DO YOU KNOW WHAT’S IN YOUR PET’S FOOD?
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Chicago has been one of the best-run as recognized by Subaru owners. Some things are a natural fit. Like Subaru owners and their four-legged copilots, Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and confidence on the road, and the proud partnership between Subaru and PAWS Chicago.

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 nearly 70 percent, from 42,561 to fewer than 14,000. 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 Fassae 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.

• PAWS Chicago has been recognized as one of the best-run charities in the nation. For the past 11 years, Charity Navigator, the nation’s largest independent evaluator, has given PAWS Chicago its highest four star ranking, placing it in the top 1% of charities in the nation for efficient use of donor funds. In 2012, Charity Navigator recognized PAWS Chicago as the highest-rated Animal Rights, Welfare and Services Charity in the nation. Your contributions go directly to saving animals’ lives.

• 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 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, 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 5,806 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 at PAWS Chicago, 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 need time to build confidence and acclimate to living in a home environment, pets whose families have experienced a crisis and need a temporary home while their families rebuild their lives, and for animals who are sick or injured and need time to recuperate. By placing these pets in foster homes, there is space available at the Rescue & Recovery Center to take in and 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 private donations should go to saving, not killing, homeless cats and dogs.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It has been another busy year of lifesaving at PAWS Chicago. We cannot thank you enough for your support, enabling us to take steps toward building the No Kill community that we have envisioned since our founding in 1997.

I am so excited to announce that Merrick Pet Care will be providing the dogs and cats in our adoption program with their high-quality pet food. It has always been our dream to feed our shelter pets the same caliber of food that we feed our own pets and can highly recommend to adopters. As you’ll read in “Do you know what’s in your pet’s food?” and can highly recommend to adopters. As you’ll read in “Do you know what’s in your pet’s food?” and can highly recommend to adopters.

Thank you for all you do for the animals,

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

FROM THE CHAIR

ADOPT a Homeless Pet

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

Macy, a gentle one-year-old Shepherd mix, came to PAWS Chicago scared and timid after being found as a stray. With nurturing and encouragement from volunteers, Macy is coming out of her shell and showing off her sweet personality a little more each day. She has also gained a lot of confidence by romping with an outgoing dog – she’d love to have a canine companion in her forever home. Although Macy is a little shy, she loves being loved and will snuggle the day away or curl up close to his human friends and make a wonderful companion.

Bluto, a handsome five-year-old kitty, is an independent, yet friendly boy and will be a loving, gentle companion to his new family. He loves to be close to his human friends and will snuggle the day away or follow you around the house. He also gets along well with other cats and dogs! Bluto will make a wonderful companion and has plenty of love and affection to offer. Can you help this sweet boy find a place to call home?
For the past five years, Angi Taylor has been the voice that wakes up Chicagoland alongside Brotha Fred as morning co-hosts of 103.5 KISS-FM radio. A runner for most of her life, Angi recently completed her first full marathon – the Bank of America Chicago Marathon – with TEAM PAWS. She also donned the distinguished blue TEAM PAWS singlet in the 2012 Rock ’n Roll Half Marathon which she completed on behalf of Dre, the four-year-old Pit Bull she adopted from PAWS Chicago at an Angels with Tails event.

Inspired by her love of animals, Angi has become an avid supporter of PAWS Chicago, emceeing the annual Animal Magnetism event and volunteering time with her daughter as a part of PAWS Chicago’s 12 Strays of Christmas. But, running is where Angi finds her balance and inspiration to do more to help save the lives of homeless pets.

Read more about TEAM PAWS on page 26.
For the love of
GUS

PAWS Adopter Susanna Negovan Shares Her Favorite Goods for Dogs

DJ DIRTY PAWS, LITTLE MAN IN FUR PANTS, GOOSEY. When my husband and I adopted Gus from PAWS Chicago last February, we had no idea what dating dog parents we’d become (or how many embarrassing nicknames we’d coin for our pup). We also didn’t anticipate how different our home would become with that little beating heart inside. Between my husband working nights at WGN-Channel 9 and my more typical days at the Sun-Times’ SPLASH magazine, we’d both grown accustomed to coming home to an empty condo. In fact, that had always been the reason we thought we couldn’t have a pet. But it’s turned into the opposite: My husband takes day duties (Gus’ morning feeding and his first two walks of the day) and a few hours after he leaves for work, I’m there to spend the evening with Gus.

In a matter of months, he’s brought immeasurable joy into our lives. So I love finding little ways to fill his life with joy, too. Here are some of Gus’ (and my) favorite things we’ve discovered in our first year together:

REVIVER PETS FRESHENING WIPES
(Obviously) Gus sleeps with us. And it’s funny how he takes turns on each side of the bed every night — as if he’s trying to show that he’s equally devoted to both of us. To ensure he’s clean in between baths, these dry wipes come in handy. Plus, they’re reusable and nontoxic.

SNUGGLE PUPPIES
One of the greatest things about becoming a dog parent is the new friends I’ve made, like Angie DeMars at Noah’s Ark in Winnetka. She’s provided a wealth of ideas for toys, like these Snuggle Puppies — which offer a warm heartbeat to keep him cozy when we aren’t home.

FIDO TO GO FOOD TRUCK
I can’t overstate how much Gus and I love the Fido To Go doggie food truck, which parks near our home in River North on Wednesday nights. Gus loves licking a cup of doggie ice cream (which is sugar-free and made with organic and natural ingredients). They have a lot of great food options. Be sure to choose high-protein, low-carb food and treats and always be gluten-, corn-, and soy-free.

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Since 1926, we’ve helped Chicago area families provide a dignified farewell to four legged family members. We provide compassionate and ethical cremation and burial services directly to pet parents and to Chicago’s most progressive veterinary hospitals.

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Susanna Negovan is the editor and publisher of the Sun-Times’ SPLASH magazine, which is inside the Sunday paper as well as more than 30 suburban Pioneer Press titles and the Naperville Sun, distributing more than 300,000 copies each week. She is also a regular contributor to WFLD-Channel 32’s Good Day Chicago.

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For more than a century, homeless pets were killed on a massive scale behind closed doors in animal shelters. The No Kill movement has brought light to this tragic epidemic, prompting people around the country to get involved, save lives and change the status quo.

But transformation requires leadership, innovation and action. With an ever-growing number of animal groups in the marketplace, PAWS Chicago has received frequent inquiries from individuals about how to conduct due diligence and ensure their local shelter is effective, sustainable and committed to the right practices.

Thus began the process of developing the Gold Standard for No Kill, designed to assist consumers with asking the right questions to ensure that their support for animals is maximizing lifesaving impact. The following are important Gold Standard cornerstones to consider, as well as a spotlight on two No Kill organizations making a tremendous impact in their communities: Austin Pets Alive and MN SNAP.

This Gold Standard for No Kill document will continue to evolve as individuals and organizations around the country continue to contact us with questions and to provide improved feedback on its application in the real world.

Email GoldStandard@pawschicago.org with questions you have on applying the Gold Standard for No Kill to your community.

Cornerstone 1: Mission & Strategy

When looking for Gold Standard organizations in animal welfare, a mission statement that is committed to No Kill is the first thing to consider. Assess whether it is broad enough, whether it is realistic in scope, and whether it is active and solutions-based. Beyond the overall mission, the organization must demonstrate strategic thinking and capability.

Key Questions

• Ask the organization what their overall mission is and how they plan to reach it. Ensure that their priorities align with yours. Listen for action words and results.

• Evaluate the leadership and whether they have a history of growing businesses or nonprofit organizations; whether they have a depth of knowledge about how to optimize resources and maximize impact; and whether they have shown a commitment to the No Kill movement.

