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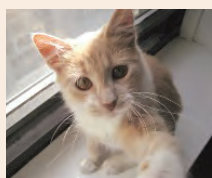
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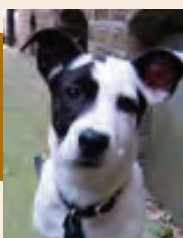
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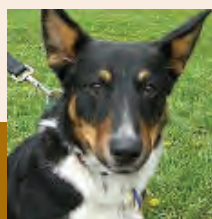
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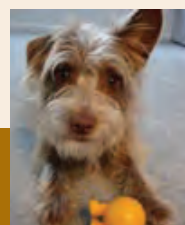
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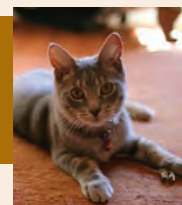
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- PAWS Chicago's Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic is the largest free spay/neuter clinic in the nation, focused on assisting low-income families who cannot otherwise afford the procedure.

- PAWS Chicago's Pippen Fasseas Adoption & Humane Center is the first cageless, No Kill shelter of its kind in the Midwest. Located in highly-visible Lincoln Park, this state-of-the-art Adoption Center is leading the way in cutting edge programs and design.

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Volunteer and give of yourself to the animals.

PAWS Chicago was founded as a volunteer organization and has stayed true to its roots with more than 3,000 volunteers who work in intake, socialization, animal care, dog walking, adoption counseling, follow-up calls, site managing, fundraising, fostering homeless pets in need, event support, and in every other capacity to help the animals. Without these caring, dedicated individuals, PAWS Chicago would not be possible.

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By donating to No Kill shelters, you will support life-saving work. Private resources should go to saving, not taking, lives.

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September 28

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Montrose Beach

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2

Volunteer to help homeless pets in your free time.

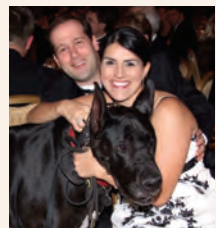


Sign up for an orientation at www.pawschicago.org and give of yourself for the animals.

3

Attend PAWS Chicago events to support the cause and meet other Chicago pet lovers.

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4

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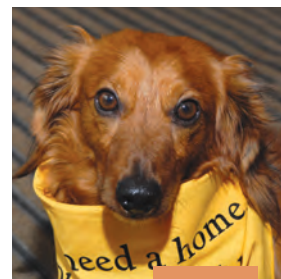
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FROM THE CHAIR

truly change the face of animal welfare and the community responded to give homeless pets a new home. Now, it is a reality for homeless pets.

The PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center has exceeded our hopes on every level. Not only will 3,000 lives be saved this year, united with new loving homes, but it has truly become a resource for the community. Our Foreclosure Program, a national leader responding to the flood of animals that were being given up by owners facing economic difficulty, brought national media to PAWS Chicago, including *Nightline* and the *Today Show* (page 20). And of course, as many of you know, the most exciting news occurred this April when Oprah Winfrey made a surprise visit and toured our Adoption Center for her show (page 10). This was a perfect culmination of the years of hard work that our volunteers and supporters have invested for our voiceless friends.

But we still have much work to do.

Since we are funded solely by private contributions, your support make a tremendous difference in our efforts to build a No Kill Chicago, a dream that we believe will be accomplished in the next five years if we continue on our current trajectory. As we increase our adoption numbers, low-cost and free spay/neuters for pets of families who cannot afford the procedure, and awareness about the plight of homeless pets, we are moving towards the day when every homeless cat and dog will be saved. As our efforts expand, we continue to rely on our wonderful supporters.

Thank you for all you have invested in PAWS Chicago. We know that the return of a No Kill Chicago will make all of our hard work well worthwhile.

Paula Fasseas

Paula Fasseas
Founder and Chair

Friends of PAWS,

It has been another tremendous year of growth for PAWS Chicago. Each year we are once again grateful for the generosity and dedication of our community that enables us to expand our lifesaving work. Five years ago we dreamed of opening a state-of-the-art adoption center that would

DEVELOPMENT BOARD LETTER

Dear Supporters,

We hope by now you have had a chance to see, in person, our wonderful new Adoption & Humane Center in Lincoln Park. We are seeing the rewards of the years of preparation and growth as we are tripling our adoptions, however that also means a tripling of medical expenses due to the cost of medically treating the sick and injured pets we take in. Because of the quality care and guaranteed life for every pet, each adoption costs PAWS Chicago \$350 above the adoption fee.

As a result, we are further developing our fundraising activities through an expansion of special events and our annual giving program. This year, we saw a tripling of funds raised by our Professional Board at Animal Magnetism (see page 26.) And we are excited to initiate Viva PAWS Vegas on June 13th, a casino night and poker tournament. Please also join us at the 6th annual Beach Party on July 17th, our 8th annual Run for Their Lives on September 28th, and the glamorous 7th annual Fur Ball on November 14th.



We look forward to seeing you soon.

Suzie Glickman

Suzie Glickman
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Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Old Orchard Center, Skokie

July 6, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook

July 20, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Old Orchard Center, Skokie

July 26, 11-3 p.m.

Angels with Tails Winnetka

August 3, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook

August 24, 12-4 p.m.

Angels with Tails Armitage Avenue
Adoptions on Armitage Avenue
and Halsted Street

September 7, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook

September 21, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Old Orchard Center, Skokie

October 5, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook

October 19, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Old Orchard Center, Skokie

November 2, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook

November 23, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Old Orchard Center, Skokie

December 7, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook

December 21, 12-3 p.m.

Adoptions at Bloomingdale's
Old Orchard Center, Skokie

PAWS Chicago's Lincoln Park Adoption & Humane Center is open for adoptions five days a week at 1997 N. Clybourn, Chicago.

Oprah

Becomes the Voice of Homeless Pets

by Karen O'Shaughnessy

The millions of homeless pets who die each year in America have a new advocate in their corner, and no one can give these forgotten friends a voice like the queen of daytime herself, Oprah Winfrey.



Sophie Winfrey

After losing Sophie, her beloved Cocker Spaniel at the age of 13 on March 10th of this year, Oprah was devastated. “She was a true love in my life,” Oprah said.

Now, she has become an advocate for pets who are homeless, facing death, or living in inhumane conditions in puppy mills. In April, Oprah highlighted issues facing pets in the United States on three separate shows, including a tour through PAWS Chicago’s cageless No Kill Adoption & Humane Center.

Oprah dedicated her entire April 4th show to issues pets face in puppy mills and shelters throughout the United States. *Oprah Show* correspondent Lisa Ling, equipped with hidden cameras, ventured into puppy mills for an investigation into horrific conditions that many of the nation’s puppies are born into each year. In

these inhumane breeding grounds, moms are forced into pregnancy their entire lives, never stepping outside their small wire cages. Ling exposed images of the cruel conditions: of dogs who have never set foot on grass and a female Lab who has been forced to have more than 1,000 puppies. The result was a tremendous feat for pet advocates as the country saw the reality of the abusive and “factory-like” breeding operations behind the purebred and “designer” puppies seen in pet shop windows every day.

Then, the show toured a typical Animal Control shelter that kills an average of 40 homeless pets each day and showed a dog being euthanized—one of an approximated 4 million homeless dogs and cats that will be killed in America this year. Though challenging for viewers to

watch, the *Oprah Show* took a large step forward for homeless pets by exposing what happens behind closed doors in shelters every day, motivating people across America to rescue their future four-legged companions. Without public involvement and commitment to change the status quo, lives with continue to be taken.

"I would never, ever adopt another pet now without going to a shelter to do it. I am a changed woman after seeing this show"

~ Oprah Winfrey

This enlightening show elicited the largest response of any Oprah show this season, having a great effect on people across the country and inspiring record-breaking adoptions. Oprah herself was deeply impacted, saying, "I would never, ever adopt another pet now without going to a shelter to do it. I am a changed woman after seeing this show." She was so inspired that she decided to take further action, this time in her hometown.

PAWS Chicago was notified that Harpo wanted to film the new state-of-the-art, cageless Adoption Center and hear about the tremendous response from the community that occurred

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Oprah Response

Since PAWS Chicago was featured on the Oprah Show, people across the United States and Canada have contacted PAWS Chicago, asking how to build a similar No Kill organization in their home town. PAWS Chicago has initiated a Building a No Kill Community email list and is preparing a manual entitled, *The Building Blocks to a No Kill Community*, a step by step guide to take animal-loving individuals through PAWS Chicago's evolution, with pointers on how to begin and grow. Only ten years ago, PAWS Chicago was founded as a fully volunteer grass roots organization. PAWS Chicago is eager to spread the seeds of No Kill throughout the country.



Puppies play together in a room in Dog Town.



Senior cats enjoy premier real estate as the first pets seen as visitors enter from Clybourn Avenue.



It's great to be alive at the Pippen Fasseas Adoption & Humane Center



Dogs enjoy a romp out on the Rooftop Deck.



Brianna's Adoptive Family prepares to take her home.

after Oprah's show on puppy mills aired. Volunteers and the PAWS Chicago team were shocked when Oprah walked in for a surprise visit, saying on camera "I've heard all about this place. I've heard how great and how cool and how clean it is."

Paula Fasseas, PAWS Chicago founder, was caught on camera, shocked as Oprah walked in and picked up adorable shepherd/chow mix puppy, Brianna.

Fasseas then toured Oprah, Brianna, Harpo's film crew, and the nation through Dog Town and the rooftop deck where the dogs play. Oprah was delighted, saying, "I've never seen anything like this. So the animals aren't caged at all. They have their own little rooms!" Impressed with the new way of

sheltering homeless pets, Oprah presented a check to PAWS Chicago from Target for \$10,000, but it did not end there.

Oprah shocked PAWS Chicago for a second time that day when she so generously announced, "I would love to sponsor a room on behalf of my lovely Sophie," choosing a beautiful pale yellow dog home.

Now, adopters and visitors at the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center will have the opportunity to see Sophie's Place, the most famous spot in Dog Town. Oprah's design crews came through and built out the most beautiful tribute to Sophie, with a custom-built dog-house for the room's homeless guests, a beautiful portrait of Sophie, an iron chandelier, and detailed painting on the walls featuring tufts of grass and a banner above that reads "In honor of my beloved Sophie. ~Oprah".

When the segment aired on April 21st, Oprah announced that Brianna still had not found a home. That day, a family had seen the show and went to PAWS Chicago to claim Brianna as their own. On April 28th, Oprah featured Brianna's story. "There are three boys in the house who say they love her furry face and are excited to have her home," Oprah said. "I was so happy Brianna got a home."

Though Oprah had fallen in love and wanted to take Brianna home for herself, she said she was not quite ready for a new dog in her life. "It will take some time for me to be ready," she said. "As I said before, the next time I adopt a dog, I'm going to go to a No Kill shelter."

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PAWS Chicago's Founder, Paula Fasseas, named

CHICAGOAN *of the* YEAR

by Kris Garvey



This past January, PAWS Chicago's founder Paula Fasseas was added to the list of highly regarded Chicago activists who have been honored with one of Chicago's most respected awards: Chicago magazine's Chicagoan of the year.

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In addition to the luncheon at the Four Seasons on January 24th, Fasseas and this year's other recipients were recognized with a feature in the January issue of *Chicago* magazine, a video documentary on each of their achievements that aired on CLTV throughout December and January and a \$1,000 contribution to their favorite charity from the Chicago Tribune Foundation.

In her article, Jennifer Wehunt wrote: "It's like a scene out of Snow White—if Snow White had an MBA. As Paula Fasseas prowls the new PAWS adoption center, downy hounds lick her fingertips and skinny kittens twine around her ankles. It almost seems as if they know that Fasseas, the founder and chair of Pets Are Worth Saving (PAWS), is the best friend Chicago's homeless animals have."

This year's honorees also include Charlie Trotter, Kathleen Casey, Marca Bristo, Kendall Ciesemier, Haki Madhubuti and Modesto Valle. Congratulations to all of these wonderful Chicagoans for their many achievements. We would like to thank each of them for their continued efforts to make Chicago a better place for all.

