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PAWS Chicago (Pets are Worth Saving) is a national model in animal sheltering, committed to bringing an end to the killing of homeless cats and dogs in our community. Founded in 1997, the number of homeless pets killed in the city each year has been reduced by more than 60 percent, from 42,561 to fewer than 18,000. Through adoption, spay/neuter and community outreach, PAWS Chicago’s mission is to build No Kill communities – starting with a No Kill Chicago – where homeless pets are respected and no longer destroyed simply because they are homeless.

A National Model

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

- The Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic is one of the largest free and low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the nation, focused on providing services to low-income families who could not otherwise afford the procedure. The GusMobile, the mobile counterpart to the Lurie Clinic, enables PAWS Chicago to provide accessible spay/neuter and vaccinations in the neighborhoods where the highest stray populations originate.
- The Pippen Fasseas Adoption Center is the first cageless, No Kill shelter of its kind in the Midwest. Located in highly visible Lincoln Park, this state-of-the-art Adoption Center is leading the way in innovative programs and shelter design.
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- Transparency, which allows the public access to truthful statistics about the fate of homeless animals, is a cornerstone of PAWS Chicago’s No Kill mission. Current financial reports and shelter data are always available to the public at www.pawschicago.org.

Volunteer and Give of Yourself to the Animals

PAWS Chicago was founded as a volunteer organization and has stayed true to its roots. Our network of more than 5,000 volunteers donate their time in nearly every aspect of the organization to provide high quality care to all animals, working in intake, socialization, animal care, dog walking, adoption counseling, follow-up calls, site management, fundraising, fostering, event support, humane education and community outreach. Volunteers are critical to PAWS Chicago’s operations and play an invaluable role in building a No Kill Chicago.

Adopt a Homeless Pet, and Save a Life!

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

Foster a Homeless Pet in Need

PAWS Chicago utilizes its foster network to care for puppies and kittens who need time to grow before being spayed or neutered, pets who are sick or injured and need time to recuperate, animals who are 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.

Spread the Word

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

Support No Kill Efforts

By donating to No Kill shelters, you will support life-saving work as private donations should go to saving, not killing, homeless cats and dogs.
Welcome to our 2012 Annual Report issue of PAWS Chicago magazine. When looking back at the lifesaving work accomplished last year on behalf of our voiceless friends, none of it would have been possible without the generosity of our dedicated supporters and our 5,000 tireless volunteers, who are ambassadors for our No Kill movement. Thank you for all you do for the animals!

Yet for every pet we are able to save, another is left behind with an uncertain fate. It is this urgency that drives us to do more. In 2012, our adoptions increased by 38 percent, saving an additional 1,300 lives. This year, we will be opening our first satellite Adoption Center, located in Highland Park. (See page 8). With PAWS Chicago North Shore, we will be able to save another 1,000 pets or more each year from Chicago and Waukegan.

By increasing adoptions, we are able to take in more needy animals from the city pound. This year, we are on track to save more than 4,000 pets from Chicago’s Animal Control. Through TNR (see page 36) and spay/neuter efforts, we are also working to reduce the overpopulation of homeless animals, with a goal of building a No Kill community.

This goal of a No Kill Chicago is what inspired us to found PAWS Chicago and spread the message about what was happening behind closed doors at shelters. With the popularity of the No Kill movement and message, many private “open door” shelters have started using No Kill language and terminology in various ways, but have not changed their practice of taking in more animals than they can save and killing the excess. We encourage all animal lovers to do research on the shelters they support to be sure they are volunteering, adopting, and contributing to animal organizations who devote their resources to saving lives, rather duplicating government services. A few things to consider: Does the shelter disclose all of its statistics on its website and in its annual report? Can you see all intake, all adoption, and all euthanasia numbers?

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

Marcie is a gorgeous two-year-old mixed breed who came to PAWS Chicago after her previous family gave her up to the city pound. At just 29 pounds, Marcie loves to play outside and go for long runs. She will thrive with energetic adopters who will give her lots of exercise and playtime. Marcie will also benefit from training so that she can master all of her doggie manners, so she will do best in a home without young children. Can you give Marcie the fun and playful home that she deserves?

Emmie is an adorable 12-year-old senior who would love to find a quiet home where she can settle in and enjoy the next chapter of her life. This beautiful calico is extremely sweet and gentle, and she gets along well with other cats and dogs. Emmie is diabetic but is taken to her medication and takes it very well. This sweetheart would love nothing more than a few soft places to sleep, and a lap or two to curl up in. Come meet Emmie today and give her a second chance at life.
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Treating Foozle

Foozle, a three-month-old Maltese, was found on the streets
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May 19
Angels with Tails
Michigan Avenue Adoption Event

June 9
Run for Their Lives
8k Run/4k Walk
9 a.m. start
Montrose Beach

July 18
Beach Party
6 p.m.
Castaways at
North Avenue
Beach Boathouse

July 21
Rock ‘n’ Roll
Half Marathon
6:30 a.m. start
Grant Park

August 25
Chicago Triathlon
6 a.m. start
Downtown Lakefront

September 8
Chicago Half
Marathon
7 a.m. start
Jackson Park

October 13
Bank of America
Chicago Marathon
7:30 a.m. start
Grant Park

November 15
Fur Ball
6 p.m.
The Drake Hotel

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for event registration

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PAWS Chicago Honors Animal Advocate
Congressman Mike Quigley

PAWS Chicago honored Congressman Quigley with the Animal Welfare Leadership Award at this year’s Animal Magnetism Event (see page 34). Representing the 5th District in Illinois, Congressman Quigley has made animal protection and safety a priority. He volunteers his time at PAWS Chicago, playing an active role in supporting PAWS Chicago’s programs and helping to raise awareness about the plight of homeless pets. Through legislative support, he has been a voice for animals by backing bills that limit the number of puppies bred by high-volume retail breeders and bills that impose stricter punishment against those who knowingly attend an animal fight.

As a member of the Cook County Board, Congressman Quigley was instrumental in passing nationally recognized legislation for feral cat Trap–Neuter–Release (TNR). This progressive TNR program has greatly reduced the number of unwanted kittens born and ultimately killed in Chicago each year. (Read about the ordinance on page 36). Beyond companion animals, he also advocates on behalf of horses, primates, birds and zoo and aquatic animals.

Through his leadership and dedication, Congressman Quigley is bringing attention to the issues of pet homelessness in Chicago and the importance of solving pet overpopulation through adoption and spay/neuter. Thank you Congressman Quigley for making Chicago, and Illinois, a better community for all animals.

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PAWS Chicago Foster Dog Saves the Day

In early May, PAWS Chicago homeless dog Ewok’s foster home was broken into by an intruder. Ewok and his canine foster sister, Emma, heard the intruder walking up the stairs and sat by the door wagging their tails. “A few moments later, the door slowly began to open,” said Lena, Ewok’s foster mom. After seeing the intruder, Lena started to scream and dialed 911. Once the tone in her voice turned urgent, Ewok, a small but scrappy five-year-old Yorkie/Carin Terrier mix, sprang into action. “Ewok stopped wagging his tail, the hair on his back stood up and he charged at the door,” said Lena. “The man at the door began yelling and retraced down the stairs. He tried to come up a second time, but this time, Ewok didn’t give him a second chance – he chased him all the way down the stairs and off the property, barking and pushing the intruder along.”

When the police arrived, Ewok returned to his normal, calm self and remained at Lena’s feet, allowing the police to walk through the home. He spent the night sleeping at the door, guarding the family all night. According to Lena, “Ewok has a remarkable sense of what is dangerous and what is not. We feel extremely fortunate to have this little guy here to prevent a bad situation from becoming even worse. Ewok is incredibly loyal and friendly and deserves a forever home where he can get a lot of exercise and attention!”

Ewok came to PAWS Chicago from the city pound after being found wandering the street as a stray. Once he is medically cleared for adoption, he will make his way to PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center to begin the search for his forever family.

Foster families are a critical component of PAWS Chicago’s adoption program, enabling PAWS Chicago to save more homeless animals by making space available at our Rescue & Recovery Center. Fosters are needed to care for puppies and kittens until they are old enough to be spayed/neutered or pets needing a comfortable place and TLC to heal before making space available at our Rescue & Recovery Center. Fosters are needed to care for puppies and kittens until they are old enough to be spayed/neutered or pets needing a comfortable place and TLC to heal before they are ready for adoption.

Natural Disaster Support

In April, Marseilles, Illinois, a town 75 miles southwest of Chicago was devastated by floods. About 200 homes were a total loss and many more were severely damaged with one-third of the town evacuated.

PAWS Chicago provided emergency pet food and supplies to hundreds of displaced cats and dogs in the area, delivering six pallets of food and treats, as well as other pet supplies including collars and leashes, food bowls, litter boxes, toys and more, to the Petco in DeKalb which served as a centralized donation drop-off center. These contributions helped not only the residents and pets in Marseilles and surrounding cities, but also Safe House Animal Rescue, PAWS Chicago’s barn cat adoption partner, and Spay It Forward, a provider of spay/neuter services in the area.