Cornerstone 2: Transparency

Transparency is a frequent buzzword, but organizations must actually live it to be Gold Standard. Publicly reporting their detailed programmatic results and financial statements should be standard for all nonprofits. It provides insight into whether the organization is effectively stewarding resources, making an appropriate impact, and operating in a sustainable manner.

Key Questions

• How does the organization present itself in the public space? Is it easy to find detailed information on their program results and financials?

• For larger, established organizations, consult Charity Navigator for a rating on financial effectiveness and transparency. Gold Standard charities will be rated 4 Stars in both categories.
Every year, the dreaded kitten season brings waves of litters into shelters and many are ultimately killed. TNR programs are proven solutions to kitten overpopulation.

**KEY QUESTIONS:**
- How many spay/neuter surgeries is the organization performing on the pets of the general public and are they targeting those surgeries to low-income families, providing them for free or low-cost? Spay/neuter surgeries performed on owned pets (compared to adoption program pets) is key to reducing pet overpopulation.
- Where are the services being provided? Are they convenient for low-income families or is transportation offered?
- How robust is the organization’s TNR program?

**II. COMPREHENSIVE ADOPTION PROGRAMS IN CORPORATE NATION’S PRACTICES IN SHELTER MEDICINE**

Adoptions are the most tangible life saving work that an organization can perform. But many animal shelters have a long and continued history of killing dogs and cats as a population management tool. The No Kill movement was founded to end this inhumane reality and hold private shelters accountable for dedicating their resources to saving lives. Many of these traditional “open door” kill shelters have adopted the language of No Kill, but have not yet reformed and adopted these lifesaving practices. If you are committed to building No Kill communities, it is essential that you ask whether a shelter you want to support has adopted the language of No Kill and is focusing their resources to saving lives. Many of these traditional “open door” kill shelters have adopted the language of No Kill, but have not yet reformed and adopted these lifesaving practices. If you are committed to building No Kill communities, it is essential that you ask whether a shelter you want to support has adopted the language of No Kill and is focusing their resources to saving lives.

**Cornerstone 3: Programmatic Effectiveness at Building No Kill Communities**

Developing programmatic expertise and operational excellence is critical to creating change. There are three core programs essential to building No Kill communities. Gold Standard organizations will be top performers in at least one of these sectors.

**I. Affordable and Accessible Spay/Neuter Programs for Low-Income Families and Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) for Feral Cats**

Free and low-cost targeted spay/neuter in low-income communities is critical programming for any organization looking to make major transformation toward No Kill in their community.
In only a few short years, MN SNAP (Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program) has made a big impact for homeless animals. Every day, they take strides toward fulfilling their mission, “To help end the suffering and death of companion animals in Minnesota due to pet overpopulation…”, by providing high-quality, affordable and accessible spay and neuter surgeries to their state’s underserved populations. Since starting surgery on April 21, 2010, MN SNAP has spayed or neutered more than 38,000 animals. This has all been accomplished on a start-up nonprofit’s budget of less than $400,000 annually.

In late 2009, Britt and Rick Gage decided to shift their animal welfare focus to spay/neuter after meeting with MN SNAP’s founder, Kim Culbertson, DVM. The goal was to address the tragic pet overpopulation epidemic in their community. “The best estimates we have available to get our hands on at the time suggested that between 65,000 to 100,000 companion animals a year were being born down in Minnesota, primarily due to unneutered dogs. With just over 5 million people in the entire state, that number seemed way out of balance,” said Rick. The large, traditional open door kill shelter in the area was taking in over 12,000 animals a day. The Gages were convinced that a massive change was needed, and utilized their business skills, their education and advocated for a rethinking of how feral cats were handled in Minneapolis, efforts that ultimately saw the Minneapolis city council unanimously pass a Trap Neuter Return (TNR) ordinance amendment in 2011. Minnesota Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (MNSAP) worked in collaboration with the Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) facility. “This allows us to brag that we provide 11 days of surgery per seven-day-week,” said Rick.

In 2012, MN SNAP purchased a building in the heart of North Minneapolis, one of the most socioeconomically challenged areas in the entire state, where they are planning to open a permanent Spay/Neuter Clinic. They are in the process of kicking off a capital campaign to build-out and operate their Clinic. Beyond their spay/neuter focus, MN SNAP has worked to usher in progressive change to their community. They successfully lobbied, educated and advocated for a rethink of how feral cats were handled in Minneapolis; efforts that ultimately saw the Minneapolis city council unanimously pass a Trap Neuter Return (TNR) ordinance amendment in September of 2013. Modelled after the successful Cook County TNR ordinance, PAWS Chicago worked with MN SNAP to facilitate meetings between Dan Niziolek, Director MACC, and Dr. Donna Alexander, Director of Cook County Animal & Rabies Control. TNR ordinances are proven to be the most effective way to reduce cat and kitten overpopulation. In less than three and a half years, MN SNAP has become the leading spay/neuter voice in Minnesota.

To read more about MN SNAP visit mnsnap.org.

For an organization to be No Kill, it must save all healthy, treatable and rehabilitateable animals and feral cats. A common rule of thumb is that they must have at least a 90 percent save rate, meaning that at least 90 percent of animals taken in make it out alive.

**KEY QUESTIONS:**

- **Assess the shelter’s data to determine what percentage of animals leave the shelter alive.**
- **Evaluate the shelter’s physical spaces to determine whether there are enough isolation areas to treat the wide range of disease that presents itself in shelters.**
- **More progressive shelters, animals will be housed in suites with bleachable flooring and wall surfaces and isolated air flow.**
  - Do they have a robust shelter medicine program where they are treating diseases like ring worm, parvo, all upper respiratory disease, caica, heartworm, mange and other common illnesses in shelters and perform orthopedic surgery, necessary dentals and other surgeries?
  - What is the shelter’s return policy? A No Kill should require that any adopters bring the pet back to them in the event that the adoptor can no longer care for it.

**III. INNOVATION & LEADERSHIP IN ANIMAL WELFARE TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO AND INITIATE CHANGE**

While lifesaving programs are essential to building No Kill communities, model organizations also innovate and provide leadership that can be shared within the animal welfare field at large.

**KEY QUESTIONS:**

- **How has the organization responded to challenges and innovated to solve problems?**
- **Is the organization perceived as a national leader in a particular program or arena?**
For 11 years, PAWS Chicago’s annual Beach Party fundraiser has been a seasonal favorite for pet lovers across Chicagoland, spending a warm summer night sipping tropical cocktails aboard Castaway’s on North Avenue Beach. On July 18, legendary Chicago journalist Bill Kurtis joined co-chairs Renata and Robert Block and Virginia Stafman in leading the event, which raised more than $200,000 for homeless pets.

Pups were treated like royalty with complimentary pet spa services and kept cool in the splash pool, while guests danced and watched the sun set behind the waves of Lake Michigan roll in. We look forwarding to welcoming you aboard next July!
Melissa French is – in the truest sense of the word – running down a dream. As Director of Sponsorship for TEAM PAWS and Athletic Events, she still pinches herself that she gets to combine her professional marketing expertise and her passion for animals to further a mission that she is inspired by every single day.

“I feel lucky that I come into the office to my dream job,” French said. “I know that I am exactly where I am meant to be – saving lives at PAWS Chicago.”

French manages the Run for Their Lives 8K Run/4K Walk event for PAWS Chicago, as well as TEAM PAWS – the organization’s fundraising endurance team and second largest fundraiser.

She began volunteering at PAWS Chicago back in 2010 after she heard a friend talk about her experience as a weekend dog walker. “I thought to myself, ‘I must find this wondrous place and volunteer immediately,’ and the rest is history,” she recalls. After volunteering weekly for a year, French decided to start raising money for the organization by running a half-marathon with TEAM PAWS.