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by Danielle DeCamp and Kelly James

Pet-friendly hotels

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For our suburban friends looking for a weekend getaway to the city, we recommend the following: **The Drake Hotel** (140 E. Walton); **Four Seasons** (120 E. Delaware); **Ritz-Carlton** (160 E. Pearson); **W Hotel City Center** (172 W. Adams); **Sofitel** (20 E. Chestnut); **House of Blues Hotel** (333 N. Dearborn); **Marriott Hotel** (540 N. Michigan); **Palmer House Hilton** (17 E. Monroe.) These are a few of the fur-friendly hotels in the Windy City. Some even offer some pet-pampering! We especially love **Hotel Monaco** (225 N. Wabash) because they offer the PAWS Chicago Pet Package, which includes pet beds, treats, walking service and more, PLUS they donate 10% of the proceeds to PAWS Chicago's No Kill shelter!

Festivals

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Classic Chicago in the summer! Outdoor festivals, like the Wells Street Art Fair, the Newberry Festival of the Arts, the Oz Festival and the Printer's Row Book Fair are a few options. As exciting as the ambiance is, watch that it does not get too loud or too crowded, when your canine companions much prefer the safety of home.

Farmer's Markets

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A favorite Saturday morning summer tradition is a walk or jog over to the Green City Market in Lincoln Park near the zoo, one of the many farmer's markets throughout the city. Your pet will enjoy the homemade biscuits while you can peruse the fresh, organic merchandise.

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Fun-loving dogs playing together at Wiggly Field.

7 Shopping on Armitage & Halsted

If you love to shop, your pet would love to accompany you. Most of the boutiques along Armitage & Halsted welcome your pets and provide water or treats. Be sure to visit PAWS Chicago's Angels with Tails adoption event on August 24, when homeless pets take over. And remember, supporting local businesses, boutiques and charities is the best way to help sustain our local economy.

K9 Cruises with Mercury Cruise Line.

All Aboard! Dogs and their owners can enjoy a cruise along the Chicago River with the wind in their hair, all the while learning great facts about Chicago's amazing architecture. Board the boat at lower Michigan Avenue, Sundays at 10 a.m.

5 Wiggly Field

After a long Chicago winter of lounging around the house, Wiggly Field is a great place to shed those extra pounds. Located at 2645 N. Sheffield, it's always clean and filled with dogs of all shapes and sizes—and there's lots of space to play.

4 Training/Running on the Lakefront

Taking your dog for a fun run along the lakefront can be a great exercise for both of you. Just be attentive so that your pet doesn't overheat (see page 19.) While your pup may be excited to be with you outside, he won't always know when to stop for a break. Make sure you stop frequently in shade and give your friend a rest and some water. If it's too hot outside, think twice before inviting him along and avoid mid-day hours.

One fantastic way to put your jogging efforts to good use is to join the PAWS Chicago Marathon Team. Joining the team allows you to raise money to save homeless pets, while giving you a team environment, enrollment in the CARA (Chicago Area Runner's Association) 18-week training program and one-year membership, a pre-race Pawsta Party, post-race parties, and more! (See page 74.) Visit www.pawschicago.org for more details.

3 Dog Beaches

Once you've exercised your body back to its swim-suit-ready shape at Wiggly, you'll have to hit Chicago's ever-popular doggy beach at the Montrose Beach, just off the Wilson exit on Lake Shore Drive. What could be better than sun, sand, and swimming?

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Doggie Dining & Happy Hours

Don't forget the new legislation that permits dogs to dine in outdoor patios! (See page 18.) We love both O'Briens restaurants (1528 N. Wells and on the river at Wabash and Wacker) with all their outdoor space, but don't forget places like Tarantino's on Armitage, close to PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center, and other neighborhood spots that have outdoor seating in the summer. Just be sure to call ahead because each establishment must have a special license that makes their outdoor area pet-friendly. If your favorite hot spot doesn't allow pets, talk with management about securing the license from the city for all to enjoy!

On Wednesday nights we can also swing by Joe's on Weed Street for their weekly, dog-friendly happy hour.



Danielle DeCamp with PAWS Alumnus Duffy and Kelly James with Uno enjoy lunch at O'Briens on Wells.

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PAWS Chicago's All PAWS on Deck Beach Party

Paws down, the number one, best event of the summer is PAWS Chicago's Annual Beach Party, All Paws On Deck! Don't miss it Thursday, July 17th at 6 p.m. at Castaways at the North Avenue Beach House. Pups and people alike can dance the night away, enjoy the silent auction and dine on a great beachy dinner buffet and frozen tropical drinks. This is the highlight of the season!

There are so many places to play, sit, eat and stay, making Chicago the most dog-friendly city in America!

Be sure to enjoy all that Chicago summers have to offer you and your best friend.

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Café Canine

New Chicago Ordinance Permits Doggie Dining Outdoors

Last fall, 47th Ward Alderman Schuler, in collaboration with Alderman Burnett (Ward 27) and Alderman Reilly (Ward 42), sponsored a new ordinance allowing restaurants to apply for a license to have dogs permitted in their outdoor dining area. This new ordinance was approved by

the City Council on September 5, 2007 and went into effect on January 1, 2008. The ordinance allows restaurateurs the choice as to whether or not they would like to allow dogs in their outdoor dining area. If the restaurant chooses to allow dogs in their outdoor dining area, they will



Alderman Gene Schuler and Biscuit get ready for lunch at Jury's (4337 N. Lincoln), one of the many dog friendly restaurants in the northside of Chicago.

be required to apply for a special permit.

The ordinance was under consideration for a year before it passed the Committee of License and Consumer Affairs and the full City Council this past fall.

The ordinance provides rules and regulations that are designed to ensure the health and safety of all restaurant patrons and staff, while still allowing dog owners the freedom to enjoy a meal with their dogs. Under the regulations, restaurants are required to post a sign indicating that dogs are allowed in the outdoor café. Dogs must have up-to-date vaccination tags or proof of vaccination. The ordinance also outlines sanitation requirements that the restaurants must follow.

Alderman Schuler, a long-time proponent of pet friendly legislation, worked in close collaboration with the business community, animal advocates, and public health officials to create an ordinance that would provide freedom for the business owners while still ensuring that the health and safety needs of the patrons are being maintained.

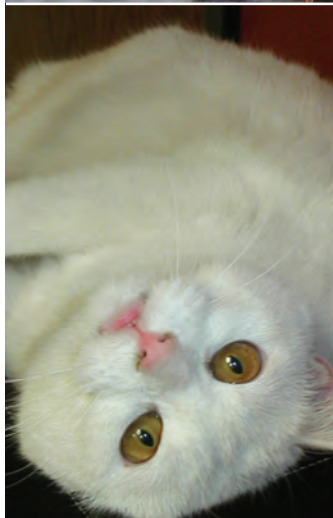
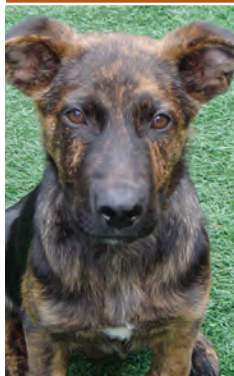
"The goal of this ordinance is to legalize a practice that is already happening in many restaurants around the area," comments Alderman Schuler. "We want to legalize the practice, set health code boundaries, and give the restaurants the choice in how they want to handle the issue." Prior to this ordinance, the City's Health Department had begun to crack down on restaurants who had turned a blind eye to dogs in their outdoor café.

"This is a great benefit for many Chicagoans and Chicago restaurants," Alderman Schuler continued. "This ordinance will allow people to spend more time with their pets while enjoying some of the best dining in our City. I know of a few really great restaurants in my Ward that have already applied for the new permit. I am really proud of our work on this ordinance."

While looking for outdoor dining options this season, consider supporting dog-friendly businesses.



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HEATSTROKE

by Cindy Warner

WARNING: Heatstroke is dangerous, deadly and the most common summer ailment for your dog. You can save your dog's life by being prepared.



A run in the park on the first day of summer. A quick trip to the grocery store while Rover waits in the car. A glorious sunny day in the fenced-in backyard. How could any of these seemingly harmless activities kill your beloved pet? Heatstroke.

Heatstroke is a dangerous, deadly, and all too frequent summer ailment that strikes dogs despite the most conscientious owner's best intentions. Armed with the facts and a little planning, heatstroke is one epidemic that can be easily avoided.

A dog's body temperature is normally between 101°F and 102°F. All it takes is a 3-degree rise in Rover's temperature and he is suddenly in danger of overheating. When his temperature reaches 108°F his heart, brain, kidneys, liver and intestinal tract begin to rapidly break down. His life depends on his caregiver's acute awareness of the symptoms—some obvious, some subtle. Below are the most important symptoms to look for when enjoying activities with a pet in warm weather. Watch Rover carefully for changes in his normal behavior and act quickly if he displays one or many of these symptoms:

DANGER SIGNS

- Rapid frantic breathing
- Very red tongue
- Dry mouth and nose
- Dull grayish pink gums or extremely red gums
- Staring without seeing
- Extra wide open eyes
- Thick saliva
- Resistance to walk or move
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Physical collapse
- Failing to respond to commands
- Muscle weakness

Quickly following the below emergency response guide will increase the chances of saving Rover's life:

1 If possible, wet him with a hose or in a shower with cool water. If outdoors, cups or bottles of water can be wiped or poured onto his stomach and groin. Never use ice-cold water, which causes blood vessels to constrict and will not allow the heat to escape.

2 Do not soak him in a bathtub of water. When a dog's fur is soaked it will heat up next to his skin and become an insulator, not allowing internal heat to escape.

3 Get him into a shaded, well-ventilated area. Turn the air conditioning on high, turn on a fan or open windows. If outdoors put him into an *air conditioned* car to cool him.

4 Sponge his groin area and underneath the front legs with cool water.

5 Never cover him, even with a soaking wet towel, because this will only trap the heat. Wipe him instead. Remember, ventilation is critical.

6 Feed cool (not cold water) slowly but do not allow him to drink excessively.

7 Wipe him down with rubbing alcohol, if available, but avoid his face. Rubbing alcohol is safe to use and a good coolant since it evaporates quickly.

8 Use a bag of frozen vegetables as a pillow.

9 Be sure to stay with him and be attentive. Never leave him alone or put him in a crate.

10 Once his temperature begins to drop, stop all cooling methods. Dogs' own bodies

will continue to cool themselves once the cooling starts and should not be overcooled.

11 Most importantly, if a dog has suffered from heatstroke he must be taken to a vet. This is important, even if it seems that he's cooled off and behaving normally. Often additional steps, such as IV's, are necessary.

HIGH RISK DOGS

"At risk" dog breeds require extra vigilance in summer months. The breeds that are particularly susceptible to heatstroke include Pugs, Pekinese, Boxers, Mastiffs, Rotweillers, Dobermans, and, in general, dark-coated dogs such as Black Labs. Puppies under six months are also extra prone to heatstroke, as are dogs on diuretics, overweight dogs or muzzled dogs.

FORECLOSURE PETS

Silent Victims of Economic Crisis by Pam Carey



Some of the common reasons people give up their pets are “can’t afford,” “moving” and “landlord won’t allow.” However, with nearly a 60 percent increase in foreclosures nationally, shelters in areas with high foreclosure rates are seeing a significant increase in the number of people needing to give up their pets. In fact, a new term, “foreclosure pets” had been coined to describe this recent surge of pet relinquishment. The increasing number of people losing their homes, coupled with a tough economy and rising unemployment rates, is creating a situation where pets are becoming the silent victims of our difficult economy.

PAWS Chicago has launched a new initiative to help families who are undergoing foreclosure on their homes and have no alternative for their pets. The first of its kind in the nation, the PAWS Chicago Foreclosure Program has received national exposure on the *Today Show* and *Nightline*. As part of a commitment to help in times of national crisis, PAWS Chicago is providing two alternatives for Chicagoland families undergoing personal crisis: a temporary safe-haven for those who need a little time, or permanent adoption for pets of families who feel they must make a permanent separation.

PAWS Chicago Safe-Haven Program

PAWS Chicago will provide a temporary loving home for pets of families in crisis through a dedicated network of foster homes. Families in crisis can focus on rebuilding their lives, knowing that their pets are safe and cared for until they are able to stabilize their living situation.

PAWS Chicago Emergency Admissions

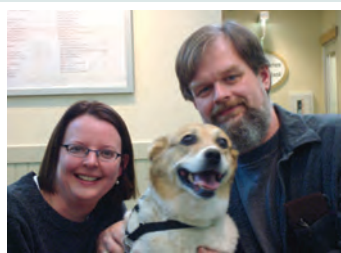
For those who do not foresee a way to keep their pets, PAWS Chicago will rehome them. The PAWS Chicago adoption program will guarantee the life of their pets, finding them a new forever home.

