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about about PAWS Chicago

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

A National Model

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

- The Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic is one of the largest free and low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the nation, focused on providing services to low-income families who could not otherwise afford the procedure. The GusMobile, the mobile counterpart to the Lurie Clinic, enables PAWS Chicago to provide accessible spay/ neuter and vaccinations in the neighborhoods where the highest stray populations originate.
- The Pippen Fasseas Adoption Center is the first cageless, No Kill shelter of its kind in the Midwest. Located in highly visible Lincoln Park, this state-of-the-art Adoption Center is leading the way in innovative programs and shelter design.
- PAWS Chicago has been recognized as one of the best-run charities in the nation. For the past 11 years, Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent evaluator, has given PAWS Chicago its highest four star ranking, placing it in the top 1% of charities in the nation for efficient use of donor funds. In 2012, Charity Navigator recognized PAWS Chicago as the highestrated Animal Rights, Welfare and Services Charity in the nation. Your contributions go directly to saving animals' lives.
- Transparency, which allows the public access to truthful statistics about the fate of homeless animals, is a cornerstone of PAWS Chicago's No Kill mission. Current financial reports and shelter data are always available to the public at www.pawschicago.org.

Volunteer and Give of Yourself to the Animals

PAWS Chicago was founded as a volunteer organization and has stayed true to its roots. Our network of more than 5,000 volunteers donate their time in nearly every aspect of the organization to provide high quality care to all animals, working in intake, socialization, animal care, dog walking, adoption counseling,

Adoption & Humane Center

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PAWS Chicago rescued this sweet two-year-old girl from the city pound after she was found walking Chicago's streets alone as a stray. Although she was in good health, PAWS veterinarians discovered that she was blind. Because of Pompev's special circumstance, she spent more than a year with PAWS Chicago. but enjoyed much of that time in a comfortable foster home. Pompey recently went home with her forever family.

follow-up calls, site management, fundraising, fostering, event support, humane education and community outreach. Volunteers are critical to PAWS Chicago's operations and play an invaluable role in building a No Kill Chicago.

Adopt a Homeless Pet and Save a Life!

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

Foster a Homeless Pet in Need

PAWS Chicago utilizes its foster network to care for puppies and kittens who need time to grow before being spayed or neutered, pets who are sick or injured and need time to recuperate, animals who need time to build confidence and acclimate to living in a home environment, pets whose families have experienced a crisis and need a temporary home while their families rebuild their lives, and for hospice care, when a pet needs a loving family for his remaining days. By placing these pets in foster homes, there is space available at the Rescue & Recovery Center to take in and save more homeless pets.

Spread the Word

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

Support No Kill Efforts

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

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FROM THE CHAIR



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 2012 Annual Report issue of PAWS Chicago magazine. When looking back at the lifesaving work accomplished last year on behalf of our voiceless friends, none of it would have been possible without the generosity of our dedicated supporters and our 5,000 tireless volunteers, who are ambassadors for our No Kill movement. Thank you for all you do for the animals!

Yet for every pet we are able to save, another is left behind with an uncertain fate. It is this urgency that drives us to do more. In 2012, our adoptions increased by 30 percent, saving an additional 1,300 lives. This year, we will be opening our first satellite Adoption Center, located in

Highland Park. (See page 8). With PAWS A rule of thumb is that No Kill shelters Chicago North Shore, we will be able to save another 1,000 pets or more each year from Chicago and Waukegan.

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

what inspired us to found PAWS Chicago and spread the message about what was happening behind closed doors at shelters. With the popularity of the No Kill movement and message, many private "open door" shelters have started using No Kill language and terminology in various ways, but have not changed their practice of taking in more animals than they can save and killing the excess.

We encourage all animal lovers to do research on the shelters they support to be sure they are volunteering, adopting, and contributing to animal organizations who devote their resources to saving lives, rather duplicating government services. A few things to consider: Does the shelter disclose all of its statistics on its website and in its annual report? Can you see all intake, all adoption, and all euthanasia numbers?

save more than 90 percent of the animals they take in. Is the shelter committed to its adopted pets for life? Does the shelter By increasing adoptions, we are able manage their pet admissions to their capacity or claim an "open door," which means taking in more than they can save?

I encourage you to read about how to care for your pet's teeth (page 30), tips on how to exercise and stimulate your active dog (page 26), how to keep your pet safe and healthy through the warmer months (page 22), and gain insight into the secret This goal of a No Kill Chicago is language of cats (page 17). Also, please join us for our Pet Lovers Speaker Series, starting this June (page 11).

> In closing, I'd like to thank Hoda Kotb, who is featured on our cover with her adorable PAWS Chicago pup Blake, who has helped advance the cause of homeless animals by showing millions of people the wonderful pets available in shelters. (See page 38). Hoda, you are giving a voice to the voiceless, and for that we in the animal welfare movement owe you a debt of gratitude.

Warm regards, Paula Fasseas

Paula Fasseas

Paula Fasseas Founder and Chair

ADOPT a Homeless Pet

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



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



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

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Treating Foozle



Foozle, a three-month-old Maltese, was found on the streets and ended up at the city pound, before PAWS Chicago rescued him. PAWS veterinarians found that Foozle was suffering from a congenital defect in his heart.

Without a specialized surgery, Foozle would have had a significantly shortened life span. PAWS Chicago partnered with VCA's Specialty Clinic to perform this very complex surgery, but it was discovered during the operation that he only had a 50 percent chance of making it through the surgery. PAWS Chicago decided to postpone the surgery to have a less invasive and even more specialized surgery performed at Purdue University. Now, Foozle will lead a normal, healthy life. After recovering under the care of a foster Foozle was recently welcomed into a loving home.

These specialty surgical procedures cost \$4,200. PAWS Chicago would like to thank our generous Facebook supporters, who contributed more than \$8,000 for Foozle. The excess funds went to PAWS Chicago's Emergency Vet Care Fund to help other pets in dire need of medical attention.

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May 19

Angels with Tails Michigan Avenue Adoption Event

June 9

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



July 18

Beach Party 6 p.m. Castaways at North Avenue Beach Boathous

July 21 Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon

Half Marathon 6:30 a.m. start Grant Park





August 25

Chicago Triathlon 6 a.m. start Downtown Lakefront

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Around PAWS Chicago Around PAWS Chicago



Renderings of PAWS Chicago North Shore featuring Kitty City and Dog Town suites where homeless pets will begin the search for their loving homes.





Implementing Spay/Neuter Solutions

In addition to finding homes for homeless animals, PAWS Chicago will also work to reduce the supply of unwanted pets in the North Shore. Thanks to a generous grant from the Petco Foundation, PAWS Chicago will be bringing its GusMobile spay/neuter van to provide free and low-cost spay/neuter services to low-income families in Waukegan and North Chicago, where the majority of stray and unwanted pets in the North Shore originate.



Coming Soon **PAWS CHICAGO** NORTH SHORE

Chicago's first satellite Adoption who prefer human companionship. Center, expected to open in Dog Town will feature dog suites Highland Park in 2013. PAWS with windows, beds, toys and piped Chicago North Shore will enable in music. Each pet will be well PAWS Chicago to save the lives of socialized and cared for, and dogs many more homeless pets.

Last year, Petco in Highland Park by loving volunteers. approached PAWS Chicago with

is limitless."

adoption center for dogs as well as with follow-up. cats," said Lance Schwimmer, vice With thousands of homeless pets animal welfare charity.

the store, with custom cat furniture because they are homeless. for kitties to climb and perch. There

Plans are underway for PAWS will be three cat condos for felines will receive multiple walks each day

Fundraising for the new a generous offer. They had extra Adoption Center is underway, space in their store and wanted with a generous family matching to offer it free of charge for PAWS donations up to \$100,000. While Chicago to expand its adoptions. Petco has covered many of the "We are so appreciative of Petco's costs for the Adoption Center, support of our efforts to build a PAWS Chicago needs to raise at No Kill community," said PAWS least \$300,000 to cover capital Chicago Chairman, Paula Fasseas. expenditures and operating costs, "Once open, we believe that PAWS including necessary medical care Chicago North Shore will be able to to ensure all pets are healthy and find loving homes for an additional ready for adoption. Additionally, 1,000 cats and dogs each year, and PAWS needs to hire a volunteer that's only a starting point. The coordinator to train and manage potential for finding homes for our the strong core of volunteers homeless pets in the North Shore who will help care for, walk, and socialize pets as well as introduce "The Highland Park Petco store potential adopters to dogs and cats, will be one of only a dozen of the serve as adoption counselors and company's 1,000 stores to offer an provide support post-adoption

president of regional operations killed every year in Chicagoland, and a member of the board of the pets that are saved by PAWS directors of Petco Foundation, an Chicago would otherwise be part of a tragic statistic. This important PAWS Chicago North Shore Adoption Center will feature will be a welcoming place for the for adoption pets from Chicago local community and the homeless and Waukegan who would not canine and feline guests. Kitty City otherwise be saved, taking us one will feature a Kitten Room and step closer to a No Kill community Adult Cat Room in the windows of where pets are no longer destroyed

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer or making a donation to PAWS Chicago North Shore, call Liz at (773) 475-4240 or email ewhittington@pawschicago.org, You can also visit www.pawschicago.org/northshore. Room naming opportunities are also available.

