



Paw Print

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Hi!!!

My name is Cathy!

I am THRILLED to report that I have found an extra-special new home! PAWS volunteers refused to give up on me last Spring when I tested positive for FIP. Now, Magen, her Mom, Michelle and I are having a blast getting to know each other!

This would not have been possible without the kind and generous support of folks like YOU!

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Message from the President...

Thank you for taking the time to read and enjoy this issue of PAW Print. It's hard to believe that Spring is near and kitten season is just around the corner!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support. Whether you're a corporate or private donor; new or long-standing member, we could NOT do it without YOU. We are very grateful for your response to our recent plea and you have my personal guarantee that in this, our 34th year, PAWS will continue to stand up for homeless animals, providing care and assistance that is second to NONE.

This eight page publication does not adequately provide the space required to inform you of our progress and good works. This issue of PAW Print is only the tip of the iceberg as far as updating you about what has transpired with PAWS in recent months.

As many of you know, one of our main caregivers (my Mother - Hella Heys) was diagnosed with lung cancer last Fall. It has been a very rough go but I am thrilled to report that she is on the mend and is expected to make a full recovery. I can't help but wonder if the animals helped to see Mom through these months as they love her dearly. A special thanks goes out to everyone for their support on behalf of My Mom and our Family (both 2-legged and 4-legged!).

Allow me to take a moment to explain how PAWS differs from other animal rescue organizations:

PAWS has tirelessly been providing unique care and assistance to helpless, homeless, abused and abandoned animals since 1972. We are and always have been managed by volunteers (no paid staff!) and PAWS proudly enforces a strict NO KILL policy. THIS DOES NOT MEAN that we deem certain animals 'unadoptable' and bury this information in the

fine print of the documents we circulate. PAWS deals only with top-knotch veterinarians who provide the best of care and who work together with us to ensure pain-free quality of life. When there is nothing more we can do ... we hold the few that we lose close to us while they cross the Rainbow Bridge. Have you ever considered that the donation you have sent to another animal rescue organization is actually used to pay the salary of someone who is euthanizing healthy animals due to lack of space in their shelter, or because that organization is unwilling to spend the money required to return an animal to good health?

PAWS is the ONLY ORGANIZATION that I am personally aware of who performs blood-screening of each and every animal we rescue. This ensures that when we adopt an animal into your family (or bring that animal into our shelter) the animals are disease-free. The 'others' ask us how we can afford to provide this level of care ... we ask them how they can afford not to! PAWS rescues who do test positive and who have an immune system deficiency are housed separately of the other animals in our shelter until a suitable home is found. Cathy who appears on the front page of this issue is a classic example of this. It has been proven, time and time again, that these animals can and will live full and happy lives and they may never actually develop the illness they have tested positive for (i.e. Feline Leukemia/FIP). As well, the tests are often inaccurate.

PAWS volunteers conduct thorough interviews with potential adoptees to ensure the safety of the animals we rescue. We also visit people in their homes and we not only require, but follow-up on all references, prior to the finalization of the adoption. PAWS goes the extra mile - we believe in doing it right!

Open your heart to our cause and make your donation TODAY. THANK YOU.

Kimberly Heys

PAWS President



SUPPORT OUR SPAY / NEUTER CAMPAIGN NOW!

Dear PAWS Supporters:

Here are some of the animals
YOU HAVE RECENTLY SAVED!



I NEED A FOREVER HOME!

(Some of our recent rescues)

NOTE

If we included all of our recent rescues - the entire issue of Paw Print would be bursting at the seams - please refer to www.pawstoronto.org and link to Pet Finder to view pictures and descriptions of special pets looking for loving, responsible homes (you may also view our "Happy Tails" section for success stories) and we suggest that you check-in from time to time as this information changes regularly.

JUSTICE I'm a beautiful boy and simply haven't found a special new family yet. I actually lived with a homeless person once and he left me at a vet clinic. Then another lady took me and decided she didn't want me either - she gave me to PAWS (after many nasty threats which really hurt my feelings). It's not so bad here except that several of the cats pick on me ... I would really like to be adopted SOON!

SAM I came to the PAWS shelter many moons ago. I was so skinny you would never have known I was pregnant. All of my babies found terrific homes (thanks PAWS!) but I have remained with the kind volunteers at the shelter. Unfortunately, last summer I had to have an operation. I had something called bladder stones which they said might come back. Well, they have and I now need surgery again - can you help? We don't have the funding and I'm really scared! I'm being given medication right now but this can't go on - these stones have to be removed from my tummy. What I actually need is a wonderful new home where someone special will feed me a veterinary diet. I love to cuddle you while you sleep and I'm very loyal. I'm also kinda cute with big round golden eyes and I'm sleek n' silky. Oh - I'm female and spayed and otherwise in excellent health.

