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Happy 35th Anníversary **PAWS** !!!

Shadow and the gang at PAWS invite you to join us in celebrating 35 years of providing care to homeless animals that is SECOND TO NONE.

Shadow (our shelter mascot) is in her 15th year. She makes friends with all of the "little people" we rescue.

"In life the firmest friend, the first to welcome, foremost to defend" ~ Lord Byron

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Message from the President...

hank you for taking the time to read and enjoy this issue of PAW Print.

Over the last 35 years PAWS has made a real difference – not only in the lives of displaced animals but also in the lives of human beings who have opened up their hearts and homes to the innocent animals we've rescued. I invite you to join our team of devoted Volunteers, our Executive and each and every supporter of PAWS in celebrating this milestone.

It was 1995 (I was in my mid-20s) when I first became involved with PAWS. A special cat my family and I rescued by the name of "Lucky" led us to this one-of-a-kind organization and the rest is history. Today I stand proud as your President and I offer you my pledge for the future. A bright future that, without a doubt, will see tens of thousands of lives saved. With your help – anything is possible ...

As you know, PAWS currently operates out of foster homes. This is not always easy due in part to bylaws restricting our foster Moms and Dads in the number of animals they may legally house. Realizing that the demand for assistance was increasing, I turned to my friend Jody who is the founder of Canadian Pets and Animals magazine. She very generously donated a full page ad to promote our dream of establishing a premier animal sanctuary in Southern Ontario. To date, we continue to search for a suitable setting where the crisis of displaced animals in Ontario will be forever changed and improved upon. We require sponsors (both private and corporate) who are willing to provide substantial funding for our land purchase (or who might consider donating property that they currently own) and subsequent building expenses. The animals will require suitable housing as will our Volunteers. Because she feels so strongly about what PAWS is doing and how we do it, one of our loyal Volunteers has actually decided that she will retire after over 3 decades with the same firm

and move up to the land to continue to work hands on with the animals! Raising these funds will be a challenge as we continue to contend with our day-to-day operational expenses and veterinary bills but there is no doubt that



PAWS Volunteers are determined, enthusiastic individuals who will let nothing stand in the way of our commitment to homeless animals. I can't stress enough how much your support at this crucial time will mean to our organization and, more importantly, to the animals who remind us each and everyday that our mission is a vital one.

I am thrilled to announce the launch of our website! Yes, we are officially online and I encourage you to visit **www.pawstoronto.org** to meet some of the 'little people' we have available for adoption or perhaps to make a much-appreciated donation to help those in our care. Spring is always our busiest season and we have taken on more animals in the last few months than in any Spring in our 35 year history. This disturbs me greatly as it is so blatantly obvious that the spay/neuter message is not being spoken clearly enough. Help us to be the voice of those who can not speak. Network on our behalf and make your contribution TODAY. Let's work together to end the suffering.

I thank you.

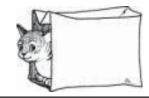
The need is GREAT – the time is NOW.

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Kimberly Heys **PAWS** President



"THE GREATNESS OF A NATION AND ITS MORAL PROGRESS CAN BE JUDGED BY THE WAY ITS ANIMALS ARE TREATED" ~ MAHATMA GANDHI Dear **PAWS** Supporters Here are some of the animals that 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 <u>www.pawstoronto.org</u> to view pictures and descriptions of the special pets we have available for adoption to 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.

KITTENS UPDATE

PAWS would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the foster homes who have worked so hard to help the innocent little ones who so desperately needed us this Spring (and many who still do!). Some of these special folks include Marie and her daughter Megan, Linda and Diane – thumbs up for these selfless ladies!!!



A true friend to PAWS and all animals – THANK YOU DIANE!