To participate in this program, please call or email Jessica Hoffman at 773.475.9462 or jhoffman@pawschicago.org.



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SAVING MISSY



Missy with her new family.

Having lost her home, Sylvia Wise found an apartment where the landlord claimed to allow pets, but once she moved in the story changed. Exhausted from the roller-coaster she was living, Sylvia decided that she could no longer keep Missy and researched options online, finding PAWS Chicago's Foreclosure Program only a few days after it launched on PAWS Chicago's

Web site. But even though she knew Missy would be guaranteed life at PAWS Chicago, the decision was far from easy.

After many tears, Sylvia decided to part ways with her beloved companion, saying, "I've had to accept the reality that if you don't have your home, there's nowhere to really put your dog. Sometimes you have to do what's best for them, and I think this is best for her." Having lived with Missy for seven years, Sylvia said the decision was harder than the day she lost her job and even worse than the day her home was foreclosed on: "I lost my car then I lost my house and then I lost my dog and it seems to me I lost everything."



Dear PAWS Chicago,
Words cannot convey my gratitude for what you have done for Missy and myself. From my heart, I thank you. I will continue to speak out in support of PAWS Chicago to everyone who will listen and keep all of you in my prayers. Although what has happened is what is best for Missy, it still saddens me. However, "this too shall pass". I will always think of her as my baby and hope that if for any reason, she is returned, you would be so kind as to let me know.
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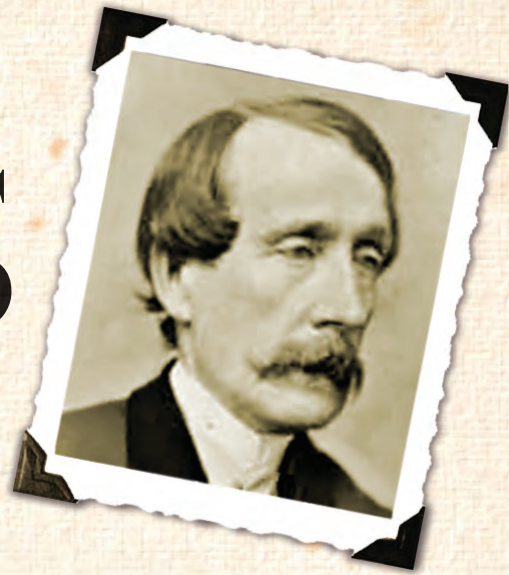


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BACK TO OUR ROOTS

HOW THE HUMANE MOVEMENT GOT LOST
AND THEN FOUND ITS WAY AGAIN.

by Nathan Winograd



In 1866, Henry Bergh, the son of a wealthy New York City shipbuilder, started the nation's first humane society, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. With top hat and cane, gentleman-turned-humane officer Henry Bergh began patrolling the streets of New York City in an effort to protect animals. Within two years of the ASPCA's incorporation, animals were better cared for, and water troughs and buckets for thirsty horses could be seen throughout the city. The modern humane movement was born.

And while early humane efforts often focused on protecting "working" animals such as carriage horses and others, Bergh's SPCA labored equally hard to protect dogs from being killed at the local pound. In New York City, for example, the dog pound was nothing more than a rough shed where as many as 300 dogs were kept with little or no shelter and no food or water. The dogs were left lying in their own waste, tied up in close proximity, and sometimes fighting each other until they were killed. Henry Bergh battled with the city, advocating for more humane conditions, and in each instance won.

Tired of fighting Bergh, New York City offered Bergh's

ASPCA money to run the dog pound. But Henry Bergh refused. He believed the SPCA he created was a tool to champion and protect life, not to end it. Bergh's answer was clear. "This Society," he wrote, "could not stultify its principles so far as to encourage the tortures which the proposed give rise to..." Henry Bergh would not allow his ASPCA to do the city's bidding in killing unwanted dogs.

Whether fighting for the rights of animals or protecting stray dogs, Bergh's ASPCA grew in both scope and influence. In a very short period of time, Canada and 25 states and territories across North America had used the ASPCA as a model for their own independent humane societies and SPCAs and the numbers continued to grow. By the end of the first decade of the twentieth century, virtually every major city in the United States had an SPCA or humane society. And all of them owed their existence and their platform to a single man—Henry Bergh. But then, something happened. Somewhere along the path, the humane movement lost its way.

Following Henry Bergh's death—and contrary to his wishes—the ASPCA capitulated and accepted a contract from New York City to run the dog pound. It was a tragic

mistake. In little more than a decade, animal sheltering became the ASPCA's primary role. By 1910, the ASPCA was doing little more than impounding dogs and cats on behalf of the city, with all but a small percentage put to death. Other SPCAs around the nation followed. The guaranteed source of income provided by contracts helped sway many SPCAs and humane societies to abandon their traditional platforms of advocacy and cruelty prosecutions in favor of administering dog control for cities and counties. In virtually every American city or county, the pound work was placed in the hands of the humane society. Within a decade or two, most mainstream humane societies and SPCAs did little more than kill dogs and cats.

From the ASPCA in New York City to humane societies throughout California, the twentieth century saw killing become the centerpiece of shelter strategy. It is the paradigm we live with to this very day. And while many of these organizations became very large and influential, they also became bureaucratic, with none of the zeal for reform that characterized the movement's early founders. A critic of this shift, Ed Duvin, summarized it accurately:

Historically, SPCAs made the tragic mistake of moving from compassionate oversight of animal control agencies to operating the majority of kill shelters. The consequences in terms of resource allocation and sacrificing a coherent moral foundation have been devastating.

Put more bluntly, when the ASPCA took over the pound contract in New York City following Henry Bergh's death, it began a century of squandering not only his life work, but more significantly the ASPCA's vast potential. Bergh's ideal of a humane agency founded to save the lives of animals was replaced with shelters across the country whose primary purpose was—and unfortunately in some places, still is—killing animals, whether or not they are suffering.

For far too many years, shelters across the U.S. have routinely killed

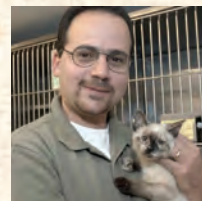
millions of dogs and cats. Many of these animals were healthy and friendly, and would have made excellent companions had they been afforded a little bit of space and time—space and time enough to find a loving home. But with holding periods ranging from zero to 10 days, most did not, under the outdated belief that solutions were impossible, no one would adopt them, and the best we can do for homeless animals is provide a quick death behind closed doors.

But thankfully, we are coming full circle. Shelters are moving back to their roots. Thanks to the No Kill movement, shelters are challenging the status quo. These new leaders, bringing with them a deep and abiding love for animals and a “can do” attitude, are taking on positions of leadership at SPCAs, humane societies, and animal control shelters across the nation. With no allegiance to the status quo or faith in conventional “wisdom,” new leaders are causing dog and cat deaths

to plummet in cities and counties by rejecting the “adopt some and kill the rest” inertia of the past 100 years.

And while New York City is used to setting trends, it is currently being swallowed up by one. The No Kill movement, he would no doubt have championed, is now challenging the status quo in Henry Bergh's hometown. After more than a century of silence, the voice of compassion remaking itself heard.

*The article was adapted from the book *Redemption: The Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America* (Almaden: 2007) by Nathan J. Winograd. For more information, visit www.nathanwinograd.com.*



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The Foster Experience

A Little Love Makes a Big Difference

by Jennifer South

Share Your Love for Pets Without the Commitment

With the surge in adoptions at PAWS Chicago's new Lincoln Park Adoption & Humane Center, PAWS Chicago needs foster homes now more than ever. With more foster homes, PAWS Chicago will be able to save even more homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.

Young kittens and puppies and dogs and cats in need of medical treatment often need a few weeks of TLC before they can be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and adopted. At PAWS Chicago, these needy pets would occupy space at the Admissions Center for weeks—space that could be used to save many more homeless pets during that time if foster homes are available.

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Emergency Network providing temporary homes for pet owners in crisis
(3 - 12 week commitment)

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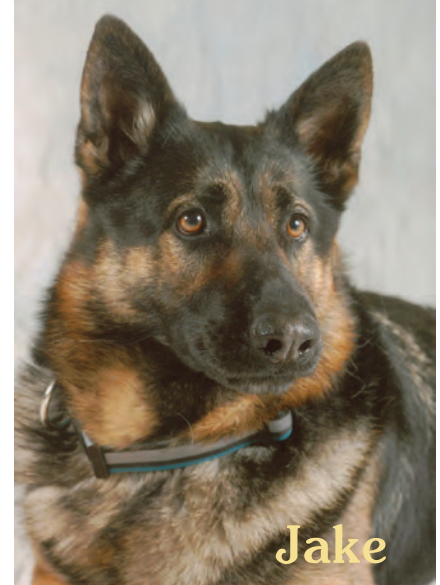
- Caretaker providing food, water, toys and a lot of love
- Administering medicine or special diets as needed
- Scheduling any needed medical appointments with the PAWS Chicago Admissions Center at 3516 W. 26th Street (Little Village/ Pilsen Neighborhood) and providing transportation

If you have questions regarding fostering or are interested in becoming a foster parent please contact:

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Annie was abandoned behind an apartment building, left tied to gas piping with a rope. When I first spotted her, she looked like a little red fox, wildly barking at all of the disruptive urban bustle surrounding her. She was brave and pitiful at the same time. As I approached her she calmed and then licked my hand when I hesitantly held it out to her as if to say "I've been waiting for you." Annie jumped into my car, sat still and upright in the passenger seat looking forward, never once looking back.



Annie gave birth to 10 puppies two days later in my basement, surrounded by an audience of my own dogs and cats who sat quietly watching her. I fostered Annie and the pups until they were old enough to be adopted. When it came time for Annie to be adopted, I was filled with conflicting emotions. Hope for her, yet sadness at letting her go. My sadness quickly diminished as I heard the first few glowing reports from Annie's new family. She was soon attending their daughter's pajama parties, 4H club, baseball games and all of the stimulating activities a dog could want.

It occurred to me that without living in my home for the weeks that she did, it is likely that Annie would not have ended up with the wonderful family that adopted her. She came to me starving, understandably fearful, and a bit distant. In my home she received love and an assurance of safety that she had probably never experienced before the day we met. Annie's short time with me and my dogs helped her bond easily with her new family.

Jake came into my life after Annie. He was a fearful German Shepard who had been given up by his family and was scheduled to be euthanized. Jake bonded with me instantly, sensing, as dogs so accurately do, that I was going to help him.

Something happens to dogs as they spend time homeless or in a shelter. It's not just elevated stress levels from the

In my home she received love and an assurance of safety that she had probably never experienced before.

uncertainty of their environment and the chaos of other pets surrounding them with similar anxiety. Their sad abandonment has an affect on their souls that is evident in their eyes, some filled with lonely acceptance, some with panic. This lack of belonging can lead to feelings of desperation and anxiety and it can prohibit many of them from bonding with a prospective adoptive family and portraying their true loving nature.

As pack animals, dogs need to belong. Not belong "to" but belong "with," having a role within a family. After a long time without a permanent role, they can forget how to accept and act within one. The stability and love found in a foster home transforms many of them from wild, difficult-to-adopt pets that lack socialization and go through a revolving door of homes into the loving, well-adjusted pets who make an easy transition into their new homes. As a foster parent, not only can you provide them with a protective environment, but you can help to heal their hearts and to increase their chances of a permanent place within a family.

Statistics prove that a dog or cat's chances of finding a permanent home increase by first being placed into a foster home. It helps calm them and in some cases heal them if they have a sickness or injury, and also helps prospective adoptive families get an accurate read on the true personality and nature of the fostered dog or cat.



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BEIJING ANIMALS

ENDURE THE UGLY SIDE
OF THE OLYMPICS

by Patty Donmoyer

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ith the summer Olympics just around the corner, images of the infamous torch and flames fuel the world's anticipation for the largest display of athletic skill, nationalism and competitive spirit. As the Olympic Games commence, tourists from around the world will take in the pageantry of China's capital city, Beijing, at its finest. Beijing's culture will be accentuated at every turn—buildings will have been renovated, polluting factories will be temporarily shut down to clear the air of choking smog and the streets will be lined with flowers. Taxi drivers will greet passengers politely in English, as part of a citywide “courtesy campaign,” and sightings of the homeless will be few and far between.

