



PAW PRINT

VOL 36 - ISSUE 2



*Shadow and The Gang
at **PAWS** hope you
will join us on
Friday, September 12th
for the
PAWS
36th Anniversary Celebration
at
The Toronto Hydroplane
and Sailing Club.
It's sure to be a night of fun
and commemoration.
We look forward to
seeing you there!*

Our beautiful Shelter Mascott, Shadow, who is in her 16th year



PAWS

Peoples Animal Welfare Society

"Bringing Pets and People Together... Since 1972"

2300 Lawrence Avenue East, Box 73039

Toronto, ON M1P 2R2 ~ Phone: 416-520-7995

Email: info@pawscanada.org ~ Website: www.pawscanada.org

Registered Charity No. BN 88916 55777 RR0001



PAWS is sponsored in part by ...



Message From Shadow ☐ Our Shelter Mascott

Hi everyone ... it's me, Shadow – the PAWS Shelter Mascott ... perhaps we've met if you've visited us in either Toronto or Huntsville. My Mom (Kim – the President of PAWS and my very best pal in this world) is really busy with the other animals in the shelter right now and with helping to organize the Anniversary Celebration so I thought I'd help by writing my own message this time, where the 'Presidents Message' normally appears.

I met my Mom and her/our family back in February of 1993 – it's hard to believe that was more than 15 years ago – they 'adopted' me on Valentines Day after losing their first German Shepherd, Princess to hip dysplasia at the tender young age of 7. I'm the only animal here at PAWS who was not rescued. I'm a very lucky dog – I was never mistreated or abandoned – I've been loved and cherished my whole life. Not all animals are that lucky I've learned. So many have called out to my Mom and the other PAWS Volunteers for help and we've answered. I've helped the best I could too. Many of the cats who have come into our care were afraid of me or of my human pals at first but in time – they learned to trust (some of them trusted me before my human friends ... I'm still working on Toffee). They realized that we loved them and many have been adopted by special families who continue to care for and love them, thankfully. However, many remain in our foster homes and shelters in Toronto and Huntsville. Just the other day I heard my Mom say that we have 130 kitties in our care – can you even imagine what a commitment that is and how expensive it is just to provide food and cat litter – never mind veterinary care and shelter?

To give you an idea what we're up against, major issues we've been faced with since our last issue of PAW Print ... my long-standing pal Buddy came close to losing his life to his heart condition – thanks to Dr.'s Mike (Toronto) and Melody (Bracebridge) his medications were changed and he's doing very well, my little friend Emma has been re-diagnosed with diabetes, Sunny had a bad ear infection that wouldn't go away, Millie came down with a terribly bad cold, Tom is battling kidney failure, our FIV (feline aids) and FeLuk (feline leukemia) cats require 'depo' shots – some on a monthly basis as apparently their immune systems are not as strong as the others. As you know, not one of the animals PAWS has rescued goes without treatment when it's required and Mom insists on dealing only with the very best Veterinarians in Ontario. We've learned that they are not all created equally.

In July of 2007 we moved many of the animals to Huntsville and, of course, I too live here now. We were really excited – but a little scared too 'cause it was a big change for everyone involved. What most of you don't

know is that the day we moved, we received a letter from one of the main veterinary clinics that we trust. We had just experienced the worst, most expensive and emotionally-draining Spring ever with the loss of many cats whom



we loved. We tried everything to save them – but some sadly did not survive their illnesses. This was very expensive and the clinic, rightfully, was expecting payment. We owed a whopping \$45,000!! Amazingly, we have managed to raise funds totaling close to \$30,000 and our bill stands at about \$15,000 – our goal is to at least retire this debt (with your help!) via this issue of PAW Print and our 36th Anniversary Celebration in September.

In honor of all of the years my Mom, her Parents (Hella and John), all of the PAWS Volunteers and I have dedicated – I ask you to please give generously in response to this plea. Also, come on out and fondly remember our past and celebrate our future on September 12th. Thank you!

Love and cuddles,

Shadow



NOTE FROM KIMBERLY HEYS

Your devoted PAWS President

On Thursday, August 7th I thought Shadow had suffered a stroke. She was suddenly unable to rise, to stand or to walk. I have been providing nursing care to her since as it's believed that she has Idiopathic Vestibular Disease (IVD – compared to Vertigo in humans) and dogs CAN recover from this illness. Shadow will be 16 in December and in spite of a long, healthy life she has been dealing with Degenerative Myelopathy for the last few years which I have been controlling with various medications (Metacam/Vit. E/Glucosamine/Missing Link Plus). Please take a moment today to close your eyes and hope along with my Family, PAWS Volunteers and I that Shadow will recover. I'm not ready to lose my most loyal companion and friend and I will stop at NOTHING to get her back on her feet again.

