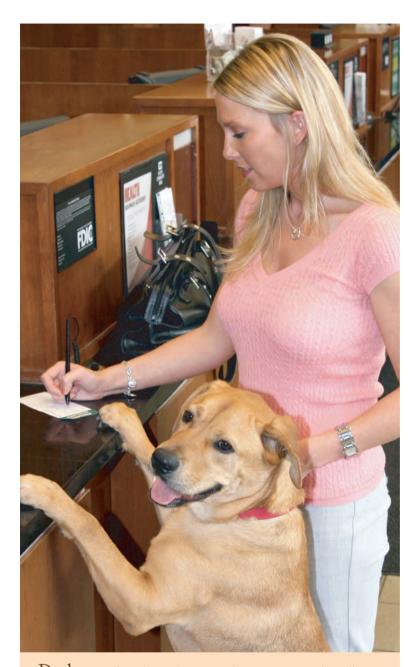


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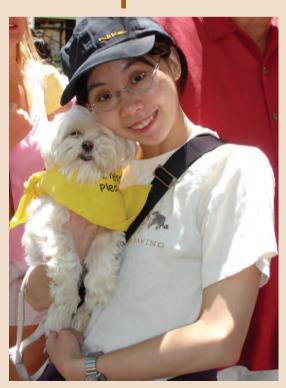
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July 8, 12 – 3 pm Adoptions at Macy's Woodfield Center, Schaumburg

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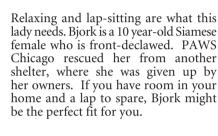
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Spanky

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Friends of PAWS,

We are celebrating a milestone this June, as Angels with Tails on Michigan Avenue marks the beginning of PAWS Chicago's 10th year. The overwhelming support PAWS has received from the

FROM THE CHAIR

Chicago community since our first Angels with Tails event in 1998, and the impact PAWS has, in turn, been able to make for Chicago's homeless pets, is testament to the caring nature of Chicagoans. Our community is not satisfied with the traditional cage and kill methods, where the fate of homeless animals is often determined behind closed doors. Knowledge is power and one of PAWS Chicago's most important roles is demonstrating state-of-theart alternatives to the old and outdated practices.

As we approach our 10th year, many exciting plans are in place that are truly revolutionizing the fate of homeless pets in our city. The opening of our cageless Lincoln Park adoption center is coming this September. We are planning to expand

our free spay/neuter program for low-income families to new areas in Chicago, as well as continue to increase the number of sterilizations performed at our Lurie Clinic. And we are also reformatting our newsletter into a magazine to bring you greater coverage about the important issues that our voiceless friends face. A special thank you to our contributors, both writers and advertisers, who enable us to expand our newsmagazine.

I want to thank all our donors, supporters, and volunteers for a wonderful year of lifesaving success—and I look forward to seeing you at the grand opening.

Paula Fasseas
Paula Fasseas

DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Supporters,

We have entered into the most critical year in PAWS Chicago's brief history, as we prepare to open one of the most state-of-the-art shelters in the country. This represents a large step forward towards a No Kill Chicago, as the new Adoption & Humane Center will not only function to quadruple adoptions, but also increase awareness in our community about the more than 20,000 pets that are still killed every year in our city. As more people are enlightened about the plight of homeless pets, our base of supporters will expand.

But we need our dedicated supporters more than ever now. Our operating budget will be significantly increased this year as we save more and more pets, and we need your help to cover the increase in our expenses. Please consider supporting our special events in any capacity you are able.

We were excited to launch Animal Magnetism, the Professional Board's Valentine's Celebration this February. It was a huge success in its first year, and we expect it to grow into a premier Chicago event in the coming years.

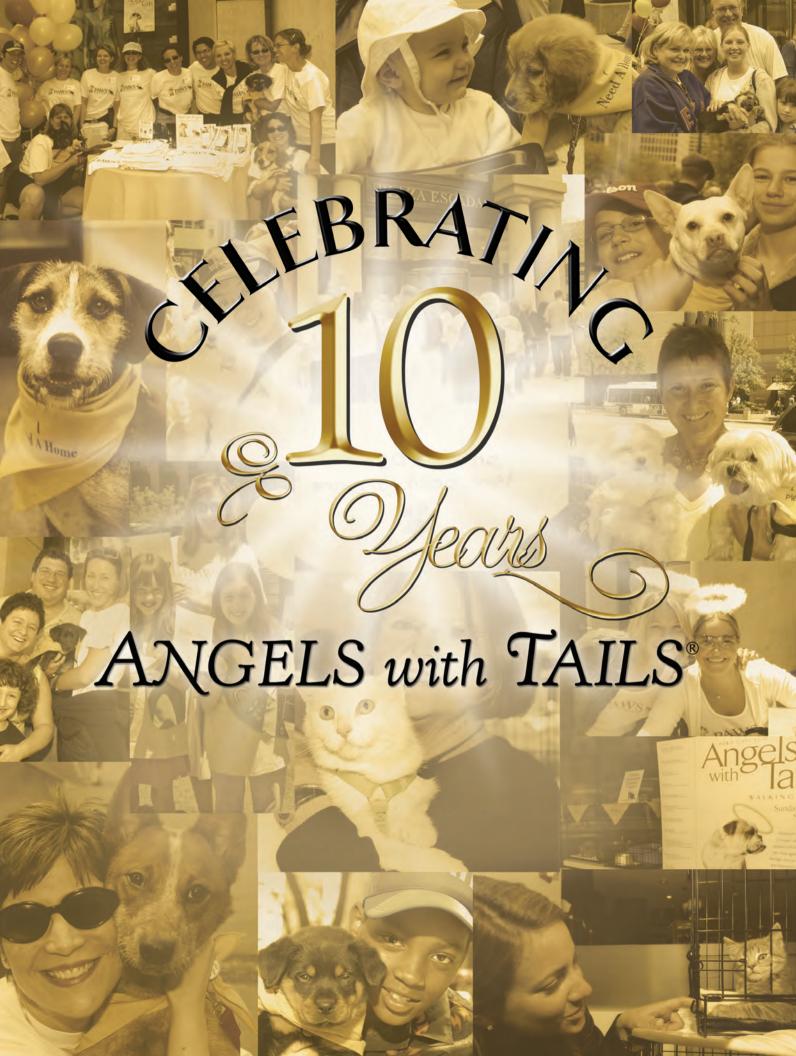
Please remember that our Beach Party is coming up, this July 11th, our Run for their Lives September 30th, and our Fur Ball will be held at the Drake November 16th. These events and donations fund a large portion of our operating budget, and their success depends on the continued support of Chicago's animal loving community.



Hope to see you at our next event!

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Suzie Glickman





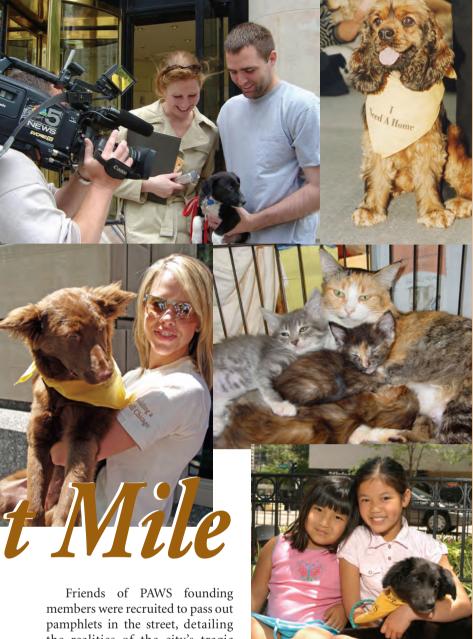
event that launched PAWS Chicago.

This adoption event was developed to showcase homeless pets in public venues where people would see the faces of Chicago's sweet, loving cats and dogs. For decades, tens of thousands of homeless pets were killed each year in Chicago, and very few in the general public were aware of this practice. On May 30, 1998, Angels with Tails broke the silence surrounding the death of thousands of homeless pets by taking the message to the public on the streets and in the boutiques along Michigan Avenue and Oak Street. Since that day, the number of homeless pets killed in Chicago has been reduced by more than half: from 42,572 animals killed in 1997, to 19,701 in 2006.

After reading in a Sun-Times article detailing the massive killing of homeless animals in Chicago, PAWS founder Paula Fasseas was motivated to help create change. The Sun-Times article only confirmed what her teenage daughter told her after volunteering at the local shelter: hundreds of homeless pets were dying every day, and nothing was being done in the public eye to stop this tragic killing.

way to bring the public's attention and resources to this problem. To be motivated, people had so see the wonderful pets in need of homes—their hearts had to be touched. Angels with Tails was born with the rationale that bringing thousands of people to shelters to see sad animals behind bars was a difficult task, but bringing wonderful homeless pets to the people in densely populated shopping districts was plausible. By organizing an event with shelters and stores partnering to bring information about the pet overpopulation problem to the public, real change could be made and lives could be saved.

Twelve retail partners, including Ralph Lauren, Barneys New York, and Escada, opened their doors for the day to cats and dogs in need of new homes. Putting the faces of homeless animals in highly visible locations attracted new adopters, the media, and general public interest to the cause. Eight shelters participated by bringing pets available for adoption, marking the first time that shelters came from throughout Chicagoland to work together.



Friends of PAWS founding members were recruited to pass out pamphlets in the street, detailing the realities of the city's tragic pet overpopulation crisis and the resulting rate of euthanasia. Other volunteers drove unsuspecting shoppers to Animal Care & Control on Western Avenue to adopt pets they'd fallen in love with. Since this was the first time Animal Control had allowed animals off premise, no remote adoption program was in place.

The event was a huge success. Media and community response was tremendous, every animal was adopted, people were looking for ways to get involved, and PAWS Chicago was born.

This year, 49 stores and 28 shelters and rescue groups will celebrate the tenth annual adoption event on the Mag Mile. On August 26th, join PAWS Chicago for the 10th annual Angels with Tails on Armitage Avenue.

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A WELCOME HOME

for Homeless Pets, PAWS Volunteers, and Adopters

By Patricia Donmoyer



As this issue of *Angel Tales* is released, PAWS Chicago is putting the finishes on its new home: the Lincoln Park Adoption Center that promises to transform the concept of "animal shelter". The days of walking down row after row of small cages with steel bars, echoing barking, bad smells, and sad faces are in the past, as the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center ushers in the new way of sheltering. Here is a sneak preview of the design of the PAWS Adoption Center.

On September 8th, PAWS Chicago will welcome the public to an open house, and animal lovers who walk through the front door will be flooded by natural light from the curtainwall of windows that surrounds the Petco Welcome Center. Large wood trusses scale the Center, thirty feet above, giving the feeling of a farm in the city. Fitting for the location, since in the late 1800's, the building was first erected as a stable to hold the horses belonging to the workers of the metalworks shop next door. In the center of the lobby is a three-sided fireplace, and further back, on a rear wall of the Counseling Center, is the original barn door recovered from the site before demolition and restored for the new adoption center.

"This Adoption Center will be an inviting place for adopters where families will be counseled around a large fireplace



and coffee bar after completing interactive training in the computer gallery," said Paula Fasseas, founder and chair of PAWS Chicago. "The Center will increase adoptions and adoption retention by offering lifelong counseling and support."

Flanking the entrance are the pavilions of homeless pets in need of permanent families. Visible from the vestibule is Miss Kitty's Senior Cat Room, where ramps, perches, and climbing posts are easily accessible to senior felines. Further into the Barbara

Bradford Kitty City are kitten rooms for high-energy youngsters, adult rooms, and special kitty condos for cats that prefer human-only companionship or for litters who arrive at PAWS together. Each room has large windows to allow for lots of natural light, as well as viewing by potential adopters.