“I knew that if I ran for a cause close to my heart, it would keep me accountable in training and motivate me to get to the start line, so TEAM PAWS was the obvious choice,” she said. Running became a form of therapy and stress relief for French, who, consequently wound up running three half-marathons and a 15K in 2011 alone. A few minor injuries prompted French to take a break from running, and that’s when she shifted her volunteer focus to the Adoption Center, where she devoted much of her free time to walking dogs, learning breed tendencies, practicing training techniques, handling strong dogs and introducing pets to potential adopters. Before long, French became an Adoption Counselor and a Level 2 volunteer in Dog Town, both roles she was groomed for at an early age.

“I remember visiting the city pound in Cleveland at age four and learning that Buffy’s time was up,” French remembered. “We adopted her not because she was the prettiest, smallest or best-behaved, but because she needed us the most.”

French has also been a foster mom to numerous litters of kittens and a few dogs in need of some TLC. One of those fosters was Andie, a scared, malnourished dog who was at immediate risk of euthanasia at the city pound. Melissa cared for Andie for two months, nursing her back to a healthy weight and building her confidence before finding her a forever home with the perfect family in Boston.

French officially became a PAWS Chicago employee in 2012, leaving a professional career in marketing to apply her skills for homeless pets. As a result, PAWS has gained a creative and dedicated leader who has used her marketing degree from Ohio University, her volunteer experience and her running background to create successful athletic programs and events that further the No Kill mission and save the lives of homeless dogs and cats in Chicago.

“I find incredible inspiration from my TEAM PAWS athletes,” said French. “Their stories of triumph, dedication, tribute and passion amaze me and make me want to be a better person.”
PAWS CHICAGO NORTH SHORE ADOPTION CENTER

This past spring, PAWS Chicago announced exciting plans to expand its life-saving operations and open the first satellite Adoption Center in the Petco store at 1616 Deerfield Road in Highland Park.

Since the announcement, PAWS Chicago has jumped wholeheartedly into working with the North Shore community and is currently working to recruit volunteers, raise awareness about adoption and fundraise for the Adoption Center’s build out. The organization is currently hosting adoption weekend adoption events in Highland Park as well as volunteer training sessions to prepare for its opening. To date, those adoption events have been incredibly successful, finding homes for 95 homeless pets, which underscores the importance of this new Adoption Center. In this new market, there is limitless life-saving potential.

The North Shore Adoption Center in Highland Park is expected to open in 2014. This new Center is an opportunity for PAWS Chicago to save more lives and expand its No Kill mission by focusing on uniting families in the northern suburbs with homeless pets at risk. It will be modeled after PAWS Chicago’s Lincoln Park Adoption Center, which features custom cat furniture for kittens to climb and perch, and dog suites with windows, beds, toys and piped in music. Each pet will be well socialized and cared for, and dogs will receive multiple walks each day by loving volunteers.

NEW HOMES FOUND FOR 125 HOMELESS PETS

With the warm weather comes breeding season and waves of new puppies and kittens inundate shelters. To address this crisis, PAWS Chicago designed a 36-Hour Spring Adopt-A-Thon to save more lives, raising awareness about the importance of adoption.

This year, the annual event held on June 21 and 22, was a terrific success. The Adoption Center was bustling with adopters throughout the day and night, who met their new best furry friends during the adoption marathon. By the close of the event, 125 wonderful pets had found loving homes.

Congratulations to all of the new happy families who were united at PAWS Chicago.

PAWS CHICAGO HOSTS ANGELS WITH TAILS ADOPTION EVENTS THROUGHOUT CITY

Raising awareness about the tragic fate that homeless pets face in shelters is what prompted PAWS Chicago’s founding in 1997, and nothing promotes the cause of homeless pets better than adorable furry faces and four-legged friends taking over the streets of Chicago.

Every summer, PAWS Chicago hosts its signature Angels with Tails adoption events in communities across the city, partnering with retail stores and boutiques to showcase the wonderful pets available in shelters. Sponsored by Merrick Pet Care, these premier adoption events feature hundreds of adorable homeless cats, dogs, kittens and puppies from local shelters and rescue groups – each one eagerly waiting to meet their new families. These new unions could be seen up and down Michigan Avenue and Oak Street, on the streets of Roscoe Village and along Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Square.

Supported by hundreds of volunteers, these life-saving events help to raise awareness around the issue of pet homelessness and the importance of adoption. This summer, the Angels with Tails events resulted in new, loving homes for 134 pets at PAWS Chicago.
Around PAWS Chicago

HUNDREDS OF KITTENS SAVED IN ANNUAL KITTEN CHALLENGE

Hundreds of kittens, previously at risk of euthanasia, are safe and sound in new homes thanks to the life-saving efforts of the annual PAWS Chicago Kitten Challenge. From mid-July through Labor Day, more than 300 kittens were saved through the hard work and dedication of PAWS adopters, volunteers and supporters, who answered the call to help these homeless pets. This year, the call was particularly urgent because of the warm Chicago summer; it had the potential to be fatal to the influx of kittens moving into Chicago’s animal Care & Control. In total, the Kitten Challenge placed 304 into loving homes.

GOVERNOR QUINN SIGNS IMPORTANT ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS

Pets in the State of Illinois now have some protection in place when it comes to ensuring their humane treatment. This past summer Governor Pat Quinn signed two new animal welfare bills into law: the Anti-Tethering Bill (HB 83) and the Puppy Lemon Bill (SB 1693). The Anti-Tethering Bill was signed into law on July 20 at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center. It’s an important step in the right direction for pet safety because it places limits on the length and type of tethers that can be used to restrain animals. It is hoped that this will take Illinois in the direction of prohibiting tethering of pets altogether.

On August 17, the Governor also signed the Puppy Lemon Bill (SB 1693) into law, focused on protecting the consumer against negligent animal breeders and puppy mills; specifically mandating that people who purchase animals with a pre-existing, undisclosed disease or illness, get a refund, replacement or reimbursement of veterinary costs incurred as a result. This law will also require pet stores to notify customers and the state veterinarian of a life-threatening outbreak of contagious diseases.

There is never a replacement for a pet, but the Puppy Lemon law is also about accountability and putting pressure on pet stores to work with more reputable pet suppliers; a detail that animal welfare advocates are hoping will ultimately help halt production at puppy mills. The law, and ultimately the financial liability of selling sick and unhealthy dogs and puppies, will place increased financial pressure on pet stores, who, in large part, obtain their supply from puppy mills, where dogs are repetitively bred in unsanitary conditions without proper food, water, shelter or veterinary care. As a result, the puppies originating from mills are often wrought with medical, genetic, and mental issues.

PAWS Chicago thanks Governor Quinn for his continued support of animal welfare laws that give a voice to these innocent pets.

SUBARU AND 101.9 FM THE MIX PARTNER WITH PAWS CHICAGO TO SAVE LIVES

This summer, 101.9 FM The MIX joined PAWS Chicago and Subaru at 11 adoption events throughout Chicagoland. The events, called “Love A Pet,” featured homeless dogs in need of loving homes. While there, guests had an opportunity to meet and adopt these adorable pups, win prizes from MIX on-air talent, and test drive Subaru vehicles. For every test drive, a donation was made to local pet shelters and rescues, including PAWS Chicago!

Through these wonderful events, PAWS Chicago found loving homes for 26 dogs.
These kids are finding great ways to lend a helping hand to homeless animals.

**John L. Marsh Elementary School**

PAWS Chicago would like to congratulate the first grade students at John L. Marsh Elementary School in Chicago for collecting and donating more than 400 items from our donation ‘wish list’ as a part of their “Kindness Project.” Marsh school is located in an area with one of the highest populations of stray pets, and the students, recognizing the problem, wanted to do their part to make a difference.

Led by their supportive teacher and PAWS Chicago community outreach volunteer Jennifer Guerrero, the first grade students went to each class to explain the PAWS Chicago mission to all the classroom and then handed out flyers asking for donations. The children were responsible for collecting and organizing the items and also recognized each donor with a special certificate of recognition. Each student even created a doggie-shaped visor to wear while carrying out their project so they would be recognized as Kindness Project members.