NIPPY THE HEDGEHOG

PAWS Volunteers are often asked – do you only help cats? PAWS helps ALL animals. Our Volunteers recently welcomed Nippy who came to us from a fellow rescue organization who weren't familiar with Hedgies – knowing that our President, Kim, has experience with these

adorable creatures, we accepted Nippy into our care. He only has 3 feet – but our favorite small animal vet Dr. Samantha Munn (Cederbrae Animal Clinic) has assured us that this will not prevent him from riding his special hedgehog wheel and living a full hedgie life. He's doing very well and hoping someone might sponsor his upkeep while he lives out his life in our care. That being said, if you or someone you

know has knowledge or experience with hedgehogs and you

would consider fostering or adopting Nippy – please contact PAWS today.

** PAWS does NOT promote the adoption of exotic animals. Dr. Munn has indicated that she is seeing a major decline of people 'owning' hedgehogs – we are thankful as so few people know anything at all about them and how to properly look after them. Kim rescued of 6 of these deserving creatures back in the 1990's and did extensive research in order to ensure their well-being – this research included a visit to a conference in Chicago.

Is there a PAWS Angel who might consider sponsoring Nippy? **Don't** forget – PAWS is now able to accept donations online at www.pawstoronto.org.



"Feral? Who are you calling feral? My name is Pumpkin and my family and I were rescued by PAWS Volunteers a few months ago. It was so cold – we didn't think we'd make it through another night! THANKS PAWS and yes, we're still looking for a special new family to provide us with a forever home. Ask about me, "Goldie', Can't adopt us? Why not send a dopa

Pumpkin and my Mom 'Goldie'. Can't adopt us? Why not send a donation TODAY – we would love to call you our PAWS Angel.

I FOUND A FOREVER HOME!

(Some of our recent adoptions)

SPOT

"I'm not perfect – why should I expect him to be?" – those were the words of Spots new Mom "Ellen" the day she adopted her new pal Spot. Spot tested positive for FIV (feline aids) when he first wondered up to the door of one of our foster homes. He flourished in our care, got along well with the other cats



and Shadow (our shelter mascot) and he has now found his way to a loving new FOREVER home. Cats with feline aids and feline leukemia deserve to live! THANKS PAWS!! Please refer to our web site http://www.pawstoronto.org/happytails.html for more of what Ellen and Harry have to say about their new member of the family ...

PRINCESS



After almost 7 years in our care, our friend Princess found herself the home of her dreams. Yes, our Volunteers made the trek all the way to London, Ontario from Scarborough to deliver her and it was well worth the effort! She is very happy with her new family which includes 2 new kitty friends. We will always have fond memories of Princess

who was a Mom with babies when she first found her way to PAWS. Somehow the kittens are always adopted ... and the Mom's are left behind. Thank goodness PAWS doesn't forget about them and from time to time special people come along who realize just how terrific the Mommies actually are. Thank you Philip and Heidi!

TOMMY

Tommy was featured in our last issue of PAW Print and we would like to thank Pam our favourite groomer from Secord Animal Hospital who was so determined to adopt Tommy – in spite of his leg injury (we believe we was malnourished as a kitten). Tommy now resides with 3 other kitty friends and is as happy as a kitty ever could be!

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 will 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 **PAWS** means more than words can say!

SPONSOR AN "UNADOPTABLE" PET AT THE PAWS SHELTER TODAY!





Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of PAW Print. Please feel free to pass it along to a fellow animal 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.



PAWS would like to thank Marie and her daughter Megan who tirelessly worked at raising 2 litters of kittens for us this past Spring. One litter was without their Mom and they are alive today thanks entirely to the perseverance of these two selfless ladies.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

There is an extensive list of ways to donate to PAWS if you refer to our web site at www.pawstoronto.org – and click 'donate'. No internet access? Don't fret – you can simply send your donation today or call our Volunteers for suggestions as to how you can get involved in an upcoming event (416) 491-2287. Some PAWS supporters send contributions in memory of a fondly remembered pet or person, some in honor of a special occasion. Some businesses will match their employees donations and you can allocate your United Way contribution to PAWS (why not encourage others to do so?!).

Do you have e-mail access?

If you do, please send us a message at info@pawstoronto.org 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 – rest assured – you will continue to receive our quarterly issue of PAW Print by mail.