In Dog Town, homeless residents will live in large suites with comfortable beds, other canines to comfort their pack instinct, and windows to allow natural light. Dogs will enjoy at least three walks a day, as well as interaction and training with volunteers. In the David E. Klaskin Family Dog Play Space in the middle of Dog Town, dogs will socialize with one another and volunteers, while their suites are being cleaned. The Bill & Maria Smithburg Rooftop Garden will also be a popular destination for dogs and volunteers.

Both cats and dogs reap the benefits of the custom-built 13,000 pound HVAC system that provides 100% fresh air to each



PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center by Holabird & Root

room and 15 air exchanges per hour. The system is designed to avoid recirculating air within animal suites, so disease will not spread and pets will stay healthy. However, if a dog or cat does come down with an illness, they will be moved to the Kenneth Sachsel Medical Care Center, just beside Dog Town, for treatment and closer observation.

A sound system brings calming classical music to each homeless pet, which is proven to reduce stress and behavioral deterioration in sheltered animals. Natural light reaches all suites to enable proper circadian rhythm, essential for pets' healthy sleep patterns and mental wellbeing.

Exhibit rooms close to the Clybourn entrance will feature information on a variety of pet issues, from the pet overpopulation problem to animal cruelty, dog fighting, and puppy mills. The PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center will be a resource for the pet loving community to learn more about how they can get involved in helping animals.

Impact Beyond Design

But the change brought forth in this new, state-of-the-art shelter is far more significant than bricks and mortar. The architectural concept was created by ARQ Architects, the nation's leading architectural firm for designing No Kill shelters. Holabird & Root, the architect of record, can be credited with the detail, design and all construction documents. Though no shelter compares to a home when considering quality of life for cats and dogs, this new age of sheltering attempts to mimic as much of the home environment as possible.

Utilizing the scientific studies of such nationally renowned animal behaviorists as Dr. Emily Weiss, Dr. Ian Dunbar, and Pamela Bennet Smith, PAWS has focused on creating design and developing operations to decrease stress, increase positive stimulation and emotional stability, and improve visitor interactions with homeless pets. The large community room and the Smithburg Rooftop Deck will both serve as areas for volunteers to exercise

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SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, September 8th PAWS Chicago celebrates with a Community Open House. Catch the first glimpse of the new PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center at 1997 N. Clybourn.





In traditional sheltering, pets who are confined in cages develop suppressed immunities from the stress of their environment and often become sick.

and train dogs, while volunteers will socialize, groom, and play with cats and kittens daily. Special toys and treats, as well as lots of TLC from volunteers, will provide mental stimulation and distraction from the shelter environment.

Bringing homeless animals to Lincoln Park, one of the most vibrant retail and residential neighborhoods in Chicago, and integrating them into the community will generate more adoptions, more volunteers, more education, and more support. Child and youth education will help develop the next generation of animal welfare leaders, teaching compassion, empathy, and the value of service.

You Can be Part of this Dream for Chicago's Homeless Pets!

If you would like to help in the transformation of animal sheltering in Chicago, consider making a donation to the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center campaign. Pledges to the new Center are payable over five years. All donors who have given \$100 or more will be recognized in the Center. A large plaque in the lobby will recognize all donors who contribute \$5,000 or more to the campaign. Room namings are still available.

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Chicago Students

Compete for Community Room Naming Honor



PAWS rescue dog Barnabus loves the attention at PAWS humane education events in Chicago Public Schools.

Through the generosity of philanthropist Judith Blazer, the winners of a PAWS Chicago writing contest will help name the Community & Education Room in the new PAWS Adoption & Humane Center. First graders through high school students, enrolled in Language Arts classes in more than 50 Chicago public schools, are expected to participate in the contest, writing short stories, essays, or poems about how their animals have impacted their lives, what their dogs or cats have meant to them, or why their pets are their best friends.

Four essays will be chosen, one each from an age group: 1st through 3rd grades, 4th through 6th grades, 7th and 8th grades, and high school. The Community Room at the Adoption & Humane Center will be named after the winning students or their pets. The winning stories, essays, or poems will be on display at the new Center. In addition, each will receive a \$250 Savings Bond donated by Chicago Community Bank.

The Revolution is Coming...

In the near future, Chicago will have a revolution in its midst, as cats and dogs rise to overthrow the traditional way of animal sheltering. DraftFCB generously donated its services to create a campaign for the launch of the new PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center, and their work can only be described as revolutionary.



For those friends of animals who want to join the revolution, t-shirts featuring these creative images are available for purchase at www.pawschicago.org.



More Pet Lovers Needed to Fill Expanded Volunteer Program at New PAWS Center

By Angela Powell

The new Center will present a volunteer opportunity suited to just about any interested pet lover, with a wide variety of roles, training options, and commitment levels.

The PAWS Chicago volunteer program is growing in scope and size to meet the demands of the new Adoption & Humane Center. With adoptions projected to quadruple in the first five years, many more homeless pets will need the nurturing, socializing, grooming, and exercise that volunteers provide. Additionally, volunteers play a critical role in the adoption process, from helping potential adopters select the right pet for their family to counseling them through the adoption process.

The new Center was designed with volunteers in mind, featuring a Volunteer Pavilion with lockers, showers, and work rooms. Every volunteer role will need more volunteers than ever before, considering 85 percent of work in the new facility will be handled by volunteers, augmenting the limited number of PAWS Chicago staff.

New training and Continuing Volunteer Education will be available to PAWS Chicago volunteers as they seek to expand their role in helping animals.

Evening and weekend help is especially needed, since the Adoption Center will be open at the most convenient times for adopters. Volunteers will be encouraged to work regular weekly or monthly shifts, and with the new software program Rescue-Connection, volunteers will have their own log-in to set their schedule and sign up for events.

In addition to the existing roles of dog walking and cat socialization, volunteers in the new Lincoln Park Center will serve in such additional capacities as:

- Greeters for potential adopters, introducing them to PAWS Chicago and the adoption process.
- Guides who will explain the Canine-alities[™] and Feline-alities[™] of dogs and cats up for adoption (through the Meet Your Match[™] ASPCA program that matches personalities and lifestyles of adopters with pets.)
- Front Desk Concierge, answering questions and monitoring the adoption process.
- Location Managers in the Barbara Bradford Kitty City and Dog Town, responsible for managing Guides, Greeters, and other volunteers, as well as tracking adoption demands and availability of homeless pets.
- Follow-Up volunteers who contact adopters at one week, one month, three months, and one year to ensure a smooth transition and offer PAWS assistance with any potential problems.
- Drivers who will transfer pets from the Admissions Center to the Adoption Center, ensuring that animal rooms are always occupied.

To volunteer, visit www.pawschicago.org to sign up for an orientation, or email volunteers@pawschicago.org



A legal loophole enables clothing with less than \$150 of fur to be sold without proper labeling. Upon investigation, dog fur is used on apparel of many name brand designers. Find out how you can help stop the use of dog on fashion!

CHINA USING DOG TRIM ON CLOTHING

By Adam Goldstein

You can help end this unethical practice!

Hard to believe, but you may be wearing dog.

A startling investigation by the Humane Society of the United States discovered dog fur is used by many top clothing designers, and they may not even know it. Half of fur garments entering the United States come from China, where abuse and disregard of companion pets is a regular occurrence. Large number of dogs, cats, and raccoon dogs, are killed for their fur, and these pets are sometimes skinned alive. Designers, retailers, and consumers currently can have no confidence in what type of fur they are getting when it originates in China.

Two congressmen are taking action against what they call deception in the fur trade, introducing the Dog and Cat Fur Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007 (H.R. 891). This bill combats apparel companies that cover up the origin of certain furs, including cats and dogs, used in coats and clothing.

An existing exemption to current law says garments that are made with less than \$150 of fur do not have to be labeled with the type of fur used. As a result, garments by merchandisers like Tommy Hillfiger, Michael Kors, Bogner and DKNY were found to be labeled as "faux" fur, "raccoon", or "rabbit"...but they were really

dog and raccoon dog.

Using dog and cat fur is illegal in the United States, so Representatives Jim Moran, D-VA, and Mike Ferguson, R-NJ, introduced legislation that requires labeling on all fur garments. The bill would also ban the sale and import of raccoon dog fur, a wild species of dog found in China.

"The raccoon dog and domestic dogs are being killed in inhumane ways for the U.S. fur trade," Moran said.

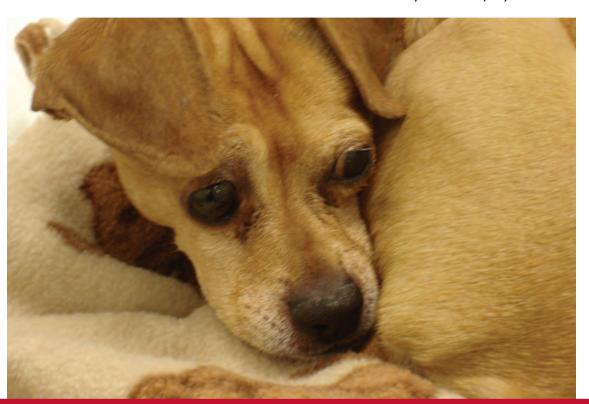
Contact your representatives in the federal government to let them know you support H.R. 891, or link to your representative by visiting www.pawschicago.org.

Fatal Food

Keeping Your Pet Healthy As Pet Food Recalls Mount

By Deb Dempsey

It is estimated that thousands of pets are dead and the tainting of pet food may be intentional. Here is the lowdown on the pet food recall scandal and how you can protect your pets.



Pet lovers beware:

The largest pet food recall in the history of the United States is ongoing, and your pet's life is at stake. The FDA's official count of deaths from the contaminated food stands at 16, although they acknowledge that there is no CDC for animals to follow up on the more than 15,000 calls that they have received. A popular website run by a respected, nationwide-known veterinarian puts the self-reported count at more than 4500 dead pets as this magazine goes to print.

Because of sporadic reporting in the mainstream media, pet parents are still confused about the details as well as to what they should be feeding their pets during this frightening time. For those who have not spent countless hours

pouring over the latest recall information on the web, here is a quick overview and information on how to protect your pets.

It is currently being speculated that ingredients originating in China may have intentionally been spiked with melamine to boost its apparent protein content, since melamine can skew test results to make a product appear more protein-rich than it really is, thereby creating a more marketable, expensive product. But melamine has never been approved for use in food for companion animals. So far, melamine's been found in both wheat gluten and rice protein concentrate imported from China. Media reports from South Africa suggest a third pet food ingredient, corn gluten, used in that country also was contaminated with melamine. That tainted ingredient has not been found in the United States.

Officials from the FDA are awaiting visas to inspect the Chinese plants where the vegetable protein ingredients were produced.

Recall Timeline

In mid-March of this year, Menu Foods Income Fund, a pet food cannery for numerous well-known brands including Iams, Ol'Roy and Nutro, initiated a voluntary recall of nearly 100 brands of canned cat and dog food sold nationwide, which totaled approximately 60 million units. At the beginning of the recall, the company was not quite sure exactly what was wrong, but knew that pets were falling ill and dying in live-animal tests after consuming their food. Wheat gluten seemed to be

the focal point, although labs across the country, including the FDA, were having trouble narrowing down the source of the problem.

But this preliminary recall was just the tip of the iceberg. Many other pet food manufacturers began recalling their canned brands as well, while labs frantically tried to identify the problem. Although initial lab tests showed that the food was tainted with rat poison, that result could not be duplicated in additional tests. Instead, labs began to find that the wheat gluten was tainted with melamine, an industrial chemical that, among other things, is used to make fertilizer and plastic.