PAWS Chicago would like to thank the Petco in DeKalb for serving as a donation drop-off center, the Petco stores in South Elgin, St. Charles and Geneva for setting up donation bins to help more residents and their pets, and the dedicated PAWS Chicago volunteers who helped bring these supplies to those in need.

PAWS Chicago Volunteer load pet supplies at the Rescue & Recovery Center before heading to DeKalb, Illinois to provide relief to pets in need.
Around PAWS Chicago

**Streets to Safety**

DIY Network’s Alison Victoria Helps PAWS Chicago Rescue Homeless Dog

From December 13 through Christmas Eve, Chicago Celebrities joined PAWS Chicago to celebrate the “12 Strays of Christmas” at the Adoption & Humane Center by volunteering their time to find homes for dogs and cats during the holiday season.

Each day, guests, including DIY Network’s Alison Victoria, Ed Swiderski of “The Bachelorette” and “Bachelor Pad,” KISS-FM’s Angi Taylor, US99’s Lisa Dent and Ramblin’ Ray, Congressman Mike Quigley, WGN’s Sean Lewis, CBS 2’s Suzanne Maganzino, Meg Mathis, and WBBM Newsradio’s Ed Swiderski of “The Bachelorette” and “Bachelor Pad,” spent their time volunteering at PAWS Chicago to make the holidays a bit brighter for homeless pets and their adoptive families.

**ONE-YEAR-OLD PIT BULL TERRIER, DOMER** (PAWS Chicago name, Duke), received a new lease on life thanks to the quick thinking of DIY Network’s Alison Victoria. After filming an episode of her television show “Kitchen Crashers” on Chicago’s South Side, Alison, an avid animal advocate, witnessed an emaciated dog walking the streets alone. She carefully followed the dog and called PAWS Chicago for support in rescuing him.

Upon his arrival at PAWS Chicago, veterinarians found that Domer was severely malnourished, extremely frightened and was suffering from other signs of neglect. It appeared that he had been living alone on the streets for a significant amount of time.

Once Domer was stable, a wonderful foster family welcomed him into their home where he could recuperate and gain some much needed weight. After seeing his affectionate and charming nature, his foster family fell in love with him and decided they could not bear to part.

Today, Domer is living life. According to his adopter, Jeff, “He has gained a great amount of weight and you can now see his energy level increase. He is so loyal and sweet and just wants to please everyone. Shortly after we adopted Domer, my brother passed away and I realized that it was fate for us getting another dog. He has been my rock and I realize he was put here to help me through these tough times.”

Jeff still provides Alison with updates on Domer so she can see the wonderful progress he is making. “We will be forever grateful to Alison and PAWS Chicago for what they did in giving us the opportunity to make Domer a part of our family.”

**12 Strays of Christmas**

THIRD ANNUAL

“I’m very impressed with the fantastic work that PAWS Chicago does and with its outstanding adoption facility! When I look at my own little dog, I’m so thankful that a rescue saved him from a pound. And I’m just as thankful that PAWS can do the same for the hundreds of animals saved and cared for by the tireless staff and volunteers at PAWS!”

Ed Swiderski

“Visiting PAWS Chicago has always been a ‘treat’ for me because I see the positive impact they have on these animals every day. I highly encourage people to come out to volunteer at this great facility.”

Congressman Mike Quigley

“PAWS Chicago is really like no other animal organization I’ve ever experienced. While the hotel-style facility is truly world-class and comforting for pets, it’s the volunteers that make this organization one of a kind. These people genuinely love animals in every humanly possible way.”

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Sylvester Czopek | No Kill Hero

PAWS Chicago remembers Sylvester Czopek, an animal lover who continues to give the gift of life to countless animals after his own passing. Before his death, Mr. Czopek set up a trust that bequeathed more than $1.5 million of his estate’s assets to five No Kill animal shelters that treat and adopt homeless pets.

PAWS Chicago was honored to be one of the recipients of Mr. Czopek’s generous gift, which will save the lives of hundreds of cats and dogs whose fates would otherwise be uncertain. Through his legacy, PAWS Chicago will continue to grow and do more for homeless pets.

**Vet Students from the University of Wisconsin Visit PAWS Chicago**

In February, students from the University of Wisconsin Veterinary School’s Shelter Medicine Club visited PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center, Rescue & Recovery Center and Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic for a first-hand look at the operations of a No Kill animal shelter. According to Sessaly Craft, the president of Club, “The tour provided a wonderful look into what the future holds for progressive shelter medicine. At the Adoption Center, the entire group was overjoyed to see such happy animals. The cat rooms were full of sunlight, comfy cushions, rocking chairs, and toys. The rooms were clean and didn’t smell (thanks to a special air circulation system), and we had a great time meeting the senior cats. We are so grateful to have spent the day meeting the veterinarians, executive director, and volunteers of PAWS Chicago. The students who are interested in becoming shelter veterinarians benefitted from seeing the gold standard of a shelter.”

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The canine genome was sequenced in publicly released in December of 2005, since that time many genetic studies have been conducted whereby saliva or blood from members of specific breeds is used to look for shared genes among members of the same breed. Some of these findings have elucidated genes associated with health problems while other studies have identified specific genes that are associated with specific breed defining visual traits such as coat color, coat length, body size and head shape, to name a few.

Interestingly, many people try to determine the breed composition of a mixed breed dog by looking at visual traits and mentally assigning those traits to different breeds. This practice has been accepted for quite some time, decades, maybe even hundreds of years. However, what genetics tells us is that visually assigning breed doesn’t work. The truth is people can’t do it. Some may think with training or practice one might be able to improve, but that’s not the case.

The problem with trying to guess what breeds of dog make up a mixed breed is that the traits associated with specific breeds are controlled by surprisingly few genes in the dog genome. In humans, we know that identical twins share all of their DNA, in dog breeds, like German Shepherds, there are surprisingly few genes controlling the physical appearance of the members of the breed. This unexpected result means that when you see a mixed breed dog about the size of a German Shepherd, with a long snout, erect ears and long black hair – it isn’t necessarily a German Shepherd, in fact, it may not even have any German Shepherd ancestors because those visual traits may be the result of about 10 genes in the dog’s genome. Considering that there are more than 20,000 genes encoded in the canine genome, what you see isn’t necessarily what you get when trying to guess what breeds make up a mixed breed dog. The take home message from this study is: “Don’t judge a dog by its external appearance.”

**What’s in a GENE?**

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By Dr. Kristopher J. Irizarry, PhD

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**University of Florida Dog Breed Identification Study**

Dr. Julie Levy, DVM, of the University of Florida Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program recently conducted a study on Dog Breed Identification. This study consisted of a national survey of more than 5,000 dog experts to compare their best guesses for the breeds of dogs in a series of photographs with the DNA breed profiles for the dogs.

Six examples of dogs in the study are featured on page 14. Compare your best guess of their breeds with those of dog experts and actual DNA results.

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**Dog Genetics**

The field of genetics has provided a number of insights into physiological basis of dogs and dog breeds and, in the process, we have realized that some of our ideas about dogs are not scientifically founded.

**Dr. Kristopher Ircyra** is an Associate Professor of Bioinformatics, Genetics and Genomics at the Western University of Veterinary Medicine.

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**Actual Breeds from DNA Test**

**Experts’ Best Guess**

**Dog 1**

50% Catalina Leopard Dog
9.94% Brindle
5.07 Anadale Terrier

Lakeland Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
No Predominant Breed
Border Collie
Pointe (includes English Pointer)

**Dog 2**

25% Miniature Pinscher
25% Great Pyrenees
15.9% Afghan Hound
10.09% Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

Australian Cattle Dog
German Shorthaired Pointer
Pointe (includes English Pointer)
Border Collie
No Predominant Breed

**Dog 3**

50% American Eskimo
25% Cane Corso
25% Chinese Sharpe

German Shepherd Dog
No Predominant Breed
Belgian Malinois
Lakeland Terrier
Rogue

**Dog 4**

25% Shetland Sheep
25% American Bulldog
15.89% German Spitz
5.91% Standard Schnauzer

Golden Retriever
Chow Chow
No Predominant Breed
Pomeranian
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

**Dog 5**

25% Beauceron
25% Tibetan Husky
25% American Staffordshire Terrier
12.79% Schipperke

Lakeland Retriever
German Shepherd Dog
No Predominant Breed
Golden Retriever
Anatolian Shepherd Dog

**Dog 6**

25% Maltese
25% American Eskimo
25% Portuguese Water Dog
15.22% Bulldog

Lakeland Retriever
No Predominant Breed
German Shepherd Dog
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Golden Retriever
As foster volunteers for PAWS Chicago, Sarah and Bishal Manandhar have opened their home to some very special cats and kittens in need of a temporary safe haven before they are ready for adoption. The love and care Sarah and Bishal have provided to their feline guests over the last year has given each furry friend a second chance at life while enabling PAWS Chicago to create more space at its Rescue & Recovery Center to save more lives.

“When we moved to Chicago from Kathmandu, Nepal, we wanted to continue the volunteer work that we had been doing with dogs at the Kathmandu Animal Treatment Center,” said Sarah. “In Chicago, our schedules and apartment restrictions made it difficult to work with dogs, so we decided to try fostering cats, and we loved it!”