PAWS Chicago Honors Animal Advocate **Congressman Mike Quigley**

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

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

Through his leadership and dedication, Congressman Quigley is bringing attention to the issues of pet homelessness in Chicago and the importance of solving pet overpopulation through adoption and spay/neuter.

Thank you Congressman Quigley for making Chicago, and Illinois, a better community for all animals.



Congressman Mike Quigley on the rooftop deck at PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center socializing with an adoptable pup.

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PAWS Chicago Foster Dog Saves the Day

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

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

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

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



If you are interested in welcoming a pet(s) into your home and providing them with a temporary place to call home, please contact the foster program at foster@pawschicago.org or 773-475-9464.

By fostering an animal, you are saving a life – but, at times, they might also save yours! If you are interested in becoming a pet foster, please visit:

pawschicago.org/volunteer/foster-care

PAWS Chicago volunteers load pet supplies at the Rescue & Recovery Center before heading to DeKalb, Illinois to

provide relief to pets

Natural Disaster Support

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

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

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

PET LOVERS SPEAKER SERIES & PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us and learn more about the wonderful world of animals! All seminars will take place at PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center at 1997 N. Clybourn from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Complimentary parking available at the Anixter Center, 2032 N. Clybourn Avenue. Turn West on Magnolia.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Liz at (773) 475-4240 or ewhittington@pawschicago.org.

Read more about the speakers and Speaker Series > pawschicago.org/speakerseries

Building a No Kill Chicago

Wednesday, June 19

Join PAWS Chicago co-founders Paula and Alexis Fasseas as they talk about the history of PAWS Chicago and the No Kill model. After a century of silence around the rampant killing of homeless pets, the No Kill movement has ushered in a new age of lifesaving and transparency. Learn about this important movement and participate in a Questions & Answers session about building No Kill communities.

Nutrition and the Health of Your Pet

Tuesday, July 23

A majority of pets' illnesses can be cured by simply changing what's in their food bowl. Learn from Dr. Barbara Royal, author of *The Royal Treatment: A Natural Approach to Wildly Healthy Pets*, about her philosophy that bridges traditional Western veterinary medicine and alternative strategies.

The Burgeoning Field of Shelter Medicine Wednesday, August 21

Learn about how the new field of shelter medicine is saving more lives from PAWS Chicago's Executive Director Rochelle Michalek and Shelter Medicine Veterinarian Dr. Barbara Hanek, who will share stories about remarkable recoveries of some of our most vulnerable homeless pets. They will share PAWS Chicago's progressive and innovative approach to caring for a diverse population of animals coming from stressful situations, treating each one as an individual and achieving an industry-leading 97% save rate.

The Science of Animal Behavior

Tuesday, September 17

Dr. Sara Bennett, Board Certified Veterinary Behaviorist at VCA, routinely consults on PAWS Chicago's most challenging cases. Come learn about the science of animal behavior, hear about fascinating cases and participate in a Q&A session.

The Critical Path of Dog Training & Socialization

Wednesday, October 23

PAWS Chicago trainer Joan Harris of K9 University will discuss the importance of training, socializing and communicating with dogs.

PAWS Chicago HEAL Pet Loss Support Group Third Wednesday each month, starting June 19; 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Are you struggling with the loss of a pet? Join us for PAWS Chicago's HEAL (Helping Each other Alleviate Loss) Pet Loss Support Group at the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center at 1997 N. Clybourn. The support group is facilitated by a licensed professional counselor, and is designed to help grieving pet parents work together to deal with the difficult emotions related to losing a pet in a calm, safe, and non-judgmental atmosphere. Refreshments will be served. This pet loss support group is provided to the general public as a complimentary service, thanks to generous contributions by Hinsdale Pet Memorial Services.





PAWS Chicago celebrated the joy of the holiday season by hosting the fifth annual Adopt-A-Thon, a 36-hour adoption event to drive awareness and adoptions of Chicago's homeless pets.

The event was an amazing success which found loving homes for 144 homeless cats, dogs, kittens and puppies!







Around PAWS Chicago Around PAWS Chicago

Streets to Safety

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



Alison Victoria with PAWS Chicago's Jorge Caballero rescuino Domer on Chicago's south side (above). Victoria celebrating the adoption of Domer with his new family (right).

ONE-YEAR-OLD PIT BULL TERRIER, DOMER (PAWS Chicago name, Duke), received a new lease on life thanks to the quick thinking of DIY Network's Alison Victoria. After filming an episode of her television show "Kitchen Crashers" on Chicago's South Side, Alison, an avid animal advocate, witnessed an emaciated

dog walking the streets alone. She carefully followed the dog and called PAWS Chicago for support in rescuing him.

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

Once Domer was stable, a wonderful foster family welcomed him into their home where he could recuperate and gain some much needed weight. After seeing his affectionate and charming nature, his foster family fell in love with him and decided they could

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

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



Attorney Mark Hanson presents a check to PAWS Chicago founder, Paula Fasseas, on behalf of Sylvester Czopek in support of its No Kill adoption program.

Vet Students from the University of Wisconsin Visit PAWS Chicago

In February, students from the University of Wisconsin Veterinary School's Shelter Medicine Club visited PAWS Chicago's Adoption Center. Rescue & Recovery Center and Lurie Spay/ Neuter Clinic for a first-hand look at the operations of a No Kill animal shelter. According to Sessaly Craft, the president of Club,

66 The tour provided a wonderful look into what the future holds for progressive shelter medicine. At the Adoption Center, the entire group was overjoyed to see such happy animals. The cat rooms were full of sunlight. comfy cushions, rocking chairs, and toys. The rooms were clean and didn't smell (thanks to a special air circulation system), and we had a great time meeting the senior cats.

We are so grateful to have spent the day meeting the veterinarians, executive director, and volunteers of PAWS Chicago. The students who are interested in becoming shelter veterinarians benefitted from seeing the gold standard of a shelter.



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

Each day, guests, including DIY Network's Alison Victoria, Ed Swiderski of "The Bachelorette" and "Bachelor Pad," KISS-FM's Angi Taylor, US99's Lisa Dent and Ramblin' Ray, Congressman Mike Quigley, WGN's Sean Lewis, CBS 2's Suzanne LeMignot, Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, Michigan Avenue Magazine's Meg Mathis, and WBBM Newsradio's Brandis Friedman, toured the state-of-the-art Adoption Center facilities and learned how PAWS Chicago has helped reduce euthanasia numbers at the city pound to an all-time low. They also socialized animals and interacted with potential adopters who were looking for their new perfect match. By Christmas Eve, these local celebrities helped PAWS Chicago find homes for 195 pets!



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

Congressman Mike Quigley

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



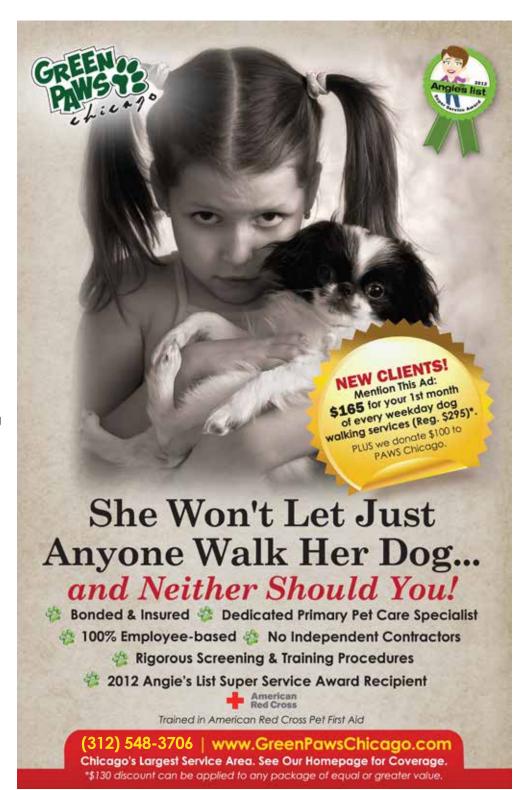


"I'm very impressed with the fantastic work that PAWS Chicago does and with its outstanding adoption facility! When I look at my own little dog, I'm so thankful that a rescue saved him from a pound. And I'm just as thankful that PAWS can do the same for the hundreds of animals saved and cared for by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