Kim and Sandy 1974

Our President Kim pictured here at four years of age with 'Sandy' one of the first cats she rescued.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE - JUNE 23, 2007

Due to the busy-ness of kitten season, PAWS Volunteers were forced to postpone our garage sale which is great news 'cause you've still got time to do that Spring cleaning! Yes, we are actively collecting new and gently-used goods (in clean, salable condition) and we encourage you to call Cathy at 416-291-5854 (deliveries - preferred) or Laurie at 416-823-4804 (after 6:00 p.m.) to arrange to Volunteer your time. Yes, we still need enthusiastic people to help with set up, the day of and clean up. Thank you ... and thanks to Irene for hosting, to Laurie and Cathy for overseeing the collections and sales and thanks in advance to our hard-working Volunteers. We look forward to seeing everyone there! This is a terrific opportunity to renew your PAWS Angels sponsorship, renew your membership etc. As well, donations of clumping cat litter will also be very gratefully accepted at the event and we are still in need of tables for use that day - please let Laurie know if you can loan PAWS a table or two for this event.

DATE/TIME:Saturday, June 23, 2007 – 7:00 am - 4:00 pmLOCATION:291 Holmes Avenue (Bayview and Finch)RAIN DATE:Sunday, June 24, 2007
same time – same place

PAWS 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FOR FURTHER DETAILS...

You (our supporters) spoke and we are listening! By now you will have received an invitation to our 35th Anniversary Celebration. Some of you felt that a Gala might be too ... formal. Many of you were unavailable due to Summer holidays etc. Our Volunteers have chatted and we've agreed to move the date of our event to the Fall. This is going to be a very special evening and we want to ensure that as many of our members can and will attend as possible. If you have already purchased tickets – hold tight – we will be in touch with everyone soon. Looking forward to seeing you there and we guarantee it will be well worth the wait!

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 and we guarantee that every dollar is used to help the animals we rescue. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PAWS ANGEL TODAY ... www.pawstoronto.org

INTRODUCING "BIANCO"

A rescue to remember and further proof that **PAWS NEVER GIVES UP!**



PAWS received a call from a woman by the name of 'Lucy' (who lives in the west end of Toronto) to say that she had found a 'stray' cat. She was very concerned about him as the temperatures were dropping and it was nothing less than freezing out this day – December 5, 2006. She was advised by our President, Kim, that she should take him directly to her veterinarian as she had another cat. PAWS never brings ANY animal into our care without first taking that animal to be examined, spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, tested to rule out or verify immune deficiencies and treated for internal/external parasites. In addition to these precautions, we also segregate (quarantine) these animals for 2-3 weeks in order to protect our current residents.

Lucy's vet suggested euthanasia. Kim could not understand this as Lucy had not indicated that this cat was ill. As far as Kim and the PAWS Volunteers knew, Bianco was simply frightened (more often than not, cats are mistakenly determined to be 'feral' (wild) when, in fact, they are terrified. Countless numbers of these cats are killed each day both by veterinarians and by other 'shelters' – PAWS Volunteers agree that this is nothing short of a crime!).

Kim suggested taking Bianco to another Veterinarian who determined that Bianco had tested positive for Feline Leukemia. Upon meeting Bianco for the first time, Kim and PAWS Volunteers were devastated. He was in terrible condition. We had no choice but to board him overnight at this vet office due to the timing of the admission to our care and we moved him to Secord Animal Hospital early the next morning.

As you can see in the pictures we are providing ... Bianco had been through an awful lot. The staff and doctors at Secords were not optimistic but were willing to do their utmost to save Bianco's life WHICH THEY DID!! He required extensive dental work and his blood results indicated that it was unsafe to neuter him – Dr. Mike indicated that he was at risk of bleeding to death.

It took some time to bring this little man back to health but within about 6 weeks we were able to neuter him (safely as his blood work had improved) and provide him with much-needed dentistry. He is much more comfortable now and, quite frankly, is eating us out of house and home! He also enjoys nothing more than hang-

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Our President Kim and PAWS Shelter Mascott Shadow have stayed here many times over the last few years and they highly recommend it! ing out on the laps of our Volunteers – purring like a cat should and he is so appreciative of the love and affection that he receives.