Many of the cats and kittens who come to PAWS Chicago from the city pound have had to fend for themselves while surviving on the streets of Chicago. These cats often need time in foster to build confidence and acclimate to living in a home environment. Others come to PAWS Chicago and are sick or injured and require time in foster to recuperate. The support that Sarah and Bishal provide to these cats and kittens ensures that they are healthy, happy and well-suited for adoption.

Sarah and Bishal welcome cats into their home, many of whom are FIV or FeLV positive or need socialization. “The most rewarding part of fostering usually happens about the second or third night,” Sarah said. “By then, the cats are settled and comfortable enough to sleep with us. The cats are usually so excited to be out of a cage and snuggled in a safe, warm bed that they keep us up purring all night!”

Sarah is a graduate student at the University of Illinois in Chicago and is pursuing her Ph.D. in Anthropology, focusing her research on globalization, modernity and the lives of young women in Kathmandu. Bishal is a student and artist, currently creating a series of paintings celebrating Nepali culture and nationalism. Because of their busy work and travel schedules, having a pet of their own isn’t possible at this time.

“Chicago would never feel like home if we didn’t have a pet, so fostering allows us to help PAWS Chicago and have animals in our home,” said Sarah. “We also volunteer because working with PAWS Chicago gives us a way to help make the world a little better.”

Sarah and Bishal keep coming back to PAWS because there are still cats who need a place to stay. “Until that changes, we will be fostering.”

Decoding the MYSTERIOUS CAT

Secretive, purring, clever playful, lazy, swift, nocturnal, soft, furry, gentle, sharp, silent, agile, and nine lives each.

By Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM

What is it about cats that is so mysterious and alluring? Everything. Do cats have a secret language we don’t understand? Yes they do. It’s useful to have a decoder ring and some insight into their motivation. Of course, every species has its own unique way to communicate to others of its kind. Cats are no exception, they are just super subtle. If you want to understand cats you have to pay attention to even the slightest movement including the dilation of the pupils and a tiny bit of a tail flick.

When a dog wags his tail, he is often (but not always) displaying happiness. When a cat wags or even flicks her tail, she could be swearing like a sailor.

Signs of annoyance can include a whipping tail or tail flip (even just the tip), flat ears (I call it the Chinese hat of irritation), tense neck, raised fur, raised spine, growling, hissing, dilated pupils, slit-like eyes.

Much of the conversation between cats is designed to shore up relationships, keep personal space and to define territory. If you have multiple cats, a cat-cat conversation could be a series of ear twitches, a tail flick and a shoulder shift. Decoded, those tiny moves might be a conversation like this:

Why are you trying to walk by me?
I have to go to the litter box.
If you do, I’ll attack you.
But I really have to go.
Too bad, I’ll let you move when I feel like it. And don’t try to get to the water bowl either.

Or even something more colorful than that. This is one reason I recommended that every multi-cat household have the number of cats plus one litter boxes. That way they all can’t be guarded, which is important if you want all of your cats to think inside the box.

Many common urinary and fecal issues are stress-related. Stress can come from many places, but inter-cat stress is high on the list.
If you have cats that regularly fight, you may not know that the one doing the pouncing is not always the one who is in charge. An “in-charge” cat may not need to pounce. The underdog cat (“undercat”) may need to pounce to gain some respect. I recommend owners re-examine the logistics and flow of their household to even the playing field between unequal cats. By providing good territory options, cat hierarchical dramas are minimized. Give them different heights to retreat to when needed. Cats like a variety of levels, and use them to increase their own comfort zone, even in small rooms. High cat trees, window seats, ledges, couches etc., can allow more relaxed interactions. Like air-traffic, working out a comfortable flight plan can include altitude as well as direction.

It can be tricky to introduce a new cat to a cat household if you aren’t aware of those subtle interactions. I usually recommend super slo-mo introductions. If you’re not sure of the health of a new cat, get a veterinary exam, and even then, make sure to keep the new cat separate from the resident cats for at least a week. Any underlying health issues will probably show up by then. Keep them in separate rooms, meeting under the doorway first. Once they meet in person, it’s important to make sure there is always a good retreat place for every cat. And of course make sure to have enough litter boxes, feeding stations and water bowls. Cats are very sensitive to medications. Vaccine associated sarcomas (cancers at the site of vaccines) and reactions to other medications are more common than we would like to see. Veterinarians are typically very careful with medications in cats for this reason. Surprisingly, cats are also very resilient. Cats may really have nine lives. With proper diet and support, I have found that cats have an uncanny ability to recover from even the most serious illnesses. The best way I know to keep a cat healthy is to feed a diet rich in protein and moisture and low in carbs, just like what they would get in the wild. Where possible, I recommend canned or even a raw food over any kibbled dry foods (if the cat will eat it…). Cats are very close to their evolutionary ancestry and their dietary requirements are very similar to what wild cats eat. It is also important that we don’t hamper their immune system with too many unneeded vaccines and medications.

If you have a cat that you know is in a good home, but you deny anything to my cat when he rubs around my ankles or curls up on my lap purring wildly.

Some people believe that purring is one of their secret weapons. Cats purr while inhaling and exhaling. Their vocal cords oscillate when the brain sends a repetitive signal to the laryngeal muscles. The lovely rumble/purring sound is produced when they breathe in and out through adjacent vocal cords. The frequency of the purr may be a healing frequency (24-140 vibrations per minute). There is evidence to support this. These frequencies are often used to trigger specific medical responses in mammals. Purring is said to release endorphins which help with pain. Occasionally ill or very old patients will purr constantly – something that has been called “maniacal purring,” “paradoxical purring” or as I like to call it, a furry Purr-cure. It really does seem to comfort those around – and to us.

The sound of a purr can be healing to people as well. Studies find that owning a cat may decrease stress, and blood pressure. There is a 40 percent lower risk of heart attack in cat owners. It’s not only domestic cats that purr. The bobcat, lynx, cheetah and puma all have great rumbling purrs. The cats that roar have a sort of purr, but it is only with exhalation. They can’t truly purr because their larynxes are configured to make a larger noise. But having hand-raised a Sumatran tiger, the sort of shuffluff purr-like noises from a cuddly tiger cub are every bit as enchanting as a cat’s purr.

As Robert Byrne says, “To Err is Human, to Purr is Feline.”

There is a study out of England that theorizes that cats developed their specific purr frequency to trigger a nurturing response from humans. I agree, as it is nearly impossible to deny anything to my cat when he rubs around my ankles or curls up on my lap purring wildly.

We even have a rule in my house, that if you have a cat on your lap, you are not required to get up for anything. One shouldn’t disturb a comfortable cat. So, the doorbell rings, and even though I’m working in the basement, I hear from the living room (where the front door is) “Mom, can you get it? I have a front door is) “Mom, can you get it? I have a...”

Some cats purr for purr’s sake. The bobcat, lynx, cheetah and puma purr for specific reasons, while hand-raised cats purr more frequently. Unlike cats, humans purr post biologically when stimulated. How do you know your cat is purring? Some common purring reasons include:

- Lap purring
- aka, “protection purring” – a cat will purr to protect their territory.
- Head or chest purring
- aka, “comfort purring” – a cat will purr to comfort the workbooker
- Cat purrs to fight
- aka, “fight purring” – a cat will purr to fight other cats.
- Cat purrs to play
- aka, “play purring” – a cat will purr to play with other cats.
- Cat purrs for emotional reasons
- aka, “emotional purring” – a cat will purr to make you feel better.

After experiencing such tragedy on a day that should’ve been so joyful for all the runners, I was inspired to run the marathon this year and called TEAM PAWS to see if they’d squeeze me in for Chicago. I’m so thankful to them for allowing me to be a part of such a great team.

**Why have you chosen to run for TEAM PAWS Chicago and in which event(s) are you competing?**

This is my first FULL marathon and I am thrilled to be running and training with TEAM PAWS. I was at the finish line of the Boston Marathon this year waiting for my girlfriend who’d just finished when the bombs went off.

**What inspires you to run? Are you running in honor of someone/something?**

There’s so many things that inspire me to run… my health, my sanity (I calling running my “Prozac”), setting a healthy example for my daughter, and running with my husband is a great bonding time for us. This year I’ll not only be running for all the furry faces and great volunteers at PAWS, but every step of training and every mile of the marathon I’ll have Boston on my mind and in my heart.

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How important is it to you that the funds you raise for your run will go directly to saving the lives of homeless pets?

It's everything! I’ve taken my family to PAWS so they could all see what an amazing organization it is. We’ve seen firsthand what it takes to keep the animals cared for, the staff in place, and the money it takes to throw the events that bring awareness to the cause. I have a rescue dog, and I hope in time places like PAWS will be the only place people go for their pets. PAWS Chicago is doing a tremendous job educating the community about the need for adoptions, and I’m happy to help raise any money to support that cause.

Do you have any pets at home?

Yes! We have an AMAZING four-year old female Pit Bull named Drie, who we rescued after finding her at a PAWS Chicago Angels with Tails event! This is one of the many reasons PAWS Chicago is near and dear to my heart... we couldn’t imagine our family without her!