At the end of March, Hills Science Diet recalled a number of its dry foods, due to tainted wheat gluten. The following day, Del Monte recalled a number of their treats for dogs and cats for the same reason. Sunshine Mills followed suit soon after. No longer could consumers easily choose "safe" foods for their pets without reading labels. The ASPCA issued a warning,

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Pointers for Selecting Nutritious Pet Food

Stay away from food containing "by-product meal" or "meat and bone meal." These rendered products are the most inexpensive sources of animal protein. The contents and quality of these meals can vary tremendously from batch to batch, and are not a reliable source of nutrition for your animal.

Avoid foods that rely on by-products as the sole source of animal protein. By-products consist of organs and parts, either not desired or condemned for human consumption. An occasional can of by-product based food may be okay, since, in the wild, carnivores do consume

the whole prey including the organs, but these foods are not acceptable as a steady diet.

Look for a named meat or meal ("lamb" or "chicken meal," for example, instead of the generic term "meat") as the first ingredient.

In general, select brands promoted to be "natural." While they are not perfect, they may be better than most. Several brands are now preserved with Vitamins C and E instead of chemical preservatives (such as BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin and propyl gallate). While synthetic preservatives may still be present, the amounts will be less.

For more detailed information on how to read pet food labels, and detailed descriptions of ingredients to look for and avoid, visit:

www.dogfoodproject.com www.catnutrition.org www.api4animals.org





PAWS rescues, Lincoln & Porsche

alerting pet owners to avoid wheat gluten (80% of which is imported from China) entirely.

Just as pet owners began searching for the ingredient "wheat gluten" on pet food and treat labels, Natural Balance threw a curve ball, recalling a number of varieties of their cat and dog food products (dry, wet and treats) that contained tainted rice protein concentrate. Several days later, Mars Royal Canin recalled a huge amount of pet food in South Africa due to tainted corn gluten. The FDA has not yet begun testing corn gluten in this country.

Protecting Your Pets

The list of recalls seems to go on and on. At this point, many pet owners are throwing up their hands in disgust and wondering if they should just start cooking for their pets. Though a safer option, it is not a feasible choice for many working pet parents who barely have time to cook for themselves! So, just what should a pet caretaker do?

First, pet food shoppers should begin scrutinizing the ingredients in their pets' diet, just as parents already do with their two-legged children's food. Similar to evaluating children's food, the easier a label is to understand and the simpler the ingredients, the better the food. See *Pointers in Selecting Nutritious Pet Food* on the previous page for more information.

Second, consider upgrading to premium pet food. Some pet lovers may not realize that there is a classification of pet foods that is aptly considered "premium". How

do you tell the difference though? How do you wade through the long lists of ingredients and find a SAFE,

high-quality food that your pet will thrive on? And how can you be sure that the new food you purchase won't be the next food recalled?

These premium foods contain quality proteins (not mystery meat meal and by-products), whole grains (not glutens & processed flours), fruits and vegetables (not artificial colors and flavors), skin conditioners and all necessary vitamins and minerals. They don't contain BHA, BHT, Ethoxyquin or Meniodone, highly questionable preservatives that have been linked to tumors and cancer in pets.

Unfortunately, rather than creating foods for the purpose of helping companion animals thrive, many pet food companies consider pet food as the recycling bin for the human food chain and agricultural industry. As family members, the country's cats and dogs deserve safe, high-quality food that can be trusted.

Keep Your Pets Healthy Avoid Recalled Foods

For a complete and current updated list of contaminated food products go to www.fda.gov. Under the "Hot Topics" menu, select "Pet Food Recall".

Saving Lucy



Lucy, a 5-month-old Samoyed, has had a rough beginning to life and is looking for a loving, dependable family to turn her luck around. In her first home, she chewed through some wires and was electrocuted. Her owners took her to Chicago Veterinary Emergency Services and gave her up, no longer wanting to keep her.

Lucy suffered burns and scarring to her lips and gums and required diligent follow-up care. The emergency vet brought her to PAWS Chicago for a second chance. Since the mouth is one of the most sensitive areas to infection, in addition to regular antibiotics PAWS had to feed her soft food and ensure her mouth was kept clean as she healed. Now, this loving, playful puppy is looking for a new home that will love her and care for her, regardless the circumstance.

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COOKING for your Pet

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Pet-owners willing to invest time and resources into understanding how to prepare complete and balanced home made meals for their pets may improve an animal's general health and can even reap some potential cost-savings. When preparing meals for your pet at home, it is important to understand the types and quantities of nutrients your pet requires. The nutritional requirements of dogs and cats are somewhat complex and require nutrients to be in proper balance with the energy density of the food and with each other, according to petDIETS.com.

Most dogs require a diet that includes 38 daily nutrients, while cats require a diet containing 40 daily nutrients. Pet foods are usually designed to appeal to vast quantities of pet pallets to ensure pet-owners repeatedly purchase the product. When cooking at home it is not important what the source of the nutrients is — beef, chicken, etc. — as long as it meets your pet's nutrient profile. The focus for preparing homemade meals or feeding your pet should be on giving them complete and balanced meals, but that doesn't mean it can't be done with foods they enjoy that taste great.

To learn more about your pet's nutritional needs and recipes for preparing balanced and complete homemade meals, please visit www.petDIETS.com

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The Need-to-Know on PET ALLERGIES

An Allergist's Perspective

by Kris G. McGrath, M.D.

Prominent Chicago allergist, Dr. Kris McGrath, discloses the facts and treatment options for pet lovers dealing with allergies.

Although the only current cure for pet allergies and asthma is avoidance, this advice is rarely followed. After all Kitty and Fido are "Family". If the animals are sent packing, their allergens, or proteins, remain in the home for 3-4 months. If the pets stay and you leave, it takes about 10-14 days to feel better. But there are ways to help reduce the symptoms and effects of allergies and asthma.

Since cat allergens come from saliva and skin and dog allergens come from skin, basic upkeep—such as frequent bathing, hepa filters/vacuuming, and keeping the animals out of the bedroom—can often help ameliorate allergies and asthma by minimizing allergens in the home and air.

But what are the treatment options? A simple goal is to lead a normal life on safe medications. These include non-sedating antihistamines, and often, a topical steroid nasal spray. The steroid nasal sprays are safe (not absorbed significantly into the body) and FDA approved for use by children. There is also a prescription antihistamine nasal spray called Astelin available. When an allergic non-animal owner visits a home with animals, pre-medication with a non-sedating antihistamine and Nasacrom nasal spray is recommended. Nasal/sinus irrigation with saline twice daily can also be beneficial.

Asthma treatment varies based on severity and is best guided by an allergist. Treatment includes both rescue and controller medications with regular monitoring by patient and physician. For those resistant to medical management, allergy shots are an option. In a severe cat or dog asthmatic patient removing the animal(s) from the home is still the best choice to reduce the risk of asthmatic death. (There are eleven asthma-related deaths per day in the United States.)

Future treatments will likely involve improved breeding of dogs and cats to reduce or eliminate the active allergen and further development of "biologicals", such as Xolair, which is currently used in allergic asthma. It is an anti-IgE (the antibody responsible for allergies) injection. Other biologicals are under development to down regulate a variety of allergy mediators.



PAWS rescues, Jan & Cindy

So, don't suffer. Lead a normal life at home, work, and school. See an allergist to confirm an allergy by a proper history, examination and allergy testing. Then you can determine what is best for you or your child. It is not always the dog or cat. I love to say after allergy testing, "It's not your pet, have all you want!"

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Saving Binky

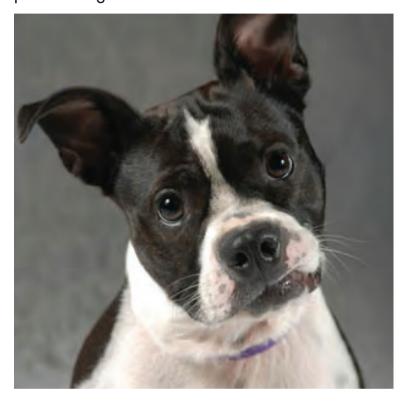
PAWS volunteer Alan Rappata was at work and heard loud cries in front of his building. Thinking that a dog had been hit by a car, he rushed outside, only to find a homeless man pushing a shopping cart. A dog tied to the cart with a short belt, not long enough

for him to put his feet to the ground. Binky was literally being dragged and choked down the street. Alan was able to convince the man to surrendor his dog to PAWS Chicago, and Binky now has a loving home.

Should it **Stay** or Should it **Go**?

By Erin Bauer

One of the top three reasons people give up their pets is allergies.



When you consider that almost 15 percent of the population suffers from a pet-related allergy of some sort, the need to correctly identify the sources of allergies and to implement strategies for minimizing their adverse effects become important factors in the effort to keep pets in their homes.

Unless their allergies are life-threatening, most pet owners who experience allergic reactions to their animals do attempt to live with the symptoms. In one group of 341 allergy-suffering pet owners who were advised by their physicians to relinquish their pets, it was found that only one in five did so. Similarly, almost two million Americans allergic to cats have at least one feline companion in their home. Although certain breeds of animals are thought to be less-allergenic than others, there are no dogs or cats considered non-allergenic. The degree to which an animal is allergenic is not necessarily based on the breed or the length of hair, but rather on the animal itself and the type of reaction an individual has to that particular animal. Dogs and cats have glands in their skin that secrete allergens – small allergy-triggering proteins. These airborne allergens live in the animals' fur, saliva, and urine.

Always understand your options before considering giving up a pet. By doing so, you can save yourself emotional pain, and might also save the animal's life.

For more information on coping with pet allergies please visit www.pawschicago.org/GivingUpYourPet/solutionsforproblems.htm#4.

Tips on Coping with Pet Allergies

- Know your allergies. Ask your doctor to specifically test you for allergies to pet dander. Individuals who suffer from allergies are likely to be sensitive to multiple allergens. In order to reduce the allergen levels in your home, you'll need to isolate and address each source before you'll see improvements.
- Give yourself some space with an allergy-free zone. Pick one spot in your home where pets are not allowed, and be sure clothes carrying pet dander are not left in your allergy-free room. Use a high-efficiency HEPA air cleaner (available at almost any home and garden store) in the room and throughout the home if possible.
- Give your pet at least a weekly bath to reduce allergen levels in the fur by up to 84%.
- Wash your hands after touching pets and always before touching sensitive spots like your eyes.
- Avoid dander-collecting home goods such as carpeting, cloth window treatments, and non-impermeable furniture coverings.
- Vacuum and wash dander-collecting areas and furnishings on a regular basis.
- Last but not least, consult an allergy-specialist on the various medical treatments available to help relieve symptoms of pet-related allergies.



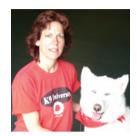
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Welcoming Your

By Joan Harris



Joan Harris is a regular contributor to *Angel Tales*. She serves as Head Trainer at K9University.

Bringing a new dog into the home can be an exciting and sometimes trying experience. If you've decided to adopt a mature dog from a shelter, you should expect an adjustment period of several weeks while your new dog acclimates to his surroundings and you get to know his behaviors.

You can expect that your new pet will be slightly off balance or anxious as he starts to explore his new home. Not only is he exploring his new environment, he is trying to figure out where he belongs in the hierarchy of the pack. It may take awhile for him to want to take direction from you and to see you as his new leader.



Your first step should be to control the space in your home. You will need to teach him the rules of your household and he will need to know your expectations as well. If you don't know very much about his past, you'll want to observe his habits closely. Selectively allowing him freedom in the house can calm him down and give you time to get to know him.

One way to do this is to set up a crate or kennel. This can provide him with his own "sanctuary" or quiet place to rest. By restricting your new dog to a crate when he is left unattended, you can help him learn proper house manners. Most dogs will not eliminate in their "den" and prefer to be clean in their sleeping area. It will also save your house from destruction when you leave your new dog home alone for the first time.

