2,213
Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Chicago		371	101	472	57	155	212	0	110	110
ADOPTIONS	4,600	2,140	2,128	4,268	1,967	2,075	4,042	1,922	1,545	3,467
* DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED		44 <small>(11 Medical, 33 Behavior)</small>	76 <small>(76 Medical)</small>	120	32 <small>(7 Medical, 25 Behavior)</small>	90 <small>(90 Medical)</small>	122	26 <small>(13 Medical, 13 Behavior)</small>	37 <small>(37 Medical)</small>	63
Percent of Outcomes		2.06%	3.57%	2.81%	1.63%	4.34%	3.02%	1.35%	2.39%	1.82%
DIED WHILE IN SHELTER		6	41	47	3	47	50	13	59	72
Percent of Outcomes		.28%	1.93%	1.10%	.15%	2.27%	1.24%	.68%	3.82%	2.08%
SHELTER COUNT AT END OF YEAR		141	174	315	93	97	190	130	53	183

*EUTHANASIA POLICY

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

TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT

In support of our No Kill model of sheltering, PAWS Chicago believes in 100 percent transparency of all shelter data that accounts for every animal that comes into the shelter. This data report publically states the outcome of every healthy, treatable, unhealthy and untreatable animal that came through our doors in 2011.

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In Memory of **Robert Pritzker**

All of us at PAWS Chicago offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Robert “Bob” Pritzker, who died in October 2011. Talented in many spheres, over his 85 years Robert left his imprint in Chicago and beyond as a business scion and a philanthropist.

He and his wife Mayari were early supporters of PAWS Chicago. Soon after the organization was founded, they learned about its mission to end pet overpopulation through targeted spay/neuter. Robert and Mayari, a member of the PAWS Chicago Board of Directors, understood the importance of advancing this solution.

They both attended and sponsored PAWS Chicago events and further rallied support by hosting parties at their home for friends and colleagues. These efforts were integral to giving and raising major gifts for the creation of the Adoption & Humane Center. Their commitment to PAWS is also evident through a named gift of the Robert & Mayari Pritzker Counseling Quarters on the center’s first floor. The Pritzkers’ philanthropy endures today through contributions to the PAWS Chicago capital fund, extraordinary gifts that ensure PAWS Chicago will thrive well into the future.

A generous giver to many organizations, Robert was a strong supporter of the University of Chicago Medical School and his alma mater, the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). He earned a bachelor’s degree in industrial



engineering in 1946 and an honorary doctorate in 1984. Robert also taught courses at IIT and served on its Board of Trustees.

Over a long and distinguished career, Robert built a multi-billion dollar business empire, including the Marmon Group, which was created in 1964. The company helped to significantly expand the industrial manufacturing sector and was a conglomerate of more than 100 manufacturing and business services in sectors including highway technologies, food service equipment, water treatment and transportation services. Under Robert’s leadership, the Marmon Group’s revenues grew from \$3.5 million to \$7 billion.

In January 2002, Robert concluded his five-decade tenure at Marmon and assumed the role of President of Colson Associates, where he remained until his passing.

Robert Alan Pritzker is survived by his wife; five children, James, Linda, Karen, Matthew and Liesel; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by all as a generous individual. Robert’s unstinting support continues to make a lifesaving difference in the lives of homeless pets and will enable PAWS Chicago to grow into the future.

PAWS Chicago remembers our Guardian Angels

We mourn the passing of the people who left a legacy to the animals in 2011.

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In Memory of Officer Clifton Lewis



PAWS Chicago remembers Chicago Hero, Police Officer Clifton Lewis. His love of animals and service to our community will never be forgotten. Gifts made to PAWS Chicago on his behalf have gone directly to saving the lives of more homeless pets in Clifton's memory.



In Memory of Hildegard Dunlap

In Memory of Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr.



Arthur Charles (A.C.) Nielsen, Jr., a visionary who reinvented the legendary company his father launched in 1923, died in October 2011 after a battle with Parkinson's disease. For the media cognoscenti – as well as the public at large – the very mention of “the Niensens” signified the apex of two forces shaping America business in the second half of the 20th Century – TV ratings data and market research.

A.C. died in his Winnetka home at the age of 92. His wife, Patricia, died in 2005. They had three children, sons Arthur III and Chris and daughter Elizabeth (Cocciarelli).

A loyal and active supporter of PAWS Chicago for many years, A.C. enjoyed accompanying his dogs – Marla, a Springer Spaniel that was blind, and Payton, a Chihuahua, to PAWS Chicago's Annual Fur Ball. A.C. served as honorary chair of the Fur Ball in 2005. He often was spotted enjoying himself at the PAWS' Beach Party, too, with Payton on his lap. To help ensure the well-being of dogs less fortunate than his, he named the Arthur C. Nielsen Jr. Isolation Room at the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center and made generous financial gifts to the organization.