Through the perseverance of the students, and the generosity of those who donated, they have enabled PAWS Chicago to save more lives by stretching our dollars even further.

**Jake, Claire & Ceci**

Jake (8), Claire (10) and Ceci (4) have a deep love for animals and an appreciation for PAWS Chicago’s efforts to find loving homes for homeless pets. They wanted to find a way to help the organization and its mission, so they decided to hold a lemonade and cookie stand during the Old Town Art Fair. The stand was a hit and raised $120 for PAWS Chicago, which will go toward saving more homeless pets.

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The secret to success
Each January, TEAM PAWS builds its new team with the goal of growing by 25 percent each year – this is growth that translates into more lives saved. When a member joins the team, they pledge to compete in one of the featured races or a race of their choice in the name of TEAM PAWS. They then plan a fundraising strategy based on the events they’ve chosen.

There are benefits to membership. In addition to the inspiration and camaraderie of TEAM PAWS, runners can take advantage of discounted athletic training, participate in dog-friendly fun runs, dog-friendly bar nights, pre-race PAWSta (Pasta) parties and race day team hospitality tents.

Who competes for TEAM PAWS?
TEAM PAWS members share a united goal of racing to save the lives of homeless pets. They range in age from 16 to 72, and come from all walks of life. The team’s experience ranges from seasoned marathoners to masters who have crossed dozens of finish lines, not just here in Chicago, but as far away as Hong Kong and London. Recently, three Chicagoans raced to save lives in Berlin, Germany!

Many members of the team are trained PAWS Chicago volunteers, pet foster parents and adopters, while others use running as their way to support the cause.

The life-saving impact of TEAM PAWS
Each TEAM PAWS member pledges to raise funds between $500 and $3,000 – all of which totals the ability to fund nearly one-third of the Adoptables Center’s annual operating costs.

In 2013, the total financial support of TEAM PAWS raised the funds needed to save 2,000 cats and dogs. TEAM PAWS is an essential component of PAWS Chicago’s ability to continue its annual growth and save more dogs and cats each year.

Get involved
PAWS needs your support, whether you are an existing team member, volunteer, fan club supporter, past member of the team or are looking to sponsor or donate to the team. Join TEAM PAWS and be a part of the change to make Chicago a No Kill city.
"I initially ran in Chicago only, but over the years, have added additional races and locations as my way of spreading the word and bringing awareness outside of the Chicagoland area. Racing gives me an opportunity to inform others of the mission of PAWS Chicago, which makes me want to keep running. I like to think of it as my two legs helping out my four-legged friends."

Jeff Welch is running his way around the world, all in support of homeless animals. A runner most of his life, Jeff has completed ten marathons since 2009. He recently donned his “Nine Lives Top Fundraiser” singlet in Germany, running the 40th BMW Berlin Marathon; then, two weeks later, he ran the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and will finish off the season with the ING New York City Marathon. He has also represented TEAM PAWS in the Goofy Challenge (the Disney Marathon), the Vancouver Marathon, and the Ragnar Relay from Madison, WI to Chicago.

Jeff is inspired by the outpouring of crowd support he receives from spectators on the course while wearing the TEAM PAWS jersey, both in Chicago and across the globe. During his most recent race in Berlin, he met a runner from Washington D.C. who had adopted his dog from PAWS Chicago. For Jeff, spreading awareness for the No Kill mission with every step is what makes it all worthwhile.

In addition to running, Jeff has played a leadership role in growing TEAM PAWS, serving on the TEAM PAWS Committee and being an inspiration and role model to many rookie TEAM PAWS members, both for his running skills and his commitment to homeless animals.

"My dog, Jersey, was rescued from one of the highest kill shelters in southern Louisiana and I can’t imagine my life without her. So many homeless dogs and cats can be great pets and will eventually enrich their forever homes. Euthanasia is not the answer. I race because I want to support the No Kill mission and continue to educate the public."

Elizabeth Racoppi, 27

"My dog is my best friend and I believe that every pet deserves a loving owner, a warm home and a happy heart. It’s also inspired my children and awakened them to the plight of homeless animals."

Dawn Levine, 42

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"As TEAM PAWS has given me the opportunity to show my love for all animals. I am truly inspired by this amazing organization and knowing that my small contribution makes every training step worthwhile!"

Christine Roloff, 25

"I care about the protection of homeless animals and I support the No Kill philosophy that PAWS represents. My inspiration is my rescued Pit Bull, Maxwell. I found him starving, scared and abused on the street more than nine years ago. I don’t want any animal to go through the pain, suffering and abandonment he did."

Amy Daniel-Moser, 35

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Michelle Stoffel, an all-star college swimmer, marathoner and triathlon champion is also a member of TEAM PAWS. She first got her start when she visited the city and signed on to run in the PAWS Chicago Run for Their Lives 5K four years ago. Since that first race, Stoffel has moved to Chicago and continues to use endurance events as a platform to raise awareness for saving homeless pets. She recently extended her commitment to PAWS by becoming a volunteer at the Adoption Center. “I started volunteering for PAWS because I know every volunteer effort counts,” she said. “I have been inspired by other members of the team who go the extra mile to volunteer.”

Michelle has used racing in endurance events as a platform to raise awareness for saving homeless pets and giving them a second chance at life. To date, she has complete in four half marathons, two full marathons and four triathlons (three of which she placed first in her age group). The highest honor of racing came when Stoffel was invited to compete in the USA Triathlon Age Group National Championship this summer. Like most TEAM PAWS athletes, Stoffel’s inspiration is her rescue dog, Chopper, a five-year-old Pit Bull/Boxer mix she rescued while living in Texas. “I was lucky to have a friend who lived in Chicago and said she would take care of him, but he was left behind when they moved,” Stoffel said. “He was confused.”

Chopper is always by Michelle’s side and is her biggest fan. He has been both a source of comfort and inspiration to her. “I’ve felt the love and support of my friends and family and I’ve been able to use that energy to help others,” she said. “I’ve been inspired by other members of the team who go the extra mile to volunteer.”

Michelle Stoffel, 32

“Fundraising and running for a charity makes completing a race that much bigger of an accomplishment. Plus the crowd support for TEAM PAWS is an amazing energy boost!”

KRISTINA JURGENSEN, 31

“My own pets (two cats and two dogs) have brought me so much joy and have gotten me through difficult times. I am excited to be able to raise money for such a good cause and participate in this 26.2 mile party!”

AMANDA RUNNION, 30

“My rescue dog, Luna, loves to run. We began training together, slowly going further with each run. Not long after, I decided to run the Chicago Marathon for a charity and TEAM PAWS was a great way to honor my faithful running partner. I continue to be amazed at the work that PAWS Chicago does to help animals all over the country, and am proud to say I am personally helping a few of those cats and dogs.”

KENDRA FRIGO, 41

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TEAM PAWS

"As a volunteer, I get to see the animals who were stray, given up, abandoned or abused, and am amazed by how resilient they are and how much love they have to give. It makes me want to do everything I can for them. To be a part of that is priceless."

LAURA SLIVKA, 28

MICHÈLE McINTYRE, 45

After spending years together on TEAM PAWS and volunteering at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center, Michele and Laura describe their relationship as "an unexpected friendship between a big hearted grumpy blonde and slightly older peppy brunette." The duo joined TEAM PAWS as a way to make their races more meaningful and to pay forward the love they receive from their rescue dogs, Jon, Wrigley and Dex. Both women, who were named PAWS Chicago "Volunteers of the Year" in 2012, were part of the rescue missions to Moore, Okla. following a devastating tornado. The encouragement exchanged during their journey is the glue that holds their friendship together. That, and something they saw on 20 mile training runs.