Typically cities throughout the world, having been granted the privilege of hosting the famous games, undergo a “cleansing process” in hopes of shining a favorable light on the city's “good side.” Beijing is no exception.

As the host city of the 2008 Olympics, however, the Chinese government has added a uniquely cruel twist to this cleansing process—

This “culling” or removing of animals from the city just before the Olympic games is the result of a government campaign that began in July of 2007. By terrifying Beijing residents, warning them of a link between diseases such as SARS, a deadly respiratory virus, rabies, and cats, pet owners began dumping their own animals in the streets, fearing the spread of disease. Once the animals are abandoned, they end up being clubbed to death, or sold to meat markets in cities such as Guangzhou, in Southern China, an area known for its restaurants serving dog and cat meat as delicacies.

Such a practice is nothing new to the Chinese. In July 2006, The Humane Society International received its first reports of a “mass killing” of 50,000 dogs in Yunnan Province, China. The dogs were culled by local authorities, capturing them with a long pole containing a wire hoop, and then beaten to death. Dog wardens and volunteers were paid by local authorities to kill any animal found on the street. This mass killing often included animals that were,

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and hundreds of thousands of cats and dogs are suffering as a result. In recent months thousands of cats in Beijing—both stray and owned “pets” have been corralled, crammed into cages so small the animals are unable to lift their heads, and trucked off to what the *Free Republic* online news source calls “death camps” outside the city. At a large animal “compound” in Da Niu Fang Village the sounds of hundreds of wailing cats can be heard coming from clusters of tin-roofed sheds, although workers near the compound denied there were animals being held, reports the *Free Republic*.

in fact, not only dogs registered as pets, but dogs that had been vaccinated. Andrew Rowan, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Human Society International condemned this indiscriminate killing of animals as “unnecessary and inexcusable, especially if they’re already vaccinated. The culling campaigns are in direct conflict with the emergence of a pet-keeping culture in China. Solutions are needed that respect the increasing importance of the human-animal bond in a growing number of Chinese households.”

Such culling practices continued throughout 2006, despite vehement protests from animal

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rights groups. In November 2006, Beijing implemented a one-dog per household policy to “combat rabies,” – even paying owners 65 cents per dog to kill their own before authorities seized the animal, and attempted to limit owned dogs to those under 35 centimeters. Finally, in December 2006, Chinese President Hu Jintao halted the dog killing campaign due to international protest, attempts to boycott Chinese products—even urging by U.S. House of Representatives Tom Lantos (D-Calif) and Christopher Smith (R-N.J.) to reform the dog cull policies seemed to have an effect.

It appeared that dogs in China were safe for the moment. In March 2007, however, the *South China Morning Post* reported that the government in the Chongqing district would be “culling thousands of dogs after March 16, as an anti-rabies measure,” following a rabies death of one of its citizens. Dog owners in the area were told to have their dogs euthanized before March 15. Mass killing of the city’s dogs would begin (again) on March 16. Animal rights groups throughout the world continue to protest and search for solutions to this problem,

which continues to resurface in China.

Now, as Beijing prepares for the 2008 Summer Olympics, the animal cruelty has returned and includes cats on its list of targets. Christie Yang of the animal charity Animals Asia Foundation, which liaises with other animal welfare groups, sums up the pre-Olympic situation. “We are seriously concerned. We understand that with the Olympic Games the Beijing government is eager to show the world the city in a good light. But capturing and dealing with (animals) in such an inhumane way will only tarnish the image of Beijing and the Games.”

If disease is the issue, and not the glamour of hosting the Olympic Games, why is Beijing resorting to such cruel practices to control the stray population and stop the spread of disease?

Chinese sources actually estimate that pet ownership is on the rise in China. Yet health experts say only three percent of “pet” dogs are vaccinated. In addition, more than 2,000 people die of rabies in China each year. The Chinese Center of Disease Control and Prevention links the

surge of rabies cases in recent years to the increase in pet ownership combined with the country’s limited access to rabies treatment, vaccines and spay and neuter resources. Others such as Dr. Francette Dusan, A World Health Organization Expert, blame the lack of coordinated effort between human health, animal health and municipal agencies and authorities. “This has not been pursued adequately to date in China, with most control efforts consisting of purely reactive (measures),” says Dusan.

Whatever the culprit may be, and despite the efforts of numerous animal welfare groups in the country and throughout the world, the Chinese government continues to control its animal population with haste and with a distinct disregard for the animals they might have called *companions*.



Patricia Donmoyer is a regular contributor to *Angel Tales* magazine. She is also a member of the PAWS Chicago Marathon Team. Her cat, Buddy, is also PAWS supporter!

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Suffering in India

India, too, struggles with disease control and animal overpopulation. With the world's highest rabies fatality rate, India accounts for nearly 60 percent of the nearly 35,000 new cases of rabies-related diseases reported each year. Stray dogs are often blamed, despite the country's rapidly growing cities and slums and resulting garbage overflow and vermin.

Authorities in India's Kashmir area reacted in March 2008 by beginning a campaign to poison the nearly 100,000 stray dogs that roam the streets of the region's main city, Srinagar, in an anti-rabies campaign. The organizer of the program, Dr. Riyaz Ahmad, a Srinagar city official, announced his plan to control disease in the country by launching a "...large-scale drive. These dogs have become a big nuisance and they are threatening humans," Ahmad said. The poison to be used was strychnine, a potent chemical, which causes death by crippling the nervous system of the animal. The process is not fast, nor is it humane, often causing the animal excruciating pain and suffering. Numerous animal rights groups protested and petitioned the Indian-Administered Kashmire government, eventually pressuring authorities to call off the poisoning campaign on March 7, 2008. Yet without a structured vaccination program, adequate education and more animal care resources, other "disease control campaigns" are likely to arise.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Lynne Styles

After working in the corporate world, Lynne decided to get involved in animal welfare. She chose to get involved with PAWS Chicago after she heard Founder Paula Fasseas, say that we can't adopt our way out of the problem, and we have to focus on spay and neuter. This made a lot of sense to Lynne.

Lynne's volunteer time is spent doing many different things. She works with the Community Outreach team giving presentations to Chicago Public Schools and at CAPS meetings. As a Development Board member she raises money by serving on the Beach Party committee. You will often see Lynne on Friday afternoons greeting guests as they enter the front door of the Adoption Center. She loves seeing how excited new adopters are when they take home their new family member. And, she especially loves seeing the "light bulb go off" in a child's head when they start to understand that the feelings and needs of animals are similar to their own.

To round out her volunteer experience, Lynne is now training

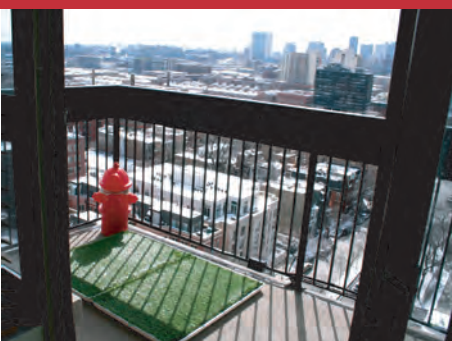


to become an Adoption Counselor. In her own home, Lynne has two dogs. Both are 13 years old and were found on the streets of Chicago. Taz is a Lab/Greyhound mix with a high maintenance personality. Humbolt is a Chow/Keeshond/Shepherd mix who is very confident.

When asked what makes a good PAWS Chicago volunteer? Lynne answered this way,

"Anyone who appreciates the special assets of a shelter animal and is willing to give a deserving animal a second chance....and someone who sincerely wants to educate the public about spay/neuter, the over pet population problem and proper animal care."

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Chicago's Finest

Unsung Heroes in Major U.S. Dog-fighting Bust

by Alexis Fasseas



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All total, law enforcement recovered more than 150 dogs, \$10,000 in cash, and 60 firearms, varying from revolvers to assault-type guns.

News outlets across the nation were abuzz this past February when it was announced that Pima County Sheriff deputies and the FBI executed a major raid on one of the largest fight-dog operations in the United States, seizing at least 150 dogs and making three arrests of dog breeders suspected of links to organized dog-fighting operations across the nation. Not as well publicized, much of the information enabling the arrests originated in Burbank, Illinois and was collected and pursued by the Chicago Police Department's Animal Crimes Unit.

Mid-July last year, the Burbank Police Department stopped a vehicle carrying seven dogs on South Cicero Avenue. Without an animal expert on staff, Burbank reached out to Chicago's Animal Crimes Unit. When James Conlan and Thomas Barker responded to the scene, they immediately recognized that further investigation was needed. They secured felony charges against the driver and passenger, Brian Baley and Tony Self, well-known and trusted couriers of specially bred dogs for the dog-fighting community, who were held without bond at the Cook County Jail.

After skillful interrogations by the Cook County Sheriff's police, Brian Degenhardt, and James Conlan at Cook County Jail, it was evident that the Burbank PD has unwittingly uncovered a nation-wide dog trafficking transportation system. Baley would pick up dogs from O'Hare Airport and house them in southside safe houses. He also made frequent trips to New York's

LaGuardia Airport. After funds were received for the dogs, he would personally deliver them to the residence of a well-know dog-fighter in Pima County Arizona.

Conlan and Degenhardt made contact with the Pima County Sheriff's office, providing information with sufficient probable cause that they could initiate their own surveillance. The Pima County Sheriff detective was able to execute two search warrants.

THE RAID

On February 19, a coordinated effort by SWAT team, Animal Control, and the FBI raided four separate properties simultaneously in Tucson, Arizona. Six people were arrested and indicted on a total of 69 felony and misdemeanor counts, allegedly operating the dog-fighting ring for the past eight years in Pima County. The



Courtesy of the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

primary culprit, Mahlon Patrick, had been involved in dog-fighting since the 70s and was known worldwide for originating two blood lines, going by the names Tombstone and Bolio. Regarded as one of the top three breeders of fighting dogs in the country, his dogs ranged in price from thousands to tens of thousands of dollars.

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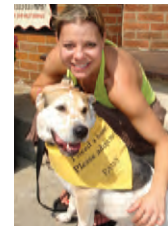
THE VICTIMS

At least 10 of the dogs required immediate medical attention for foot infections resulting from standing in their own waste and others showed signs of fighting, including scars on their faces, necks and front legs, signs of a poorly healed broken jaw, and missing teeth. One timid neutered male dog with substantial scarring licked investigators hands when they approached



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his kennel, which showed signs that bebe pellets were fired at him to torment the poor pup. Dog-fighting paraphernalia, such as a rape-stand and training equipment such as treadmills, were also confiscated.



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Alderman Ed Burke's proposed legislation will build a No Kill Chicago while saving taxpayers millions of dollars

Alderman Ed Burke, Chairman of the Finance Committee, is in the process of proposing the most significant legislation for homeless pets that has even been introduced in the Midwest. The mandatory spay/neuter ordinance will be brought to a vote by the city council in May and would have the effect of eliminating the killing of homeless pets and keep neighborhoods safe from dog maulings. Los Angeles signed a similar spay/neuter ordinance into law this past February. This legislation is great for the city, the safety of communities and

for homeless pets, and it will lead Chicago to becoming the first major U.S. city to go No Kill.

If passed this ordinance would stop dogs and cats from needlessly reproducing. When not fixed, one dog or cat can be responsible for hundreds of puppies or kittens in their lifetime. As a result, nearly 20,000 cats and dogs are killed each year in Chicago. Taxpayers are paying for the collecting and killing of thousands of pets each year. This legislation will ensure that pet guardians bear the responsibility

of adequately caring for their pets. It will also reduce the surplus of pets flowing into Animal Care & Control, ultimately leading to a No Kill Chicago.

There is no rational reason why cats and dogs should not be spayed or neutered, with the exception of pets used for breeding. Low-cost and free spay/neuter programs are available for pet owners who are concerned about the cost of the procedure. Plus, spay/neuter reduces aggression and improves the health of pets by reducing the likelihood of cancer.

Additional Benefits of this Ordinance:

Stop Backyard Breeding

Those who do not wish to spay/neuter their pets will have to purchase a breeder's license. With many backyard breeders keeping pets in the most inhumane of conditions, this ordinance will provide a mechanism to monitor that breeders engage in safe and humane practices.