Have you participated in any other PAWS Chicago events?

Yes, aside from the event where we rescued our PIt, my co-host and I have hosted PAWS Chicago’s “Bejeweled Ball” gala for the last two years, and the pet costume contest at Rockit last Halloween. I also volunteered during the “12 Days of Christmas” and brought my eight-year-old animal-loving daughter through the facility to learn all about PAWS, adoptions, and to help feed the dogs and cats on site.

Anything else you’d like to share about your experience with PAWS Chicago or TEAM PAWS Chicago?

I’d just like to say I’m truly honored to be a member of TEAM PAWS and so excited to meet all my teammates and begin training for the marathon this summer. I believe animal lovers are the warmest humans on earth and I’m so proud to run for the animals and the people who save them. This year is all about rockin’ the blue bib! GO TEAM PAWS!!!

“I feel that each time I volunteer at PAWS Chicago, I am making a positive impact,” said John Vietor, a Dog Town Level 2 Volunteer and Level 1 Trainer. “I believe completely in the PAWS No Kill philosophy and mission that the life of every dog and cat is important. Pets are definitely worth saving.”

John was originally drawn to PAWS Chicago after feeling a void in his life where animals were concerned. Because of uncertain work schedules, it is difficult for John to have a dog of his own at this time. “I grow up with multiple dogs and cats and have always had a place for them in my life,” he said. Volunteering at PAWS gives John an opportunity to have a variety of pets in his life while helping others find their perfect match.

As a Level 2 Dog Handler, John interacts and socializes with dogs who have high energy or special needs and require more experienced handlers. He also serves as a lead volunteer and provides potential adopters with educational information and resources to help them find their perfect match. In addition, John teaches Dog Town Level 1 classes to volunteers interested in focusing their time with dog care and adoptions.

“What I enjoy most about volunteering is showing animals to potential adopters and teaching new Dog Town Level 1 volunteers, primarily because it is in these areas I can use my skills to the fullest and see the impact that I can have on others,” said John.

Leveraging sales, training, safety and management skills he gained from time in the automotive and investing industries, John is able to apply them to make a positive impact when working with the dogs, potential adopters and fellow volunteers. He recalls one story that exemplifies this.

“Bridgette (PAWS Chicago name Teo) was a sweet, well-behaved Shepherd mix who kept being overlooked by potential adopters. One Saturday, I was talking with a couple who hadn’t found the right dog after many days of looking. After describing their ideal dog to me, I thought that Bridgette would be a great fit for them. The couple had seen her in her suite but hadn’t considered her. I asked if they would allow me to show them Bridgette. They agreed and it was a success. They came back the next day and adopted her. That was the moment I realized the positive impact I can make on the lives of peoples and animals,” said John.

Thanks to John’s dedication to homeless dogs, PAWS Chicago is growing closer to creating a No Kill community. “One benefit of volunteering at PAWS is that you realize that people who love animals are great people to be around,” said John. “I believe that PAWS provides a wonderful environment for volunteers and I would encourage anyone thinking about it to participate.”

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Join Team PAWS Chicago and race to save the lives of homeless pets. TEAM PAWS still has entries to the sold-out Chicago Marathon (join by July 1) and the Marine Corps Marathon (join by August 1). The funds raised by TEAM PAWS help fund one-third of the cost of the Adoption Center. Athletes compete in half marathons, triathlons, marathons in Chicago and around the globe.

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Like countless other winter-weary Chicagoans, I crave the warmer months of the year. Leisurely strolls around the block, gentle breezes through open windows, barbecues, and lots of time outdoors with my pets are some of the things I really look forward to every year. As our days get warmer, we must all be aware of the seasonal risks that summer brings to our furry companions, and remember how to keep them safe.

Heat Hazards
One of the most common and deadly seasonal threats to our pets is heatstroke. In humans, an increase in body temperature is followed by perspiration. As sweat evaporates from our skin, it cools us off. In dogs, excess heat is eliminated from the body through a different mechanism: panting. Unfortunately, this process is very inefficient on hot, humid days, when a pet is more prone to overheating. In dogs with "smooshed-in" faces and compressed airways (the so-called brachycephalic breeds like Bulldogs and Pugs), the tendency to overheat is the greatest. Rapid recognition and treatment of heatstroke is imperative to save your pet’s life.

The earliest and most consistent signs of heatstroke in dogs are extremely heavy (almost frantic) panting, drooling, and bright red gums and tongue. If you see these signs, immediately check your dog’s temperature (every pet first aid kit should have a rectal thermometer). If the temperature is greater than 103.5° (normal is under 102°), act quickly! Even before you call your veterinarian, hose your pet down with water and cover him/her with a towel soaked in cold water, apply rubbing alcohol to paw pads to hasten heat loss, and allow the pet to drink a small amount of ice water. Then call your veterinarian. It may be necessary for an emergency trip to your vet’s office. Temperatures above 105° are a dire emergency and organ damage will occur when temperatures exceed 106°.

Sunburn
Yes, pets can get sunburn, especially those with light skin and thin coats. The tips of the ears and the skin where the nose meets the muzzle are especially prone. If your pet will be outdoors excessively during the middle hours of the day, pet specific sunscreens can be applied to problem areas.

Loud Noises
Many pets suffer from severe anxiety when exposed to loud noises. Whether it is thunder, the constant explosion of firecrackers around Independence Day, or the roar of jet engines during the annual Chicago Air & Water Show, there are safe medications your veterinarian can prescribe to help pets through these difficult times. There are also commercially available “calming vests” which help many pets that suffer from noise phobia.

Travel
Many people like to bring their pets with them in the car in the summertime, whether running errands or taking trips or vacations. Cats should always be in secure carriers to protect them and you from uncontrolled movement while you are driving. Allowing a dog to travel with his or her head out of a car window is an open invitation to an eye injury from flying debris.

Ahhhh…summer!

Keeping Your Pet SAFE & HEALTHY in the Summertime

By Dr. Robert Dann DVM
Infectious Disease & Parasites
Exposure to deadly viruses increases in the summer when pets are outside more. Keeping pets protected from many diseases can be accomplished through the judicious use of vaccines. With warm weather come mosquitoes, the carriers of dangerous Heartworm Disease in both cats and dogs, easily prevented by not allowing pets to roam. Having leash control over a pet also keeps them from ingesting things they shouldn’t and getting wounds, most of which could have been prevented by not allowing pets to roam. A little known fact among Chicagoans is the number of bats that fly in the evening sky during the summer, due to migration and feeding patterns. The city receives hundreds of reports of bat sightings every year and some bats test positive for rabies. These unwanted guests, potentially carrying a disease deadly to us and our pets, can be kept out of our homes with properly maintained window screens.

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Picnics & Barbeques
Extra care must be taken when we bring our pets to these outdoor events. Bones, fatty scraps, peach pits, corn cobs, alcoholic beverages…the list of what our canine companions will eat from the ground is endless, and potentially dangerous.

Garden Hazards
Even when pets are confined to a securely fenced-in backyard, there are many potential dangers in our own gardens. Cocoa mulch and snail bait can be toxic to our pets, as are some rose and plant food products that contain insecticides. Common shrubs like azaleas and holly can be toxic, and lilies can cause kidney failure in cats.

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In the shelter world, there exist certain dogs who are considered "harder to adopt." These are not the calm, quiet dogs that greet you politely. They are also not the special needs dogs or those who may be missing an eye or a leg. They are the dogs with an over-abundance of energy who jump up and down in their suites. A greeting from them may be an enthusiastic, full out body slam. They drag their handlers down the hallways excited to get outside, or anywhere for that matter. They are waiting (sometimes for a long time) for the right adopter who can match their need for training, exercise and stimulation. Usually, they are the descendants of dogs bred to have a specific job or purpose, commonly referred to as "working dogs."

In the early days of man and dog, dog selection was centered on helpful behaviors such as barking at unfamiliar creatures and people, guarding or herding livestock, hunting or retrieving game, pulling sleds and carts, or killing pesky vermin such as rats and mice. Our protection dogs required the strength and intelligence to apprehend the "bad guy." Our hunting and herding dogs needed the energy to run all day in the fields. Our Terrier breeds were selectively bred for an extreme "prey drive." Predominant in Chicago is the Pit Bull Terrier type dog, who descended from dogs bred for working strength and athleticism.

It is easy to understand how these dogs came about but the dilemma is, how do we keep them happy? How do we set them up for success in their new homes? We know that exercise and mental stimulation is vital for any dog’s physical and mental wellness, but these dogs clearly need more. They need brain-stimulating or task-oriented activities and without them, they are likely to develop behavior problems. These problems include destructive behavior, inappropriate mouthing and general frustration. They tend to create their own "jobs" by barking out the windows or chasing small animals.

Generally, dogs of this nature do best with an active adopter who loves to get out and walk or run. But now there are many dog sport classes and training activities, conveniently available throughout Chicago, that can provide even more. After some basic obedience training, dog sports can become a fun hobby and satisfy an energetic dog’s need for a mind-stimulating job by channeling all that energy into a specific task. They are available year-round, even during the extreme winter weather. There is nothing more fun and rewarding than witnessing what these amazing dogs are capable of doing! The following classes are great for active dogs and easy to find in the city.