"I get to share this passion with my son. This summer, I would do my long runs along the Des Plaines River Trail in the suburbs while Jon would run along the city's lake path. Post-run, we would text each other all of the details. It has been so much fun to read his reactions to accomplishing 16, 19, and 20 mile training runs."

BARBARA COOKE, 61

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JON COOKE, 31

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TEAM PAWS Shepherds are special alumni members who act as mentors to the newest team members, forming their own pack of support. They facilitate the sharing of the full team experience, providing guidance on training and nutrition, helping with fundraising and building lifelong friendships.

"Being a Shepherd lets me share my love of animals and running with others. PAWS things to the team in a positive way."

Mike Cora | five-year TEAM PAWS Marathoner | PAWS Chicago Professional Board Member

"Being a Shepherd means that I get the opportunity to help new runners be part of something that I've loved so much for the past five years. When I first joined TEAM PAWS in 2009, it was a logistical fit: I love running and love helping animals, so why not do something that combines the two? By becoming a Shepherd, I get to help others reach their goals of both competing and succeeding in a marathon, and raising money for such an important cause. I also get to be part of a community of people who love running and animals as much as I do. Being a Shepherd this year has made the already very rewarding experience of running for TEAM PAWS, even better!"

Mindy Bohmer | five-year TEAM PAWS Marathoner

"Being the Top Dog of the Shepherds program has meant so much to me because it blossomed in ways I couldn't have ever imagined. Not only have other Shepherds been wonderful, enthusiastic resources for their "packs," but it's been a great surprise to see packs planning activities with each other as well. Being an athlete for TEAM PAWS is rewarding on its own, but the Shepherds program has been a tremendous way for athletes to have an even more enriching experience and has allowed us to utilize the amazing energy of the team in a positive way."

Barbara & Jon

MARRIED Julie Morrissey, 31 & Travis Morrissey, 31

"There's a great saying we repeat a lot to each other... "Running changes everything." Running for TEAM PAWS is no different. It's not only changed our lives for the better, but also the lives of homeless animals."

Julie and Travis Morrissey’s commitment to TEAM PAWS, as well as their dedication to helping save the lives of homeless pets at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center, has made them invaluable assets to the 2013 team.

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PAWS CHICAGO’S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO OKLAHOMA CITY

by Sara McGaughy

A class E5 tornado and several smaller tornadoes ripped through Moore, Okla., on May 20. The devastation proved fatal; 23 people were killed and 377 others were injured. Property damages were estimated at $2 billion. Along with the human and financial toll, several hundred animals were also affected. In the 48 hours after the storms touched down, 150 displaced pets had come into Oklahoma City’s Animal Care and Control (ACC).

PAWS Chicago responded to the crisis by organizing a group of 16 volunteers who drove eight vans to Oklahoma City on the Friday following the disaster. The volunteers were accompanied by members of PAWS Chicago’s medical and intake team. Emergency medical assistance was provided to pets in need and the group transported 76 cats and dogs from Oklahoma City’s ACC to PAWS Chicago’s Rescue & Recovery Center. Oklahoma City’s ACC facility, which is equipped to care for 400 pets, held nearly 900 animals in the weeks that followed the storms. The 76 pets who were rescued by PAWS Chicago alleviated some of the overcrowding. The pets who were relocated to Chicago were a combination of existing shelter residents and animals who had recently been surrendered by their owners. Moore residents who lost their pets during the storms were given 30 days to claim them, so there was no risk of taking wanted pets out of Oklahoma.

The rescued cats and dogs arrived in Chicago just five days after their world was turned upside down. And most were ready for adoption. Those who were not spent time recuperating in the care of volunteer foster homes. By the end of the first adoption day, 29 dogs had been adopted by new families.

But more help was needed. Oklahoma City still had more dogs and cats than they could handle. So PAWS Chicago volunteers made a second trip, and this time transported 79 homeless pets not yet claimed by owners. There was an increased need for resources following the two volunteer rescue trips to Oklahoma City. Supporters of PAWS Chicago stepped up by donating money and supplies, opening their homes to foster pets, and volunteering at PAWS Chicago’s Lincoln Park Adoption Center.

Throughout these difficult circumstances, PAWS Chicago remained committed to Chicago’s Animal Care and Control (ACC). In other words, PAWS Chicago did not take in fewer numbers of cats and dogs from Chicago’s ACC while it took in animals from Oklahoma City.

PAWS Chicago was proud to be part of the life-saving efforts in Oklahoma City. As a result, dogs like Lettie, the first dog rescued from Oklahoma to be adopted, Bethany and Karen found loving, permanent homes in Chicago. Lettie is just three of the 155 pets rescued from Oklahoma City who have been given the gift of life, thanks to the dedicated volunteers and supporters who enabled PAWS Chicago to do something positive for a community that had been so devastated.

Read more about our rescue mission to Oklahoma and a special dog named Griffin on our website at pawschicago.org/promise

“It was truly humbling to receive such support. We appreciate this more than you could know. PAWS Chicago, saving thanks just isn’t enough! You saved the lives of so many by helping our Oklahoma City shelter.”

– Shana Gammill, Oklahoma City Shelter

Lettie pictured with her new family and volunteer rescuer, Laura Sliva. All pets featured above were part of the Oklahoma Rescue mission.

Sara McGaughy is a career coach and the author of Matilda Mae: The Dog Who Needed a Name, which is available on Amazon.com. Sara is also the proud mom of a baby named Cole and Margaret, an eight-year-old Beagle mix.
Do You Know What’s in Your Pet’s Food?

by Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM

Being an advocate for your own health and well-being is difficult; add to that staying on top of what’s best for your pet and suddenly nutrition becomes overwhelming. And with thousands of pet food products on the market today, it’s tough to know where to start.

But the most important overall health decision you can make for your dog or cat is what you put in their bowl so it makes sense to start with labels and understanding pet food ingredients. Here are a few basic rules to jumpstart good decision-making when it comes to feeding your pet.

ROYAL RULE #1
HIGH PROTEIN

Our dogs and cats are carnivores so they should eat like carnivores. That means a diet predominantly comprised of meat protein, no grain and minimal carbohydrates. Most pet foods today have that ratio backwards. Too much carbohydrate is being fed to our pets in the form of grains (especially corn and wheat) and other foods (potatoes, rice, oats, and many more). This is not healthy.

There are specific side effects associated with this ratio imbalance, especially in cats, who are obligate carnivores (with bodies designed to eat and get its energy and nutritional values from animal meat). These deficiencies manifest in the form of dental disease, allergies, skin disorders, obesity, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, cancers, kidney disease and more.

Dogs, because they are carnivores AND scavengers, have a little more leeway, but not much. As scavengers, they can make do with a diet of shoe-leather and blueberries, but their bodies need well-balanced meals for optimal health.

ROYAL RULE #2
READ, READ, READ

Every label provides important information:

INGREDIENTS: They should make sense to you and not sound like a chemical factory. Remember, you are feeding a carnivore. This goes for treats too.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS: Determine the proportion of the three major food groups – fat, protein and carbohydrate.

ROYAL RULE #3
LOOK BEYOND THE LABEL

If you do, here’s what you might find:

CARCINOGENS: The high heat process of extruded kibble foods produces a byproduct of Acrylamides and Heterocyclic Amines, which are both potent cancer-causing agents.

CHEMICALS: There can be pre-manufacture ingredients that aren’t required to be on the label because they were put in before the manufacturer got them. One big concern is ethoxyquin, a quinoline-based antioxidant used as a food preservative and pesticide that is often sprayed on fish. Another is pentobarbital (typically used in the euthanization process), a chemical used to treat the food animals that has shown up in traces in meats.

ROYAL RULE #4
LOOK FOR PRODUCTS MADE AND REGULATED IN THE U.S.