Some training may be necessary to get your new pet accustomed to his crate, although most dogs take to it quite naturally due to their "denning instincts." One way to make a positive association is



PAWS rescue, Stanley



Saving Maxx

Life can be tough when you're a 9-year-old cat. That was the case with Maxx, who was a homeless animal guest at the PAWS Chicago Cat Adoption Center, when fate changed his life.

PAWS friend Diane Heffernan of Van Cleef & Arpels connected her friend Ruth Damm, an 85-year-old neighbor in need of some companionship, with the PAWS adoption

team. PAWS matched Ruth up with Maxx, and neither of their lives has been quite the same since.

Maxx loves his new home, following Ruth around and curling up in her bed at night. A solicitous mom, Ruth called the adoption team almost daily in the beginning. Her comment, a few weeks later – "Maxx is just fine. He's a wonderful cat. Full of love and very happy."

to feed him in the crate with the door open at first. After several days, gently close the door while he is eating. Gradually increase the time in the crate, ignoring any whining or forms of protest. A satisfying chew bone or a kong stuffed with peanut butter can keep him busy and help ease any separation anxiety.

Now that you have a tool to help control your environment, your next step is to enroll in an obedience class. Obedience training will create a way for you to communicate with your dog. In a basic obedience class, you will learn how to teach your dog to sit, down, stay, come and heel on command. Going to class every week will also help you to socialize your dog around other dogs and people.

It is important when selecting a class to look for an instructor with knowledge of canine behavior who is capable of reading your dog's behavior and selecting the best methods for his temperament. Sometimes there are lifestyle changes that must be put in place. It may be important that you instill "manners" that go beyond obedience training.

Maintaining a proper relationship between you and your dog may mean that you teach him how to greet strangers properly, that you always go first out the door and that you don't allow your dog in your bed or on the furniture. Decide early in your relationship what behaviors you want to live with and remain consistent in carrying our your wishes. Your dog will respect you for it. Ask your obedience instructor for guidance if you run into problems.

Finally, find ways to bond with your dog through physical activity. Your dog is a social creature and requires stimulation and exercise on a daily basis. Although some dogs are content spending time watching a movie with you at home and going for walks in the park or around the neighborhood, many dogs need more. A great majority of dog breeds were originally developed to serve man and have a "job." These dogs need to exercise their working drives and

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to use their intelligence productively. You may need to provide activity for this type of dog to fulfill his needs.

Consider taking obedience classes that go on to off-lead work, higher levels of distraction training and retrieve work. Or perhaps your dog

would enjoy an agility class. These types of classes will encourage your dog to learn because it's fun and increase your leadership status.

Whatever activities you may enjoy, remember that your new dog needs your time and commitment to develop into a confident, loving, well-behaved family member. Your extra time will be well worth the years of enjoyment!



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CATS

By Lisa Ward



Lisa Ward, a regular Angel Tales contributor and PAWS Chicago Volunteer, is known for her cat expertise.



While cats do not need to be taken for daily walks as a dog does, they are by no means low-maintenance-either in the amount of interaction they require or in the financial responsibility they represent. Adopting a pet of any kind is a large commitment in terms of both time and money. Cats are social animals who want and need interaction with their guardians. Feeding, grooming and litterbox cleaning are daily activities. As with any animal, cats cannot communicate verbally with their guardians, so it is the human's responsibility to be constantly watchful of the cat's behavior and alert to any abnormalities. A guardian who believes the cat can 'take care

of himself' will be unaware of subtle behavior changes that can be signs of the onset of serious illness or injury. In terms of financial commitment, guardians should plan to spend between \$800-\$1000 per year, per cat, on the basics— food, litter and regular vet care, with additional funds budgeted for pet sitting, (as needed) and medical emergenciespotential guardians should be aware that hospitalization.

"Cats can be left alone for a few days at a time and will take care of themselves."

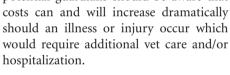
Not true at all. This is a natural follow-on to the point above. If a guardian is going to be gone for more than 12-14 hours, someone else should be assigned, or hired, to look in on/take care of the cat. Cats who are left alone for long periods of time can get into all sorts of trouble, become depressed, and even get sick. For ex-

> ample, a cat who develops a urinary tract infection can become critically ill in less than 24 hours. Therefore, if you are even planning just a short weekend getaway, a pet sitter or friend should be looking in on your cat. This person should plan to stay for a minimum of one hour so as to be able to observe the cat and make note of any behavioral ab-

normalities (ideally, it should be someone who knows the cat fairly well, the better to notice if something seems "different"). Of course, the pet sitter should be provided with contact information for the guardian, as well as the phone number of the nearest emergency veterinary clinic and copies of all pertinent medical records.

"Cats need to go outdoors and hunt in order to be happy - this is 'natural' for them."

In today's world, letting your cat outdoors for any reason or any length of time is akin to playing "Russian Roulette". One of these times his or her chances will be all used up. Outdoor cats are at risk for injury or death as a result of disease, other animals, poison, sadistic people, animal "bunchers" who collect strays and outdoor pets to sell to laboratories, cars, foul weather, and a host of other dangers. Reputable authorities speculate that outdoor cats have an average lifespan of 2-3 years, versus their indoor counterparts, who frequently live to be 15 or older. We have domesticated our pets, and as such have a responsibility to take care of them and look out for their well-being. Your cat may look longingly out the window as though he wants to go





PAWS rescue, Frank



out, but the bottom line is that this is not safe. Creating a stimulating environment for him inside your home with trees, toys, etc., and giving him lots of attention and exercise will ensure he has a full and enriching life, while remaining safely indoors.

"Pregnant women cannot live safely with a cat."

Many OB/Gyn's mistakenly inform their patients that they must get rid of their cat or cats in order to ensure the safety of their unborn child. This is not at all true. This misconception is based on fear of a parasitic disease called Toxoplasmosis, which can be transmitted from a variety of sources to a pregnant woman, and can be dangerous to her fetus. Cats are exposed to this parasite through the ingestion of live prey (i.e. mice) and it can then be passed on by the cats to humans through handling the cats' feces, which most commonly occurs during litterbox cleaning. However, assuming the cats are indoor animals (i.e., not catching live prey), there is no danger that a pregnant woman or her unborn baby will contract the parasite from the cat. In fact, pregnant women run more risk of exposing their baby to Toxoplasmosis

by handling raw or undercooked meat in their kitchen than by handling their indoor cat. That said, as a precaution, it is best for another family member to be responsible for litterbox cleaning during the pregnancy (and good practice, since after the baby is born, Mom is certain to have her hands full and this task may need to be permanently reassigned) or alternatively, for the mother-to-be to wear gloves and wash her hands thoroughly after cleaning the box if she must do it herself. Pregnant women should also use caution when gardening in outdoor areas which may have been used by strays as an open-air litterbox.

"What I feed my cat isn't important. Food is food, what's the difference?"

Nothing could be further from the truth. Diet is one of the few factors that influence the overall health of our animal companions over which we have total control. Cats who are fed a healthy, wholesome, species-appropriate diet have a better chance of living a longer life, with better overall health, than those who are fed a poor quality diet. Cats are obligate carnivores.



This means they are intended to have their nutritional needs met by the consumption of other animals. There is very little nutritional value for cats in plant-based food sources; in fact, physiologically, it is hard for their systems to effectively break down and utilize the nutrients in plant-based ingredients. As such, in a perfect world, they should have no grains at all in their food. This means canned food is vastly preferable to dry kibble—kibble is convenient, but it is also, by its very nature, a far less nutritionally complete package. When it comes to canned food, guardians must always remember to carefully read food labels. A quality animal-based (meat) protein source should be the first ingredient listed on the food label, indicating it is that product's primary ingredient. Avoid foods which list as their first ingredient anything referred to as a "byproduct", or worse, grains like wheat, corn, or rice.

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Giving Up Your Pet

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Knowing the Differences in Sheltering Can Save Your Pet's Life

If you need to give up your pet, you are not alone. Thousands of people do so each year, which is why the shelter system is overwhelmed with so many homeless cats and dogs. PAWS Chicago strongly recommends that you begin making plans for your pet as soon as you know that you can no longer keep him or her.

Unfortunately, if you care about your pet's life, there are no instant solutions. It is important to recognize that unless a shelter specifically calls itself "No Kill", surrendering your pet may be a fatal decision for your cat or dog.

If you want to ensure that your pet does not become one of the thousands of dogs and cats that will be killed this year in Chicago, do your homework before surrendering your pet to a shelter.

No Kill Managed Admissions Programs

Managed admissions is when a shelter takes in only the number of pets they can care for, triaging to ensure the most needy pets are taken in first. No Kill shelters like PAWS Chicago will not kill dogs or cats in the program to make room for more. By managing admissions, PAWS Chicago is committed to finding a home for every single animal admitted. PAWS Chicago prioritizes animals in desperate need. As a result, there can be a waiting list.

By planning ahead, you are part of the solution by giving your local No Kill shelter enough time to make room for your pet. And you can help even more by re-homing your pet yourself and keeping your pet from entering a shelter in the first place.

Traditional Open Admissions Shelters

All owned animals are accepted into the program, regardless of space or ability to care for the animals. As a result, animals are often killed to make room for more, although this fact may not be disclosed to the public. As a result, it is important to ask questions to determine if your pet will be saved.



Questions to ask to determine if your pet is safe at a particular shelter:

Does the shelter call itself No Kill?

If so, your pet will most likely be adopted into a new home. If not, this is a strong indicator that the shelter utilizes killing as a space management tool.

What is the shelter's definition of "adoptable" and "unadoptable"?

While your pet may appear perfectly adoptable to you, sometimes age (too young or too old), dental issues, shyness, or coming down with a common cold will fall outside a shelter's "adoptable" guidelines and may lead to your pet's death. Clarifying how a shelter defines these terms will give you better insight as to whether your pet will be adopted into a new home or killed.

Do you have to make an appointment to surrender your pet?

It is a good indication that shelters are committed to the life of every animal when they only admit by appointment. Shelters that accept "walk-ins" are most likely killing to make space for the unmanaged flow of animals into their facility.

Read the fine print!

In owner surrender contracts, it is important to read all fine print before you sign over ownership of your pet. Often, critical information about euthanasia/killing policies can be found there.

If a situation arises, will the shelter call you before they kill your pet?

When a shelter reserves euthanasia only for pets that are irremediably suffering or for incidences of aggression, euthanasia is a rare occurrence that is taken very seriously. As a result, these No Kill shelters will often be willing to contact you if such a situation arises. If a shelter is unwilling to inform you of a potential euthanasia, it may be an indication that the shelter commonly utilizes killing.

Behind the Scenes of the PAWS Admissions Program



PAWS rescue, Alice

As a No Kill shelter, PAWS Chicago saves every single pet brought into the program. (The only exception is vicious dogs, or pets who are irremediably suffering, for which euthanasia is the only humane option.) By managing admissions, PAWS Chicago asks owners who wish to surrender their pet to partner with the organization to help save their pet's life. The owner can help

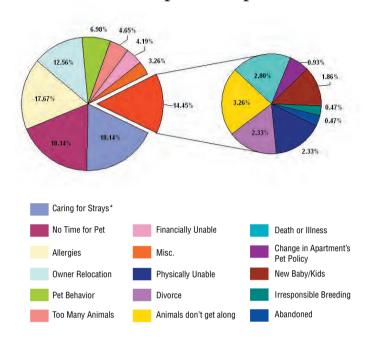
by continuing to care for their own pet until pets currently in the program are adopted, or the owner can "foster" their own pet until it is adopted, saving their pet from the stress of entering a shelter at all.