A.C. became acquainted with PAWS Chicago through his friend Angie DeMars, the owner of Noah's Ark Pet Supply in Winnetka.

The son of Arthur C. Nielsen, A.C. became president of the company in 1957 and assumed its chairmanship in 1975. While at his reins, the firm's growth was as steady as the nation's ongoing love affair with TV. Revenues shot up from less than \$4 million annually to an excess of \$680 million. (The independently-owned enterprise is now known as Nielsen Holdings N.V.)

A.C.'s abiding avocation was tennis. An accomplished athlete as well as a philanthropist and public servant, his gift to the village in which he grew up, Winnetka, is the Nielsen Tennis Center.

The little Chihuahua Payton, along with Bailey, a Springer Spaniel that A.C. rescued later in life, continue to live with the Nielsen Family in Winnetka. A thoughtful, dedicated man who devoted much of his energy and many of his resources to improving the lives of others, Mr. Nielsen will be missed by animals and humans alike. Everyone at PAWS Chicago will remember his philanthropic and sharing spirit, and we will miss him.

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As the Chief Operating Officer for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), Liz Koch believed strongly in helping others achieve greatness. Those who were fortunate to know Liz described her as a visionary leader, one who inspired people with her kindness, humor, generosity and patience. Liz will always be remembered as a great listener, a lifelong learner and a generous friend to all, big and small. Liz passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 1, 2011. She was 41 years old. In her time, she touched many people both professionally and personally. Liz grew up in Chesterland, Ohio and from the beginning some of her best friends were animals. She was very passionate about helping others whose voice was not always heard.

Liz volunteered at PAWS Chicago as a dog walker where she met and later adopted, "Stella." Liz was an avid football fan and loved spending Sunday afternoons watching games with her dogs,

In Memory of Elizabeth Koch

especially Stella, who for reasons unknown to everyone, was an avid Browns fan just like Liz.

She is survived by her partner, Ellen A. Worsdall, of 17 years. Together, over the years, they were able to gather a very colorful "collection" of four-legged characters. She is also survived by her Mom, Sally; sister, Susan; brother, Eric and many close friends, whose kindness has been very appreciated during this time.

She was extremely proud of the achievements of her nephews Alex, Shane, Ryan, and Evan, and her niece, Meghan. She loved to laugh with them and listen to their dreams and goals. She tried to instill in them the same passion for life that she had.

Liz wanted her legacy to live on long after her. She was an organ donor and was able to save the lives of 37 people. The family knew that Liz would also want to help as many of her four-legged friends as possible, so donations were requested to PAWS Chicago, Chicago's largest No Kill shelter.

In Memory of Madeleine Mueller

My Mom, Madeleine Mueller, loved animals. She held a special place in her heart for the ones living in shelters, and strongly believed in rescuing animals. All of our family pets were rescues and/or adoptions. She helped my brothers and I understand and appreciate what a gift it was to be able to provide a safe and loving home for animals in need. PAWS Chicago was one of her favorite organizations, particularly since it was part of the No Kill movement. Our beloved family dog, Raja, passed away a week before my Mom, and my Mom's dog, Maggie, passed shortly after my Mom



did. While both dogs were very ill, we like to believe that Raja was there waiting for my Mom to keep her company on her journey, and Maggie joined them shortly after. We like to think they are all at the Montrose/Wilson Beach together.

Thank you to PAWS for their tremendous efforts on a daily basis, and our family offers a special thanks as you honored our Mom so well by sending all the tribute cards out. She would have been very happy knowing she made a difference.

- Madeleine Pearl



In Memory of Joe Ramirez

PAWS Chicago remembers one of our wonderful volunteers, Joe Ramirez. Joe was a dedicated volunteer who attended many PAWS events and used his security background to ensure that each event was safe. He also committed many hours of support to our Community Outreach programs where he provided the community with information on the importance of issues like pet homelessness, dog fighting, puppy mills, spay/neuter and the No Kill movement. Joe's compassion and kindness for animals and others will not be forgotten.

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- Carmella Zecca by Carm and Steve, Christina and Rick and Lucille and Dick



In Memory of Dana Elizabeth Mangi

At age 25, Dana Elizabeth Mangi had finally realized her dream of getting accepted to veterinary school after many detours along the way. However, in August 2007, just two weeks before starting at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, she was taken from this world far too early.

Dana's chosen path evolved gradually. There certainly were clues along the way, from her favorite childhood book, *The Pokey Little Puppy*, to her fascination with all animals. Riley, our family's first puppy, a feisty little Yorkshire terrier, captivated her heart immediately. In her vet school application, Dana said "I found what I had always wanted in a pet – companionship, interaction and, most of all, unconditional love. This little dog captivated me and gave me a new appreciation for animals. He didn't, however, immediately set me on the path to becoming a veterinarian."