In the United States, all pet food is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). It is also further regulated at the state level. So stick close to home when purchasing pet food. Products that are imported may have lax

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Commercial raw foods, cooked commercial raw foods, cooked fresh foods, and canned or unprocessed freeze-dried foods are preferable to kibble foods.

If you must feed kibble, choose a low-heat processed, high-quality meat-protein based food with greater than 30% protein.

APPROPRIATE AND IDEAL PET FOODS FOR THE AVERAGE PET SHOULD HAVE:

- AT LEAST 30% MEAT PROTEIN (AND MORE LIKE 40-60% IF POSSIBLE)
- LOW CARBOHYDRATE PERCENTAGE
- NO CORN OR WHEAT OR OTHER GRAINS
- NO SOY OR SOY PROTEIN, OR PEANUT BUTTER
- NO UNPEELED WHITE POTATO
- NO CHEMICALS, TOXINS OR FILLERS (SEE ROYAL RULES #2 AND #3)
- APPROPRIATE MOISTURE CONTENT

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APPROPRIATE MOISTURE CONTENT

Adding water to dry food does not make up for the drying effect of the dry processed kibble. Moisture is super important for health, especially in cats. Be careful with cats that will only eat kibble.

ROYAL RULE #5

KEEP PETS TRIM

We may not know anymore what a normal weight looks like in our pets. Recent studies show that over 50 percent of our pets in this country are overweight to obese. Sadly, this is, as Temple Grandin says, “when bad becomes normal.”

The secret to weight management and weight loss in general is carbohydrates. Carbs cause weight gain. The carnivorous bodies of dogs and cats know what to do with protein and fat, but carbs get transformed into quick, cheap energy, which gets stored— as fat. So if your pet is overweight, look hardest at the carbohydrate percentage, not the fat content of the food.

As humans we can choose to be a part of nature or collide against it. Medicine, nature and wellness have parted ways for too long. There is a natural health in every creature and I know that excellent food provides the tools to maintain it. We must simply get back to the basics, pay attention to diet, and watch our animals regain their wild health.

Dr. Royal’s new book, The Royal Treatment: A Natural Approach to Wildly Healthy Pets is now available in paperback on Amazon.com. For more information about Dr. Royal’s integrative approach to keeping your pets wildly healthy through sensible nutrition and preventive medicine, visit RoyalTreatmentVetCenter.com
WHY MERRICK IS DIFFERENT
Merrick’s collection of dog recipes are made using only the freshest, locally grown ingredients. The company spent several years reinventing its formulas using the latest nutrition research, conducting an exhaustive review of farmers and suppliers, and developing quality assurance standards with its expert recipe tasters: the dogs on the kitchen crew.

MERRICK’S RECIPES ARE BUILT AROUND FIVE KEY PROMISES:

LOCAL GROWERS: Merrick uses no ingredients from China, only ingredients grown by American farmers and ranchers. This not only supports local communities, but also ensures freshness and food safety. With fewer distributors, handlers and warehouses, farm-grown ingredients get to Merrick’s kitchens faster.

NUTRITIOUS REAL WHOLE FOODS: Merrick uses food in its purest state – with no artificial additives, sweeteners, colorings and preservatives. Real meat provides essential amino acids dogs need; omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids (’healthy fats’) provide energy; and vegetables, fruits and whole grains enhance dogs’ overall nutrition, absorption of nutrients and immune system function.

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BALANCED NUTRITION: Merrick Classic recipes feature a healthy balance of 60 percent meat/poultry/fish, 20 percent fruits and vegetables, and 20 percent whole grains. Its Grain Free recipes feature a balance of 70 percent meat/poultry/fish, 30 percent fruits and vegetables, and contain no wheat, rice or other grains, for dogs who have food allergies or sensitivities.

HEALTH YOU CAN SEE: Since the adage “you are what you eat” applies to both people and pets, Merrick uses industry-leading levels of protein and healthy fats to ensure dogs’ optimal weight and energy; omega fatty acids for healthier skin and coat; glucosamine and chondroitin for healthy bones and joints; and highly digestible meat proteins, peas, apples and blueberries for improved digestion.

MERRICK PET FOOD IS AVAILABLE AT PETCO, INDEPENDENT PET SPECIALTY STORES AND AT SELECT ONLINE RETAILERS VIA MERRICKPETCARE.COM.

“PAWS Chicago has a proven record of helping pets in need and we are pleased to partner with them to feed homeless pets awaiting their forever homes,” says Greg Shearson, chief executive officer of Merrick Pet Care, Inc. “Together, we can better help pets not only survive, but thrive through feeding them more wholesome, natural and nutritious foods.”

As PAWS Chicago’s exclusive feeding partner, Merrick will provide all of the meals to each resident cat and dog at both PAWS Chicago, and to PAWS Chicago North Shore (projected to open mid-2014), as they begin the journey to find a new home. From their first meal at the PAWS Chicago Rescue & Recovery Center, right on through to adoption day, each PAWS pet will enjoy healthy recipes made in Merrick’s own kitchens with locally sourced USDA-inspected deboned meat, fresh produce and high-quality protein. Merrick uses no ingredients from China, the source of the 2007 pet food recalls.

“PAWS Chicago has committed to ensuring the health and happiness of every pet in our adoption program,” says Paula Fasseas, PAWS Chicago founder. “We are proud to provide the pets in our care with Merrick pet food during their stay and provide a foundation of health and nutrition that we hope will continue for the rest of their lives.”

Merrick Pet Care is guided by one mission: to create superior, nutrition-based products that improve the lives of pets, and their parents. “As animal lovers ourselves, we know that pets change people’s lives,” says Shearson. “We are very proud to be partners with PAWS Chicago to do our part to help more families welcome healthy, happier pets into Chicago homes.”

Merrick’s help and commitment to homeless pets doesn’t stop at the PAWS Chicago doors. In addition to supporting the shelter feeding program, they will help each new family kick-off a healthy at-home eating program by arming each adopter with a supply of dry food for the transition to their new home. PAWS Chicago’s Merrick Pet Feeding program will optimize the health of PAWS Chicago pets.

PAWS CHICAGO + MERRICK PET CARE
PARTNER TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PETS

by Julie Mazzola

W E ALL LOVE A GREAT MEAL, PET FAMILY MEMBERS INCLUDED. BUT WHAT WE FEED OUR PETS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO NAVIGATING TODAY’S COMPLEX AND VARIED PET FOOD OPTIONS.

Considering the epidemic of pet food recalls in recent years and the resulting pet fatalities, knowing exactly what you are feeding your pet and where those ingredients come from can be as drastic as life or death. And proper species nutrition is just as important as the quality of the food supply for your pet’s health and well-being. (See “Do You Know What’s in Your Pet’s Food?” on page 36 for more information on why nutrition is so critical for pet quality of life and longevity.)

As a resource for the pet loving community, it was essential for PAWS Chicago to be at the forefront of pet nutrition. As a result, the organization sought out a partnership with a top-tier pet food company, and found a tremendous partner in one of the leaders in pet nutrition: Merrick Pet Care. Beginning December 1, Merrick will be generously providing PAWS Chicago with the excellence and quality of their pet food for all PAWS homeless pets.