When people call PAWS Chicago to surrender their pet, they have often run out of options and want to find a safe place for their pet. PAWS Chicago's intake personnel and volunteers are trained to work with people to find solutions so they can keep their pet and prevent more animals from entering the already over-crowded shelter system. In fact, more than 8% of people decide to keep their pet after working with PAWS.

Additionally, when PAWS Chicago enlists the partnership of the owners in helping to save their pet, more than 23% of people find a home for their pet themselves, through their own connections. By working with people looking to give up their pets, PAWS Chicago prevents more than 32% of pets from entering the shelter system.

To the right is a breakdown of the reasons people provide when they call to surrender their pet to PAWS Chicago.

Reasons People Give Up Pets



*PAWS Chicago is not licensed to take in strays. People who find cats or dogs on the street are directed to Animal Care & Control so that owners have the opportunity to reunite with their lost pets. After five days, a stray is available for transfer and PAWS Chicago may take the pet into the adoption program. At least 45% of PAWS cats and dogs come from Animal Control.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Laura DiPiazza



Laura DiPiazza was concerned about Chicago's homeless companion animals and knew she wanted to help when she found PAWS in 1999. "I thought that volunteering...would help me feel as though I wasn't looking the other way," she said.

As a volunteer adoption counselor, Laura admits that she struggles with falling in love with every dog she meets, but finds matching dogs with their new families to be very rewarding. Laura enjoys spending time with people and hearing stories about how important their pets are to them. In seven years of volunteering, she has personally facilitated the placement of over 300 dogs!

Though she's quite busy with her work as a computer programmer in the advertising industry, Laura also enjoys travel, studying Italian, and spending time with her family,

which includes a white poodle named Sugar. She has had many opportunities to keep in touch with PAWS alumni she has placed, and she fosters PAWS dogs in her home whenever she can.

Laura looks forward to continuing her work in the new Adoption & Humane Center, and serving as matchmaker for even more homeless dogs. "Watching the organization expand through the years has made me feel as though I am a part of something great. PAWS Chicago is addressing the problem the proper way, through education in addition to providing a humane transition from homeless to forever homes. Being part of this gives me more than I could possibly ever give back!"

Helping Senior Pet Lovers

All too often seniors, who in many cases have the most to offer, are overlooked in the quest to help animals in need. Many have more time and less competing commitments than younger animal lovers, and often they are drawn to older animals who are often harder to adopt out than their younger counterparts.

The relationship between seniors and pets is mutually beneficial. Research shows that elderly guardians with pets lead healthier and more satisfying lives – the physical activities associated with pet ownership help lower risk factors associated with illness, and senior pet owners have enhanced social opportunities that make them less likely to suffer from loneliness and depression.

For the benefit of the seniors and the pets, PAWS Chicago is committed to helping match older pet lovers with dogs and cats compatible with their lifestyles.



PAWS Guardian Angel, Marian Catron

based Pets for the Elderly Foundation, \$50 of the adoption fee for every PAWS adopter 60 or older is covered.

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The PAWS Guardian Angels program, while open to supporters of all ages, provides special peace of mind to older donors. Anyone who includes a bequest or planned gift to PAWS Chicago in their estate is enrolled as a Guardian Angel. If no other arrangements have been made for a family member or other loved one to care for a Guardian Angel's pets after his or her passing, PAWS will provide a nurturing, loving home for them. This is a wonderful opportunity for pet lovers to help dogs and cats long after their lifetime, while assuring the life of their own canine or feline companions.

For information on becoming a Guardian Angel, please contact **Deborah Chapman at (773) 843-2508.**

Guardian Angels Leave a Legacy for Homeless Pets

Marjorie and Jim Noland recently decided to commemorate their love of dogs through a bequest to PAWS Chicago's Guardian Angel program. They have directed their gift to medical treatment of homeless dogs after touring the PAWS Lurie Clinic and Admissions Center.

Guardian Angels are a group of donors who have placed PAWS Chicago in their will or made other planned gift arrangements to help care for homeless pets beyond their lifetime. Guardian Angels are invited to PAWS Chicago donor events, will be recognized on a plaque at the Adoption & Humane Center, and are able to enroll in the Guardian Angels Pet Care program, where PAWS Chicago will care for their pets if they no longer can.

Consider helping generations of homeless pets with a bequest to PAWS Chicago.



Marjorie and Jim Noland at the PAWS Lurie Clinic



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Pam Cipkowski



When Pam Cipkowski moved from the Milwaukee area to the northern suburbs of Chicago a few years ago, she searched Chicago animal welfare organizations and liked PAWS Chicago's focus on areas of greatest need. She signed up to volunteer with community outreach and humane education activities and has since become an invaluable part of the PAWS team.

Pam has gone on to volunteer with a lot of PAWS activities, including cat socialization, adoption events, special events, as well as cleaning activities, such as mopping the playroom and taking on laundry duty. But her home is the community outreach/humane education program.

"Hosting information tables at community events and giving presentations at schools, day camps, and police beat meetings. It really gives me a good feeling knowing that I am making a difference in the lives of animals by getting out in the community and spreading the word about spay/neuter, pet overpopulation, and responsible pet ownership," she said.

Her favorite part of helping PAWS? "Distributing information in neighborhoods with the greatest number of strays, helping people on public assistance get their pets spayed and neutered for free, and watching school kids in inner-city neighborhoods overcome their fear of dogs after they attend one of our presentations is really what PAWS is all about."

A librarian who loves travel, Pam shares her home with four felines, who were living in her backyard shed when she brought them into her home as kittens.

PAWS Helping Kids

By Kevin Morrissey

PAWS Chicago creates Pet Program for Girl Scouts of America



Adoption events may tug at the public's heartstrings and fundraising benefits capture media attention, but the PAWS Chicago community outreach effort is a force of change in many of Chicago's neighborhoods. Community outreach staff and volunteers make presentations in schools, park districts, neighborhood clubs, police beat meetings, and other assemblies.

Recently, PAWS Chicago launched a joint program with the Girl Scouts of America and their "Girl Space" program for inner city girls, many of whom live in the zip codes that are the focus of PAWS' outreach efforts.

Initially, the collaboration will involve 1,300 girls who belong to 24 troops in Chicago Public Schools. They include Brownies (grades 1, 2, and 3) and Juniors (grades 3, 4, and 5). The girls can earn a PAWS Chicago Pet Badge after completing educational units and projects

based on lesson plans that include PAWS' core curriculum.

The PAWS lesson plans revolve around the themes of proper pet care, pet overpopulation and the importance of spaying/ neutering, safety around animals and ways to avoid bites, and prevention of animal abuse, with particular lessons and related activities geared to the specific age group.

"We enjoy collaborating with PAWS Chicago," said Girl Scouts of America representative Gloria Shaffer. "This will be very helpful for the girls and the leaders. The girls are learning together while participating in fun activities."

A PAWS program for Cadettes and Seniors (grades 6 through 12) is currently under consideration. Curriculum for the older girls would include such additional topics as animal sheltering, dog fighting, volunteer opportunities, and careers with animals.

PAWS joins U of I Extension Program for inner-city kids

This summer, PAWS will team up with educators and volunteers from the University of Illinois Extension in Cook County to present a series of 16 programs that will reach over 1,000 inner-city youth in four South Side neighborhoods: McKinley Park, McGuane Park, Cornell Square Park, and Wilson Community Center.

The curriculum, aimed at 6 to 12 year olds, will focus on science education, as well as proper pet care, pet overpopulation,

safety around animals, and preventing animal abuse. PAWS will be joined by five science and technology educators from the University of Illinois Extension, along with members of the University's science volunteer program. These science educators will use their technical backgrounds and demonstrated expertise to provide engaging scientific education in areas of physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology, and food science, according to Oye Ajifolokun, DVM, Extension Educator, Small Animal Health.

Dr. Ajifolokun goes on to say that the collaboration is the result of "many goals shared by the University of Illinois Extension in Cook County and PAWS Chicago, including advocating for animal welfare, providing quality educational programs on animal health, and serving communities in Chicago, focusing on the underrepresented and economically disadvantaged."



Volunteers Needed!

Work with PAWS Chicago Community Outreach and Humane Education, spreading the message about homeless pets. Email Susan Robinson for more information: surobinson@pawschicago.org



Q&A

with Nathan Winograd

Nathan J. Winograd, a graduate of Stanford Law School, a former criminal prosecutor and corporate attorney, is one of the foremost national No Kill leaders.

As Director of Operations for the San Francisco SPCA, Winograd was instrumental in advancing some of the most progressive shelter



Frograms in the nation, and helped establish the first No Kill city. By making a commitment to stop the killing as Executive Director for the Tompkins County (NY) SPCA, he put programs in place that took Tompkins County No Kill. He has since formed No Kill Solutions, a national consulting group to help communities throughout the country move towards No Kill status.

Why has the general public been out of the loop in understanding the plight of homeless animals?

The primary reason is because we have been misled into believing that there is no alternative to killing in shelters. More than that, we have been told that this killing is the right thing to do. The nation's leading animal rights group, for example, says that killing is "often the kindest option for animals admitted to sheltering facilities." But, in fact, killing is neither kind nor necessary, nor will it prevent animal suffering. Indeed, it is population control killing that itself is the root cause of animal suffering in our nation's animal control shelters. By misleading and even blaming the public, shelters have turned their backs on a very dog and cat loving American public that could help them savelives—through donations, volunteerism, and adoptions.

Can you explain the difference between traditional shelters, No Kill, and animal control agencies?

Specifically, an animal control agency is a sheltering agency that takes in all dogs and cats in a particular community and also enforces laws relating to companion animals. Historically, they were known as "dog pounds." They can be public or private. In other words, they may be part of the government or operate under contract with government. An animal control agency can still be No Kill, but few are. A traditional shelter is one that is private but kills savable animals. And finally a No Kill shelter is one that is saving all healthy dogs and cats, sick and injured but treatable animals, and healthy and treatable feral cats. No Kill shelters can be public or private and even include animal control. More generally, it is probably safe to say that No Kill shelters don't kill savable animals, while traditional shelters do.

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No Kill

Revolutionizing
Sheltering to
Stop the Killing

AWS Chicago is part of a revolution—a No Kill revolution that started in San Francisco in 1994 and is now sweeping across the nation. This No Kill movement, still in its infancy, has challenged the methods of traditional animal sheltering, which for centuries has involved managing pet overpopulation by killing the surplus of homeless pets. Dedicated to the principle of valuing each individual animal while simultaneously focusing on big picture strategic solutions, the No Kill method is expanding its role in cities and counties across America.

Here is the story of animal sheltering and the rise of No Kill, with articles unraveling the differences between traditional and No Kill sheltering methods. PAWS Chicago is on the forefront of this movement. This in-depth coverage of No Kill features the experiences of other cities fighting pet overpopulation, as well as articles from two No Kill leaders who have successfully created No Kill communities. With this knowledge of lifesaving models, the public is now empowered to require the agencies they support to offer life, not death, to the defenseless cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens who are entrusted to their care.

The History of Sheltering

In the second half of the nineteenth century, humane societies began to take over the killing of stray and unwanted populations of cats and dogs. They wanted to eradicate the cruel methods of animal control at the time, which commonly resorted to clubbing, shooting, or drowning companion animals to death. But when private shelters accept the role of killing, who is to advocate for life?

For more than a century, traditional humane societies have been entrenched in the "cage and kill" philosophy, taking in all animals and killing the surplus. Because of the history of cruel methods of animal control, these traditional shelters have accepted death as a humane alternative for homeless cats and dogs. For more than 100 years, these traditional methods did little to eliminate pet overpopulation.

For example, despite the existence of traditional shelters in Chicago for





PAWS rescue, Stripes

more than a century, the number of homeless pets killed in 1997 was a staggering 42,561. If traditional methods worked, pet overpopulation would not continue to plague our country's homeless pets. In contrast, since PAWS Chicago took the No Kill message public with Angels with Tails in 1998, and with the help of all the wonderful Chicagoans who have rallied to help homeless pets, the killing has been reduced by more than half with 19,701 pets euthanized in 2006.