Identify Dog Fighting

Spayed and neutered pets are unable to be used in dogfights, so this is another tool for the Chicago Police Department to identify and stop the cruelty of dog fighting in Chicago.

Reduce Aggression in Dogs

Spay/neuter reduces aggression in pets. Dog bites are the second highest reason children visit emergency rooms yet there has never been a known fatality from a dog maul by a neutered dog.

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Animal Welfare Legislation Pending in Springfield

by Jordan Matyas

There is some exciting new legislation being debated in Springfield and Chicago. Here is a brief summary of key bills pending. If any of these topics interest you, be sure to contact your elected official and let your voice be heard. Many of these bills have substantial opposition, so it is important to get involved. Remember, our animals can't speak for themselves, so we must be their voice.

State Wide Ban on the use of Carbon Monoxide Euthanasia in Shelters and Animal Control Facilities

House Bill 4844 was introduced by Representative John Fritchey. The bill was announced at the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center and has received excellent press coverage. More than 50 organizations have pledged their support for the statewide ban, and thousands of Illinois residents have called and emailed their State Representatives and State Senators to stop the use of the gas chamber on animals.

Carbon monoxide euthanasia is an inhumane process that involves leading or dragging an animal into a container which is sealed before gas is piped in. In many cases panic ensues, especially in larger dogs who take longer to succumb to the gas. The process has been purported to take up to 45 minutes and can occasionally leave some animals alive, only to have the process repeated.

If the bill is passed, all cats and dogs will be humanely euthanized by injection of sodium pentobarbital, which is a much more humane method. The injection of the drugs is quick and painless.

Good Samaritan Pet Law

House Bill 5076 was introduced by Representative Sarah Feigenholtz. It provides that any person, including a veterinarian, who in good faith provides

emergency care to an injured animal, or an animal separated from its owner due to an emergency or a disaster, is not liable for civil damages as a result of his or her acts, providing that no willful or wanton misconduct has occurred.

With this new law, Illinois will join 18 other states that have adopted "Good



Representative John Fritchey discusses the ban on Carbon Monoxide Euthanasia in front of the House Criminal Judiciary Committee, displaying a list of the more than 50 organizations that have signed on to support the legislation.

Samaritan" provisions for animals. This new law seeks to protect individuals who rescue animals during a disaster or an emergency situation.

Bill would increase the penalty for being a spectator at animal fights

Dog fighting and cockfighting are both illegal in Illinois, but currently it is only a misdemeanor to be a spectator at an animal fight. Typically, organized animal fights occur with several matches held one after the other. When police raid an animal fight it is extremely difficult to differentiate between spectators and participants who were going to fight their dog or bird in the next match. This creates a loophole allow-

ing many animal fighters to avoid prosecution by saying they were merely spectators, and thus subject to minimal penalties.

H.B. 4857 introduced by Representative Bob Molaro will strengthen the animal fighting law in Illinois by making being a spectator at an animal fight a first offense misdemeanor with mandatory community service and a second offense felony.

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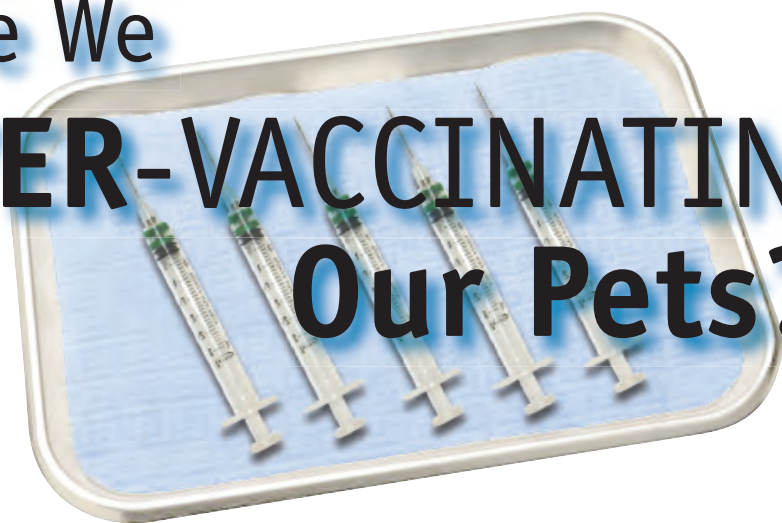


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Vaccination in both human and veterinary medicine is a charged issue these days. The benefits of vaccine are clear, with vaccination schedules put in place to give potent and proper protection, decreasing the risks of many diseases for both animals and humans and protecting both individuals and populations from outbreaks.

Yet the risks of over-vaccinating our pets is an all too prevalent reality. Adverse reactions to rabies vaccination can include skin lesions; allergic responses; vomiting and diarrhea; muzzle edema; autoimmune diseases affecting the thyroid, joints, blood, eyes, skin, kidney, liver, bowel and central nervous system; anaphylactic shock; aggression; seizures; epilepsy; and fibrosarcomas at injection sites.

Careful and judicious use of vaccines must be based on up-to-date research about the vaccines that are currently administered. The new Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust research project has begun with the goal of transforming the way we vaccinate by documenting research to extend the required interval for rabies boosters to five and then to seven years.

World-renowned veterinarian Dr. Jean Dodds of California donates her time leading this research project in hopes of proving that the duration of immunity of the current Rabies Vaccines

is seven years. The second phase of the project will also finance a study of the adjuvants used in Rabies Vaccines and establish an adverse reaction reporting system. Grassroots funding is essential, as studies like these are highly unlikely to be funded and carried out without a bias by a drug company.

Adding critically important data on Rabies Vaccines—that they last for at least seven years—to the veterinary literature will make a huge difference for our pets. The findings of Dr. Dodds' study could decrease the risk of adverse reaction to vaccination by significantly decreasing the number of vaccines needed in an animal's lifetime. This research is not being done anywhere else in this country, although researchers in France have already proven that the rabies vaccine lasts five years. Dr. Dodds' research, which is designed to federal government standards, hopes to be instrumental in changing the laws that govern frequency of vaccine use to comply with modern medicine. In many states and cities, outdated laws on the books require a one-year vaccine be given, even though the three-year is accepted by federal standards.

The University of Wisconsin is working closely with Dr. Dodds, donating all necessary overhead, which accounts for 48 percent of direct research costs. Additionally, Dr. Schultz, the Principal

Investigator, is volunteering his time. The research for the five-year and seven-year study will be done concurrently, and each year's work will be funded by donations.

Hopefully, in the near future, our pets will see the benefits of this research, needing only one Rabies Vaccine every seven years. You can help by contributing to this worthwhile research project.

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Study, Study!

The most important thing: before welcoming a puppy or kitten into your home, you need to educate yourself. You'll find the basics here, but the internet offers tremendous resources on potty training, teething, destructive behavior, socialization, good manners and information on what to expect from your new pet. With all these tools, you'll be a pro at successfully raising your puppy or kitten into a well-behaved family pet.

Of course, adopting (instead of purchasing) little Max or Emma is the only way, since you'll be saving the life of a homeless pet. If you insist on a particular breed, do your research. The most important consideration is your lifestyle and the activity level of the pet you want to bring home. (Just remember, all puppies and kittens have an endless supply of energy!)

The reality is, you might think that Australian Shepherd puppy staring through the window is a must have, but are you ready for a working dog that needs plenty of exercise, regular

tasks and a firm owner? There's a world of online resources to help you make the right pet choice. And if your lifestyle requires a particular feline or canineality, you may want to adopt a pet that's more than one year old so you know a little more about the pet you're taking home.

Next you'll want to research veterinarians in your area. The best recommendations come from those who already have pets - friends, neighbors, coworkers or a local animal shelter. You may also want to visit the clinic that the veterinarian works at and review the information on their Web site.

Knowing which veterinarian you'd like to use is important because you'll want to take your new puppy or kitten in for an appointment during the first week he/she is home. Not only do you want to ensure that your new addition to the family has a clean bill of health but you'll also be aware of any vaccines or medication your pet will need throughout the year.



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he MATE & Puppy ide

by Riley Alverson

- The recommended way to brush your dog's teeth is in short, circular strokes near the gum line, about two teeth at a time. There is specified toothpaste and brushes that should be used on dogs. Brushes with soft, pliable bristles work best.

Trimming Nails

- Touch your puppy or kitten's paws often so that when the time comes you can quickly and easily trim their nails.
- Rest your puppy or kitten on your lap

and rub the paw you are going to start trimming. From there, hold the paw in one hand and press one of the animal's toe pads to extend the claw.

- You'll want to avoid the pink tissue (the "quick") within the nail. Holding your clippers at a vertical angle allows for better trims. Of course if your puppy or kitten wants nothing to do with a nail trim, try trimming one nail a day or ask your veterinarian or groomer to trim them.

Pick Up After Your Dog

- Give the pets we love a good name by being a responsible citizen!
- In Chicago, you are legally bound to pick up your dog's waste. Failure to do so can get you a \$50-500 fine each time.
- Extremely contagious parasites for both pets and people, like Giardia, are frequently transmitted when irresponsible pet owners don't pick up after their pets.

BEHAVIOR GUIDE

Potty Training

Puppies: Having your dog sleep in a crate as well as using the crate as a place to keep your dog when you aren't home during the day can be one of the easiest ways to potty train. Dogs naturally like to keep their dens clean, and a crate can act as your new puppy's den. It is important to remember that most puppies need to go out every few hours depending on their age—a three-month-old puppy can wait three hours, a four-month-old for four hours, etc. You should also pay attention to your puppy's body language. Pacing, whining, circling, sniffing and squatting are all signs that your puppy needs to go outside. However, if you begin to take your dog outside in regular intervals and praise him/her when they eliminate outside you'll begin to see progress. Keep in mind that you should never use the crate for punishment or scold your dog for eliminating in the house.

Cats: Most cats are quick to learn and are quite happy to use a litter box. At first, you'll want to limit the area that you let your kitten run free until you feel he/she is consistently using the litter box. Other than that, all your cat asks is that you scoop the litter box daily and provide fresh litter once a week. For houses with multiple cats, it is ideal that each kitty has its own litter box.

Teething

Puppies and kittens have a lot of energy and need varied levels of

mental and physical stimulation. As a new pet parent, it's your job to teach your puppy or kitten what is acceptable to chew on and what is not. Wrestling or roughhousing with your puppy or using your hands to play with your kitten only encourages him/her to bite at your hands and feet. This might be cute as a puppy or kitten but can turn into a serious problem as an adult pet. Instead, provide your puppy or kitten with plenty of his/her own toys. It's also important that you spend time daily playing with your pet using these toys and giving a lot of positive praise.

Scratching

Teaching your cat the appropriate places to scratch is essential from day one. Be sure to buy a couple of scratching toys. (Sisal scratching posts work best!) If your cat is inappropriately scratching, use a spray bottle when you catch them in the act or buy specialty cat sticky tape from any pet store to place over her favorite spots. One scratch and they'll never go back!

Socializing Your Puppy

Make sure to keep your puppy on a leash when socializing with other dogs. When your puppy is on leash, you have more control over how the dogs interact. While most adult dogs adjust to puppies just fine, some are plagued by all-too-common puppy aggression or prey drive. Since any interactions your puppy has when it is young will be imprinted for life, you

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By Joan Harris

The Essentials of Socializing Your Pup

After a long, cold winter, Spring has finally arrived and the streets and sidewalks are bustling with people and their pets anxious to get outdoors to enjoy the weather. Puppy classes reach their peak of enrollment now because this is the optimum time of year to housebreak and socialize a new pup.

What exactly is the purpose of socializing your new family member and why is it so important? I remember when I got my first puppy many years ago before entering the field of canine behavior. I was told to introduce my puppy to something new every day. Training can occur at any time during his life but the development stages only happen once and proper socialization during that period is the most important thing you can do. Be sure to stress your pup a little every day. Take him everywhere you can. Introduce him to all the situations he will have to deal with in the future.

I followed this advice, took my new pup into stores, banks, walked him by school yards, and brought him to all my son's baseball games. He went to the beach, learned to swim and played in dog parks. We attended puppy class and took long walks. He was the only puppy at 10 weeks of age in an adult agility class. The results were a very confident, well adjusted adult dog who fit perfectly into my life and could happily accompany me anywhere.