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In Memory of CAROLE MALLERY

Memorial cards made between 1931 March 1, 2013 and 2013 July 1, 2013 in memory of the following people

Mara Definition by Aarav Singh
Mary Alice Flynn by Joel A. Milliken
Frank Frank by Nick Wolf Marshall
Gail Kuskin Frank by Leon & Aaron Hsu
Rodney Frank by Andrew B. Ratafia and Uncle
A. Frank Friedman by Andrew V. Byrd
Carole C. Mallers by Matthew O. Singh
Francine Friedman by Barbara Kaufman
Miriam Friedman by Ruth S. Merwin
Irene Gerstner by Anne Brownell
Tina Goudeau by Andrew Anderson
Dominic Gouveia by Christian Cwikel
A. Diane Gowan by Carol Mathias
Elizabeth B. Bauer by Michael Bronson
William and Eileen Wilson by Richard Bailey
B. Benny by Michael Sheran
and Joyce Walsh and Missy by Jeffrey Blumenthal
Maura J. Miller, Tim Sheridan and Pam Coates by Mac and Jen and
M. Bailey by Geoffrey Mann
M. Baio & Frankie & Gracie by Paul Pawlak and
Brian J. Ely by Dr. Kenneth James
Maggie Gagnon by Laura Lash
Robert Campagnolo by Aunt June and Tommie,
Evelyn Roestel by Adlai Stevenson High School District #87, Jim Luther and Ray Pfeil, Babe and Milo Hailstone, Rita Spannaget, Sue Paso, Board of Education
John and Marybeth Hearne, Joyce Verboom, Judy Gould, Bauwens Electrical, Janet Pevsner, Joel & Mimi Appelbaum, Tom Cable, Dan and MaryKay, Eric Manfred
Barbarone and Kate of the Physicians and Staff at Primary Care Associates, Joe and Dee Tortorici, and Linda Doron
Brenda and Steve by Ella<br>
Bob Kiss by Mark B. Weinreich<br>
so she could help it to its next goal by their very own right. She was a friend, a family member – first visiting their homes in Charlene's life and her two daughters, hospice patient residents, hospice patients and their families.
My mother, Carole Mallery, passed away on July 27, 2013, after a brief illness. She was a mother and a grandmother, an interior designer and a master gardener, an avid reader, a patron of the arts… but most of all she was a giver. She generously gave her time to her family, her church and her many volunteer activities. She cooked for a soup kitchen, she said rosary at the neighborhood nursing home, she donated her time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, she distributed communion at more places than I can remember and for over twenty years she was a hospice volunteer – first visiting patients in their homes and later working every Thursday at the inpatient unit. She expected her dogs to give too… training them as therapy dogs and then putting them to work providing comfort to nursing home residents, hospice patient residents, hospice patients and their families.
My mother came to PAWS Chicago through her PAWS dog Luke. She was very supportive of PAWS Chicago's No Kill mission and I know she would be tremendously honored by the gifts given in her memory.

Charlene Padovano is remembered as a kind and caring woman. Family was always first in Charlene’s life and two daughters, Sandi and Kim, were her pride. She worked at Macomb Community School for 28 years and became the confidant of many teenagers throughout her career. She loved working with kids. She always had a passion for music, which she passed along to her daughters. She was the kind of person who wouldn't hesitate to stop her car to help an animal in need.
Charlene had dogs for most of her life and then graduated to “grand-dogs” (as she liked to call them) and received great joy in helping other's grand-dogs and spoiled them to pieces. They always brought a smile to her face and were a great comfort during her battle with cancer.

Charlene was a loving lady who, at the age of 67, found the courage to live and embrace the time she had left. She traveled to Montana. "She was thrilled and gave the thumbs up as she got off the horse," said a family friend. "She said that she got that chance before her health failed." Charlene and her family have been great supporters of PAWS Chicago. They donated items to help the animals PAWS Chicago saved from Hurricane Katrina and continued to follow and support the organization even after the hurricane. Their family selected PAWS Chicago as an organization to receive gifts in her memory because of the opportunities PAWS Chicago creates for homeless animals and also because of its No Kill mission.

Kathryn "Katie" Cool was born on December 22, 1983 and lived in Hoffman Estates. She graduated from William Fremd High School in Palatine in 2002 and received her Certification in Massage Therapy from Harper College. Katie was a kind and caring person who loved working with animals, people and children. After serving as the primary caregiver for her grandmother for three years, Katie began working at Mane-User Day Care and later Bright Horizons Child Care. She will be remembered by her compassion and desire to always help those in need, for her friends, family and especially animals.
She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Linda and Don Miller; her sister, Jenny Cool; her brother, Joseph Perik; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to her family and friends, Katie was also deeply missed by her special four-legged friends, Smudge, Riggs and Max. Katie’s family felt that "the best way to honor her life and love of animals was to request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to PAWS Chicago – an organization they feel has a well-earned reputation for excellence and a No Kill shelter."
Memorials & Tributes

In Memory of

LOWELL DEAN RUTAN

Gifts made in memory of people (continued)

Virginia L. Walker by You and James Nolan

Mark Davis was the beloved husband of Laurie Demma Davis. His greatest passions were dogs, cigars and golf. Dogs, however, were his favorite. It all started with Nikki, a Papillon they decided to get after Laurie’s dog Lucy passed away. Lucy’s passing left a great void in which Mark knew a new pet could help fill. They noticed a Papillon on that month’s page of their PAWS Chicago calendar and felt it was a sign. Longtime PAWS supporters, Nicky and his “parents” attended the very first Fur Ball event, held at ESCADA. They had a fabulous time and Nicky, looking his best in a spiffy tuxedo, was featured in Style Magazine. Mark and Laurie got a kick out of the fact that only Nicky was featured in the newspaper, not Mark.

After welcoming Nicky into their lives, Mark & Laurie rescued a dog from Wisconsin named Maggie, a beautiful red Poodle. “He carried her around as a child and referred to her as his daughter,” Laurie recalled. When Maggie passed away they decided to rescue another dog to help ease the loss so they drove out to Kansas City to adopt a Poodle named Hope. They renamed her Maggie II. She loved Mark and would not leave his side of the bed.

In 2011, Laurie was visiting PAWS Chicago and spotted a Poodle named Josie. Laurie brought her home as a foster dog, and though Mark pretended to be mad and wanted Laurie to take the dog back, the next day he went out and bought toys for her and she’s been a part of their family ever since. They named her Ava. When Mark wasn’t taking care of his “kids,” he enjoyed his pond and bird watching.

In lieu of flowers, Mark’s family requested memorial donations be made to PAWS Chicago. Laurie finds comfort knowing that these gifts will help save the lives of so many homeless pets in Mark’s name.

In Memory of

MARK DAVIS

In Memory of

JOHN WILLIAM BRADBURY

John William Bradbury was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to the animals. He was a resident of Wilmette, IL. He attended the University of Colorado and graduated from the Business School at Michigan State University. He proudly served two terms of service in the U.S. Army and moved on to own a company that leased railroad tank cars. He was the cherished husband of Mary Nelen Bradbury, the loving father of Julie (Kurt) Miller, Cythria (Antonio) Miranda, and Larry (Sandra) Schreiber.

John was a huge animal lover. He loved dogs and his favorite name was “Midnight,” which he gave to five of them throughout his lifetime! His daughter Julie fondly remembers how he could never say no whenever one of his children brought home a pet and asked if they could keep it.

In 2013, what made him end up marrying her husband, Kurt, a veterinarian. He supported Julie and Kurt’s work serving on behalf of PAWS Chicago’s Development Board. Most recently, he was extremely proud of his grandson Nolan, who volunteered countless hours at PAWS throughout high school. Julie says her father’s love of dogs was passed on to them. “We all love animals because of my dad.”

John is deeply missed by all lucky enough to have known him.

In Memory of

KEITH PASCUS

In Memory of

PAUL RICHARD BLACKWELL

Mr. Blackwell,

Thank you for sharing your love of literature and the English language with all of us at St. Ignatius. You have left a lasting legacy in so many of your students, who you inspired with your passion for the written word. Without your influence, PAWS Chicago magazine might not exist.