The Advent of No Kill

With the entire animal welfare system designed to kill the everincreasing number of homeless dogs and cats, changing the direction of the tide was a huge undertaking. It would take vision, leadership, direction, and proof that lifesaving methods work to change the methodology of traditional sheltering. As Executive Director of the San Francisco ASPCA, Richard Avanzino brought all of the

necessary ingredients together in San Francisco, and by 1994 he had built the first No Kill city. No longer could humane societies claim the en masse killing of homeless dogs and cats was necessary. Through innovative programs, proactive adoptions, and many years of focused, targeted spay/ neuter, San Francisco created a progressive No Kill model that saves all animals; the only warranted euthanasia is for animals who are irremediably suffering, or those who are vicious and pose a threat to the public.

But despite San Francisco's proven track record of saving—not killing—homeless animals, many shelters and communities have not yet embraced the No Kill model. Many shelters and communities continue to kill homeless cats and dogs, rather than work to change the ineffective status quo. But the No Kill tide has already begun to swell.

WHY TRANSPARENCY?

By Rich Avanzing



Richard Avanzino built the first No Kill city as Executive Director of the San Francisco SPCA. In 1999, he became the first President of Maddie's Fund, a family foundation funded by PeopleSoft founder Dave Duffield, and his wife, Cheryl, to help create a No Kill nation.

With transparency as one of the most important ways to bring forth public awareness about the reality that homeless pets face, Maddie's Fund requires all shelters within a city to work together and report detailed statistics of their data, including the number of animals taken in, the number adopted out, and the number killed. This requirement has prevented many communities from getting grants, because many traditional shelters have historically not wanted to disclose their data. Here, Avanzino elaborates on the importance of transparency to the No Kill model.

Transparency is one of the cornerstones of the Maddie's Fund philosophy.

Although transparency in the non-profit world generally refers to financial information, I am referring to shelter data, or specifically tracking and publicly reporting the outcome of every live dog or cat who crosses the shelter threshold.

To achieve transparency, shelters should start by collecting and publishing shelter animal intakes and outcomes, using nationally recognized definitions that categorize animals as "healthy", "treatable" and "unhealthy & untreatable". Publishing this data means promoting it on websites and in newsletters so the whole world can see what's happening.

Many shelters say they don't want to publish their statistics because the organization will look bad. If an agency fears looking bad, something is going on. Regardless the reason, if large numbers of dogs and cats are dying, the public should know. We owe it to the animals to tell the community what's taking place in the shelter system. Not only does the public have the right to know, but once the information is exposed, there is greater opportunity for solutions to be found to reduce the killing. If the community doesn't know what's happening, it can't help.

In my opinion, real transparency means no fudging allowed. If an organization saved all of its healthy animals except for 25 friendly, healthy pit bulls that were killed because of a local mandate, those animals

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Why are traditional shelters so reluctant to go No Kill?

There are several reasons, but the most common one is what I call "institutionalized defeatism," which is the belief that shelters are required indeed, morally obligated—to kill the bulk of their occupants. Unfortunately, because the national groups to which they turn to for advice have legitimized and even promoted this view, it has hardened to the point that any efforts to break the status quo—to save feral cats, promote more adoptions, or stop animal killing altogether—is met with virulent opposition. These directors are blind to alternatives because they are so mired in blaming the public for killing, they refuse to try alternatives. And, in the end, they fail to implement lifesaving programs because they believe that killing is acceptable. To this day, animal shelters continue to ignore their own culpability in the killing, while professing to lament continued killing as entirely the fault of the public's failure to spay/neuter or make lifetime commitments to their animals. As a result, they ignore their own practices which result in killing. Many shelters are still not sterilizing animals before adoption or providing the public with affordable alternatives. Some do not have foster care programs and do not socialize and rehabilitate dogs with behavior problems. Still others do not take animals offsite for adoption, have not developed partnerships with rescue groups, limit volunteerism, are not practicing TNR, and still retain adoption hours that make it difficult for working people or families to visit the shelter, the very people they should be courting to adopt the animals they are charged with protecting.

How difficult is it for a traditional shelter to go No Kill?

It is not difficult at all. There are a key series of programs and services which result in increased lifesaving, a declining death rate and have created No Kill in both urban and rural communities which implemented them. And all it takes to implement these programs is leadership: a hard working, compassionate shelter director who is passionate about saving lives, abhors killing, and is not content to hide behind tired clichés like "too many animals and not enough homes." Anyone with a deep and abiding love for animals and a "can do" attitude can take on positions of leadership at SPCAs, humane societies, and animal control shelters across the nation, and quickly achieve the kind of lifesaving results that were once dismissed as nothing more than "hoaxes" or "smoke and mirrors" by the leaders of the past. With no allegiance to the status quo or faith in

conventional "wisdom," new leaders can cause dog and cat deaths to plummet in cities and counties by rejecting the "adopt some and kill the rest" inertia of the past one hundred years. In a little over one year under new leadership committed to change, for example, the Charlottesville SPCA which contracts for animal control in Virginia saved 92 percent of all dogs and cats. This was accomplished under a director with no prior experience running a shelter. There is a larger lesson here from the experiences of other communities with similar success: whether a No Kill succeeds or fails depends on who is running the shelter. The buck stops there.

What are the key programs necessary to achieve No Kill?

I call them the "No Kill Equation." And it is the only model that has actually created No Kill communities. The programs and services of the No Kill Equation include a feral cat Trap-Neuter-Return program, comprehensive adoption programs which include evening and weekend hours and adoption venues throughout the community, medical rehabilitation and behavior socialization programs, working with volunteers, a foster care program for underaged, sick, injured or traumatized animals, high volume affordable spay/neuter, public relations and marketing, working with rescue groups, pet retention programs to help people overcome issues which may cause them to relinquish their pets to shelters, public relations and marketing, and accountability. It is the only effective roadmap to No Kill.

In your experience, what's the most critical step to build a No Kill community?

If you ask 100 animal welfare professionals this question, all 100 would say spay/neuter. But all 100 would be wrong. That is not to say that high volume, low cost sterilization services aren't important, they are. In fact, they are crucial. But that is not why most dogs and cats are currently being killed in shelters. It isn't "pet overpopulation." What we are actually suffering from as a nation, what is actually killing a high number of animals, is an over-population of shelter directors mired in the failed philosophies of the past and complacent with the status quo. We know how to stop the killing, but many shelter directors refuse to implement the No Kill model. As a result, a widespread, institutionalized culture of lifesaving is not possible without wholesale regime change in shelters and national animal protection groups, replacing them with compassionate leaders who reject killing as a method for achieving results.

(Continuation of Why Transparency?)

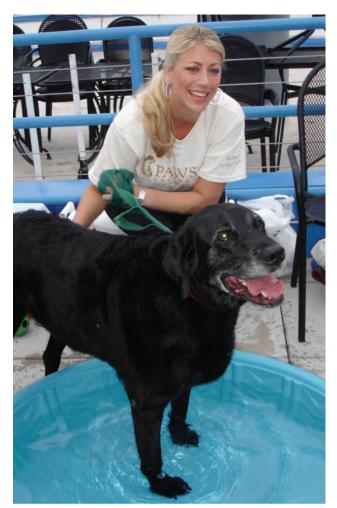
have to be accounted for and listed as healthy deaths. They can be asterisked (e.g., "the Humane Society saved all of its healthy shelter dogs and cats except for 25 pit bulls who were killed because of a local ordinance prohibiting pit bull placement"). But the organization has to be transparent and account for those deaths.

Another situation that tends to go unreported is owner/guardian requested euthanasia. It's not uncommon for shelters to euthanize animals at a guardian's request then exclude them from overall shelter intakes and deaths. In other words, the animals simply don't show up in public records.

Rather than fearing or fighting transparency, animal welfare organizations should embrace it. When an organization is forthcoming and demonstrates it has nothing to hide, its vulnerability to exposés and allegations is substantially reduced. If there is a problem, the best way to address it is to talk about it. Cover-ups cause people to lose faith and question an organization's honesty. Refusals to disclose information only make people assume the worst.

Transparency is a big plus even if an organization is less than perfect, because it allows the community to monitor improvement. When the public can see that an agency is saving an increasing number of dog and cat lives, it enhances the organization's reputation, builds community which trust, which increases financial support, which saves even more lives — and the positive momentum keeps building for the animals.

For more information, visit www.maddiesfund.org.

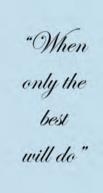


The Dog Days of Summer

Tips for Keeping Pets Safe and Cool in the Heat

- Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they are outdoors. Light colored pets can get sunburned, so apply sunscreen on nose and ear tips as necessary. Exercise is best either in early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that hot asphalt burns pet's paws.
- Don't leave pets in parked cars for ANY period of time. Dogs and cats cannot perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads in their feet. It takes just a few minutes for temperatures in a parked car, even with the windows cracked open, to reach 120 degrees. If you see an animal in a parked car, immediately alert nearby store management or call the police.
- Be particularly cautious when running your pet in the heat. Each summer, there are many instances of well-intentioned pet owners jogging their dogs to death, since dogs do not show warning signs when overheating. Be sure to stop frequently to allow your pet to rest, cool down, and drink plenty of water.
- Remember that summer is flea and tick season and your pet deserves to be protected from these threats to their health. Use only vet approved products to reduce the risk to your pet.
- Dog bites rise in the summer months as people and their pets are outside more often. Spaying or neutering your pet reduces the risk that they will bite and also provides many other health benefits.
- Don't take your pets to crowded summer events like concerts or fairs. Loud noises, heat and crowds are very stressful to your pets. Fourth of July fireworks are especially dangerous for your pets as the noise hurts their sensitive ears so leaving them safely at home is the best idea.











Making a Difference in Chicagoland By Karen O'Shaughnessy

PACT Program Helps Trailer Park Cats

The condition was worsening at Touhy Mobile Homes Park in Des Plaines, where 1000 residents were far from living in harmony with the ever-increasing population of stray cats. With an estimated 400 cats breeding under homes, their numbers were raging out of control and problems were erupting as cats fought with one another and resident dogs.

And then abuse started. When Cherie Travis, president of People and Animals in Community Together (PACT) heard that a litter of stray kittens had been decapitated in the trailer park, she decided to get involved to temper the madness.

Travis knew that the only way to help the cats in the park was to initiate a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, but she needed the residents' support. She contacted the

president of the mobile homes park, and was able to convince him to get involved in helping her trap the cats to sterilize them. "Whether they like cats or hate cats, we're on the same page," Travis said. "We want to reduce their numbers."

PACT volunteers initiated a plan for owned and stray cats to be sterilized, vaccinated for rabies, treated for fleas and ticks, and ear-tipped if they were feral, a simple procedure that indicates to any future trappers that the wild cat they just caught has already been sterilized. The

cats were taken to the PAWS Lurie Clinic for all veterinary procedures and returned to the park the next day. The cost was \$40, but if residents were on public assistance or could not afford to pay, the service was free, all subsidized by PACT and PAWS Chicago.

The response of the community was tremendous, with some residents breaking

down into tears out of gratitude. Through PACT's efforts, 35 owned cats were sterilized and returned home, 60 adult ferals were sterilized and released, and 50 friendly strays and kittens were fixed and placed for adoption.

This is far from PACT's first foray into TNR. For three years, in partnership with PAWS Chicago's Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, PACT has run a sterilization

program serving owned pets as well as strays brought in by rescuers, altering more than 1000 pets for free. "Our 1,000 sterilizations are going to prevent 5,000 kittens from being born," Travis said.