Sylvester Czopek | No Kill Hero

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

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



GUESS THE BREED





















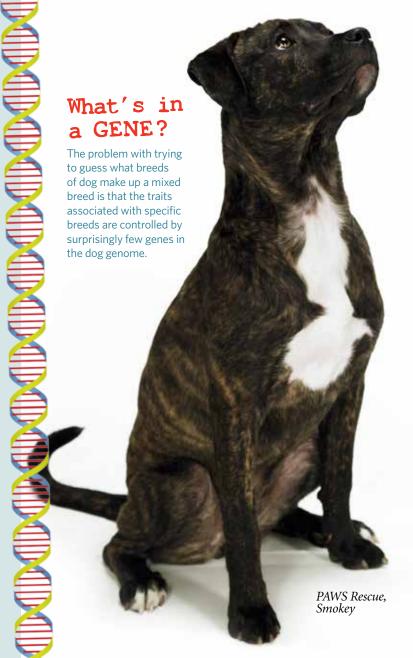


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DOG GENETICS

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

By Dr. Kristopher J. Irizarry, PhD



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

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

The problem with trying to guess what breeds of dog make up a mixed breed is that the traits associated with specific breeds are controlled by surprisingly few genes in the dog genome. In humans, we know that identical twins look the same because they share the same DNA. It is natural to assume that dogs with a similar visual physical appearance probably share the same DNA, but genetic studies have shown us why that assumption is incorrect.

In a 2010 paper entitled "a simple genetic architecture underlies morphological variation in dogs" by Boyko et al, geneticists analyzed more than 60,000 regions of the dog genome that are known to be variable between dogs and breeds. They specifically looked at 915 dogs from 80 dog breeds—corresponding to 55

million data points (60,000 times 915 = 54,900,000). Their findings are very surprising and show that the major breed defining traits in dogs, such as body size, ear shape, length of legs, coat color, length of fur, head shape and length of snout are controlled by very few regions of the genome. In fact, the authors of the study state that only roughly 50 regions control all of these traits. Some of the exact same versions of these genes are found in many different breeds which means that a mixed breed dog might have the size and shape of a certain breed without being even a little bit that breed!

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



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University of Florida Dog Breed Identification Study

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

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

V ANSWERS TO GUESS THE BREED

ACTUAL BREEDS FROM DNA TEST

EXPERTS' BEST GUESS

DOG1

50% Catahoula Leopard Dog 25% Siberian Husky 9.94% Briard 5.07 Airedale Terrier Labrador Retriever American Staffordshire Terrier No Predominant Breed Border Collie Pointer (includes English Pointer)

DOG 2

25% Miniature Pinscher 25% Great Pyrenees 10.79% Afghan Hound 10.09% Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

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

DOG₃

50% American Eskimo 25% Cane Corso 25% Chinese Sharpei German Shepherd Dog No Predominant Breed Belgian Malinois Labrador Retriever Beagle

DOG 4

25% Siberian Husky 25% American Bulldog 11.89% German Spitz 5.91% Standard Schnauzer Golden Retriever Chow Chow No Predominant Breed Pomeranian Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

DOG 5

25% Beauceron 25% Siberian Husky 25% American Staffordshire Terrier 12.73% Schipperke Labrador Retriever German Shepherd Dog No Predominant Breed Golden Retriever Anatolian Shepherd Dog

DOG 6

25% Rottweiler 25% American Eskimo 25% Portuguese Water Dog 15.23% Bulldog Labrador Retriever No Predominant Breed German Shepherd Dog Rhodesian Ridgeback Golden Retriever

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Sarah & Bishal Manandhar

As foster volunteers for PAWS Chicago, Sarah and Bishal Manandhar have opened their home to some very special cats and kittens in need of a temporary safe haven before they are ready for adoption. The love and care Sarah and Bishal have provided to their feline guests over the last year has given each furry friend a second chance at life while enabling PAWS Chicago to create Center to save more lives.

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

Many of the cats and kittens who come to PAWS Chicago from the city pound have had to fend for themselves while surviving on the streets of Chicago.

These cats often need time in foster to build confidence and acclimate to living in a home environment. Others come to PAWS Chicago and are sick or injured and require time in foster to recuperate. The support that Sarah and Bishal provide to these cats and kittens ensures that they are healthy, happy and well-suited for adoption.

Sarah and Bishal welcome cats into more space at its Rescue & Recovery their home, many who are FIV or FeLV positive or need socialization. "The most "When we moved to Chicago from rewarding part of fostering usually happens about the second or third night," Sarah said. "By then, the cats are settled and comfortable enough to sleep with us. The cats are usually so excited to be out of a cage and snuggled in a safe, warm bed that they keep us up purring all night!"

> Sarah is a graduate student at the University of Illinois in Chicago and is pursuing her Ph.D. in Anthropology, focusing her research on globalization, modernity and the lives of young women in Kathmandu. Bishal is also a student and



currently creating a series of paintings celebrating Nepali culture and nationalism. Because of their busy work and travel schedules, having a pet of their own isn't possible at this time.

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

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

Decoding the MYSTERIOUS A

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

By Dr. Barbara Royal, DVM

hat is it about cats that is so mysterious and alluring? Everything. Do cats have a secret language we don't understand? Yes they do.

It's useful to have a decoder ring and some insight into their motivation. Of course, every species has its own unique way to communicate to others of its kind. Cats are no exception, they are just super subtle. If you want to understand cats you have to pay attention to even the slightest movement including the dilation of the pupils and a tiny bit of a tail flick.

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

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

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

"Why are you trying to walk by me?"

"I have to go to the litter box."

"If you do, I'll attack you."

"But I really have to go."

"Too bad, I'll let you move when I feel like it. And don't try to get to the water bowl either."

Or even something more colorful than that. This is one reason I recommended that every multi-cat household have the number of cats plus one litter boxes. That way they all can't be guarded, which is important if you want all of your cats to think inside the box. Many common urinary and fecal issues are stress-related. Stress can come from many places, but inter-cat stress is high on the list.

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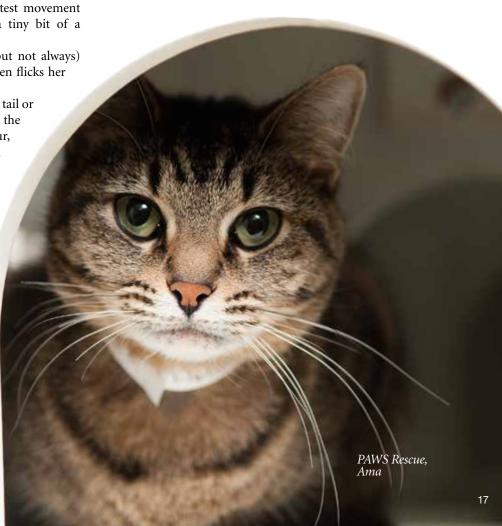


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Studies find that owning a cat may decrease stress, and blood pressure. There is a 40 percent lower risk of heart attack in cat owners.

If you have cats that regularly fight, you may not know that the one doing the pouncing is not always the one who is in charge. An "in-charge" cat may not need to pounce. The underdog cat ("undercat") may need to pounce to try to gain some respect. I recommend owners re-examine the logistics and flow of their household to even the playing field between unequal cats. By providing good territory options, cat hierarchical dramas are minimized.

Give them different heights to retreat to when needed. Cats like a variety of levels, and use them to increase their own comfort zone, even in small rooms. High cat trees, window seats, ledges, couches etc., can allow more relaxed interactions. Like air-traffic, working out a comfortable flight plan can include altitude as well as direction.

It can be tricky to introduce a new cat to a cat household if you aren't aware of these subtle interactions. I usually recommend super slo-mo introductions. If you're not sure of the health of a new cat, get a veterinary exam, and even then, make sure to keep the new cat separate from the resident cats for at least a week. Any underlying health issues will probably show up by then. Keep them in separate rooms, meeting under the doorway first. Once they meet in person, it's important to make sure there is always a good retreat place for every cat. And of course make sure to have enough litter boxes, feeding stations and water bowls.

Cats are very sensitive to medications. Vaccine associated sarcomas (cancers at the site of vaccines) and reactions to other medications are more common than we would like to see. Veterinarians are typically very careful with medications in cats for this reason. Surprisingly, cats are also very resilient.