There exists a window of time during a puppy's development where he is curious and open to new experiences. It is easy for him to approach and investigate new situations with confidence. He forms permanent impressions and social bonds. This is commonly known as his socialization period. During this

period, it is important to introduce you pup to new situations, even if he is reluctant or scared, so he can develop the ability to deal with stress. This will increase his overall confidence as an adult.

One way to ensure your puppy is receiving proper socialization is to enroll in puppy class. It is my experience over the years that puppies who attend puppy classes can learn at a rapid rate if the method is right. A good puppy class should have a structured play session. This will not only teach proper social skills but will help your pup acquire bite-inhibition skills. All obedience exercises should be taught with positive reinforcement to ensure the puppy is imprinted properly to cooperate socially.

STAGES

Your puppy will go through many developmental stages on the way to maturity. An understanding of these stages can help you guide your puppy properly.

Human Socialization Period:

7 to 12 weeks

The brain waves of the puppy are the same as a mature dog, but the puppy is a clean slate. This is the age that the most rapid learning occurs and the greatest impact on future social behavior happens. The window of opportunity is closing and socialization is critical. This is a great time to enroll in puppy class but remember your pup's attention span may be short.

Fear Imprint Period: between

8 to 11 weeks

Anything that frightens the puppy during this period may have a lasting



"Puppies provided with poor socialization or deprived of environmental exposure often develop lifelong deficits and dysfunctional behaviors. A puppy isolated early in life from other puppies and humans will not only fail to establish satisfying social contact with conspecifics or enjoy companionship with people later in life (such puppies are extremely fearful of any social contact), they will also exhibit widespread behavioral and cognitive disabilities as well." – Handbook of Applied Behavior and Training, Steven R. Lindsay.

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By Steve Dale

Kitten Class Ensures Well Trained Cats



A kitten's mind is a terrible thing to waste. "It all began when my clients in puppy classes wanted equal attention for their cats," says Dr. Kersti Seksel, a veterinary behaviorist in Seaforth, New South Wales, Australia. "Kittens have potential, and kittens deserve an education too."

Just over a decade ago, Dr. Seksel began offering classes for kittens from Down Under, which she called Kitty Kindy. The one hour to 90 minute course meets twice (over the course of two consecutive weeks), and it's exclusively for little kitties.

Legendary veterinary behaviorist Dr. Ian Dunbar developed somewhat similar sorts of classes for puppies back in the 1960's, and he calls these sessions for kittens, "potentially far more valuable." And there may be one hundred reasons why kitties should attend school. Here are a few:

For starters, cats and kittens visit veterinarians far less than they should (on average less than once a year), that's notably less often than dogs do.

One reason why cats don't see veterinarians for wellness exams is exhaustion. Take out the carrier and watch what happens. The cat bolts. You might as well join a health club for the calories you burn attempting to snag the cat and then stuff him into the carrier. It's exhausting.

Once inside the carrier, the situation gets no better. Cars are enemies of cats. Cats learn a trip in the car means they'll be poked and prodded by a person in scrubs. Also, being in cars takes cats away from their territories—something most cats aren't accustomed to.

Of course, it doesn't have to be this way. An objective of the kitten classes is to socialize

kitties while they're still most impressionable (from eight to 15 weeks).

Instead of being forcibly chased around the house, and stuffed inside the carrier, owners are taught to properly desensitize kittens to the carrier. Cats actually can be taught to voluntarily jump into a carrier just as dogs can be taught to go inside their crates.

In fact, cats can be taught a whole lot of things. Cats can be taught pretty much anything a dog can do (and often they do it better.) Of course, the question may be — why would you bother training a cat in the first place? Just as owners who work with dogs (those who train dogs for agility or obedience, who do search and rescue work, or those who teach their dogs tricks) seem to have stronger bonds than those who don't, the same logical assumption may be made for people who train cats. No one knows why more cats are relinquished to shelters more often than dogs, but perhaps people don't have as strong a bond with cats as they do with their dogs.

Also, learning is actually fun for the cats; just as teaching can be fun for their people.

"Cats may sometimes take more patience to train than dogs," says Karen Thomas, who trains animals for TV and the movies. "Cats will want to be paid for their work, but I think that's fair."

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want to make sure he/she has as many positive experiences with other dogs and people as possible. Be sure to limit socialization with other animals until your puppy is fully vaccinated.

Two Kittens are Better Than One

Having one kitten might seem like the perfect addition to your home, but kittens are very curious and playful. Without a companion, loneliness sets in and destructive behavior may begin when left at home alone. It is highly recommended that if you are in the market for a kitten, adopt two. Two kittens can play with each other, help train each other and burn off more energy, leading to happier, better behaved kitties. When those nocturnal urges strike, they'll chase one another, not your foot under the covers. Plus, when you go away for the weekend, they have a companion and aren't totally reliant on you.



Kittens await their medical check-up and spay/neuter surgeries at PAWS Chicago's Admissions & Recovery Center.

Little Dog – Big Dog

You might not see your Rotweiler mix as a threat, but the toy Pomeranian that just entered the dog park might. In general, small dog owners must be very cautious when letting their little darlings off leash when large dogs are present. Some breeds of dogs have hunting instincts and your precious Boo Boo may look more like little bunny Foo Foo when prey drive kicks into high gear! If you have a larger breed, a very calm and loving temperament at home doesn't mean Maximus understands that dogs come in all sizes. Be careful until you've observed him in all situations, and even be cautious thereafter, because injuries can happen—even during the most innocent play. Keep in mind that most dogs instinctively want to chase moving things and that other dogs have a strong prey drive that motivates them to catch, potentially shake and cause serious damage to small animals. Be a responsible owner and make sure your dogs are either always on leash or off leash in designated areas with dogs of comparable size.

MEDICAL GUIDE

It's Time for Heartgard!

If your pet is not on Heartgard yet, we're now in prime heartworm season. Heartgard is a monthly medication for dogs and cats that provides protection against heartworm disease and is used to treat hookworm infections as well. This medication can be picked up from your local vet's office. Typically, you'll receive the medication in a six month supply that starts in May, but some veterinarians will recommend it year-round.

Vaccinations

Puppies and kittens will get their first vaccines as early as six weeks and up to 12 weeks. Most vaccines are injected as part of a series so it is important to visit your veterinarian as soon as possible to create a vaccine schedule. Puppy immune systems are not fully developed and therefore should not visit parks, dog parks, boarding facilities or daycare until your veterinarian gives you the go ahead.

Canine Vaccines

- **Rabies** – Protects against a very serious disease that can be fatal to all mammals (including humans).
- **Distemper/Parvo/ Leptospirosis / Parainfluenza / Adenovirus/ Combination** – Protects against several potentially fatal diseases and is the most common combined dog vaccination. Combinations may vary depending on your veterinarian's recommendation and regional risk.
- **Bordatella** (also known as Kennel Cough) – helps prevent or reduce the possibility of getting this respiratory infection. If you board or take your dog to daycare frequently your veterinarian may ask you to get this vaccine twice a year.
- **Leptospirosis** – protects against a bacteria that affects the liver and kidneys



Puppies look forward to meeting their new families in the Puppy Room at the PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center.

Feline Vaccines

- **Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)** – protects against a highly infectious, fatal disease caused by a feline coronavirus.
- **Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)** – protects against the highly contagious disease that is always fatal.
- **Rabies** – protects against the very serious disease that can be fatal.

Microchipping

While it is always important that your puppy or kitten have a collar that includes a tag with your phone number in case he/she is lost, it is also important to make sure your pet has a registered microchip. Microchips are small identification devices that are implanted beneath pets' skin, similar to a vaccination. When they are registered, microchips give pets a permanent, unique identity that makes them instantly recognizable when read with special, hand-held scanners.

HAVE FUN!

The bond and memories you make with your new pet will last a lifetime.



Riley Alverson is a public relations professional, PAWS Professional Board Member and volunteer.

Puppies continued

effect. Keep training fun and short. Use gentle guidance and management and continue to socialize.

Seniority Classification Period: 10 to 16 weeks

During this time, your pup will attempt to determine who's in charge. It is important to provide structure and leadership during this time. I like to call this time the calm before the storm.

Flight Instinct Period: 4 to 8 months

Most calls to obedience schools happen in this stage, when your puppy may really try to test his wings. Just like a teenager going through puberty, your pup may test everything you tell him to do. Enrollment in obedience class may be critical at this time and continued structure and socialization is a must. Your pup may also require additional exercise and stimulation at this time.

Second Fear Period: between 6 and 14 months (this period could extend in large breed dogs).

Many dogs will show a rise in aggression or reactivity during this stage. They may become protective and territorial, and may try to dominate their owners. I have personally noticed that this seems to correspond with rapid periods of growth and can occur several times during a dog's development. If your pup shows fear or apprehension during this time, avoid confrontation and encourage him to work it out on his own. It is better to ignore the situation than to reinforce the fear by trying to soothe your dog. Build confidence through training.

Somewhere between the ages 1 to 4 years we reach the bittersweet time of maturity. Hopefully, we took enough pictures to remind us of how much fun (although sometimes trying) it was to successfully guide our puppy through the stages of becoming a dog. Now we can enjoy a happy, well-adjusted life-long companion.



Joan Harris is a regular contributor to *Angel Tales*. She serves as Head Trainer at K9 University.

Kittens continued

Purchase a clicker (available on the Web and at most pet stores). Click the clicker as you feed your cat. Click and treat. Click and treat. Click and treat. Soon cats associate the clicker with something good.

There are two ways to begin. One is simply to wait until your cat does something you like. For example, when your kitty happens to sit. Click the clicker and offer just a pinch of tuna or salmon from a spoon. Sit and wait, and odds are your cat will sooner or later re-create what he did for getting that yummy. Your cat will soon understand that sitting means "I get paid."

Another method is to shape the behavior. Hold that spoon with the moist food just a tad above your kitty's head. If it's too high, he'll want to bat for the food with a paw or jump for it. But if it's just the right the height, kitty will lift his head up just a tad. When his head goes up, his rear-end will go down – and he'll be sitting, it's feline physiology.

It's not always easy to teach a cat to come by name, but it's absolutely possible. Most cats are trained to come to "calling" when the refrigerator opens or the sound of a can opener; you can simply pair the cat's name with the mechanical device. And absolutely offer a treat when he comes running. Of course, you can do the same with clicker training.

Veterinary behaviorist Dr. Karen Overall, Center for Neurobiology and Behavior University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Glen Mills, PA says, "As cats age they typically get bored because we don't ask anything of them, and we have a problem with obesity in cats. Enriching their lives is necessary, and training is one way to do that."

In the kitten classes, kittens are passed around the room (so they become accustomed to meeting strangers and being handled by novel people), they also meet dogs (at some point in their lives around a quarter of all cats will have a canine roommate). Family members are taught how to teach their kitties to scratch in all the right places, and there's a lecture on Litter Box 101. There are also basic care demonstrations, such as clipping nails and brushing teeth; and a discussion about how to enrich the indoor environment.

A few years back when Dr. Illona Rodan heard about Dr. Seksel's tutoring for tabbies Down Under, she immediately imported the curriculum to her feline practice in Madison, WI. "I'm sure people thought I was a little crazy," she says. "But I knew these classes would save lives. The number one cause of death in indoor cat's isn't heart or kidney disease, or



Steve Dale teaches a kitten class.

cancer, it's people who give up on their cats' bad behavior. These kitten classes are great fun, but they also teach people how to prevent behavior problems, or if they occur they offer a resource for help."

The hope following the kitten classes is that families continue to socialize their cats, bringing them outside safely in kitty strollers or allowing them to play in the yard in safe cat containment systems. When they learn young, most of these cats enjoy being on a leash and harness, and going places and meeting new people isn't so traumatic.

Also, by training their cat, perhaps family members will be more tuned into their cat's needs, even if the signs of illness are very subtle to pick up (as they often are with cats). Without hiding and running from the carrier, expressing disdain about car rides or minding handling by veterinary professionals, the hope is that people will more often take their cats to the vet.

Most of all, imagine how impressed Uncle Buddy and Aunt Sally will be when they see your kitty will sit on command, and offer a high five.