PHILIP

I'm a spunky black and white boy who needs someone to play with. I'm in great health and already neutered. I just celebrated my first birthday. Maybe I could celebrate my second birthday with you?



PHANTOM

If you met me, you'd fall in love. You would see right away that I have truly suffered but I remain kind and understanding. I realize that human beings can be selfish and unkind but I have forgiven. My ears have been damaged by the elements and I lost most of my teeth too. I still need further dentistry but PAWS finances don't allow for it at this time. Would you consider sponsoring the balance of my dentistry or better yet would you adopt me?

I FOUND A FOREVER HOME!

(Some of our recent adoptions)

CATHY So, you already know how adorable I am since I appear on the front page of this issue of Paw Print (bet you can't tell that I have two different colored eyes). In April 2005 I was found in a parking garage - I was so dirty and so scared! The nice lady who found me actually took a taxi all the way from the west end of the city to transport me to the nice people at PAWS (thank goodness they had room for me!). I heard them say they had to keep me away from the other kitties until I went to the doctor which was fine by me since I was exhausted and just wanted to rest. When the doctors were about to spay me a few days later, they noticed that I had fluid in my tummy. They called our President Kim to say they thought it best to put me down (now, I am not stupid - I know what that means and I wasn't ready to give up without a fight). But Kim refused. There had to be something we could do she said - having little if any experience with FIP (a serious and highly contagious illness in cats - but only to other cats - not to humans). They went ahead with the surgery (whew!) but said I would only have a few weeks to live. Well, guess what - it's been a year and not only do I feel GREAT but I also have a new Mom named Michelle and a great new pal named Magen who hugs me and plays with me and loves me like I've never been loved before. Did you know that these tests aren't always accurate?! I can't imagine my life without my new family and they can't imagine theirs without me. There's much more to this story but we only have a little bit of space so I will simply say THANK YOU to all who made this possible for me and I want everyone to know just how special PAWS is - PLEASE help them to help other homeless animals by sending your donation TODAY!

CALLIE (now known as "Mia") - Mia's story will be printed in a future issue of PAW Print but we wanted to thank her Mom for becoming a monthly sponsor and for donating a great video camera to our shelter! Her new Mom has this to say ... "She's very chatty & is an absolute delight. I can not believe that she was there for so long. Obviously, I was meant to have her".

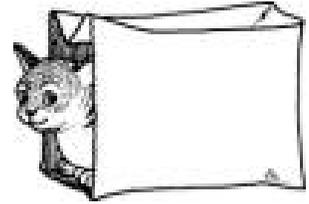
PAWS Adoption Policy:

PAWS adopts animals with the understanding that, should the placement not prove to be successful for any reason, the animal is to be returned to us. WE NEVER EUTHANIZE THESE ANIMALS. If possible they will be re-adopted. If not, they live out the rest of their lives at our shelter. If an animal has been diagnosed with a terminal illness or if their immune system is compromised, they are lovingly cared for at the PAWS shelter for as long as they are pain-free and enjoying a decent quality of life. Until such time as they are ready to cross the rainbow bridge ...

Your continued support of this unique NO-KILL organization means more than words can say!

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"The difference you make today counts in all of our tomorrows ..." - unknown

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of PAW Print. Please feel free to pass it along to a fellow pet-lover for their reading enjoyment. We always welcome new members! By spreading the word about PAWS (a strictly NO-KILL organization managed exclusively by volunteers) you are helping those who cannot help themselves.

Do you have e-mail access?

If you do, please send us a message asking to be added to our e-mail list as we occasionally send updates via e-mail. You may also provide this information on the coupon accompanying your donation and this information will be inputted by one of our Volunteers!

if you don't have e-mail - don't worry - you will continue to receive our quarterly issue of PAW Print ...

kim@pawstoronto.org

FAQ's

Do you only help cats?

PAWS has assisted a variety of animals in our 34 year history. Although our focus recently has been on cats due to the huge problem with overpopulation, we are also actively assisting dogs, small animals and occasionally exotics and wildlife

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

There is still time! We are looking for reliable and devoted humans to join in all the fun ... perhaps you are an event planner ... or just feel like you want to do a little bit more to help the animals PAWS rescues?! We have a number of events planned and still require volunteers in a variety of positions. Feel free to attend our next meeting on March 26, 2006 at 1:00 at Kallys Restaurant in Scarborough. Please contact us NOW at either 416-491-2287 or kim@pawstoronto.org

Special thanks to our foster parents who have been so patient and kind!