Cats may really have nine lives. With the proper diet and support, I have found that cats have an uncanny ability to recover from even the most serious

illnesses. The best way I know to keep a cat healthy is to feed a diet rich in protein and moisture and low in carbs, just like what they would get in the wild. Where possible, I recommend canned or even a raw food over any kibbled dry foods (if the cat will eat it...). Cats are very close to their evolutionary ancestry and their dietary requirements are very similar to what wild cats eat. It is also important that we don't hamper their immune system with too many unneeded vaccines and medications.

Some people believe that purring is one of their secret weapons. Cats purr while inhaling and exhaling. Their vocal cords oscillate when the brain sends a repetitive signal to the laryngeal muscles. The lovely rumbly sound is produced when they breathe in and out through adjoined vocal cords. The frequency of the purr may be a healing frequency (24-140 vibrations per minute). There is evidence to support this. These frequencies are often used to in therapies that encourage bone endorphins which help with pain. lap purring wildly. Often critically ill or very old patients will purr constantly – something that has been called "maniacal purring," "paradoxical purring" or as I like to call it, a furry Purr-cure. It really does seem to be comforting to them – and to us.

to people as well. Studies find that owning a cat may decrease stress, and blood pressure. There is a 40 percent lower risk of heart attack in cat owners. A good reason to keep a medicinal cat around.

Clearly they purr when they are happy, but females purr when giving birth (bonding to kittens? pain relief? self-comforting?), kittens while nursing (bonding and happy), and



some just purr for purr's sake.

It's not only domestic cats that purr. The bobcat, lynx, cheetah and puma all have great rumbling purrs. The cats that roar have a sort of purr, but it is only with exhalation. They can't truly purr because their larynxes are configured to make a larger noise. But having hand-raised a Sumatran tiger, the sort of fhufff-fhufff purr-like noises from a cuddly tiger cub are every bit as enchanting as a cat's purr.

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

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

We even have a rule in my house, that if you have a cat on your lap, you are not required to get up for anything. One shouldn't disturb a comfortable cat. So, the doorbell rings, and even though I'm working in the basement, The sound of a purr can be healing I hear from the living room (where the front door is) "Mom, can you get it? I have a cat..." And once again, I race upstairs.



Dr. Barbara Royal is a nationally published writer and international lecturer whose own practice, The Royal Treatment Veterinary Center in Chicago, is a center for Complementary Veterinary Medicine and Physical Rehabilitation.



Angi Taylor running on behalf of TEAM PAWS Chicago in the 2012 Rock n' Roll Half Marathon.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I've been living in Chicago since 2004. I love it here and I'll never leave! I married my husband here, had my daughter here and adopted my dog here. We're rooted. I've been a morning host on KISS-FM radio for the last five years, waking up Chicago with Brotha Fred every weekday morning, I've been a runner most of my life, but sort of have a love/hate thing with running because I'm not a GREAT runner. I'm a solid 9-minute miler and it drives me nuts that I'm not faster!

How did you originally learn about TEAM **PAWS Chicago?**

You can't really run a race in Chicago without seeing TEAM PAWS represented, so I noticed all the bibs right away. After becoming involved with PAWS and volunteering for events, I was asked to run the Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon last year for TEAM PAWS and was SO proud to wear the bib! My dog was waiting for me at the finish line!

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

This is my first FULL marathon and I am thrilled to be running and training with TEAM PAWS. I was at the finish line of the Boston Marathon this year waiting for my girlfriend who'd just finished when the bombs went off. After experiencing such tragedy on a day that should've been so joyful for all the runners, I was inspired to run the marathon this year and called PAWS to see if they'd squeeze me in for Chicago. I'm so thankful to them for allowing me to be a part of such a great team.

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

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

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

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

Do you have any pets at home?

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

Have you participated in any other PAWS

Yes, aside from the event where we rescued our Pit, my co-host and I have hosted PAWS Chicago's "Animal Magnetism" gala for the last two years, and the pet costume contest at Rockit last Halloween. I also volunteered during the "12 Strays of Christmas" and brought my eight-yearold animal-loving daughter through the facility to learn all about PAWS, adoptions, and to help feed the dogs and cats on site.

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

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

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

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT John Vietor

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

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

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

"I feel that each time I volunteer at interested in focusing their time with dog care and adoptions.

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

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

"Bridgette (PAWS Chicago name Tofu) was a sweet, well-behaved Shepherd mix who kept being overlooked by potential adopters. One Saturday, I was talking with a couple who hadn't found the right dog after many days of looking. After describing their ideal dog to me, I thought that Bridgette would be a great fit for them. The couple had seen her in her suite but hadn't considered her. I asked if they would allow me to show them Bridgette. They agreed and it was a success. They came back the next



her. That was the moment I realized the positive impact I can make on the lives of peoples and animals," said John.

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



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By Dr. Robert Dann DVM

Ahhhhh...summer!

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

Heat Hazards

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

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

Sunburn

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

Loud Noises

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

Travel

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

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Garden Hazards

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

Open Windows

Cats love to hang out on window sills. Special care must be taken to make sure window screens are firmly and securely fitted. When a kitty sees something fly by an open window, they will sometimes jump out after it, leading to a tragic (but preventable) result.

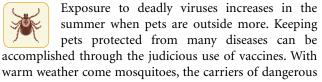
A little known fact among Chicagoans is the number of bats that fly in the evening sky during the summer, due to migration and feeding patterns. The city receives hundreds of reports of bat sightings every year and some bats test positive for rabies. These unwanted guests, potentially carrying a disease deadly to us and our pets, can be kept out of our homes with properly maintained window screens.



Don't Forget the Leash!

Although you may have total confidence that your dog will behave properly off leash, you can't assume your neighbor's pet will. Each summer, Chicago veterinarians treat thousands of cats and dogs for bite wounds, most of which could have been prevented by not allowing pets to roam. Having leash control over a pet also keeps them from ingesting things they shouldn't and getting into potentially dangerous places, like flower beds, where bees and their stingers are prevalent.

Infectious Disease & Parasites



warm weather come mosquitoes, the carriers of dangerous Heartworm Disease in both cats and dogs, easily prevented with medication given monthly. Fleas and ticks (potentially carrying Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and other serious conditions) also abound in the warmer months. Your veterinarian will be an expert source for information and safe products to control these parasites.



Exercise & Fitness

For millions of dogs, life's greatest passion is retrieving a ball or Frisbee thrown by their master. After a long winter of relative inactivity, our pooches may have put on a few pounds or gotten out of shape. A gradual return to exercise is the safest way to get our pets active again. Carrying too much weight increases the risk of injury. The combination of increased exercise and reduced calories will serve them well in shedding excess weight.



Picnics & Barbeques

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



Barium X-ray image of what a corn cob looks like in the stomach of a dog, a patient of mine who needed surgery to remove it! So let's be careful out there.

Summer in Chicago can be glorious, and with a little prudence and forethought, it can be the most fun time of the year with our four-legged friends.



Dr. Robert Dann, DVM has practiced veterinary medicine in Chicago since graduating from the University of Illinois. He is the Director of Blum Animal Hospital and is pictured with Moose.

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MOVE!

Tips to Stimulate Your Active, Energetic Dog

By Joan Harris

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

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

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

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

Now, there are many dog sport classes and training activities, conveniently available throughout Chicago.

CLICKER TRAINING

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

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

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

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

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AGILITY

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

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

K9 NOSE WORK

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



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Joanna Mallers

At the start of the financial crisis, Joanna Mallers read about what PAWS Chicago was doing to help people and their pets through its Pet Food Bank and Safe Haven programs. It was then that she decided to get involved and do her part to save the lives of homeless pets, starting with the adoption of her dog, Luke.

"I believe in PAWS Chicago's No Kill mission and have been quite impressed with the tremendous impact it has had in such a short period of time," said Joanna.

Joanna joined PAWS Chicago's Development Board shortly after attending her first Fur Ball event in 2010. Since that time, she has been a major supporter of the event, serving on the Fur Ball Committee and as a co-chair in 2012. This year, Joanna will once again serve on the Fur Ball Committee and will manage the event's Silent Auction.

One of Joanna's fondest experiences with PAWS Chicago was volunteering her time at two Adopt-a-Thon events. "During the 2012 Holiday Adopt-a-Thon,

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

I volunteered late on a Friday night," said Joanna. "I was amazed by the constant stream of adopters – as fast as fosters would drop off a dog, someone would be asking to meet him or her. The pace was fast, but the joy in the building was palpable. I was there to see the 5,000th adoption of the year and it was one of the best moments of the holiday season for me."

Joanna leverages her professional background in project and business management roles in the futures industry into her role as a volunteer and fundraiser for PAWS Chicago. She also finds inspiration to help other animals from her beloved PAWS adoptee, Luke, and two other pups, Helen and Jessie. Shortly after adopting Luke, it was discovered that he was born completely deaf and had been



mistreated by his previous owner. But her love and dedication to Luke gave him the second chance at life he deserved.