It wasn't until her first year at Loyola University, when Dana got a job as a kennel technician, that she discovered her true passion for animals and the desire to become a veterinarian. Dana's first patient, a 13-year-old Westie named Bonnie, had cancer and wouldn't eat. She was given the job of trying to get Bonnie to eat. "The first day I tried everything: dog food, chicken, baby food, hotdogs. She showed no interest, so instead I sat and talked to her. The next day, I tried again. To my surprise, she ate right out of my hand. I fed her everyday and fell in love with her. Soon after, I found out that she was going to be euthanized. I was devastated. I sat with Bonnie and her family in her last moments. After her family left, I went to the back and cried. For a week, I could not sleep thinking about Bonnie and her family. But even though it was affecting

me, something kept me going back to that clinic." This was the defining moment for Dana and the beginning of her journey to veterinary school.

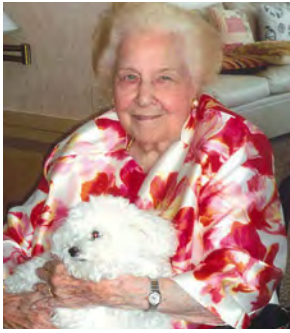
After graduating from Loyola, Dana got her own puppy, a little Westie she named Moose. Moose became the love of her life and lessened just a little her huge disappointment at the first rejection to veterinary school. But Dana was passionate and persistent, and never gave up on her dream of becoming a veterinarian. And finally in



The Mooseketeers Moose the Mascot

2007, after getting a masters degree in biomedical sciences, she was accepted to the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary medicine.

Dana died on August 18, 2007, leaving all of her friends and family with an emptiness and overwhelming sadness. But her strong character left an even stronger legacy. In September 2007, two of her friends organized a team, the "Mooseketeers," in Dana's memory for the PAWS Chicago Annual Run for their Lives. More than 100 friends and family joined the team and raised over \$14,000! The tradition has continued each September, and the Mooseketeers team has raised about \$28,000 for PAWS Chicago. Dana would be so proud of all that has been accomplished for the love and health of animals. She would want us all to remember that every person and creature deserves to be loved. She has left a truly remarkable legacy.



In Memory of Ruth Dunbar Davee

Ruth Dunbar Davee is remembered as an educator, a writer and a great contributor to helping others. In 1935, she graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign and soon after earned her MA and Ph.D. in English Literature, graduating with honors, from Northwestern University.

After teaching at Polytechnic Institute in Puerto Rico and three other colleges, Ruth took a job at the *Chicago Sun-Times*. During her tenure, she earned the 1955 Marshall Field Award for outstanding editorial contributions and received an Education Writers Association Award. Later, she became the assistant director of the Department of Education for the State of Illinois and managed the federally sponsored title One Program to benefit underserved children.

In 1960, she received Hall of Fame recognition by B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Greater Chicago for her contribution to the building of a great American city – Chicago. And in 1965, Ruth was honored with the Good American Award, presented annually to prominent Americans for outstanding contributions within the field of human relations and for practicing the basic principles of American democracy.

Ruth also was an animal lover and a generous supporter of PAWS Chicago. She attended the annual Fur Ball and Beach Party fundraising events and guests always looked forward to seeing her with her beloved Cleo on her lap.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Ken M. Davee, her parents George and Martha Dunbar and her sister Evelyn Dunbar. After Ken's death in 1998, Ruth took over as President of The Davee Foundation. Survivors include her cousin Betty (Tom) Justie, and their family, and Colin (Edie) Dunbar, and their family.

Ruth was a wonderful woman who truly made a difference in the lives of homeless pets. She will be missed by PAWS Chicago.