**CLICKER TRAINING**

All dogs should start with a basic training or manners class. Clicker training is a method based on behavioral psychology that relies on marking desirable behavior with a "click" and then rewarding it. The "click" tells the dog exactly when he is doing the right thing, so it can speed up communication. This method allows the dog to become an active part of the training program making it more fun and exciting.

At PAWS Chicago, clicker training may have already been started for you. Clicker training is taught to our Level 2 and 3 volunteers and monthly workshops are conducted to track the progress. Participating volunteers are assigned a dog to train with the goals of increasing the dog’s adoptability by teaching good manners and providing mental stimulation.

Behaviors are taught by capturing (marking behaviors that the dog does naturally), targeting (teaching the dog to touch a target with his nose or paw, then moving the target to create the desired behavior), or shaping (marking increments of the final behaviors and gradually raising the criteria to reach the end goal). Once the dog can consistently offer the desired behavior, it is "put on cue" or given a name. The clicker can then be phased out and the behavior can be variably reinforced.

Clicker training is a fun and exciting way to teach dogs more complicated tasks and tricks. So with a little bit of patience, your dog could learn to "take a bow," "high five," "roll over" or "sit pretty." With some more work (and a motivated dog), you could teach your dog to put away his toys, close doors or even get your beer from the refrigerator!

**Tips to Stimulate Your Active, Energetic Dog**

By Joan Harris

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**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

Joanna Mallers

At the start of the financial crisis, Joanna Mallers read about what PAWS Chicago was doing to help people and their pets through its Pet Food Bank and Safe Haven programs. It was then that she decided to get involved and do her part to save the lives of homeless pets, starting with the adoption of her dog, Luke. “I believe in PAWS Chicago’s No Kill mission and have been quite impressed with the tremendous impact it has had in such a short period of time,” said Joanna. Joanna joined PAWS Chicago’s Development Board shortly after attending her first Fur Ball event in 2010. Since that time, she has been a major supporter of the event, serving on the Fur Ball Committee and as a co-chair in 2012. This year, Joanna will once again serve on the Fur Ball Committee and will manage the event’s Silent Auction.

One of Joanna’s fondest experiences with PAWS Chicago was volunteering her time at two Adopt-a-Thon events. “During the 2012 Holiday Adopt-a-Thon, I volunteered late on a Friday night,” said Joanna. “I was amazed by the constant stream of adopters – as fast as fosters would drop off a dog, someone would be asking to meet him or her. The pace was fast, but the joy in the building was palpable. I was there to see the 5,000th adoption of the year and it was one of the best moments of the holiday season for me.”

Joanna leverages her professional background in project and business management roles in the futures industry into her role as a volunteer and fundraiser for PAWS Chicago. She also finds inspiration to help other animals from her beloved PAWS adoptee, Luke, and two other pups, Helen and Jessie. Shortly after adopting Luke, it was discovered that he was born completely deaf and had been mistreated by his previous owner. But her love and dedication to Luke gave him the second chance at life he deserved. Earlier this year, Joanna extended her volunteer expertise by opening her home to a puppy who needed time in foster for three weeks. “It was my first experience with fostering and was happy to see how well my three dogs were open to it,” said Joanna. “I am open to fostering again sometime soon.”

“I am proud to be a part of PAWS Chicago’s life-saving mission and do my part to get closer to creating a No Kill Chicago.”

In beginning classes, dogs search for treat rewards in boxes. After your dog gains confidence, the rewards are then paired with a target odor such as birch, clove or anise oil. The game then expands to search rooms, exterior areas and vehicles. A wide variety of dogs can participate in this sport, even dogs who are shy or reactive. High energy dogs get exercise from racing around on the hunt. It is also easy to practice at home, unlike activities that require extensive equipment. If competition is your thing, K9 Nose Work is also an organized, titling sport with official rules and titles. There are three levels and trials are held nationwide.

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**AGILITY**

Agility classes have been prevalent in Chicago for several years and are clearly here to stay. Its popularity is on the rise and is frequently described by enthusiasts as “the most fun you can have with your dog.” Dogs and their handlers learn to negotiate a different course each class, so it never becomes boring. A dog can attend a class just for exercise or continue on to compete in trials.

In a beginning level class, dogs are taught to jump, climb an A-frame, run through tunnels and negotiate weave poles. More advanced obstacles may also be introduced such as the dog walk and teeter. Once the dog feels confident, speed and handling techniques are emphasized. All that is needed is an energetic dog and a bunch of training treats! Your dog will go home tired and satisfied.

**K9 NOSE WORK**

All dogs love to use their nose to gather information about their environment or to simply find something interesting on the ground. Relatively new, the sport of K9 Nose Work is gaining popularity and classes are now held at several locations in Chicago.

**CANINE CONDITIONING CLASS & RALLY CANINE CROSSFIT**

The aim of Canine Conditioning Class is to combine obedience training along with conditioning exercises, designed to target specific muscle groups, while providing a good cardio workout. The class uses exercises that mainly focus on the core through agility obstacles and FitPAWS conditioning equipment. After an obedience warm up and some stretching, dogs move from station to station with the goal of running the entire course. As the dogs progress, more repetitions, better form and a faster pace will be emphasized.

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

Joan Harris & RallY CaNiNe CrOSSfIT

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Canine Conditioning can be a great addition to any obedience training or can be a prerequisite to compete in the new sport of Rally Canine Crossfit where teams run relay races and are required to perform exercises alongside their dogs! This fun, fast-paced “fat busting” class guarantees that “boredom” never becomes an excuse for bad behavior again.

With today’s nationwide trend of health and fitness that urges people to be physically active, maybe one of these “high energy” dogs could be your perfect partner and inspiration. With so many fun dog activities available year round in Chicago, it is easy to give one of these “highly motivated” dogs the stimulation they need and keep in shape yourself. Runners and outdoor enthusiasts are not the only ones who can provide the perfect home for these feisty canines. Anyone with the time to get to class and the desire to train can enjoy one of these fun activities with their canine partner. So, “let’s move” and get in shape with your dog!
What is Periodontal Disease?

Periodontal disease affects more than 70% of dogs and cats over three years of age and can even affect younger patients. Your pets cannot raise their paw and let you know that their mouth hurts. Instinct tells them to hide pain, so often pets with painful oral disease continue to eat and show no outward signs of discomfort. What are the signs of periodontal disease that you should look for? You may notice bad breath, red, inflamed or bleeding gums, reluctance to eat hard food, or drooling. Dogs may stop playing with their favorite toys. Cats may be more aloof and may have an unkempt hair coat because they stop grooming due to oral pain.

When you are with your pets every day it is sometimes difficult to notice subtle changes in their behavior which is why regular oral healthcare examinations with your veterinarian are so important. Remember that disease in your pet's mouth may affect other organs in their body such as the heart, liver and kidneys. Preventive oral health care is integral to your pet's overall health and well-being!

Preventive Oral Healthcare for Dogs and Cats

By Cindy Charlier, DVM, Dip AVDC

Preventive dental home care is the least expensive and most rewarding form of dental care for your pet. The goal of the dental home care program is to decrease plaque (bacterial film) and prevent tartar formation on your pet's teeth. Prevention of periodontal disease involves a multifaceted approach combining daily brushing with the use of diets, chews, treats and water additives. Home care can make a significant difference in your pet's overall health and comfort. Remember, the more that you can do at home, the less will need to be done by your veterinarian.

Brushing Your Pet's Teeth

Imagine not brushing your own teeth for six months or even a year! How about brushing your pet's teeth? Daily brushing remains the single most effective way to decrease plaque and tartar. Daily brushing mechanically eliminates the plaque or sticky film that forms on your pet's teeth thus preventing the development of tartar and inflammation of the gums. The key to brushing your pet's teeth is to begin slowly and use positive reinforcement as your pet cooperates with you. If a tiger can be taught to jump through a hoop of fire you can teach your dog and cat to accept tooth brushing.

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Choose a consistent time during the day. Have small bits of food that your pet loves available for rewards. Small dogs and cats might be most comfortable in your lap, while larger dogs can sit on the floor. Use a calm, gentle tone of voice. Begin by just touching your pet's lips and reward positive behavior. If they pull away or resist end the session and try again later. Do not reward resisting behavior. Introduce your finger into...
their mouth and run your finger along the outside surface of their teeth. Then introduce the toothbrush only and lastly add the toothpaste. Use a toothpaste for dogs and cats that is recommended by your veterinarian. You only need to brush the outside surfaces of your pet’s teeth as their tongue does a pretty good job taking care of the inside surfaces. Use a circular motion and pay special attention to the area of the gum margin. This process may take several weeks. Remember to make it fun! Be patient and positive! The end goal is for your pet to ask to have its teeth brushed every day!