Earlier this year, Joanna extended her volunteer expertise by opening her home to a puppy who needed time in foster for three weeks. "It was my first experience with fostering and was happy to see how well my three dogs were open to it," said Joanna. "I am open to fostering again sometime soon."

"I am proud to be a part of PAWS Chicago's life-saving mission and do my part to get closer to creating a No Kill Chicago," said Joanna.

In beginning classes, dogs search for treat rewards in boxes. After your dog gains confidence, the rewards are then paired with a target odor such as birch, clove or anise oil. The game then expands to search rooms, exterior areas and vehicles.

A wide variety of dogs can participate in this sport, even dogs who are shy or reactive. High-energy dogs get exercise from racing around on the hunt. It is also easy to practice at home, unlike activities that require extensive equipment. If competition is your thing, K9 Nose Work is also an organized, titling sport with official rules and titles. There are three levels and trials are held nationwide.

CANINE CONDITIONING CLASS& RALLY CANINE CROSSFIT

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

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

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



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



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My Mouth Stinks!

Preventive Oral Healthcare for Dogs and Cats

By Cindy Charlier, DVM, Dip AVDC



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

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

What is Periodontal Disease?

Plaque is the sticky film that contains bacteria and covers the tooth surface. When you wake up in the morning and it feels as though you have 'socks' on your teeth – that's plaque. It's sticky but you can't really see it. We remove our plaque with tooth brushing. Unfortunately, our pets rely on us to take care of their oral hygiene. Without daily brushing, plaque becomes calcified and appears as brown calculus or tartar on the tooth surface. Once formed, calculus cannot be brushed away. The bacteria in the calculus that forms under the gum causes periodontal disease. The first stage of periodontal disease is

gingivitis which is inflammation of the gum tissue only. If your pet has gingivitis and has a dentistry procedure completed with your veterinarian under general anesthesia, then gingivitis may be reversed. Followed by diligent homecare, you can lengthen the time until your pet may require general anesthesia for a dentistry procedure in the future. If left untreated, gingivitis can progress to periodontal disease which is an infection that causes loss of gum tissue and bone surrounding the tooth roots. Periodontal disease leads to exposed roots, gum recession, mobile and painful teeth. If you see signs of periodontal disease contact your veterinarian for an oral examination.

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

Brushing Your Pet's Teeth

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

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Choose a consistent time during the day. Have small bits of food that your pet loves available for rewards. Small dogs and cats might be most comfortable in your lap, while larger dogs can sit on the floor. Use a calm, gentle tone of voice. Begin by just touching your pets lips and reward positive behavior. If they pull away or resist end the session and try again later. Do not reward resisting behavior. Introduce your finger into

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their mouth and run your finger along the outside surface of their teeth. Then introduce the toothbrush only and lastly add the toothpaste. Use a toothpaste for dogs and cats that is recommended by your veterinarian. You only need to brush the outside surfaces of your pet's teeth as their tongue does a pretty good job taking care of the inside surfaces. Use a circular motion and pay special attention to the area of the gum margin. This process may take several weeks. Remember to make it fun! Be patient and positive! The end goal is for your pet to ask to have its teeth brushed every day!

Veterinary Oral Health Council

Unfortunately not all pets are amenable to tooth brushing. In addition to daily brushing, consider the use of other products to decrease plaque and calculus accumulation. The Veterinary Oral Health Council is the dog and cat version of the ADA. The VOHC is an organization that provides an objective means of recognizing Appropriate Chew Tovs commercially available products that meet pre-set standards of effectiveness in controlling the accumulation of plaque and calculus in dogs and cats. For a product to be accepted by the VOHC the product has

to have scientific evidence that it does help with the control of plaque and/or tartar. The list of currently accepted products is available on the VOHC website (www. vohc.org). Using a combination of daily brushing, diets, treats, chews and water additives will help to slow the progression of periodontal disease.

Remember that there is no perfect chew toy for your pets. Dogs should never chew on anything harder than their teeth. The rule of thumb is if you cannot bend it or compress it your pet should not get it.

COHAT (Comprehensive Oral Healthcare Assessment and Treatment)

A dentistry procedure for your pet requires general anesthesia to complete a thorough oral examination, including probing around each tooth in 4 - 6 locations, charting the findings and taking intraoral radiographs. A dentistry procedure for your pet is very similar to a trip for you to the dentist. The only difference if that your dog and cat can't open their mouth and say ahhh to allow a complete oral exam so general anesthesia is required. Depending on the severity of your pet's periodontal disease, your veterinarian may recommend a recheck examination in three to twelve months.

Remember that the key to oral health care is prevention of plaque! YOU can make a huge difference in the overall health and well-being of your pets!



Dr. Cindy Charlier, DVM is a board certified veterinary dentist. She is the owner of Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry and Surgery, a dentistry and oral surgery practice with offices in Chicago and St. Charles, Illinois

Thank you Dr. Charlier!

PAWS CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT Dr. Claire Conrath

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

reasons I entered the veterinary profession," says Dr. Conrath. "Helping animals in need and being part of the process that finds

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

Dr. Conrath performs other life-saving specialty surgeries and dentistry on pets who are transferred from Chicago's Animal Care & Control. From mass removals and biopsies to limb/eye amputations and surgical tooth extractions, Dr. Conrath is a part of the team who perform surgeries for homeless pets who would likely be euthanized at traditional "open door" shelters. "Unlike other programs, PAWS treats animals for many medical conditions including parvo, ringworm, feline leukemia and other infectious diseases so that we can give these pets a healthy second chance at life," says Dr. Conrath. "We are often the last chance these animals have at receiving these life-saving surgeries."

In addition to sharing her home with five rescue dogs, Dr. Conrath's love for helping animals and people has been a life-long commitment that she continues today. When she was 18, she brought animals to visit with seniors in nursing homes and people with disabilities. She also certified one of

As one of the veterinary surgeons for her own dogs to help people live healthier companion animals into their lives. She continues to help educate the community through her involvement with the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association and their Public Education Committee.

Each day, Dr. Conrath is reminded by her dogs to live life the way a dog does-"PAWS Chicago stands for many of the live every day like it's your last and love unconditionally!



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











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Eliza & Margot

For their annual Valentine's Day service project,

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sold to benefit Little Boy Blue, a one-year-old Pomeranian who was suffering from a fractured leg that needed to be amputated. The students raised \$500 that went directly toward Little Boy Blue's surgery. Because of their support, Little Boy Blue has gotten a second chance at life and

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

kids corner

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



Prescott School

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



cats will be saved.

Chicago City Day School Girl Scout Troop 308

This fall, girls from Brownie Troop 308 from Chicago City Day School chose

to donate the proceeds they earned through cookie sales to PAWS Chicago!

to PAWS. Thanks to their generosity, the lives of more homeless dogs and

Together, the girls sold 2,421 boxes of cookies and donated more than \$1,500

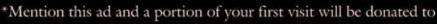
is now in a loving home.





Latin School

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



PROTECTING FERAL CATS

By Julie Mazzola



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

Donna Alexander,Cook County Department of
Animal and Rabies Control

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

Monica Frenden, Safe House Animal Rescue League

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

to county municipalities for the capture and euthanization of feral cats.

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

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

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

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

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



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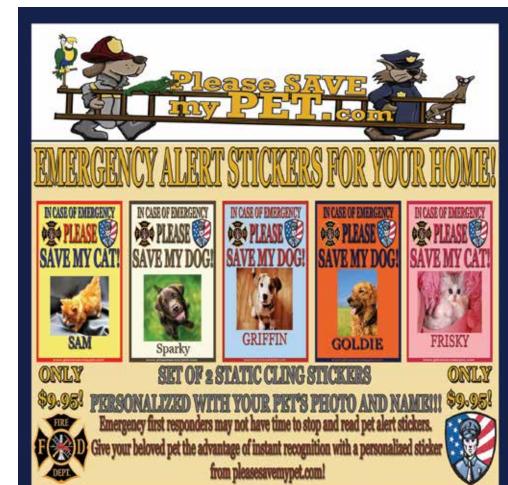


PAWS Chicago serves as a source of information and assistance for caregivers of community cats, including by conducting workshops on TNR. For cats and caregivers sponsored, PAWS provides trapping assistance, further financial assistance, transportation to and from the Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic, a food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

William Gomaa, Alley Cat Allies

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

Tammy McAuley, Feral Fixers





on the "Today Show"

By Patty Donmoyer





(Above) Hoda reveals her selection and gives Blake his first hug as a new family member. (Left) PAWS Chicago founder, Paula Fasseas, joins Kathie Lee and Hoda on the "Today Show" to introduce the homeless dogs available for adoption.