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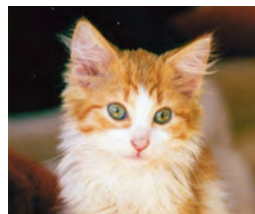
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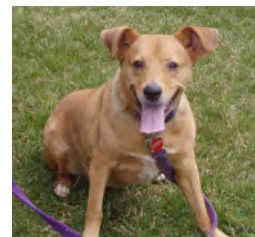
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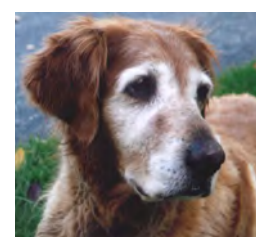
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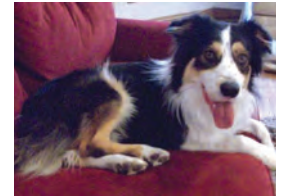
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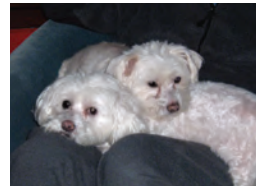
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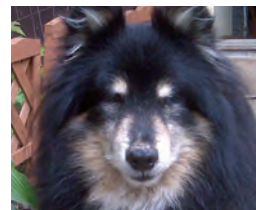
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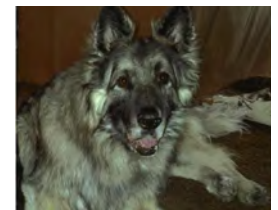
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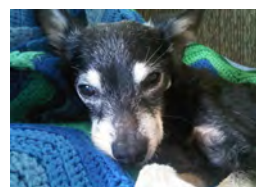
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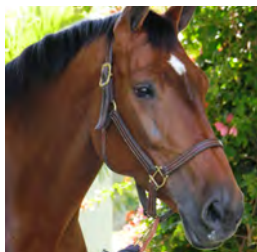
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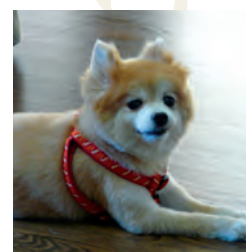
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Chloe Lentini Manne

*In memory of Chloe Lentini
 Manne, our darling baby girl
 who brought us such great joy,
 friendship and love for 16 years.
 You will always be in our hearts
 sweet girl. We miss you more
 than words can ever say and we
 thank you for being in our lives
 all these years. We know that
 nothing can ever replace your
 presence.*

– Fern Lentini & Stan Manne

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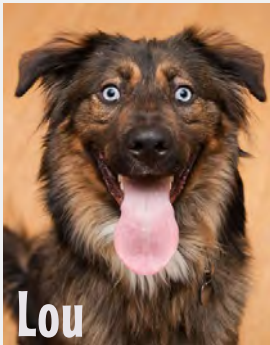
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 Gidwitz**



In Honor of
**Charlie
 Klauber**

ADOPT a Homeless Pet

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



Lou is a gorgeous Collie-Shepherd mix who was given up to Animal Control by his previous owner. With his ice blue eyes, not only is Lou handsome, he is a sweetheart! At just one-year-old, he already knows how to sit on command but could benefit from continued training. His perfect home would be with experienced adults who can introduce him to new friends slowly and help build his confidence. Lou loves to play fetch, is compatible with other dogs and would be a wonderful new member of your family.

Mito is a tiny one-year-old Calico with a big heart and personality. She was rescued from the city pound and brought to PAWS Chicago with her three kittens. Now that her kittens have found homes, it's time for someone to take care of her! Mito's foster family reports that she is very outgoing and social. She loves to jump and play with her toys and wags her tail when she wants some love. She is also very affectionate and loves to snuggle under the covers and sleep by your side at night. Can you help this loving girl find the perfect new home to call her own?

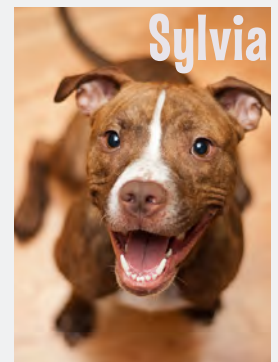


PAWS Chicago Alumni

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, 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.



Cornelius (PAWS name Garrison) is doing great. He loves to be where we are and usually finds a lap to take over. He makes fast friends with anyone who comes over and is a pleasure to have around! It is great having him in our home and we're so glad the PAWS Holiday program ended in our adopting him. - Anne



Sylvia is doing well. She's such a happy girl, and her tail never stops wagging. She and her big brother Stockton, a four-year-old Boxer, love to wrestle and play. She enjoys exploring our neighborhood on daily walks and taking a jog around the track on the park nearby. One of her favorite things to do is cuddle, especially when she's tired. She's so friendly and sweet, and we're glad we were able to give her a home. - Shannon and Sebastian

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Through the PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel program, Chip and Sheryl Lesch, along with their dogs Sammy and Emily, have made a lasting commitment to homeless animals.

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.

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The Lesch Family Leaves a Legacy for the Animals

Five 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 No Kill 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. They never travel without them and the family always eats together. Currently, the Lesches have two rescue dogs – Sammy, who was found tied up and dehydrated when Hurricane Charlie hit Florida, and Emily, who was a sickly six-month-old rescued from a puppy mill, weighing less than one pound with no hair on her body.

“Enrolling in the Guardian Angel Program is a reflection of our confidence that no matter what happens to us, we know the cats and dogs of PAWS Chicago will be taken care of.”

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. Chip explains that “enrolling in the Guardian Angel Program is a reflection of our confidence that no matter what happens to us, we know the cats and dogs of PAWS Chicago will be taken care of.”