We could never thank everyone who supports PAWS in one issue of PAW Print ... but please know that your donations do not go un-noticed. We appreciate each and every contribution - large or small - and guarantee that each and every dollar is used to help the animals we rescue. We have also received items such as scratching posts and other 'equipment' that has really been put to good use. Thank you one and all!!

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Special Thanks to...

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who donated a lovely enclosure for some of our special needs kitties.

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Congrats to...

The winners of the raffles which were held at our '05 Spring Bazaar: Austin Singleton and Robbie Thistle of Scarborough

"Animals are such agreeable friends ... they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms "
- George Eliot

"The reason a dog has so many friends is because he wags his tail instead of his tongue"
- author unknown

A faithful friend is the medicine of life
- Old Proverb



Puffy, hanging out in his favorite toy...

We would like to pay tribute to 2 very special friends whom we lost in 2005

Celebrating Lucky and Simon...

By Kimberly Heys



Lucky

is sadly missed by
Sandy and Smokey,
The Heys Family
and The Gang at the
PAWS Shelter

It was a beautiful summer morning more than ten years ago (July 1995). I found Lucky between our home and that of our neighbor. She was clearly homeless, as thin as could be and starving, but friendly and in good spirits nonetheless. In those days, we were 'normal people' with 3 cats and a dog! My Mom happened to be in the shower at the time and I shouted to her (via the window) 'wait until you see the gorgeous cat I found'. Mom fell in love right away. Lucky indulged herself in delicious kitty food and fresh water and spent much time resting and enjoying her new home. A short time later we realized that Lucky had gained some weight and was indeed pregnant! On August 24, 1995 she gave birth to Sandy, a twin to Sandy who, sadly, did not survive and Smokey. Lucky was extremely protective of her babies as any good Mom is or would be. She began attacking our dog Shadow and we felt we would have to put her up for adoption once the kittens were weaned and she was spayed. We put a poster up at a local pet store and received a call from a PAWS member a short time later - they offered to assist. As they say 'to make a long story short' Lucky remained (she learned to trust Shadow) and my family and I connected with PAWS. Together, along with many devoted volunteers, we've worked hard to save countless lives. On a Saturday in July of 2005 I realized that Lucky just didn't seem right and I rushed her into Secord Animal Hospital. Dr. Mark diagnosed her with cancer and we began treatment right away. Unfortunately, Lucky did not respond well and we lost her approximately 7 weeks later ... this was devastating not only to my Family but to PAWS volunteers and the staff at the clinic. I do believe that things happen for a reason and that Lucky was brought to me in order that I would become deeply involved with PAWS (I was proudly nominated President in 2000). We'll never forget you "Little Lucky" ...

In August of 2004 I received a call from a PAWS member as her Aunt and Uncle had found a 'stray' cat whom they were unable to keep (the dogs in the household would not hear of it!). We agreed that Simon would come to live at the PAWS shelter but it was essential that he visit Secord Animal Hospital immediately. We never introduce a new 'rescue' without first receiving a clean bill of health from our Vet. Simon had already been neutered and had tested positive for FIV (feline aids) - no doubt because he had lived on the streets for so long and had had to fight for his survival. In the coming weeks, every effort was made to find his original 'owner' to no avail. The other cats at the shelter disliked Simon and they picked on him in spite of the fact that he was considerably larger than they. We were eventually forced to separate him from the others when we realized, more than ever before, that he was an absolute gem! He loved his face 'mushed' and truly appreciated the company of his human companions. Ten months later a very special young woman contacted us at the suggestion of a co-worker. Cindy said that she had never had a cat before but she was interested in visiting the PAWS shelter to meet 'The Gang'. We thought she was looking for the 'perfect cat' - one who was outgoing, without any 'issues' etc. She selected Simon - in spite of the fact that he had FIV! We delivered Simon to his new home where he instantly became best buddies with Cindy's German Shepherd 'Jack'. We were amazed at how quickly they accepted one another and took several pictures and a video as proof. Less than 30 days later, I received an e-mail at 2:10 am to say that there was an emergency with Simon - he had thrown a blood clot. As I was still awake - I called Cindy immediately only to find that there was nothing that could be done to save Simon. I will never feel that 30 days with Cindy, her wonderful dog Jack and Simon's other fan Robert (Cindy's roommate) was enough ... but I feel that I was privileged to know Simon and I am proud to have been involved in providing him with the home he so desired and so deserved.