In appreciation,

Alexis Fasson

Gifts made in memory of Paul Richard Blackwell (continued)

Marcha Adams by Harley McDonald

Kathy Albritton by Thomas Pszanka

Kristin Allen by Gregory C. Cameron

Will Allen by Jon Bielawski

Lori Anderson by Sue O’Malley

George Anderson by Pat Boylen

Kurt Anderson by Tom Heselton

Ralph Backus by Karl Black

Dr. Elina Berman & Mrs. James Lipton by Jana Winkle & Brad Finstein

Lara Berman by Lisa, Jared, Jenna and Noah

Barbara Benson by Isle of Armor/Isle of Armor Gifts

Barbara Blackwell by Scottis & Stewart

Bella Bluth by Sally & Stewart

Rosa Blumberg by Mark Blackwell

Mark Blackwell by Alex Fasseas

Robert & Terry Bollinger by Sally & Stewart

Brian Bokus & Lisa Caine by Louise & Kevin Altman

The group at the bridal shower for Brittany & Ed Van Dusen

Alisa Borkowicz by All the Schlabers

Georgia Berling by Brian Berling

Dr. Bethany Berling & Dr. David Berling by Dr. Bethany Berling & Dr. David Berling

Theodore Berling by Dr. Bethany Berling & Dr. David Berling

Gina Blitstein by Larry & Mirya

Sharon Brougher by Lisa Brougher & Kurt Brougher

Dr. John Brougher by Lisa Brougher & Kurt Brougher

Steve Byers by Steve Byers

Karen Byme by Karen Byme

Sarah Byme by Karen Byme

Beverly Bymes by Beverly Bymes

Ralph Backus by Eileen Betley

Anna Gomberg and Jason Rothstein by Stuart Berman

Rhoda Herzoff by Rhoda Herzoff

Eli Geleerd by Eli Geleerd

Pammy Jean, Milo, Joe & Lucy by Pammy Jean, Milo, Joe & Lucy

Bobbi & Rob Feldgreber by Bobbi & Rob Feldgreber

Karl Riedl by Karl Riedl

The Mercer Chicago Office by The Mercer Chicago Office

The Canham Family by The Canham Family

Anna Gathman by Anna Gathman

Jennifer Dankers by Jennifer Dankers

Eva Gathman by Eva Gathman

Ryan Gathman by Ryan Gathman

Evelyn Gathman by Evelyn Gathman

Eva & Max Gathman by Eva & Max Gathman

Pepper & Dina Gathman by Pepper & Dina Gathman

Brian Bates and other Bates family members by Brian Bates and other Bates family members

Casey Becker by Casey Becker

Abra Berkoff by Abra Berkoff

Casey Becker by Casey Becker

by Jann Greenberg

by Hugh Balsam

by Lisa, Leslie, Jared, Jenna and Noah

by Mark Fromm

Nike Fromm by Mark Fromm

John Friedlander by John Friedlander

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Katie & Boots by Katie & Boots

Connie of the Following by Connie of the Following

Clarette Kent by Clarette Kent

Robert & Terry Bollinger by Sally & Stewart

Rita Blevins by Rita Blevins

Roxanne Blevins by Roxanne Blevins

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Rita Blevins by Rita Blevins

Mae Blevins by Mae Blevins

Andie Blevins by Andie Blevins

This page features images of your family members and family pets. We appreciate and acknowledge your contributions. Please note that some names may have been truncated due to space constraints.

We hope that this tribute is a source of comfort and inspiration for you and your family. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for sharing your love of literature and the English language with us. We are humbled and grateful for the legacy you have left behind.

We hope that this tribute serves as a reminder of the importance of education and the value of literature in our lives. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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In Memoriam of Oreo

“In memory of Oreo, for 14 years you have been a wonderful part of our family. You have brought us so much laughter, love, and joy. Your presence was a constant reminder of the simple pleasures in life. Your passing has left a void that will be incredibly difficult to fill. Oreo was not just a dog, but a member of our family, and we will miss you more than words can express. May you rest in peace in the company of your beloved Bean.”

-Kelly, Nathan, Blake, and all the neighbors
In Memory

PIPER FASSEAS  
(1997 - 2013)
For 16 wonderful years, sweet and spunky Piper supervised and controlled our entire pack with a seriousness of duty and an invigorated enthusiasm for life. A whole lot of personality was squeezed into such a small, adorable terrier package.
Pup, we will never forget your deference, your constant kisses and your uninhibited expressions of love and devotion. You will forever be adored.

DAISY MAY FASSEAS  
(1996 - 2013)
Daisy May, from the start, you fit so well into our family as the most stubborn and opinionated dog we’d ever met. We loved your independence and personality, and you were such inspiration, opening our eyes to the reality that homeless animals faced in Chicago. But it was your gentleness of spirit brought such balance to our lives. Home is not the same without you.
Thank you for 17 years of affection and companionship. We will miss you always.

In 1997, 28,314 animals came into the city pound. Daisy was one of 1,920 who made it out alive.

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS MONTHLY AT PAWS CHICAGO
The loss of a beloved and cherished pet is devastating. PAWS Chicago’s HEAL Pet Loss Support Group® meets on the third Wednesday of each month at PAWS Chicago’s Adoption Center to provide support during these challenging times. Facilitated by Joy Davy, a licensed clinical professional counselor, and made available by generous contributions by Hinsdale Pet Memorial Services, these sessions help grieving pet parents work together to deal with the difficult emotions related to losing a pet in a calm, safe, and nonjudgmental atmosphere.
For more information or to sign up for future sessions, please visit pawschicago.org/speakerseries

RUTHERFORD NEEDS A HOME  
A GERTIE’S FUND SPOTLIGHT
At PAWS Chicago, we have a special place in our hearts for senior pets: especially those looking for families at a time in their lives when growing old gracefully in the nest of a safe, loving home should be the norm. That’s why we started Gertie’s Fund. Named after a dog whose life could not be saved, Gertie’s Fund focuses on helping to save these senior pets, because they face the greatest risk of euthanasia. And this year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters we rescued the first Gertie’s Fund pet: Rutherford.

We found this sweet seven-year-old Labrador mix at the city pound and were compelled save him. He was losing his spirit and was at risk of euthanasia. When we brought him to our Rescue & Recovery Center, our veterinarians found him to be suffering from a perineal hernia – an abnormal displacement of pelvic and abdominal organs, possibly caused from him not being neutered. His condition required an extensive specialty surgery, one that we were able to do by partnering with specialty veterinarians. Not only were we able to perform Rutherford’s neuter surgery, but we gave him some much-needed dental attention as well!

Today, Rutherford is comfortable and recuperating in a volunteer foster home, where he is also getting the love and attention all senior pets deserve. But his journey is not over yet. Once he is medically cleared, he will return to PAWS Chicago to begin the search for his new family.

If you are interested in adopting Rutherford, please email adopt@pawschicago.org to arrange a time to meet him.

To read more about Gertie’s Fund and how you can help senior pets like Rutherford, please visit pawschicago.org/gertiesfund.
PAWS Chicago Guardian Angel Program

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.

Through the Guardian Angel program, and in honor of their beloved cat, Amy, Donna and Mike have ensured the futures of homeless cats and dogs for years to come.

Donna & Mike Bell Leave a Legacy for the Animals

The Guardian Angel program at PAWS Chicago was created to offer planned giving opportunities to those interested in saving homeless pets for years to come. A bequest made to PAWS Chicago through this program provides for the shelter, food, veterinary care, medicines and support required to help homeless pets find loving new homes.

Mike and Donna Bell decided to secure the future of PAWS Chicago through a planned gift after learning about the Guardian Angel program. “We were moved by the No Kill model and wanted to do our part to help homeless pets for years to come,” said Mike Bell. And, according to Bell, the process was as easy as meeting with their attorney to create the trusts.

“We hope that through our gift, PAWS Chicago will be able to continue to grow and save more lives,” Bell added.

For PAWS Chicago, it’s not just a hope but a small step that will make a difference in the lives of homeless pets long into the future.

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