Vernotary Oral Health Council
Unfortunately not all pets are amenable to tooth brushing. In addition to daily brushing, consider the use of other products to decrease plaque and calculus accumulation. The Veterinary Oral Health Council is the dog and cat version of the ADA. The VOHC is an organization that provides an objective means of recognizing commercially available products that meet pre-set standards of effectiveness in controlling the accumulation of plaque and calculus in dogs and cats. For a product to be accepted by the VOHC, the product has to have scientific evidence that it does help with the control of plaque and/or tartar. The list of currently accepted products is available on the VOHC website (www.vohc.org). Using a combination of daily brushing, diets, treats, chews and water additives will help to slow the progression of periodontal disease.

Appropriate Chew Toys
Remember that there is no perfect chew toy for your pets. Dogs should never chew on anything harder than their teeth. The rule of thumb is if you cannot bend it or compress it your pet should not get it. Rule of thumb is if you cannot bend it or compress it your pet should not get it. The list of currently accepted products to decrease plaque and calculus includes the following:

COHAT (Comprehensive Oral Healthcare Assessment and Treatment)
A dentistry procedure for your pet requires general anesthesia to complete a thorough oral examination, including probing around each tooth in 4 - 6 locations, charting the findings and taking intraoral radiographs. A dentistry procedure for your pet is very similar to a trip for you to the dentist. The only difference if that your dog and cat can’t open their mouth and say ahhhh to allow a complete oral exam so general anesthesia is required. Depending on the severity of your pet’s periodontal disease, your veterinarian may recommend a recheck examination in one to three months. Remember that the key to oral health care is prevention of plaque! YOU can make a huge difference in the overall health and well-being of your pet!

As one of the veterinary surgeons for PAWS Chicago’s Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, Dr. Claire Conrath plays a critical role in the solution to save the lives of homeless pets. Gaining inspiration from her fellow colleagues, the clients who bring their pets to PAWS Chicago, and most importantly, the animals themselves, Dr. Conrath is following her passion to help animals in need.

“PAWS Chicago stands for many of the reasons I entered the veterinary profession,” says Dr. Conrath. “Helping animals in need and being part of the process that finds homes for thousands of homeless pets is something I’ve had a passion for long before becoming a vet. I take great pride in being part of such an amazing organization.”

After graduating with honors from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Conrath spent two years working in private practice before joining PAWS Chicago as a relief surgeon. In 2012, she joined the organization full-time and is now part of the surgical team responsible for performing high-volume spay/neuter procedures – between 85-125 each day – out of PAWS Chicago’s Lurie Clinic. Dr. Conrath also performs surgeries on PAWS Chicago’s GusMobile Spay/Neuter Van which targets communities with largest number of strays.

“Through these spay/neuter efforts, PAWS Chicago is able to help people in under-resourced neighborhoods give their pets a healthier, happier life,” she said.

Dr. Conrath performs other life-saving specialty surgeries and dentistry on pets who are transferred from Chicago’s Animal Care & Control. From mass removals and biopsies to limb/eye amputations and surgical tooth extractions, Dr. Conrath is a part of the team who perform surgeries for homeless pets who would likely be euthanized at traditional “open door” shelters. “Unlike other programs, PAWS doesn’t treat animals for many medical conditions including parvo, ringworm, feline leukemia and other infectious diseases so that we can give these pets a healthy second chance at life,” says Dr. Conrath. “We are often the last chance these animals have at receiving these life-saving surgeries.”

In addition to sharing her home with five rescue dogs, Dr. Conrath’s love for helping animals and people has been a life-long commitment that she continues today. When she was 18, she brought animals to visit with seniors in nursing homes and people with disabilities. She also certified one of her own dogs to help people live healthier lives by incorporating therapy, service and companion animals into their lives. She continues to help educate the community through her involvement with the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association and their Public Education Committee.

Each day, Dr. Conrath is reminded by her dogs to live life the way a dog does – live every day like it’s your last and love unconditionally!
More than 300 guests and their furry companions attended PAWS Chicago’s Seventh Annual Animal Magnetism at Galleria Marchetti on February 22. The evening was emceed by 103.5 KISS-FM Morning Show’s Angi Taylor and former Chicago Bear Jerry Azumah, with special appearances by Chicago Sun-Times’ SPLASH editor Susanna Negovan and DIY Network’s Alisyn Victoria. Guests bid on fabulous silent and live auction items, enjoyed an Italian dinner buffet and cocktails and danced to music courtesy of Icon Entertainment.

During the event, PAWS Chicago honored Congressman Mike Quigley for his extraordinary leadership in animal welfare. This sensational event, chaired by Ashley and Noah Pettit and Courtney and Eric Weiler, raised more than $90,000 for Chicago’s homeless pets!

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For their annual Valentine’s Day service project, the 8th grade students and student council members at Bannockburn School chose to raise funds to help a homeless pet at PAWS Chicago. The students created candy grams that they sold to benefit Little Boy Blue, a one-year-old Pomeranian who was suffering from a fractured leg that needed to be amputated. The students raised $500 that went directly toward Little Boy Blue’s surgery. Because of their support, Little Boy Blue has gotten a second chance at life and is now in a loving home.

This fall, girls from Brownie Troop 308 from Chicago City Day School chose to donate the proceeds they earned through cookie sales to PAWS Chicago! Together, the girls sold 2,421 boxes of cookies and donated more than $1,500 to PAWS. Thanks to their generosity, the lives of more homeless dogs and cats will be saved.

In celebration of Valentine’s Day, elementary school students from Prescott School in Chicago made and delivered treats for the homeless dogs at PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center. The students got an opportunity to share the love – in the form of the treats – with a few lucky pups who enjoyed every bite.

At just five years old, Eliza is a budding animal advocate who, along with her family, has fostered several PAWS Chicago cats and rescued two abandoned dogs and a rabbit. Eliza wanted to do even more and decided to hold a lemonade stand to raise money for the homeless pets at PAWS Chicago. Eliza raised a hard-earned $12.00 that day and was so happy to donate her earnings to PAWS. Every dollar makes a difference and thanks to Eliza’s support, more pets will find loving homes.

Thanks goes out to the Latin School’s sixth grade class who volunteered their time to assemble e-collars (cones) for cats and dogs after their spay/neuter surgeries and those who are recovering from an illness or injury. In 2012, the students folded 750 collars - approximately 10 percent of what is used at PAWS Chicago’s Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic. Through their efforts, cats and dogs will recover and become available for adoption more quickly.

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

Prescott School

Latin School

Eliza & Margot

Eliza & Margot
PROTECTING FERAL CATS

By Julie Mazzola

Cook County Feral Cat Ordinance Enables PAWS Chicago to Manage Community Cat Populations

In September 2007, Cook County officials passed groundbreaking feral cat legislation that has become a model for other communities across the nation, providing a legal mechanism for non-profit organizations to care for these animals through Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) programs. The data now shows the tangible success of TNR in reducing the community’s cat and kitten overpopulation problem, which means fewer cats and kittens are being killed.

Before the county ordinance, it could be considered illegal to have an “animal at large” free roaming, but feral cats live outdoors and are not socialized by humans or socialization has deteriorated over time. These cats enjoy a life with other feral cats in a robust colony hierarchy. But the traditional way that most communities across the country try to manage feral cat populations is to “trap and kill,” which means trapping the cats and killing them to Animal Control or a traditional shelter to be euthanized.

This flawed kill-strategy does not work to reduce cat populations for several reasons. First, it does not engage the community to help. Most citizens will not trap cats in order to kill them. Second, removing cats from a colony does little to limit the population because the remaining cats continue to breed.

The county ordinance, advocated by Dr. Donna Alexander, Director of Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control, provides for legal Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR), the most humane and progressive way to manage these colonies and control overpopulation. Cat colony caretakers will trap the cats, take them to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated and ear tipped so that future trappers know that the cat has already been altered. TNR maintains the colony populations with cats that are not breeding, ultimately reducing the number of cats on the streets.

Under the ordinance, private, non-profit sponsoring agencies, including PAWS Chicago, Tree House and Triple R Pets, are able to provide Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) services, rabies vaccinations, parasite treatment, microchipping, ear-tipping, food distribution, transportation services, re-homing services, support to cat colony caretakers, and education and training. Through these services, the non-profit organizations provide a humane solution to managing feral cat colonies in Chicago by partnering with the community and reducing the costs to county municipalities for the capture and euthanization of feral cats.

The impact to Cook County, the City of Chicago and local municipalities has been significant. Community complaints and calls to 311 are now directed to sponsoring organizations. The inhumane and ineffective ‘trap and kill’ method is no longer practiced as an accepted management of feral cats. Additionally, private non-profit agencies assumed 100 percent of the responsibility and management of feral cats, providing a significant reduction in costs and resources to the County, City and municipalities.

In March, 2013, a progress report on the ordinance was presented to the Cook County Commissioners.

Today, there are more than 1,000 registered colonies in Cook County that contain a population of more than 7,000 cats. However, within these colonies, once stabilized, there is an approximate 41 percent reduction in the number of cats in these colonies. Additionally, since 2008, nearly 18,000 feral cats have been sterilized in Cook County, more than 50 percent of whom were females who can have up to two litters a year, averaging three kittens per litter. This has resulted in the prevention of tens of thousands of unwanted, homeless kittens born on the streets.