Simon Petrow-Heys

Cindy ... Simon will remain
in our hearts FOREVER ...

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After Care...

One of the realities of life is that through an untimely tragedy or by natural aging, a beloved pet may well survive us. Pets are members of our family and we need to think about their care and protection when we can no longer provide it. Don't overlook your pet(s) when making your estate plans.

If there is someone whom you think may agree to take your pet(s), talk it over with them now. If they have reservations, now is the time to find out.

Should you wish to have your pet(s) taken in by a responsible, no-kill shelter such as PAWS, you can indicate whether you wish for them to live out the rest of their natural lives at the shelter, or have the shelter find them a new, loving home. Here is a sample provision you can insert in your will to protect your pet(s):

"If at the time of my death I own a pet or pets, I direct my Executor to deliver them as soon as possible to PAWS (Peoples Animal Welfare Society), (a) to be cared for there until a suitable permanent home is arranged OR (b) to be cared for at their shelter for the rest of their natural lives. I further direct that a bequest of \$ _____ be paid to PAWS (Peoples Animal Welfare Society) in consideration of their good work."

You should discuss such provisions with your lawyer, amend them as need be and then update your will without delay.



Cookie



Calie

If your workplace is conducting a United Way campaign, please remember that you can direct the funds from your pledge to PAWS ... also, some employers will match your charitable donations! Please make this inquiry on behalf of the animals and submit your receipts today! For more information ... Call or e-mail PAWS ... kim@pawstoronto.org or 416-491-2287.

PAWS WISH LIST

- Adopt a new friend today - do you have room in your heart for one more?!
- Financial donations towards spaying/neutering *DESPERATELY NEEDED!*
- Monthly sponsorship of animals currently in our shelter who require surgery (i.e. Sam's removal of her bladder stones, Phantom's dentistry - we have 16 cats who currently require dentistry - we need your help NOW!)
- Adult cat food (dry and wet) and litter
- Canadian Tire \$\$\$ or Gift Cards
- Gift Cards for PetSmart/WalMart/Costco/Staples - anywhere we might purchase pet food and/or cleaning/office supplies
- Veterinary Technician or Pet Groomer to visit PAWS shelter periodically to assist with nail trimming and grooming etc.
- Unused stamps
- Paper towels
- Scratching Posts
- Gently Used Books and other items for upcoming events i.e. our Bazaar - see insert
- Handy-person to help with tasks at the PAWS shelter



Cody



Tucker

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Memoriams...



"Love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation" - Kablil Gibran

In loving memory of Barbara & Wesley Sumner
- Betty and Douglas Price

Clooney
Fondly remembered and deeply loved
- Renee, Andy and Family

**In loving memory of my dear husband Donald Lucas,
an animal lover**
- Velma Lucas

Sheeba Goodman
Our deepest sympathy to Kathryn on the
loss of your beloved cat and devoted pal
"Sheeba"
All Our Love, Auntie Gloria and Uncle
Sidney, Stephen, Cathy & Erin, Rebecca &
Lenny, Michael & Kim

Daniel MacDonald
Past-President and one of the founding member of PAWS
Sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved him - far too many
people and animals to name - remembered always by Marina who
misses him very, very much - Dan was in his 89th year
(a special tribute to Dan will appear in our next issue of PAW Print)

In Memory of Nick Milner
-The Altair Fund at the Toronto
Community Foundation

In Loving Memory of Max
-Katherine A. MacKenzie

In loving memory of Rebecca Yeager
- Mom and Dad

In Memory of Becky Yeager
-The Miller Family

Mason - Elivis' Pal
Remembered Always
- The Pinkus Family and Amber

**In Memory of My Good Friend
Margaret Murphy**
- Nellie Joe MacDonald



Shadow
With memories of
Shadow
-Kathleen Neal

Anne Tooke
A kind and selfless woman - who not only adored animals
but who rescued countless numbers of cats and dogs in her
lifetime - Anne was in her 97th year. Anne gave me my
first cage when I became more deeply involved with the
rescue of cats. I will always cherish my fond memories of
her and the true friendship we shared
- Kimberly Heys

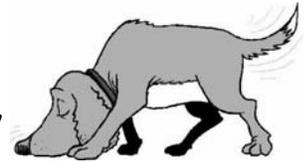
PAWS would like to extend their condolences to these and others
who may have lost loved ones since our last issue.

**We invite you to remember or to honour your loved one in a future issue of PAW Print
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