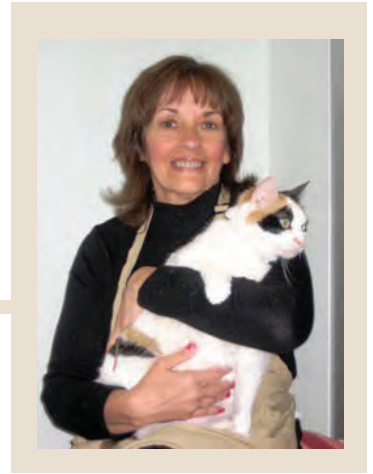


Steve Dale, a certified dog and cat behavior consultant, is the host of *Pet Central*, WGN Radio Sundays 8 p.m., and writes a syndicated newspaper column.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Bonnie Spurlock



When PAWS Chicago Development Board member Bonnie Spurlock is not volunteering as an Adoption Center front door greeter, she is either home with her husband, Jim and their cats Marmalade and Remi or she is working as the Founding Editor of three national magazines: *Complete Woman*, *Sophisticate's Black Hair Styles and Care Guide* and *Sophisticate's Hairstyle Guide*.

Bonnie first learned about PAWS Chicago from a *Chicago Sun-Times* article about dog fighting in Chicago. She contacted PAWS Chicago and toured the PAWS Chicago Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, learning more about PAWS Chicago's many life-saving programs. As a Development Board member, Bonnie serves on various special event committees to help with fund raising efforts and as a weekend greeter at the Adoption Center.

Bonnie often says, "You just never know who is going to walk through our door....including Oprah Winfrey!" Bonnie welcomed Oprah to the Center.

Bonnie is a proud Chicagoan. She says that our city is not only a city with big shoulders, but also big hearts. People in Chicago want to volunteer, share and help out. Bonnie says we often read about the bad news in our city and being an Adoption Center greeter gives her the chance to experience and tell the good news.

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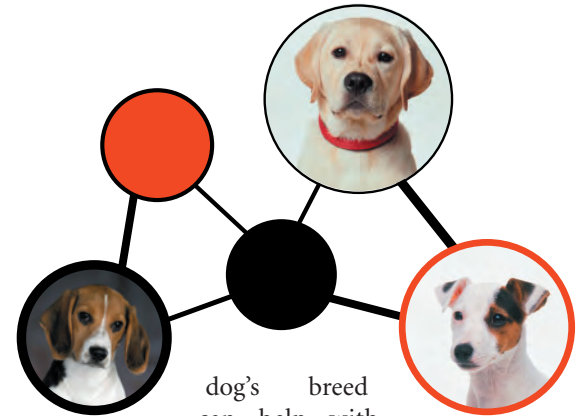
By Cindy Warner

When Carol saw a little brown-eyed beagle at the shelter, it was love at first sight. She began to gently stroke his little shorthaired body. When she came to the end of his body she saw the biggest, fluffiest tail she had ever seen on a beagle. "Where in the world did you get this tail from?" she exclaimed.

Stuart had searched a long time and finally found the lab he so badly wanted at PAWS Chicago. He was delighted. Upon further inspection of lab's coat he noticed that his fur had big brown and black spots on it. He had never seen a lab with spots before, so he wondered what the pooch, now named Polka Dot, was mixed with.

Now Carol and Stuart no longer have to wonder about the breed of their dogs are. And neither do the 86% of mixed breed dog owners who don't know which breeds are in their dog. It may sound like science fiction, but genetic testing for dogs is now available. After several years of extensive work by scientists who gathered a large pool of DNA samples from thousands of dogs, the genetic puzzle can be solved.

For about \$65, a simple swab of the inside of your dog's cheek can determine his mix with over 90 percent accuracy. This testing is valuable for reasons beyond satisfying pet parent's curiosity. Knowing your



dog's breed can help with preventative measures.

Since certain canine diseases and health issues are linked with specific breeds, these tests can enable you to be better informed to prevent future issues and ensure proper treatment should breed-specific issues occur.

If you are interested in genetic testing for your pet, you can consult the website of Vetgen, Metamorphic, MMI Genomics, and Wisdom Panel Mix or talk with your veterinarian.

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On Friday November 16th, spectators lined the streets on East Lake Shore Drive as the city's best dressed (and their owners) arrived at The Drake Hotel for the sixth annual PAWS Chicago Fur Ball. More than 700 guests and 150 canine companions sauntered down the red carpet, surrounded by media and "pup"arazzi.

Guests sipped on elegant cocktails and meandered through four elegantly decorated ballrooms, feasting on the Drake's renowned cuisine while their pups savored sweet potatoes and chicken from crystal goblets.

Throughout the evening, guests bid on a variety of silent auction items including vintage and designer jewelry, autographed memorabilia, prime seating at some of Chicago's most anticipated sporting events and a role on the hit show *Bones*. In need of a moment's rest, many four-legged visitors relaxed in the tranquil dog spa where they were pampered with aromatherapy massage and gourmet goodies.

The crowd gathered as the auctioneer took the stage and the bidding wars kicked off as elite getaways including New York City's Fashion Week, Aspen, Switzerland and the Caribbean hit the auction block. Lucky winners supported PAWS Chicago by purchasing the opportunity to meet ESPN's "Mike and Mike in the Morning" and a stunning pair of Van Cleef & Arpels Vintage Alhambra Earclips.

Co-chairs Colin and Missy Hebson and John and Lori Wallis deserve congratulations for hosting a record-breaking evening, raising more than \$550,000 for PAWS Chicago's lifesaving programs. Special thanks to Presenting Sponsors Bentley Gold Coast, Sudler Sotheby's International Realty, The Drake Hotel and Van Cleef & Arpels.

Save the Date! On Friday, November 14, 2008 the Fur Ball will return to The Drake Hotel.



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PAWS PROFILE

Susan Robinson

“The greatest reward is working for an organization that is truly making progress and making a difference.”

Nearly ten years ago Susan Robinson rescued her first dog, Sadie Mae, from a shelter in Fort Wayne. “That is when I started to become aware of the plight of homeless animals,” Robinson said. She had been using her Master’s in Directing Theatre to teach high school and college acting and directing for 14 years when she decided to move to Chicago. While preparing for her move, she saw an article on the Best Friends Animal Society website featuring a Chicago magazine article on PAWS Chicago’s efforts to build a No Kill city. She immediately decided it was where she wanted to work.

She had come at precisely the right time, when PAWS Chicago’s Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic was looking to drive people from targeted zip codes (those lower income areas that correlated with the highest number of stray calls to Animal Control) to spay and neuter their pets.

When Robinson began in February of 2004 there was no Community Outreach program at PAWS Chicago. Over the past four years, she has helped more than double the number of surgeries

performed at the Lurie Clinic each year: from 6,202 in 2003 to 14,154 in 2007. Most importantly, the percentage of surgeries performed for free for families who need it most have increased from 37.5% to 72%. It is no coincidence that during this time, the number of pets take in by Animal Control has markedly fallen, decreasing the number of homeless pets killed in Chicago.

Robinson has developed presentation curriculums for Pre-K children through senior citizens, covering spay/neuter, proper pet care, dog fighting, the link between animal abuse and other kinds of violence, avoiding dog bites, and Trap-Neuter-Return. She has also created a teach-the-teacher program, training volunteers, girl scout leaders, boys and girls club leaders and teachers on the material.

Robinson’s ultimate goal is to continue to make a difference in Chicago and, she adds, “hopefully on the National level as we spread the word about the successes of the No Kill movement.”

Call Susan at 773-475-9425 or email her at surobinson@pawschicago.org.

Saving Baby & Samson



Baby and Samson ended up at Animal Care & Control because their owner was experiencing financial hardship and could no longer afford them. As he left them behind, he was sobbing over losing his loving companions. PAWS Chicago took in these malnourished and underweight duo. He would be happy to know that they are thriving in their new home.

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WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The week of April 14 was “Pet Lovers Week” on Wheel of Fortune, the timeless game show that continues to award thousands of dollars to its lucky winners. PAWS Chicago was chosen as one of those lucky winners. As part of Pet Lovers Week, the show included a spot on the wheel especially for animal shelters! Every time a contestant landed on this spot, \$1,000 was awarded to one of a handful of shelters nationwide that were chosen to be beneficiaries.

From all of the animals at PAWS Chicago, thank you Pat and Vanna!



PAWS Chicago Becomes Regional Meet Your Match™ Training Facility

The PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center has been chosen as a regional training facility for the Meet Your Match™ program created by behaviorist Emily Weiss and the ASPCA. Meet Your Match™ focuses adopters on looking for a pet that matches their lifestyle and expectations, evaluating activity and energy levels when color-coding each pet and adopter. This enables adopters to identify which pet would be the perfect match for their home.

As one of only three training centers nationwide, shelters throughout the country will come to workshops at PAWS Chicago to learn this cutting edge program that helps forge a successful bond between adopters and their new companions, helping to build a lifelong commitment. Tony

La Russa's ARF in the San Francisco area and the Richmond SPCA are the other two centers.

To take the Meet Your Match survey online and determine what canine best suits your needs, log onto PAWS Chicago's Web site at www.pawschicago.org/adoption/dogs/meetyourmatch.htm



PAWS Chicago Family Service Volunteer Program

PAWS Chicago, founded in 1997 by a mother-daughter team, recognizes the tremendous potential in pairing parents and teens in service.



PAWS Chicago Founder Paula Fasseas learned of Chicago's tragic homeless pet crisis when her daughter came home from volunteering at a local shelter for high school community service. More than 42,000 homeless pets were killed in Chicago that year alone.

Together, they learned about the issues and the solutions, and built the foundation of PAWS Chicago. More than a decade later, they continue to

be dedicated volunteers for PAWS Chicago. Since PAWS Chicago's founding, the number of homeless pets killed has decreased by more than half, with less than 20,000 pets killed last year.

Now, with the new Adoption & Humane Center in Lincoln Park,



PAWS Chicago has launched a Family Service Volunteer Program where children age 12 and older and their parent or adult guardian can work together on behalf of homeless pets. Family

Service volunteers become advocates for the animals while learning about important issues such as dog fighting, puppy mills, spay/neuter and the No Kill movement. Volunteers have the opportunity to interact with PAWS Chicago's homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens; socialize and assist with daily care at the new Center; and help with special projects that will benefit homeless pets. The Family Service Volunteer Program educates and engages families while creating future leadership for the animals.

Join the nearly 30 family participants:

- 9-11 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday morning
- Register online at www.pawschicago.org. Under the "Volunteers" section, click on "Volunteer Opportunities Sign-Up"

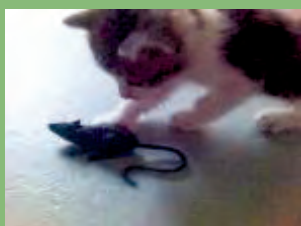
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 (unaudited)

	Unrestricted (Operations)	Temporarily Restricted Adoption & Humane Center	Total
REVENUE			
Program service fees:			
Adoption center	219,725	-	219,725
Spay/neuter clinic	519,492	-	519,492
Cash contributions	1,638,420	2,533,228	4,171,648
Interest & dividend income	1,250	75,932	77,182
Special events	1,146,964	-	1,146,964
Realized gain on investments	-	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions*	9,413,066*	(9,413,066)	-
Total revenue	12,938,917	(6,803,907)	6,135,010
EXPENSES			
Program services:			
Spay/neuter clinic	1,290,778	-	1,290,778
Adoption program	1,096,848	-	1,096,848
Humane education	500,586	-	500,586
Special events	429,207	-	429,207
Management and general	99,435	-	99,435
Fundraising	185,309	-	185,309
Capital Campaign	23,863	-	23,863
Total expenses	3,626,026	-	3,626,026
Change in net assets*	9,312,891*	(6,803,907)	2,508,984
Net assets at beginning of year	865,582	11,277,787	12,143,369
Net assets at end of year	\$10,178,473	\$4,473,880	\$14,652,353

*Amount transferred due to completion of Lincoln Park Adoption Center in September 2007.
Change in net assets without such transfer is (\$100,175).

Saving Pipsqueak



Phantom lived as an unneutered, untame wild cat for the last year until he was trapped for and brought to PAWS Chicago's Lurie Clinic to be fixed. When he started kneading his paws and emerged from his carrier purring, it was clear that he was not feral and belonged in a home. He went into PAWS Chicago's adoption program and will now live a safe and happy life indoors.