The ordinance was challenged in court by the City of Bridgeview, but was upheld at both the city and state level. Not only did the original ruling set a precedent when it was established, but the upheld ruling set another precedent for municipalities across the country.

The ordinance has provided tremendous benefits to Cook County by creating a community of partnerships among No Kill animal welfare agencies, making services and information on feral cats to the general public widely available and easily accessible, and by dramatically decreasing kitten populations coming into Animal Care & Control agencies. It enables the proactive, responsible management of Cook County’s feral cat population by relying on resources, funding and outreach by private, non-profit community, at an estimated investment value of nearly $3 million.

“PAWS Chicago has sterilized more than 4,000 cats in the past five years for Feral Fixers, enabling our organization to move toward its goal of reducing cat overpopulation and euthanasia. PAWS’ staff is always professional and caring, going far beyond the basic requirements expected of them. The quality of their work is something we can rely on with every cat we bring them.”

William Gomaa, Alley Cat Allies

“PAWS Chicago serves as a source of information and assistance for caregivers of community cats, including by conducting workshops on TNR. For cats and caregivers sponsored, PAWS provides trapping assistance, further financial assistance, transportation to and from the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, a food bank, community support for caregivers and veterinary care as necessary.”

Tammy McAuley, Feral Fixers

We understand the importance of targeted spay/neutering, microchip and vaccination initiatives. We applaud the work of PAWS Chicago in using these tools to control cat overpopulation in Chicago.”

Sandra Alfred, City of Chicago Commission on Animal Care and Control

Donna Alexander, Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control

“PAWS Chicago’s Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic has performed more than 3,000 sterilization surgeries on our community cats. The level of care PAWS provides each feral cat is unsurpassed, providing the most comprehensive feral cat medical package in Chicago, as well as providing any extra medical care the cat may require when presented. The PAWS staff is knowledgeable of the unique medical needs of feral cats, understands all aspects of Trap Neuter Release, and because of this, PAWS has been critical to the success of our community cat programs.”

Monica Frenden, Safe House Animal Rescue League

“‘The feral cat managed care program in Cook County is extremely successful. I would attribute more than 80% of that success to PAWS Chicago through spay/neuter and community outreach.’”

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Hoda Kotb Adopts PAWS Chicago Homeless Pup

True love finally made its way to reality TV. On Wednesday March 27, “Today Show” co-host Hoda Kotb televed her search for the perfect lifelng companion and found her match in an adorable five-month-old cockapoo from PAWS Chicago. As is often true in the quest for a life companion, preconceived notions of aesthetic or personality preferences don’t mean much when faced with a real connection. “It was not a dog I thought I was going to select,” said Kotb. “Honestly, I didn’t. Knowing me, what kind of dog did you think would be best for me?” Kotb asked Fasseas.

“Any of these dogs would succeed in your home because you love animals and dogs are so adaptable,” Fasseas said. “Get a good trainer. Get a good dogwalker. Because you have a busy lifestyle, being prepared so when you bring them to your house you’re good to go.”

Kotb walked down the line of pets, saying hello to each one—stopping only when she arrived at Goldfish, the black Cockapoo with white markings who won Hoda’s heart. PAWS Chicago rescued Goldfish from the city pound after he was found as a stray on the streets of Chicago. Thousands of homeless pets are euthanized in Chicago each year. Fasseas is thrilled that Hoda decided to make her decision to adopt part of her show.

“Since we have the kiss from Blake Shelton, we are going to officially name the dog Blake,” said Kotb. “I wanted that name, but everyone said you can’t do it. It’s a little stalkerish.”

And I’m perfectly comfortable with that,” said Shelton. “I saw a picture of Blake and you did good—that’s a good looking dog you got there,” he continued.

Hoda was elated: “This just totally escalated into the best day ever, again.”

“We don’t want any emails about how Hoda’s now going to be sleeping with Blake,” said Gifford. Congratulations Hoda and Blake!

Hoda promised to reveal her new PAWS Chicago rescue pup’s name on Thursday March 27. “Last night it was a big deal in our house. We sat around and tried to come up with names,” said Kotb. She aired a home video, debating the value of names with her niece, Hannah.

“Blake,” Hannah suggested. “We can’t do Blake,” said Hoda.

Hannah went on to suggest Ninja, Coca Cola, Cole, Mack, Boom Boom, Coco Puff, and Charlie. “That’s the name of a stripper,” Gifford said after hearing the name Boom Boom.

To decide, Hana and Hoda put five names in a hat and the winner was Charlie. But Gifford had a surprise in store. “There’s someone on the phone who is incredibly disappointed, Hoda Woman. Good morning Blake.”

“You didn’t name your dog after me? I can’t accept this,” said country music star Blake Shelton through speaker phone.

Hoda was shocked, laughing: “Wait a second, it’s only been named for 30 seconds. We can unring this bell. Do you want me to name the dog Blake?”

“I do because Charlie sucked,” said Shelton. “Since we have the kiss from Blake Shelton, we are going to officially name the dog Blake,” said Kotb. “I wanted that name, but everyone said you can’t do it. It’s a little freaky. They said I was becoming a little stalkisher.”

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!
Where are they now?

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Goldfish
Read about Hoda Kotb and Blake’s love story on page 38.

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- Dana Brown, MSNBC Producer and Anchor

Kevin
Wrigley (PAWS Chicago name, Kevin) now lives in Rockford, Illinois with a wonderful family with a big backyard in which to play.

Su Lee (PAWS Chicago name, Yaris) was adopted shortly after the “Today Show” segment wrapped.
“Su Lee is a loving and gentle dog and is named after my mother and aunt. I love her so much!”
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Reeves
Reeves was adopted by his foster family from Winnetka, Illinois who cared for him before the segment on the “Today Show.”

Bobbie Sue
Bobbie Sue was welcomed into a forever home by a wonderful family from Northwest Indiana.

Kevin
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ON NOVEMBER 9, 2012, PAWS CHICAGO hosted the 11th Annual Fur Ball at The Drake Hotel, co-chaired by Joanna Millers, Rita Moore and Laurens and Sandy Walfish. Honorary Chairs Bonnie and James Spurlock were celebrated for their long-term dedication and generosity to helping save the lives of homeless pets. The David Duffield Family received the PAWS Chicago Visionary Award for their exemplary work on a national scale with Maddie’s Fund, which is dedicated to building No Kill communities.

Lucky pups in attendance indulged in a doggie buffet served in crystal goblets and received pawdicures in the Dog Spa, while 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 evening featured Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan, who helped auction off a private acoustic performance and sit-down tea with him at his new Highland Park tea house, Madame Zuzu’s.

After a bidding war between three guests who each bid $10,000, Billy generously offered the same opportunity to each bidder, all together raising $90,000 for homeless pets.

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 $1,000,000 for Chicago’s homeless pets.


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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012
(Unaudited)

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EXPENSES

Program Services:
Adoption Center Lincoln Park | 1,602,150 |
Adoption Center North Shore | 1,481 |
Rescue & Recovery Center | 1,925,665 |
Spay/Neuter Clinic | 1,552,523 |
Humane Education & Publications | 750,033 |
Gus Spay/Neuter Mobile | 87,437 |
Total | 5,919,289 |

Supporting Services:
Management and General | 272,687 |
Special Events | 978,344 |
Fundraising | 381,837 |
Total | 1,632,868 |

In-Kind Expenses(6) | 543,000 |
Total Expenses | 8,095,157 |

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

(156,503) | 1,919,855 | (164,995) | 30,411 | 1,628,766 |

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 9,818,608 | 2,480,362 | 12,363,041 | 142,326 | 24,804,337 |

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR | $ 9,844,185 | $ 4,400,217 | $ 12,198,046 | $ 172,737 | $ 26,433,105 |

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 uses, capital expenditures and program growth.
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

EUTHANASIA POLICY
Every homelessness 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 immediately 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 healthy, treatable, and untreated animal that came through our doors in 2012.
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With so many homeless cats and dogs killed in our community each year, your bequest to PAWS Chicago will provide shelter, food, veterinary care, medical treatments and loving new homes for countless animals. Any gift to PAWS Chicago will be your legacy to the animals. Donors who have put PAWS Chicago in their wills or made other planned gift arrangements will be enrolled as members of the PAWS Chicago Guardian Angels Planned Giving Society.

As a member of PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel Planned Giving Society, you will receive the following benefits:

- A distinctive PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel lapel pin
- Recognition on the Guardian Angel plaque at the Adoption and Human Care Center
- Listing in the PAWS CHICAGO magazine
- PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel membership card
- Priority invitations to PAWS Chicago donor events and other activities
- Invitation to annual Guardian Angel Society members-only luncheon

- The knowledge that you are securing the future for so many homeless dogs and cats

For more information, contact PAWS Chicago’s Planned Giving Specialist (773) 477-4240 guardianangel@pawschicago.org

*Deceased
Thank you on behalf of all the animals.
2012 Honor Roll of Donors | Annual Giving

Thank you on behalf of all the animals.