Hoda Kotb Adopts PAWS Chicago Homeless Pup

March 27, "Today Show" co-host Hoda Kotb televised her changing day for me, I am going to choose my dog," said Kotb.

preconceived notions of aesthetic or personality preferences want a runner." don't mean much when faced with a real connection. "It was not a dog I thought I was going to select," said Kotb.

a variety of 10 dogs for Kotb to meet in a Central Park fit for her lifestyle. introduction. "The six dogs that we brought to New York all came to PAWS Chicago in a two-week period from Chicago's bench together holding four of the homeless pups. "I think

The ten lucky pooches lined up in New York's Central Park long time and will be the best friend you ever had."

True love finally made its way to reality TV. On Wednesday on Tuesday March 26, a brisk spring afternoon. "This is a life search for the perfect lifelong companion and found her match "I'm trying to think when I was in this good of a mood." When in an adorable five-month-old cockapoo from PAWS Chicago. asked what she was looking for, she replied, "I'm looking for As is often true in the quest for a life companion, a dog that likes to sleep. I kind of want a blobby dog. I don't

One by one, co-host Kathie Lee Gifford walked each dog out and introduced the contender to Kotb, seated on a bench. In the weeks before the, "Today Show" producers "For a long time, she's wanted a dog," said Gifford. Kotb spent coordinated with PAWS Chicago and Petfinder to select quality time with them to determine who would be the perfect

After the initial introductions, Gifford and Kotb sat on the city pound, which shows how many wonderful pets come into this is going to be an extremely tough decision," said Kotb. shelters every day," said PAWS Chicago founder Paula Fasseas. Gifford replied, "If you're lucky, they'll be with you for a long,



Following the filming, Fasseas encouraged Kotb to choose her favorite three and spend one-on-one time with each of them to be sure she was selecting the right pooch. Kotb loved the idea of quiet time with the dogs and chose to have Kevin, a one-year-old peppy Havanese mix, Reeves, a mellow, loving six-month-old Shitzu-Maltese mix, and Goldfish, an excited and curious fivemonth-old Cockapoo join her for a little one-on-one time at her home. All three were homeless pups from PAWS Chicago.

Kotb reported back on her "master dates," as she called them. Kevin was so energetic, he kept charging the mirror, thinking it was another dog," Kotb said as she laughed about his effusive energy. Reeves was the perfect lap companion, not venturing far from Kotb during the visit. But it was Goldfish that won the day. "There was an immediate connection," Koth said.

Kotb kept her final choice a secret until the big reveal on the show the next day. "Today is finally the day that I am getting a dog! I am totally busting because this is one of the decisions you make in your life that is huge," Kotb said on air. "Every single dog we looked at were rescues. They came from PAWS Chicago and from Petfinder—great organizations. They were found near housing projects, they were abandoned. All ten of these dogs are great dogs." Gifford added an appeal to viewers, "We'll give everyone else an opportunity to adopt the others if they fall in love today."

Kotb and Gifford invited Fasseas on camera to introduce the 10 dogs, who were lined up in the studio. "So many amazing dogs! How can you make your choice, Hoda woman?" Gifford asked.

"What I realized is when you know, you know," Kotb replied. "It was not a dog I thought I was going to select. Honestly, I didn't. Knowing me, what kind of dog did you think would be best for me?" Kotb asked Fasseas.

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

Kotb walked down the line of pets, saying hello to each one—stopping only when she arrived at Goldfish, the black Cockapoo with white markings who won Hoda's heart.

PAWS Chicago rescued Goldfish from the city pound after he was found as a stray on the streets of Chicago. Thousands of homeless pets are euthanized in Chicago each year. Fasseas is thrilled that Hoda decided to make her decision to adopt part of her show. "When public figures and celebrities adopt and draw attention to the tragic reality that so many wonderful homeless animals are killed every year, it brings the importance of adoption to the public's attention and saves thousands of lives," said Fasseas. "Since the segment aired, the phones at PAWS Chicago have been ringing non-stop with people wanting



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

CHOOSING A NAME

With a Little Help from Some Friends

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

"Blake," Hannah suggested. "We can't do Blake," said Hoda.

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

To decide, Hanna and Hoda put five names in a hat and the winner was Charlie.

But Gifford had a surprise in store. "There's someone on the phone who is incredibly disappointed, Hoda Woman. Good morning Blake."

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

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

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

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

Hoda was elated: "This just totally escalated into the best day ever, again!"

"We don't want any emails about how Hoda's now going to be sleeping with Blake," said Gifford.

Congratulations Hoda and Blake!

SIX in the CITY





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

Where are they now?

Orla was adopted almost immediately after the "Today Show" segment concluded.

> "We LOVE her! She is already a key member of the family."

- Dana Brown, MSNBC Producer and Anchor



Bobbie Sue



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



Reeves was adopted by his foster family from Winnetka, Illinois who cared for him before the segment on the "Today Show."



Su Lee (PAWS Chicago name, Yaris) was adopted shortly after the "Today Show" segment wrapped.

"Su Lee is a loving and gentle dog and is named after my mother and aunt. I love her so much!"

Katherine Scaccia from NBC's Legal Department



Wrigley (PAWS Chicago name, Kevin) now lives in Rockford, Illinois with a wonderful family with a big

backyard in which

Revin

to play. "Wrigley has been a wonderful addition to our family. He keeps us busy and is really coming out of his shell. We LOVE him."

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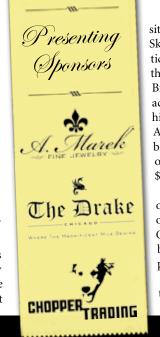
ON NOVEMBER 9, 2012, PAWS CHICAGO hosted the 11th Annual Fur Ball at The Drake Hotel, co-chaired by Joanna Mallers, Rita Moore and Lauren and Sandy Walfish. Honorary Chairs Bonnie and James Spurlock were celebrated for their long-term dedication and generosity to helping save the lives of homeless pets.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

Lucky pups in attendance indulged in a doggie buffet served in crystal goblets and received pawdicures in the Dog Spa, while their human companions dined on a top-notch buffet, bid on one-of-a-kind silent auction items and danced all night to music provided by Icon Entertainment and The Dave and Donna Duo. Animal communicator, Alicia Halloran, treated guests to individual pet-reading sessions while artist Rosemary Fanti created beautiful illustrations of guests and their pooches.

Simon Lambert of The Chicago Wine Company was the live auctioneer for the evening and engaged guests by auctioning off the opportunity to have a pet featured on the cover of the 2014 PAWS Chicago Desktop Calendar, a portrait sitting with renowned celebrity photographer, Victor Skrebneski, a luxurious trip to Beijing, China, and tickets to the 2013 Grammy Awards. The highlight of the evening featured Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan, who helped auction off a private acoustic performance and sit-down tea with him at his new Highland Park tea house, Madame Zuzu's. After a bidding war between three guests who each bid \$30,000, Billy generously offered the same opportunity to each bidder, all together raising \$90,000 for homeless pets.

Following the live auction, generous guests bid on the opportunity to save lives by covering the costs of spay/neuter surgeries at PAWS Chicago's Lurie Clinic and GusMobile Spay/Neuter Van, medical bills for sick and injured animals, medicine for puppies and kittens and Adoption Center utilities.

At the event's closing, the Fur Ball netted more than \$1,000,000 for Chicago's homeless pets!













1. Fur Ball Co-Chairs Rita Moore, Joanna Mallers, Sandy & Lauren Walfish 2. Ann Wallace and Judith Blazer 3. Honorary Co-Chairs James & Bonnie Spurlock with Howard & Judy Tullman 4. Sponsor Chopper Trading's Raj Fernando matched donations for Spay/Neuter Surgeries in the Bid to Save Lives, contributing \$63,000, pictured with Melissa Krischner 5. Sponsor A. Marek Fine Jewelry's Barbara Bradford & Robert Sherman 6. Mark Bell & Tara Clack 7. Melissa & Michael Canning with a homeless PAWS pup 8. Paula Fasseas presenting the PAWS Chicago Visionary Award to The David Duffield Family's Dr. Laurie Peek 9. "Kitchen Crashers" host Alison Victoria with Luke Harding & Ditka 10. Billy Corgan with live auction winners Kristy Kitzmiller, Nancy Timmers & Mayari Pritzker





SPECIAL THANKS to the benefactors who sponsored PAWS Chicago's programs during the Fur Ball's live auction, raising \$268,400 for homeless pets!