A caring police officer rescued 4-week old Pipsqueak from the middle of the street. This 10.5 oz kitten was covered in grime and significantly underweight. After some nourishing formula, a nice foaming bath, and a nurturing foster home, Pipsqueak is looking forward to finding his new family at PAWS Chicago's Adoption & Humane Center soon.

SHELTER DATA 2007

SPAY/NEUTER	2007	2006	GROWTH	2008 GOALS
Total Surgeries	14,154	12,223	15.80%	15,000
Free	10,249	9,142	12.11%	
Subsidized	3,905	3,081	26.74%	
Free Health Checks	15,617	14,906	4.77%	
Free or Subsidized Vaccines	20,530	16,403	25.16%	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH				
Presentations/Events (Targeted)	157	130	20.77%	
Total People Reached	34,155	24,551	39.12%	
Spay/Neuter Flyers Distributed	137,000	103,000	33.01%	

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM				
Total Volunteers	6,248	5,176	20.71%	
Active Volunteers	2,129	1,329	60.20%	
New Volunteers (Via Orientation)	789	579	36.27%	

ADOPTION PROGRAM	2007 DOG	2007 CAT	2007 TOTAL	2006 DOG	2006 CAT	2006 TOTAL	GROWTH	2008 GOALS
SHELTER COUNT AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	55	65	120	45	98	143		
PET ADMISSIONS	794	940	1,734	396	491	887	95.49%	
Owner Surrender to PAWS Chicago	169	557	726	75	293	368	97.28%	
Transfers from Organizations within Chicago	526	351	877	238	181	419	109.31%	
Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Chicago	99	32	131	83	17	100	31.00%	
ADOPTIONS	797	869	1,666	404	542	946	76.11%	3,000
Involving Dogs & Cats from Animal Control & Traditional Shelters	614	356	970	242	201	443	118.96%	
Involving Dogs & Cats from the Public & Other Organizations	183	513	696	162	341	503	38.37%	
DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED	2 {1 Medical, 1 Behavior}	15 {15 Medical}	17	6	8	14		
DIED WHILE IN SHELTER	4	19	23	11	9	20		
SHELTER COUNT AT END OF YEAR	46	103	149	20	30	50		

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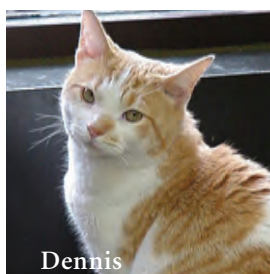
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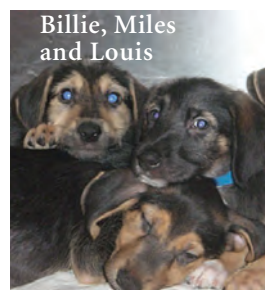
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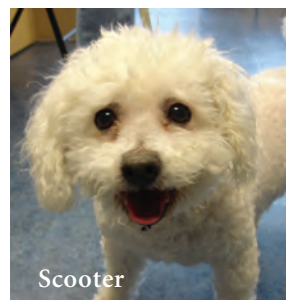
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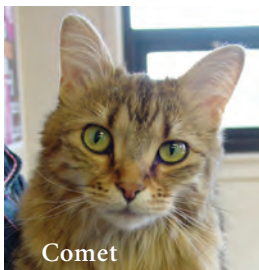
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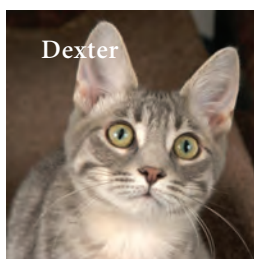
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Stephanie Scheitler and husband Andrew Tabor lead a wonderful life enriched by their three feline companions Oliver, Annie and Eddie who were rescued from the streets of Chicago. They decided to join the growing roster of Guardian Angels by placing PAWS Chicago in their will. As Guardian Angels, they can rest assured that their own pets will be cared for by PAWS Chicago should anything happen to them.

Rescuing stray animals is what led Stephanie to PAWS Chicago. While bringing stray cats to Animal Care & Control, she was saddened by the number of animals inside waiting for homes. She learned about PAWS Chicago's efforts to help

save their lives. Stephanie visited the new Adoption & Humane Center and loved seeing homeless animals in big comfy suites instead of cages. Stephanie and Andrew wanted to make sure that PAWS Chicago continues long into the future and decided to make a bequest to the Guardian Angel program. "I appreciate that being a part of the Guardian Angel program can help ensure a better life for animals who bring so much joy to people's lives," Stephanie said. "I worry about my cats and what might happen to them if Andrew and I were not around to take care of them, and knowing PAWS exists lifts a tremendous weight off my soul."

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In Memory of **KATHERINE** **"KATIE" CERULLO**



Katie Cerullo's love of animals started during her childhood. Born into a wonderful nurturing family on February 11, 1979, her love and compassion for all creatures great and small was championed. There were fish, hamsters, hedgehogs, cats and dogs to name a few. As Katie evolved, so did her desire to learn and experience more.

An unbridled passion (pun intended) for horses resulted. Creative and impassioned letters to her parents, expressing her longing for a horse, became an early indication of Katie's future brilliance as a writer. Blessed with the abilities of persuasion, imagination, and witticism coupled with an enormous capacity for love and a great sense of humor, Katie prevailed. Her joy was all the sweeter because her family shared it. Her Mom, Dad, and sisters, all completely devoid of any competitive nature, not only challenged Katie in her mastery of horses, but rivaled her. Horses and the love of horses became a part of their close family bond.

As to the creatures small, Corgis and Dalmatians found a special place in Katie's heart. With the joy and enthusiasm of a child tempered by the discrimination and responsibility of an adult, Katie adopted two beloved companions Pepper Ann and Luke. Both are Dalmatian mixes.

To those who knew Katie, it is understood that the only friends that weren't hers were those she had yet to meet. In celebration of this truth, The Cerullo family respectfully requested donations be made to PAWS Chicago in Katie's memory, ensuring that all creatures great and small might have the opportunity to make a friend as special and loving as Katie.

In Memory of JAN WATT

Jan Watt was a woman of many passions. A gifted artist and skilled craftsman, Jan flourished when creating. Jan worked as an administrative assistant and lived in San Francisco for twenty-two years before returning to Chicago to be with her family. Jan's favorite hobby was caring for her two cats. She loved to compare

notes on them with her sister, PAWS Chicago patron Rhonda Sanderson. When Jan passed away last October, her family requested donations be made to PAWS Chicago in lieu of flowers. They knew Jan would be pleased with their decision to help care for animals in her memory.



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IN MEMORY OF EILEEN KOSINSKI

Eileen Kosinski enriched the lives of everyone around her. Eileen was a beloved wife and best friend to her husband Richard; devoted daughter, sister, and auntie to her family; and a dear friend to her fellow employees at the CTA. Eileen's twin sister and soul mate, Liz, lovingly refers to her as a "tiny woman with a big heart." She said, "If you complimented her necklace, she would take it off and give it to you. She was the most giving person you could ever meet."

Eileen cared a great deal about the welfare of animals. Although she wasn't allowed to have pets as a child, she helped care for the ones around her by

tending to wounded squirrels and birds. When Eileen and Richard adopted a Terrier Mix named Rasta, a fast friendship and incredible bond was formed.

To honor this wonderful woman, Eileen's family wanted to do something compassionate and humane. Instead of flowers, they asked that donations be made to PAWS Chicago. After taking a tour of the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center, they decided to sponsor the Welcome Center Vestibule in Eileen's name. Now Eileen's memory will live on in a place where thousands of homeless pets find new homes each year.

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Vanilla Smithburg, a.k.a. "Little White Shadow", touched many people's hearts wherever she went – including many boyfriends who fell for her manners and beauty. Vanilla found her way into Maria and Bill Smithburg's life when given to them as a wedding present. "I never had a dog before and I was more nervous about how to handle this 2lb bundle of joy than I was when my son was born!" Maria jokes.

Having two dedicated PAWS Chicago Development Board members for parents, Vanilla was no stranger to PAWS parties and always had a blast. She also enjoyed traveling. If she saw an open suitcase, she jumped right in as if to say "Don't forget about me"! Vanilla and Maria were inseparable. Vanilla became Maria's "assistant" and accompanied her on all the landscaping jobs she went on, much to the delight of her clients.

Vanilla may have come into the Smithburg's life as a present, but she left as a daughter. She brought The Smithburg Family great happiness over the years and continues to live on inside their hearts. Vanilla is greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.



Vanilla pictured here with her big brother Thomas.

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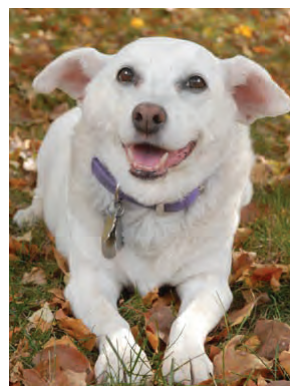
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Zeus, a two-year-old Neapolitan Mastiff, came to PAWS Chicago extremely underweight at just 98 pounds. Now happier and healthier, Zeus is looking for a family who wants love—and a lot of it! This happy-go-lucky, low-key canine knows exactly what he's looking for. Can you give it to him?



Zeus



Jinx

Jinx, a six-month-old kitten, is as sweet as they come. He sits in front of the door of his adoption room, meowing for attention. After living on the streets of Chicago, Jinx is looking to be a solo cat or adopted into a home with other FIV positive feline siblings. Cats with FIV can lead long, healthy lives - they just need the right home. Contact the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center for more information on opening up your home to Jinx or another special needs cat!

Two-year-old **Humphrey** was one of more than 20 cats PAWS Chicago took in when a woman abandoned her apartment and left her cats behind. Living in a confined space without food, several of the cats had died before they were discovered. The landlord worked with PAWS Chicago to get the cats healthy and ready for adoption. After living for awhile without human contact, Humphrey is ready for a home that will give him a lot of love and attention.



Humphrey



Chance

Chance, a three-year-old German Short Haired Pointer is looking for acreage. Highly energetic, he needs a lot of space to run and play or a very active family that can keep him running. Fun-loving, alert and full of energy, he loves to run and explore. So, take a Chance! He comes fully obedience trained by K9 University.

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PAWS rescues, Phantom and Tex

PAWS alumni dogs and cats, and their adoptive families, often stay in touch and continue to support PAWS Chicago. Whether it's attending events or alumni parties, keeping in touch with siblings and foster parents, or updating the Alumni page at www.pawschicago.org, there is a life-long bond: once a PAWS dog or cat, always a PAWS dog or cat. Please keep us updated and stay part of our family.



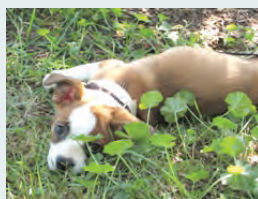
Cougar

Fabian's new name is **Cougar**, we decided this together on the car ride home from PAWS. Cougar is doing extremely well and we love him very much. It only took him about a day

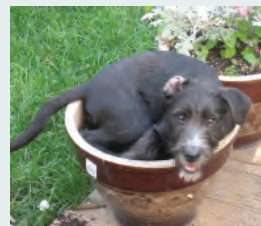
to get comfortable and make our home his home. He gets along with all three of us very well and is very welcoming to visitors. We got him a nice comfy bed to sleep in, but we've found that he'd much rather sleep in our bed next to us, which we love. Thank you! -Rob

Hello to everyone at PAWS! Just a few weeks ago we met little Mya and fell instantly in love. Watching her learn and grow has been such a special adventure, and we never could have imagined how much joy she would bring to our lives! Thank you!!!

- Lindsay & Adam



Mya



Truman

We have changed Cody's name to **Truman**. He is doing great, he is certainly a lot of fun and fits just right into our family.

Thanks a bunch,
- Jane Wharton

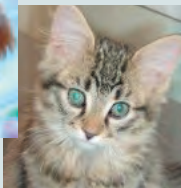
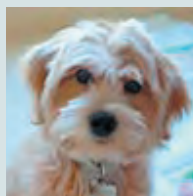
I have desperately wanted a cat since I was three years old. When we arrived at PAWS, several of the other kittens had been taken, but there was one who had been overlooked. My husband picked him up and when the kitten started to purr and lick his watch, we knew we had found our **Ollie** (PAWS name Oscar). Thank you so much, PAWS, for helping me find such a wonderful kitty. He has changed my life and the wait was certainly worthwhile. I don't know who's happier now, him or us.

Thanks, - Annie



Ollie


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