Thank you, in advance, for your positive thoughts.

Kimberly

** Be sure to educate yourself by searching Google for IVD – dogs are often mistakenly euthanized – don't let this happen to you !!**



HAPPY 36TH ANNIVERSARY PAWS!!



In honour of 36 years of providing care to homeless animals that is **SECOND TO NONE** – we would like to extend this invitation to you and yours to join us at The Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club in Toronto on Friday, September 12, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

There is no need to be there at 6:00 or to stay until 11:00 – we are simply asking that you drop in, say ‘hello’ raise a glass and celebrate with us at a time that is most convenient for you that evening. Bring a friend – a fellow animal lover and enjoy an informal evening (yes, dress casually and comfortably) which will include a silent auction, entertainment, delicious burgs/dogs/salad and desert (of course there **WILL** be vegetarian options) and hopefully a gorgeous sunset.

Tickets are enclosed for your convenience - simply make payment online at www.pawscanada.org or mail your cheque today \$30 each / \$60 pair if purchased online or if cheques are received on or before September 7, 2008

OR

\$35 each / \$70 pair if purchased at the door the night of the event (includes beverage of choice, all food, entertainment, etc.)



KINDLY RSVP your attendance by calling Marilyn at 416-298-6622 ext. 218 (messages can be left after business hours)

Please refer to our **WISH LIST** (see page 4) and, if you can, bring something on the list to help us to help the animals. We thank you.



We would like to thank Donnie & Cheryl our favourite DJ's and Frank our favourite bartender for agreeing to volunteer their time again this year.

Thanks also to the Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club for providing such a lovely facility for this special event.

AUCTION ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED – if you have a new/unique item or gift card/certificate/tickets to sporting events, theatre or concerts to contribute - please contact Linda today at 416-486-0280 or lindalangero@rogers.com

We are still welcoming reliable Volunteers and Entertainers for this event – please contact Kim today – 416-520-7995 / 705-788-3161 or kim@pawscanada.org

As you can see from the pictures herein – our 35th Anniversary was a **BLAST** – come on out and help make this year's event even better!



ADOPTIONS... OUR FEATURED GEM 'GUCCI'



In order that PAWS can continue to help more animals in need, we must find homes for those we've already rescued. Space in our shelters and foster homes is limited as is funding (sadly) but we do our utmost to help as many as we can and to DO IT RIGHT. All of the animals that PAWS adopts out are in excellent health, spayed/neutered and vaccinated and viral tested to protect other pets in the potential adoptees home(s).

Our Featured Cat this time around is 'GUCCI'.

Gucci is one of the first cats who greets visitors to our Huntsville shelter. He is a gorgeous, healthy, long-haired, black and white neutered male who was declawed prior to being rescued by a PAWS Volunteer. He has TONZ of personality and gets along well with most other animals. He adores children and is a pleasure to have with us. There is no doubt that Gucci will make a fine addition to some lucky family – CONTACT PAWS TODAY! 1-416-520-7995 or 1-705-788-3161 or kim@pawscanada.org

(if you can't adopt Gucci but know someone who might be interested – feel free to pass along our contact info. – thank you)

PAWS WISH LIST

Donations Of A Monetary Sort – ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL - PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Donations Of Gift Cards For Gasoline and Other Retailers (Costco, WalMart, Canadian Tire (i.e. Costco where we currently purchase cat food/litter/paper towels etc.)

Safe Ladder For Huntsville Shelter

Canadian Tire Money (comes in very handy for purchasing supplies for the shelters)

Paper Towels (Bounty preferred)

Clumping Cat Litter (7 kg jugs preferred)

Cat Food (Kirkland (dry) – available from Costco & Fancy Feast Salmon (wet) – available at PetSmart/PetValu) preferred please as it is important that we not stray from the diet our four legged friends are accustomed to



Shadow and Mookie – Cuddling

All of these wish list items can be delivered to PAWS Volunteers at our event on September 12th if you are so inclined. Failing which, donations are, of course, always welcomed online, via snail mail or can be collected (i.e. if you have a ladder to donate) by a PAWS Volunteer.