Yes, from time to time PAWS Volunteers and the reputable Veterinarians we deal with are expected to perform miracles and that we do! Bianco is a classic example of this.

If you would like to sponsor Bianco or if you can offer any form of assistance (his bills to date total over \$2,500) we would be very grateful.



SPONSOR A ROOM OR BUILDING AT OUR NEW SANCTUARY ... CONTACT PAWS TODAY FOR MORE INFO: info@pawstoronto.org / 416-491-2287



After Care

ne 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, carefully selected, 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. If you do not have a lawyer, please consider contacting either of the two lawyers we recommend below. Both are animal lovers who are professional and experienced.

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Dear Kim:

I've been reflecting on the time spent visiting the animals in your care and I really want to thank you again. I now fully understand what it means to give without expecting anything in return. You've shown me what true selflessness, generosity, compassion and kindness is. I am humbled by that and I realize that I have much to learn in those areas. I have never met anyone like you and I am truly happy that you are on my path. I'm glad that I will be able to make a small contribution to your life's mission. Knowing you soothes my soul and nourishes my

spirit. Thank you for being you and for confirming that there are wonderful people out there such as you that are taking care of a part of our Universe. I am going to direct energy towards making sure you meet the right people that share your vision and that will help you on your way.

Be strong as you already are and do only what feels right. You already know the path, and you are already well on your way to having your sanctuary. Sending positive thoughts and bright beams of energy your way. ~ A Friend of PAWS

PAWS WISH LIST

-Adopt a new friend today - do you have room in your heart for one more?! -Financial donations towards spaying/neutering *URGENTLY NEEDED!* -Monthly sponsorship of animals currently in our shelter who require surgery (i.e. Sam's removal lof her bladder stones, Phantom's dentistry - we have 13 cats that 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 our upcoming event i.e. our Spring Bazaar -Handy-person to help with tasks at the PAWS shelter

-LAND / LAND AND BUILDINGS / SPONSORS FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

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 or offer grants for volunteer hours accumulated.

Please make this inquiry TODAY on behalf of the animals and encourage others to do so as well.

Call or e-mail PAWS: info@pawstoronto.org ~ 416-491-2287

SUPPORT OUR SPAY/NEUTER CAMPAIGN TODAY!



You were a great addition to our family and we will miss you a lot pretty girl. In loving memory of Wiggly The Adourian Family





Zephyr, a family member who will forever be missed...a friend more loyal, affectionate, trusting, and honest than any human can be. It's a sense of loss that can truly be understood and felt only by those who've experienced the passing of a deeply loved family pet ~ Martin Lindsay on behalf of The Lindsay Family

(08/28/1995 - 03/09/2007)

Her warmth and friendliness touched the hearts of all who met her. Her air of peaceful serenity and sweetness calmed my spirit. Her life was brief but, in my mind, meaningful. Missy you will endure forever in my heart ~ Margaret Perkovic



Missy is also lovingly remembered by Linda Langero and The Heys Family



In loving memory of George - Lin Fisher

Shadow loved to have his picture taken. I rescued him from the corner of my street where the truck driver dumped him. I will remember him always ~ Kathleen Neal

With Fond Memories of Luna ~ Jane and Alex

Remembering our Past President ~ Mr. Dan MacDonald from all of his family and friends

In loving memory of Becky Yeagar ~ The Yeagar Family

In loving memory of Angel ~ Edit and Joseph Zaj

With fond memories of Bandit - a precious Springer-Spaniel in his 13th year ~ the Metalin Family

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 (refer to the coupon on the last page of this issue for further information)

Prior to the finalization of this issue of PAW Print, the main PAWS computer required major repair. Unfortunately, some information was lost. If you submitted a memoriam in recent months and it does not appear, kindly bring this to our attention and we will ensure that it appears on our next issue. We thank you for your understanding.



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