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Senior Dogs

Mayari Pritzker - \$26,000

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

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	UNRESI	TICILD				
	Operations	Board Restricted ^(B)	Temporarily Restricted ^(C)	Permanently Restricted ^(D)	Total	
REVENUE						
Program Service Fees:						
Adoption Center	\$ 820,902	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 820,902	
Admission & Recovery Center	14,123	-	-	-	14,123	
Spay/Neuter Clinic	785,391	-	-	-	785,391	
Gus Spay/Neuter Mobile	10,440	-	-	-	10,440	
Contributions	1,212,007	1,919,855	739,636	30,000	3,901,498	
Contributions - In-Kind (A)	543,000	-	-	-	298,153	
Investment Income	139	-	297,603	411	749,863	
Unrealized Gain on Investments	-	-	749,863	-	-	
Special Events	2,414,795	-	-	-	2,414,795	
Other Income	185,760	-	-	-	185,760	
Net Assets Released from Restrictions (E)	1,952,097	-	(1,952,097)	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUE	7,938,654	1,919,855	(164,995)	30,411	9,723,925	
EXPENSES						
Program Services:						
Adoption Center Lincoln Park	1,602,150	-	-	-	1,602,150	
Adoption Center North Shore	1,481	-	-	-	1,481	
Rescue & Recovery Center	1,925,665	-	-	-	1,925,665	
Spay/Neuter Clinic	1,552,523	-	-	-	1,552,523	
Humane Education & Publications	750,033	-	-	-	750,033	
Gus Spay/Neuter Mobile	87,437			<u> </u>	87,437	
	5,919,289				5,919,289	
Supporting Services:						
Management and General	272,687	-	-	-	272,687	
Special Events	978,344	-	-	-	978,344	
Fundraising	381,837	-	-	-	381,837	
	1,632,868			_	1,632,868	
In-Kind Expenses (A)	543,000	-	-	-	543,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,095,157	-	-	-	8,095,157	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(156,503)	1,919,855	(164,995)	30,411	1,628,768	
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	9,818,608	2,480,362	12,363,041	142,326	24,804,337	
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 9,844,185	\$ 4,400,217	\$ 12,198,046	\$ 172,737 	\$ 26,433,105	

- A. In-Kind Contributions and Expenses are non-cash contributions such as goods and services received from donors.
- B. Board Restricted assets have been designated by the Board of Directors as reserved for future operations, capital expenditures and program growth. C. Temporarily Restricted Assets - consist of investments, donations and pledges to be received over the next five years for capital projects and
- improvements (i.e. Building).
- D. Permanently Restricted Assets consist of contributions and unconditional promises to give restricted to an Endowment Fund.
- E. Net Assets were released from restriction for the purchase of the Blazer Building on Marcey Street which will house business operations, development, special events, communications and a large training center to expand volunteer and dog training programs.

SHELTER DATA

SPAY/NEUTER	2012	2011	2010
TOTAL SURGERIES Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic Gus Spay/Neuter Mobile Free Health Checks Free or Subsidized Vaccines	18,130	17,699	17,147
	17,519	17,235	17,147
	611	464	-
	23,299	22,626	20,870
	38,093	37,403	31,786
COMMUNITY OUTREACH			
Presentations/Events (Targeted) Total People Reached	50	50	64
	6,402	10,120	13,108
NEIGHBORHOOD CAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM			
Number of Sponsored Colonies / Cats	259/2,295	206/1,859	185/1,440
TNR Educational & Resource Support	1,983 Ind.	1,200 Ind.	1,500 Ind.
PET FOOD BANK			
Number of Cats & Dogs	648	601	588
Pounds of Food Distributed	52,070	53,690	46,400
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM			
Total Volunteer Hours Active Volunteers Core Volunteers New Volunteers (Via Orientation)	94,116	92,100	91,500
	3,650	3,332	3,300
	450	425	400
	3,142	2,466	3,354

NOTE

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

ADOPTION PROGRAM	2012 DOG	2012 CAT	2012 TOTAL	2011 DOG	2011 CAT	2011 TOTAL	2010 DOG	2010 CAT	2010 TOTAL
Shelter Count at beginning of the year	141	174	315	149	193	342	135	185	320
PET ADMISSIONS		3,017	5,728	2,182	2,226	4,408	1,960	2,124	4,084
Owner Surrender to PAWS Chicago	581	1,031	1,612	489	703	1,192	442	627	1,069
Transfers from Organizations within Chicago	1,143	1,830	2,973	1,322	1,422	2,744	1,461	1,342	2,803
Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Chicago	987	156	1,143	371	101	472	57	155	212
ADOPTIONS	2,675	2,931	5,606	2,140	2,128	4,268	1,967	2,075	4,042
* DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED	47 (6 Medical, 41 Behavior)	54 (54 Medical)	101 (60 Medical, 41 Behavior)	44 (11 Medical, 33 Behavior)	76 (76 Medical)	120 (87 Medical, 33 Behavior)	32 (7 Medical, 25 Behavior)	90 (90 Medical)	122 (97 Medical, 25 Behavior)
Percent of Outcomes	1.76%	1.84%	1.80%	2.06%	3.57%	2.81%	1.63%	4.34%	3.02%
DIED WHILE IN SHELTER		33	41	6	41	47	3	47	50
Percent of Outcomes	.30%	1.13%	.73%	.28%	1.93%	1.10%	.15%	2.27%	1.24%
SHELTER COUNT AT END OF YEAR	122	173	295	141	174	315	93	97	190

*EUTHANASIA POLICY

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

TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT

In support of our No Kill model of sheltering, PAWS Chicago believes in 100 percent transparency of all shelter data that accounts for every animal that comes into the shelter. This data report publically states the outcome of every healthy, treatable, unhealthy and untreatable animal that came through our doors in 2012.

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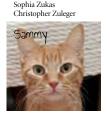
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Karl Goodhouse

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

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

His love for animals begun with this childhood beagle named Amy. More recently, Karl and his wife, Cynthia shared their home with Oreo, a beautiful 19-year-old black and white cat. Karl would begin his day with exercises in the living room; Oreo would lie alongside him on her back, stretching her legs and would remain in that position until Karl gave her a tummy rub. Karl also became a vegetarian because of his concerns for the inhumane killing of animals for food.

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

Karl is survived by his wife Cynthia; his daughter Bridgette Mann; his grandson Dustin; and great-granddaughter Faith; mother Gloria M. Goodhouse; brother, Robert C. Goodhouse and wife Margaret; nephews Andrew and Alex; Nancy A. Goodhouse mother of nephews Alex and (godson) Andrew. Because of his support of PAWS Chicago's No Kill mission, his family requested that donations be made to the organization in lieu of flowers.

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

John went to Chicago to attend Loyola University. There, he got a job as a dog washer at a pet-grooming salon. We were so excited for him because he would get to be around animals while away from home. He also started fostering dogs for PAWS Chicago. Dogs have always made him laugh and brought him great joy.

Our sweet, sweet man, we love you with all our hearts and souls. You have made us so proud. We are in awe of you. You have taught us so much in your lifetime. Compassion, laughter, math too (you exhibited so much patience and enthusiasm), solid work ethic and commitment to whatever your passion. We will carry you in our hearts until we are together again. God please embrace our son, brother and friend. Keep him warm, safe and loved. Encourage his laughter and love of math. Please guide him to peace and his grandparents. Our sweet baby is in your embrace now let him know how much we miss and love him and that we will be okay.

- John, Suzanne, Margaret & Anne Versnel

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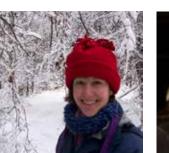
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Mike Lauria



In the last photo taken of him, Mike Lauria hugs Willow at the PAWS Chicago adoption event at River Shannon on February 14, 2013.

Michael C. Lauria spent 27 years flying passenger aircraft across the country and around the world. Despite a hectic life, Mike made time to volunteer for PAWS Chicago, serving on its Development Board and providing foster care

for homeless dogs.

At the time of his passing from a heart attack on February 19, 2013, Mike had assembled an expansive, two-wall photo-gallery of 70 framed dog portraits in the airy family room of his Lincoln Park home. He wanted to remember every one of the dogs he had the pleasure of being the "Dogfather" to for a few weeks at time. The expressive faces of those he "sat for," and those in the lives of his neighbors and friends, were at the center of his home because Mike's deep respect for animals was at center of his life. Volunteering for PAWS enabled him

As a flight captain for United Airlines, to answer a spiritual call within himself to care directly for outcasts. His photo wall is an ironic monument to the love between humans and canines, created by a man whose career and lifestyle prevented him from personally raising a dog of his own. But that did not stop his love for these wonderful creatures.

Mike also thrived as an investor and business entrepreneur. Annually, he was invited to guestlecture at his alma mater, Canisius College, to business students on stock options trading, of which he was completing a manuscript that his family intends to publish. In its obituary, The Buffalo News noted Mike was "known for his unflappable and ambitious nature." That was especially true of Mike when caring for animals. He specifically provided for significant funding for PAWS Chicago in his will.