$100 to $249
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In Memory of Karl Goodhouse

Karl Edmund Goodhouse was a kind, gentle and compassionate man who lived a life of honor. As a graduate of Davidson College, Karl pursued a career in public service and eventually found himself in the Petroleum industry of which he was dedicated and passionate. As President of Clark Brands, LLC, Karl was a man of integrity and character and was often heard asking, “Did we leave a footprint? Did we help others? Did we make a difference?”

Karl’s passions extended beyond work with his love of music, gardening, the arts, writing, golfing and reading. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He had a love for poetry and an eye for pottery and a genuine compassion for animals.

His love for animals began with this childhood beggled named Ammo. Many recently, Karl and his wife, Cynthia shared their home with Oreo, a beautiful 19-year-old black and white cat. Karl would begin his day with exercises in the living room; Oreo would lie alongside him back on the back, stretching his legs and would remain in that position until Karl gave her a yummy treat. Karl also became a vegetarian because of his concerns for the humane treatment of animals.

Karl was a loving husband to his wife, Cynthia, saying, “I love you from here to the moon and the stars back again,” and to his family and friends, saying, “Have I told you how much I love you? And do you know how much I love you?”

In Memory of Alyssa Page Weaver

Laurance and Samantha Kenedy, Max and Monica Rahn, Marion and Andrew Perlman, Susan Kinschke by State and the Paulson family by the Board of Directors.

In Memory of John Versnel

John Versnel has always loved animals, especially dogs. He grew up in Washington State with two Golden Retrievers, Molly and Scout, a Havanese, King and two cats. He always had one of his pets in his lap, in his arms or living next to them on the floor. John liked to carry his dog, Scout. That was quite a sight; a 6’1” man with a 70 pound Golden Retriever over his shoulder! John played lacrosse and would throw lacrosse balls to the dogs in the back yard. It was a contest to see which dog could come back with the ball. It was always Scout. She would do anything for John, and they adored each other.

John went to Chicago to attend Loyola University There, he got a job as a dog walker at a prestigious salon. We were as excited for him as we were for animals to come around while animals from home. He also started fostering dogs for PAWS Chicago. Dogs have always made him laugh and brought him great joy.

Our sweet, sweet man, we love you with all our hearts and souls. You have made us so proud. We are in awe of you. You have taught us so much in your lifetime. Compassion, patience and enthusiasm), solid work ethic.

In Memory of Beverly Serafin

In memory of Beverly Serafin a wonderful wife, mother, aunt and sister. Beverly Serafin always received much joy from being around her furry family members.
By Heidi Farrand

Quentin and Mr. and Mrs. R. Campagnolo
Henry, Lorraine Jan and family, Mr. and Annie Henry, Lorraine Jan and Family,
Nancy Martinka, D. and S. Crull, Deann Joe Purtell and Max
Delmon and Sherry Grapes
Phoebe Bill Petersen
by Cindy Robinson

Payton Meyer, Charles and Kathleen Kreps,
by Pat and Tom
Patty Floyd, Gret and Brenda, Lynn and Jack,
Suzanne Palincsar
by Heidi

Reichardt, and Terry C. Leja
by Brian and Susan

Department, Helen Jackowiak,
Memorials & Tributes
by Barbara & Scott (Nielsen)

In Memory of
Joe and Shannon Simon
by Belle Waldfogel

Shirley Silverman
by Claire Zulkey

lucky Sessler
Michael A. Serafin
Ryan and Benjamin Claussen
by Dorelle

Gregory S. Semmer
by Heather,

by Katie Hauser

by Jill Mosato

Robert Schechter
dennis Schaeffer
by Camelia Joan Parker

and Joseph Sachsel
by Muriel

and Julie, Saul, Nathaniel and Eliot
Kretchmer, Judy and Bill Cottle, Julia

City Club of Chicago, Linde Tesch,
bymarc Vogel

by James and Roberta Witte

by Kevin

by Mary Schmidtke

of the following
by Tatyana

by Jody

by Boby, Kristin and Oskee
by Abby Jeter

Morgan Brown and Family
by Faustina Sandoval

Kathy Brown
Kim, Scott, Meredith and Jack
Madeline and Tony Britvec
by Katy

by the Harris Clan and
Grace and Wayne Adams' 70th
Gifts made between August 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013
in honor of the following

By the time of his passing from a heart attack on February 19, 2013, Mike had assembled a large and loving family of his own. But that did not stop his love for these wonderful creatures. Mike was “known for his powerful presence, especially true of Mike when caring for animals. His company was at center time. The expressive faces of those he “sat for, ” especially true of Mike when caring for animals. His company was at center time. The expressive faces of those he “sat for, ”

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In Memory of
Grendel Magee

Grendel Magee was one of my dearest friends. He was a much loved and cherished part of our family. Grendel died on February 12th, 2010 at the age of 12. His last days were spent in a shelter where he was curled up in a ball, refusing to move or interact with the world around him. He was a gentle soul who brought so much joy to our lives.

Grendel had a gentle temperament. He was always friendly and approachable. He loved to snuggle under the covers, sleeping in the sun on our porch. He was a gentle soul who brought so much joy to our lives.

In 2010, I went to PAWS Chicago to foster an older cat who would be harder to adopt out and I took home Grendel. When he hopped out of the carrier, he looked around and sniffed the air like, “It doesn’t smell like a vet’s office. It doesn’t smell like a shelter. It smells like a HOME.” That night he slept in my room and was so content.

On February 26, I took him to the vet for one of his final check-ups. On the way home, he hopped out of the carrier, he looked happy and content. How happy he must’ve been.

After moving to the country, he no longer had a yard to run around and sniff the air like, “it doesn’t smell like a vet’s office. It doesn’t smell like a shelter. It smells like a HOME.” Instead of being surrounded by family in her last hour, Grendel had a day to live without a rescue organization coming to her rescue. She was surrounded by so many other things doggie pleasures for her life.

This was a tremendous loss. We lost one of our sweetest pets. And while it was hard, we know that we did everything we could to keep him with us for as long as possible.

Dr. Barbara Kompare, one of PAWS’ shelter medicine veterinarians, examined Gertie the next day and found her to be in a tremendous amount of pain. The x-rays showed that cancer had spread everywhere. It was not treatable or able to be maintained so that she could continue to be comfortable. She was in such bad shape that euthanization was the most humane alternative.

Instead of being surrounded by family in her last hour, Gertie had a day to live without a rescue organization coming to her rescue. She was surrounded by so many other things she could experience these doggie pleasures for her life.

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I wonder if this senior had ever experienced real love. Had she ever snuggled under the covers, sleeping in the sun on Sunday morning? Had she ever been showered with kisses and scratches under the chin? Had she ever relished in a tasty bite of steak, or a big yummy bone? Pets teach us so much. About really taking pleasure in the simple things in life. About taking time to enjoy the moment. About smiling at the people around us and enjoying each other.

Gertie deserved these experiences. After speaking with the PAWS Chicago intake team, they planned to take her to the next day. We would find her a hospice foster home where she could experience these doggie pleasures for her remaining days.

This older Shepherd mix had been brought into Chicago’s Animal Control as a cruelty case and was clearly neglected. She had an untreated neck lesion and was losing her hair. Despite all this, she had a sweet, gentle temperament.

Animal Care & Control treated her neck sores and helped her cancer.

I never had the chance to meet her, or even see her face. Gertie’s picture was sent to me through Facebook, and she only had a day to live without a rescue organization coming to her rescue. Her posture showed timidity, fear and uncertainty.

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PAWS Chicago
Guardian Angel Program

Through the Guardian Angels program, Pamela and Michael (pictured with their dogs Harley Joseph, Amy Lu and Beauregard Jackson) have ensured the futures of homeless cats and dogs for years to come.

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.

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

Pamela & Michael McCray
Leave a Legacy for the Animals

Pamela & Michael McCray learned about PAWS Chicago’s Guardian Angel program, a network of dedicated donors who have committed to leaving a legacy to save the lives of homeless animals for years to come, after reading a recent issue of PAWS Chicago magazine and seeing the life-saving work being done at the Adoption Center. “We want to proudly support No Kill shelters,” they said.

“We wanted to be sure that our legacy would provide funding for adoptions and shelter fees for older and special needs pets,” said Pamela.

Pamela and Michael chose to partner with PAWS Chicago because of the life-saving achievements it has made in Chicago. “We wanted to make a pledge to PAWS because of the dedicated volunteers, innovative programs and tangible outcomes PAWS has achieved in reducing the number of pets being euthanized in Chicago,” they said.

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Pamela and Michael worked with an attorney to incorporate the Guardian Angel program into their will. “The process was relatively straightforward and did not take a lot of time,” they said. “Our beloved pets have been a part of our will and estate planning for the last 10 years so adding PAWS Chicago as one of our beneficiaries was an easy choice,” they said. And based on our research and personal involvement with PAWS Chicago, we feel confident PAWS has the ability to deliver upon the commitments we have made to the Guardian Angel program.”

Through their planned gift, Pamela and Michael have made a commitment to help save the lives of homeless animals long into the future. “We want to provide financial support to PAWS Chicago, a great organization focused on giving as many pets as possible a second chance to find their forever home,” said Pamela.