PACT will continue working with Touhy Mobile Homes Park to ensure the problem does not return. Because of the success, the trailer park is now considering implementing a requirement that all pets be sterilized and vaccinated. For more information about PACT's mobile home TNR efforts, visit www.pacthumanesociety.org.



Trailer cats await transportation to PAWS for sterilization



Legislative Update Dining with Dogs

The Doggie Dining Act SB 341, passed by the state Senate and awaiting approval from the House, will allow municipalities with a population of 1,000,000 or more to, by ordinance, grant companion dogs access to outdoor dining areas. All ordinances must specify proper controls to ensure restaurants comply with the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Sanitary Food Preparation Act, and any other applicable statutes.

Companion dogs are considered dogs other than service dogs, which under the Americans with Disabilities Act have the right to enter indoor and outdoor dining areas. The bill specifies that companion dogs will not be present on the interior of any restaurant, and restaurants do have the right to refuse to serve the owner of a companion dog that does not exercise reasonable control over a pet that threatens the safety or health of persons present in the restaurant.

To access additional information on SB 341 visit www.ilga.gov or www.pawschicago.org.

Transformation Underway in Northern Illinois



With a collective 30 years in animal welfare, Melissa Bradshaw, Eric Heppe, Sandra Kooper and Jackie Smith are on a mission. They are working to open Northern Illinois Spay Clinic, a high-volume spay/neuter clinic serving Lake and McHenry Counties and surrounding areas to follow in the footsteps of other great models that are working across the country. Thousands of homeless pets are killed annually in these northern counties, and spay/neuter is proven to be the fastest way to eliminate this overpopulation problem.

"We have utilized our contacts and completed a nation wide research study of numerous models," said founder Sandy Kooper. "We are especially fortunate to have the support of PAWS Chicago-one of the most successful models in the country."

Currently, the group is compiling pet overpopulation data to determine the best location for their clinic. For more information or if you would like to help, please email operationsnnip@yahoo.com.

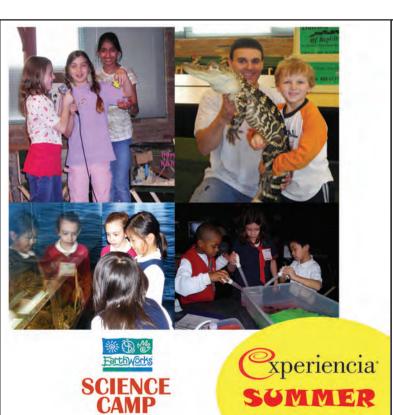
City Agency Thrives Under Kent's Leadership



PAWS supporters express their appreciation to Mayor Daley by attending a fundraiser. Above, Mayari Pritzker, Rochelle Michalek, Paula Fasseas, Mayor Richard Daley, and Anne Kent are with PAWS rescue Scottie.

Mayor Daley appointed Anne Kent to Director of Animal Care & Control, Chicago's municipal impoundment agency, in 2004. Since Kent's arrival, the department has seen tremendous transformation, resulting in more lives saved and safer neighborhoods. Kent immediately implemented tangible goals for every Animal Control duty, setting the bar high to increase adoptions, transfers, redemptions, and the number of strays picked up off the streets, while seeking to decrease euthanasia. Goals had never been set in the department before.

Additionally, Kent has developed a wonderful culture and a very positive attitude in her agency. She has recruited quality personnel who work well with the hundreds of shelter and rescue partners in the region. Under Kent's leadership, Animal Control has developed a team spirit, streamlined processes to make the transfer process simpler by designating a room of pets available for immediate transfer, expediting the process and reducing the bureaucratic workload for shelters to get animals out. "What was a long, laborious effort to transfer animals has been greatly reduced," said Kira Robson, PAWS Chicago intake manager. "Which means we spend more time on lifesaving work."





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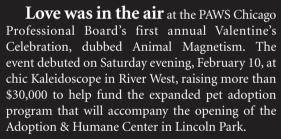




Lindsey Pearlman and Sabrina Rafiqui







The party for singles, couples and, most importantly, pets, was sponsored by North Community Bank, Rogers & Hollands Jewelers, and MaiChef Cuisine. It drew over 240 guests and more than 50 four-legged companions (mostly dogs, but there were a few brave cats.)

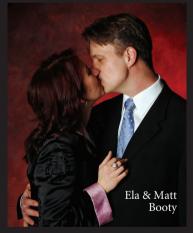


Attendees danced to a multimedia presentation by fig media and bid on silent auction items that included diamond creations from Rogers and Hollands. They sipped specialty cocktails featuring Xellent Swiss Vodka, sampled Tamari

Argentinean Malbec and Boutari Moschofilero from Greece, and enjoyed a dinner buffet by MaiChef Cuisine. Other event sponsors included Lani Dig Your Dog, Freeborn & Peters LLP, Metamorphosis Photography Studio, North Beach, and Stay Dog Hotel, as well as Gold Patrons Matt and Ela Booty and Silver Patron Jeff Davis.

Congratulations to Animal Magnetism co-chairs Ela Booty, Jen Lea, and Jenna Plakut.













Professional Board Wants You!

Love animals? Love to party? You may have found your calling.

The PAWS Professional Board is a growing group of urban professionals, united for the purpose of hosting great events to raise money for PAWS Chicago's efforts to end the killing of homeless pets. You can sign up online to join the Professional Board by visiting www.pawschicago.org, clicking "About Us" and selecting the Professional Board option. The best way to get involved is to sign up for an event committee.

~Meet - N - Sniff~



Kelly Kennedy & Keith Egly with Jake



Suzanne Friday with Hunter & TJ and Denise Gobillot with Kahlua



Seth Bent with Drake



~Santa Paws~



~Poochapalooza~



The Fifth Annual PAWS Chicago Fur Ball drew 500 individuals and more than 100 pampered pooches to the W Chicago City Center Hotel on Saturday, November 18.

Guests entered the gala by ascending a red carpet with paparazzi snapping photos all around, which set the tone for the glamorous evening to follow. The festivities included dancing to the sounds of Michael Lerich Productions and to music spinned by a d.j. from Icon Entertainment, people and pooch buffets, specialty bars, and a doggie spa.

Presented by Bentley Gold Coast, Van Cleef & Arpels and the W Hotels of Chicago, the event raised close to \$400,000 in support of PAWS Chicago's innovative adoption, targeted spay/neuter, and community outreach programs.

Among the evening's activities was a silent auction that featured tickets to a Carrie Underwood/Brad Paisley concert and dinner with Lisa Dent, donated by US99.5, including limousine transportation courtesy of Flair Communications.

The live auction boasted vintage Alhambra earclips and watch by Van Cleef & Arpels, a portrait sitting and print by Victor Skrebneski, a walk-on role on "24", and a luxury European vacation including business class travel by American Airlines and accommodations at the Park Hyatt Zurich. Among raffle prizes was a stay at the Cypress Inn in Carmel-by -the-Sea and dinner at Roy's at Pebble Beach, donated by the Ron Chez Family.

Special thanks to Co-Chairs Angie and William DeMars and Judy and Howard Tullman, and Grand Benefactors Janice and Phillip Beck, Paula and Peter Fasseas, Regan and Phillip Friedmann, Angel and Paul Harvey, Noah's Ark Pet supply, and Brent Sherman Racing.

Plan now for the 2007 Fur Ball at the Drake Hotel on Friday, November 16.





Irene Michaels, Mira Horoszowski, Yvette Contorno and friends



Dean Himmel



Ted Souder and Lisa Dent of US99 draw the winning raffle ticket



Dina Kinnan, Paul Harvey Jr., and Paula Fasseas with PAWS rescue Scottie



Romana Malinowski General Manager Van Cleef & Arpels



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Co-Chairs Angie DeMars and Judy Tullman with rescue dog Petie



Co-Chair Bill Demars



Alexis Fasseas and Co-Chair Howard Tullman with rescue cat Romeo



Amy & Julian Mack with friends



Carol & John Walter with PAWS rescue Bailey and Sophie



Ann Gerber with rescue dog Gigi



David & Suellen Klaskin with rescue dog Snoopy



Candace & Chuck Jordan with PAWS rescue Rooney



PAWS volunteers showcase homeless pups available for adoption.

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PAWS SPOTLIGHT



Rochelle Michalek

When Charity Navigator ranked PAWS Chicago as one of the Top 10 charities in the nation this past December, it was no surprise to PAWS supporters who know the organization is managed more like a business than a not-for-profit. The woman behind the budgets and operations, Rochelle Michalek, is no stranger to business.

After a 20-year tenure in the corporate world, 17 of them with Motorola, Michalek joined the PAWS team in early 2004, and has managed PAWS programs during the organization's intense period of growth. As Executive Director of Operations, Michalek works closely with the Board of Directors. She is responsible for implementing the Board's vision for the organization, and she is accountable for managing operations so that PAWS Chicago meets its goals on all fronts—which means Michalek manages a wide range of departments, from the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic to the adoption program to volunteers to humane education.

At Motorola, Michalek worked in product management, operations and process management, organizational alignment, strategy, and financial planning. In 2002, she received her MBA from Kellogg's Executive Program. That year, she was also recognized as a part of "Top 50 Future Leadership Initiative" at Motorola. Her career was taking off, she was part of one of the great American companies, and even more opportunity was coming her way...but she wanted more: "I realized that I wanted to have an impact on society and make a difference – even if it was in a small way."

She began volunteering at PAWS Chicago and the experience changed the direction of her life. Michalek was attracted to PAWS Chicago because of its "No Kill" philosophy, its solution based approach to animal welfare, and its belief in educating and partnering with the community to help make a difference in the lives of animals. After volunteering for about 6 months, Michalek was driven to apply for the Director of Operations position for three reasons: passion, social responsibility, and personal fulfillment. She saw the impact PAWS Chicago was having and wanted to become part of the team.

She has not looked back. Michalek said that "the benefit of being able to use my skills and talents to make a long-term difference in something that is very important to me" outweighs the sacrifice of leaving the corporate salaries and benefits. "There is nothing more rewarding than giving an animal a second chance. All of the animals in our program are strays, or have been abandoned by their owners. PAWS Chicago makes a life time commitment to cats and dogs in our program - they will never be without hope again.

She stays motivated by the animals that are saved and the people who have joined the effort.

Saving Isabel

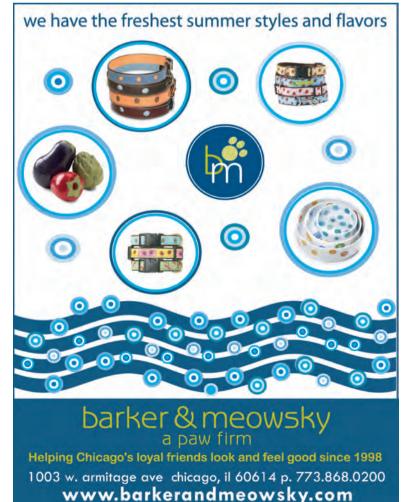
Katrina PAWS Dog Gives Back to Chicago



Isabel (PAWS name Melanie) found herself homeless after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. When PAWS brought her back to Chicago, she had the common Katrina symptoms: heartworm, skin disease, and uncertainty. That is, until Cynthia Buczko adopter her.

Since her good fortune nearly two years ago, Isabel has become a certified therapy dog through the Delta Society and is spending her time at the Evanston Hospital. Isabel will also be working with the PAWS Chicago Humane Education Team this summer.