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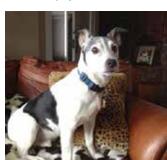
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In 2012, we lost three extraordinary members of our family. Our cat, Badger, was pure, playful love. Our yellow lab, Belle, was our soul mate and best friend. Scout, our black lab, was the kindest, gentlest soul. All three of these rescued animals changed our life for the best. We hope to honor them by helping other rescues find the kind of forever love we have.

- Wood Chatham & Brooke Baxter

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In Memory of Grendel Magee



In 2010, I went to PAWS Chicago to foster an older cat who would be harder to adopt out and I took home Grendel. When he hopped out of the carrier, he looked around and sniffed the air like, "it doesn't smell like a vet's office. It doesn't smell like a shelter. It smells like a HOME." That night he slept under the covers with me and by the next night, he was chasing balls around the apartment.

Later that summer, Grendel and I moved to Wisconsin. Though born in Chicago and having spent 10 of his 13 years there, Grendel quickly became a country hick where he enjoyed watching wildlife, running around the yard and sleeping on the lawn or under a rose bush. Before moving to the country, he must not have even dreamed a place like this existed. It was pure heaven.

Grendel had been a bit feisty at PAWS and may have been considered 'difficult' by adopters, but when he was given a chance and welcomed into my home, he was so happy and was a constant joy to me.

One of my fondest memories of Grendel's contentment was on a chilly April afternoon. The sun was pouring in through a window and was warming Grendel in a rocking chair. He was curled up with his eyes closed and he was softly purring to himself. How happy he must've been.

In early 2013, I found out that Grendel's kidney and liver levels were elevated and his health was declining. On February 26, I finally decided to have him 'released' from his sick little body in the home he loved so much.

Exactly two months later, I released some of his ashes over the land that became the best thing that ever happened to him. It was the first really warm day of spring and he loved days like this so much. The rest of his ashes will be released throughout the summer and fall on days he'd love. Rest in love, my little man.

- Laurie Magee

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Abbot by Susan Kruesi Isis by Karen Choi Jack Fitzgerald Allen Kennedy Onassis, Lucile Vanderbilt and Sir Winston Woo by Chad Allen All the sweet dogs and cats in need by Madonna M. Ivan Nikko by Vincent Domingo Amy by Bob & Diane Jack Paracka-Perkins by Alison and Aaron Lipson, Bradley and Badger, Belle and Scout by Mary Perkins, Dianne Elman and Stephen Langendorf, Holly and Jeffrey Conrad, Susan and Daniel Perkins, Trista Mentz-Bella by Laura Sharp Ben by Jessica Funk-Garvin Bonkers, Tank, Bill, Monica, Baby, Johns, and Autumn and John Furby, China, Maggie, Misty, Nena, Crispy, Morris, Nena, Svetlana, Shilo, and Sweet Potato by Svetlana Subotic Jackson by Noreen Hickey Jadyn Sophia Lentini-Manne by Stan Manne and Fern Lentini-Manne Bonnie by Jay, Josh, Amy and Katie Jake by Lynn Ukleja Brady Disner by Ionathan Disner Iax by Susan, Lambros. **Bubba, Peewee, and Kaiser** by Anna Rodriguez-Cotter JJ at CACC by Kelli Sondker Chance by Linda Dabbs-Griffin Josey and Bruce by Erin Chanel by Kathy Mower Smits Fichtelberg Chloe by JIm Ciortan Josie, Jovi, Rosie, Roxy, Minnie Bella, Stella & Byron, Ace, Chudleigh, Comet & Coco, Comet, Fanny Mae, Claude Fogarty by Mom and Dad Coconut Rupp and The Rupp Wedding by Josh & Ashley Rupp Bruno & Lola, Country, Lucky, Molly & Ziggy, Wrigley & Roxxi, Shane and Scout by Marcia & Stan Dawson by Michael Gunderson **Desmond Spratt** by Auntie Joannie and Uncle Michael Lenora by Philann Geiser Luca and Cooper by Kim Wankel Doolin and Dasha by Maddie & Daisy by Stickers & Lemur Magnolia, PAWS Alum Elvis by Catalina R. Padilla Franco by Olga Quintana Mama Mia by Marjorie J. Anderson Genny Mahaffee by Baskerville, Hanz Schafer by Randy, Michael and Willa Alexander, Vinny, Sophie, Cedric, Mia, Josephine, Emma, Leigh, Max by Thomas Kasza Isabella, and Sherrie Gibson Max, Mary Kiel and Tiger Tira by Dorinda Works-Glosa by Roswitha Lippke Gracie by Marlene Milo by Caroly & Tom Bogenschutz Griffin, PAWS Alum Mimi & Millie Ronzi by Holly Ronzi by Gregg Gilman Gus Oldenburg by The Oldenburg Mojo by NOreen Hickey Flock (Marley, Squirt, Pedro and Vito) Moxie and Lokie by Janet, Hanz by Randy, Michael and Willa Steve, Melanie and Elana Happy Wawer by Jolanta Wawer Muffie by Marie Eguchi Muneca by Elisa Garfinkel Harry & Sally by Franklin Murphy by Donald and Shervl Lesch Hayden Carson by Cheryl Nellie by Marybeth Duchene and Arthur Alaniz, Elliot and Theresa Ek, John R. Hoffmann, Nicky and Kiki by Ellen E. Hayes Oreo and Nestle by Rachel Burton Mary Lou and John Connolly, Melissa and Michael Karson Orson by Patty and Tsuki Otis Lamont by Todd Cirillo Henry "The Cool Cat" Hollenbeck by Michael Lavelli Otto by Monika C. Betts Pangur Ban by Judith Alspach Hollywood by Mary Bauer Honey and Pooch Kira Phaon and Fuzzel by Audrey and Nina Jacobs Iroh by Matthew Michaels Phoebe Iohansen by Joey Luna

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In Honor of Jadyn Sophia Lentini-Manne

Our darling and beloved Chloe has been gone since October 9, 2011, and we still miss this sweet baby who brought such joy to us for 16 years. The sorrow of losing her was so great that we decided we needed a new friend to travel with us and share our lives. We began our search. Amazingly, we found a female Pomeranian puppy who had been born on October 10, 2011, the day after Chloe died. I took this as a sign that Chloe had sent this little girl to us because she knew how sad we were, and in part, this was Chloe's spirit returned to us. Our new puppy, who we named Jadyn, just celebrated her first birthday. She has brought us so much fun, joy and love, and helped with our healing over Chloe's death. We commemorated both events with a yurtzite candle for Chloe, and the next day, a cupcake with a candle for Jadyn.

In honor of both our dogs, we are making a donation to PAWS Chicago, which is such an amazing organization and does such wonderful work with homeless pets. We wish vou well.

- Stan Manne and Fern Lentini-Manne

never had the chance to meet her, or even see her face. Gertie's picture was sent to me through Facebook, and she

only had a day to live without a rescue

Her posture showed timidity, fear and

organization coming to her rescue.

It showed defeat.

uncertainty.

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

Animal Care & Control treated her neck sores and x-rays confirmed she had cancer.

I wondered if this senior had ever experienced real love. Had she ever snuggled under the covers, sleeping in on Sunday morning? Had she ever been showered with kisses and scratches under the chin? Had she ever relished in a tasty bite of steak, or a big yummy bone?

Pets teach us so much. About really taking pleasure in the simple things in life. About taking time to enjoy the moment. About smiling at the people around us and approaching each day with vigor.

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

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

Instead of being surrounded by family in her last hour, Gertie had been living on a cold, hard floor in a small cage. Instead of hearing soothing words and receiving light kisses and gentle strokes of affection, she was surrounded by dozens of barking and stressed dogs, unsure why they were confined in such a stark and scary place.

Gertie broke my heart without even meeting her. She reminds me of the animals that we are unable to save. Sometimes, they are too sick or we are too late. In her memory, we are setting up Gertie's Fund, which will be reserved for saving senior pets who so deeply deserve to experience the wonders of life for their remaining days.

- Alexis Fasseas





To contribute to Gertie's Fund and help save senior pets at risk of euthanasia, please visit www.pawschicago.org/gertiesfund or call Liz at (773) 475-4240.

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

A bequest to PAWS Chicago, the city's largest No Kill humane organization, is a wonderful way to save the lives of homeless cats and dogs long after your lifetime.

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

Pamela & Michael McCray Leave a Legacy for the Animals

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

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

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

"We wanted to be sure that our legacy would provide funding for adoptions and shelter fees for older and special needs pets."

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

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