SHELTER DATA 2006

	2006	2005	GROWTH	2007 GOALS
SPAY/NEUTER				
Total Surgeries Free Subsidized Free Health Checks Free or Subsidized Vaccines	12,223 9,142 3,081 14,906 16,403	8,797 5,593 3,201 10,626 10,980	38.95% 44.48% -3.75% 40.28% 49.38%	15,000
COMMUNITY OUTREACH				
Presentations / Events (Targeted) People Reached Spay / Neuter Flyers Distributed	130 24,551 103,000	113 17,147 94,000	15.04% 43.18% 9.57%	
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM				
Total Volunteers Active Volunteers New Volunteers (Via Orientation)	5,176 1,329 579	4,160 1,156 463	24.42% 14.97% 25.05%	
ADOPTION PROGRAM				
Pet Admissions Owner Surrender to PAWS Transfer from Animal Care & Control Transfer from other shelters	904 380 417 107	609 233 184 192	48.44 % 63.09% 127.63% -55.72% (Due to Hurricane Kat	rina in 2005)
Return of PAWS pets previously adopted	56	24	133.33%	
Total Animals Adopted Cats (Cat Adopt Center) Cats (26th Street) Dogs	946 273 269 404	629 157 155 317	50.40% 73.89% 73.55% 27.44%	1,700
Net Adoptions (subtracting returns)	890	605	47.11%	
Other Shelters' Adoptions through PAWS Events	160	150	70%	
Euthanasia Cats Dogs	8 (Medical) 6 (3 Medical, 3 Behavioral)	2 (Medical) 2 (Behavioral)		



Saving Maggie Foster Families Lifesavers for Litters of Pets

An all too common tale, Maggie was relinquished to Animal Care & Control shortly after having a litter of kittens. People often give up newborn litters to shelters, and many times, the mother is turned in too. Because of the time and resources necessary to wean newborns and keep them healthy as they develop their immune systems, most of these pets are not saved at traditional shelters. But thanks to special needs foster families,

PAWS Chicago can take in nursing moms and their litters, who live in foster homes until the babies are old enough to be adopted.

Consider opening your home to special needs pets, so PAWS Chicago can save even more of these needy pets. Email cwitte@pawschicago.org for more information on becoming a foster parent.

PAWS Chicago Makes Top 10 in Charity Navigator's National Hall of Fame

Charity Navigator, the nation's premier independent charity evaluator, placed PAWS Chicago on their Charity Hall of Fame list. This list selects the ten best charities in the nation. According to Charity Navigator, "These 10 exceptional charities represent the best of the best...with a history of respecting donors and exhibiting strong fiscal management, these charities are a good investment for donors."

Charity Navigator helps charitable donors make intelligent giving decisions by providing in-depth, objective ratings and analysis of the financial health of America's largest charities. High ratings are reserved for charities that successfully manage finances in an efficient and effective manner, reassuring

donors that their contributions are truly making a difference. The Charity Hall of Fame is reserved for the ten best charities in the nation. These charities have shown consistency, never receiving a rating less than 4-stars, and each has at least four consecutive 4-star ratings. PAWS Chicago is ranked 4th on the Charity Hall of Fame and is the only Illinois charity to make the Hall of Fame.

Thanks to all the wonderful PAWS Chicago volunteers and supporters, PAWS has been able to operate at the highest level of fiscal efficiency, with every dollar helping to save the lives of homeless pets. Your time, energy, and donations are truly making a difference.

2006 Annual Report

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 (unaudited)

REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT Program Service Fees:	
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Adoption Program 98,806 - 98,8	451
Spay/Neuter Clinic 409,451 - 409,	
Cash Contributions 1,172,181 2,537,116 3,709,5	297
Pledges at Present Value - (911,005) (911,0	05)
Interest Income - 120,012 120,0)12
Special Events 807,447 - 807,4	147
Total Revenue 2,487,885 1,746,123 4,234,0	800
EXPENSES	
Program Services:	
Spay/Neuter Clinic 966,502 - 966,	502
Adoption Program 624,346 - 624,5	346
Humane Education 386,063 - 386,0	063
Fundraising 104,831 - 104,	331
Special Events 294,371 - 294,7	371
Management and General 114,379 - 114,	379
Capital Campaign 50,315 - 50,	315
Total Expenses 2,540,807 - 2,540,8	307
Change in Net Assets (52,922) 1,746,123 1,693,5	201
Net Assets at Beginning of Year 313,729 9,629,598 9,943,	327
Net Assets at End of Year <u>260,807</u> <u>11,375,721</u> <u>11,636,</u>	528



Saving Belle

Belle, a 5-year-old Pug, had known some tough times before she came to PAWS Chicago by way of Chicago Animal Care & Control. She had been abandoned and left tied up in front of a beauty salon in Lakeview. Hard knocks, however, hadn't hardened her playful and friendly personality.

US99.5 (WUSN-FM) DJ Lisa Dent and morning co-host Ramblin' Ray regularly promote PAWS Chicago adoptions and events, and took Belle's story to the air waves. Just a few minutes after Lisa and Ray ended an interview with PAWS, Carolyn Kethcart called US99.5 about Belle. The past four Christmases, Carolyn's 7-year-old granddaughter, Gabrielle had asked Santa Clause for a pug.

By the end of the day Gabrielle's parents had adopted Belle. The persevering little Pug made an easy transition into her new home, despite somewhat overwhelming attention from Gabrielle and her two siblings.

"She's doing great," said Gabrielle's mom when asked about Belle. "She's such a good dog, very playful and very affectionate, and she's made the kids' day. We couldn't have asked for a better dog."

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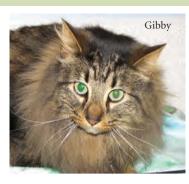
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Remembering Sherry Paul



Sherry Paul was a woman surrounded by animals her entire life, always with a German Shepherd by her side. Sherry worked for the Western Springs Police Department and as a vet tech at the Burr Ridge Animal Clinic, where she loved working with all of the animals.

In 1994, Sherry moved to Alabama where she was able to pursue her favorite hobby, horseback riding. She was thrilled to live down the street from her horses and enjoyed daily rides. Along with two horses, she also had three dogs.

Sherry passed her love of animals on to her daughter, Rachel, who became an active PAWS Chicago volunteer and adopter. Sherry was 54 when she died on May 16th, 2006. Rachel knew that her mother would want memorial gifts to benefit animals, a cause close to her heart.

In Memory of Cynthia Weglarz Rountree



Cynthia Weglarz Rountree was a woman with many passions, including family, nature, and animals. By the time she finished high school, Thia, as she was called, knew she wanted to make a difference in the effort to protect the environment. She chose to study Urban Planning at the University of Illinois, a major that aims to create a society in which we live in harmony with nature.

After graduation, Thia went on to study law at the University of Oregon, a school on the leading edge of environmental protection. There, she assisted an environmental attorney on a case involving an endangered species of fish. It is also where she met her husband, Michael Rountree. Cynthia, Mchael, and their dog McKenzie moved to Memphis, Tennessee in late 2001. They found a home on a lake

that provided many opportunities for enjoying the outdoors and adopted a Cocker Spaniel they named Bailey from a local pet rescue.

A severe brain hemorrhage tragically ended Cynthia's young life on December 27, 2001. Her family and friends created The Cynthia Weglarz Rountree Fund in her memory, to support efforts to protect, preserve, and restore natural resources for the well-being of the human, plant, and animal communities.

Last July, The CWR Fund held an event in Thia's memory — called "Friends, Tails, Cabaret..." — to benefit PAWS Chicago The event was a huge success, and her family is underwriting a garden bench on the Rooftop Garden of the new PAWS Adoption & Humane Center in the name of their beloved Thia.

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In Memory of **Don Sharp**

Don Sharp was owner and president of Universal Group, Inc., a life insurance brokerage firm. But there was nothing he enjoyed more than curling up on a Sunday afternoon with his two Havanese, Tapa and Rugby, watching a baseball game and sharing snacks with the "boys". They were inseparable in bed, on the sofa, or on daily walks through Lincoln Park.

Don had loved all of his pets – Ceasar the Beagle, Misty the Poodle mix, Tobi the Afghan hound, and Noir the cat. During the time Don was going through cancer

treatments the bond with Tapa and Rugby grew even stronger. They stayed by his side through it all, providing comfort

When Don passed away on September 23, 2006 at the age of 69, he was survived by his wife Sharon, daughter Laura, son Kip, and two grandchildren.

When choosing an organization to receive memorial donations in his name, Don selected PAWS Chicago, which he felt would acknowledge the joy and comfort he received from his "boys".

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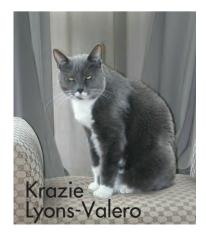
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A small Maltese named Mimi contributed so much to the lives of her rescuers. She brought Angie and Bill to the first Fur Ball in 2002, prompting their involvement with PAWS Chicago. (Mimi never missed a PAWS party!) In the ensuing five years, the DeMars have become leaders in the PAWS community, co-chairing the last two Fur Balls, volunteering, and now Angie has been elected to the PAWS Board of Directors.

As Angie said, "I realized through Mimi that I wanted to be involved with a worthwhile organization that would not only rescue animals, but would do so by providing good quality of life and always finding ways to do more for the animals."

Mimi inspired Angie's entrepreneurism, guiding her to buy Noah's Ark Pet Supply in Winnetka in March of 2003, and bringing a tremendous pet resource to the North Shore. Hundreds of PAWS pets have found homes through Noah's Thousands more will find homes through Mimi's Room in the new PAWS



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Mimi, you will be greatly missed by all at PAWS, but your memory continues to help the homeless pets of Chicago and beyond.

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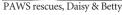
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Bear & Scruffy

An elderly gentleman passed away, leaving his three dogs, including seven-year old littermates Bear and Scruffy, homeless. A concerned neighbor called PAWS Chicago to help find new homes. Bear looks more like a chow and Scruffy like a terrier. They are both very laid back and extremely friendly. Although neither is particularly found of cats, they adore people and would make a great duo for a family looking to give a band of brothers a home.



Fancy

This kitty never fails to live up to her name. Fancy is an 11 month-old calico/tortoise-shell mix who loves to chase toys and play the day away. She would transition well into any home – she loves other cats and doesn't mind the company of dogs either!

Isis is a lost soul looking for a loving family and home. She was in the middle of her spay surgery at PAWS Chicago when our vet noticed a small lump on her back. Her x-rays identified a small pellet from a bb gun lodged in her back, likely resulting from her time on the streets. PAWS Chicago removed the pellet and Isis is now recovering and awaiting her forever home.



Sara is a 3 year-old shepherd mix who loves to play, play, play! She was given up to a shelter, but we aren't sure why. She is very high-energy with lots of love to give! Sara would probably excel at a training course, possibly agility, because she is incredibly intelligent. She is very independent, but also loves to snuggle! She would make a great dog for a family looking to add a smart and sassy new member!





PAWS rescue, Sal



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Zeus & Zelda



Zeus and Zelda, PAWS names Deeter and Frenchie, are doing fabulous! They are like long lost best friends. They do everything together and our family loves them very much so! Thank you PAWS- We are all very happy!

The Pikes family and our zoo!

Hi PAWS!



Clark and Addison Howe (PAWS names Chopin and Gershwin) are doing TERRIFIC! They are best buds and couldn't be more fun. We're madly in love with them and they with us. Enjoy the picture of our darling boy and girl!

- Susan and Willie Howe



Gorbie

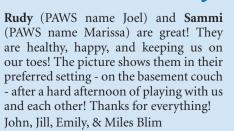


Gorbie, PAWS name Christian, is doing great. He is the most curious cat we've ever met and gets into everything, including grocery bags, luggage, and drywall. To say he keeps us on our toes is an understatement! He makes us laugh and keeps our other cat entertained. But he has a soft

heart and loves to cuddle too. Here is a picture of him doing what he does best...playing with a cat toy!

Thanks again, Chas Stoltz and Brian Kennedy

Sammi & Rudy







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