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# PawPrints



## From the President

Dear Friends of PAWS

Summer has arrived and kitten season is in full swing. Every day, the cat program receives multiple calls for kittens that have been found - some on their own, some with their litter mates, some with brothers, sisters and mom! It is not possible for PAWS and the other animal welfare organizations in the Centre Region to meet the current need for rehoming cats and kittens there are just too many. That is why education and prevention are so important. PAWS volunteers work year round to educate the public on the benefits of spaying and neutering companion animals. For females, both cats and dogs, spaying before the first heat will prevent any unwanted litters, and the risk of developing mammary cancer is greatly reduced. Also, spayed females cannot develop pyometra, an infection of the uterus, which often must be surgically removed. For males, neutering reduces behaviors associated with finding a mate, including wandering and fighting. In cats, fighting increases the risk of contracted Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). Neutered males are much less likely to mark their territory. PAWS provides Spay/Neuter assistance through the SNAP, and another S/N clinic will be held in July (see page 2). We have cat traps that we loan out (a \$50 refundable deposit is required. Trapping and altering feral cats when they first show up in an area

can prevent the establishment of a cat colony.

As you can see from the newsletter, 2006 is shaping up to be a very busy year at PAWS. While we continue to plan for the new building, with the ground breaking scheduled on September 14th, our volunteers are busy taking care of the day-to-day operations. PAWS is relying on support from the community to raise the funds necessary to make a new home for PAWS cats and dogs a reality. Donations to PAWS are tax deductible, and can be made in honor of a special event or person, or in memory of a loved one. We hope to be in the new building next summer, and this move will allow PAWS to better serve the needs of our community. Some of the features of the new building will be highlighted in the next newsletter, so stay tuned. You can check out the PAWS website (the URL is above) to learn about all of the activities at PAWS and to see the animals available for adoption.

Thanks you for your support - PAWS could not be successful without you.

Cheers,  
 Carla Hass  
 President

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## Summer Locations for the PAWS Cats and Dogs

The PAWS cats can be seen each Saturday and Sunday from 11-4 at the PAWS Center at 1042 Benner Pike. A select PAWS cat can also be seen during the week at Wiscoy For Pets on Aaron Drive in State College.

The PAWS dogs are shown at the PAWS Center each Sunday from 12-2, weather permitting. The dogs can also be seen on the 1st and

3rd Wednesdays of each month at PetCo in State College from 5:30-7:00 PM and on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of each month at Lyons Kennels in Bellefonte from 5-7 PM, weather permitting.

PAWS animals can be viewed anytime at [www.centrecountypaws.org](http://www.centrecountypaws.org).



## Upcoming PAWS Events

**Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics:** Currently 2 additional low cost spay/neuter clinics are scheduled. The first will be held on **July 22** at the New Hope Lutheran Church in Spring Mills, and the second will be on **September 9**, location to be determined. To register, call 237.8722 box 4 or stop by the PAWS Center any weekend between 11 and 4.

**Bark in the Park: August 10** Medlar Field at Lubrano Park. Sponsored by Metzger Animal Hospital and the State College Spikes. Watch the PAWS website for more details.

**Groundbreaking Ceremony for new PAWS facility: September 14** at 4 PM. Come be a part of the future of PAWS as we launch the construction phase of our new shelter. Watch the PAWS website for more details closer to the date.

**The PAWS Pet Extravaganza:** Sunday, **October 1** at the PSU Ag Arena. An annual fall tradition! Help PAWS raise money for our shelter operations and medical expenses. Demonstrations, rescue groups, local businesses, crafts, an auction, food, and fun for every member of the family. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in the Extravaganza, contact co-chairs Debbie Bezilla (dab1183@adelphia.net) or Linette Courtney (lxc2@psu.edu) for details. Seasonal crafts and baked goods for animals and people are needed. Please contact Toni or Mary Miles (238-7868; tdzm@dejazzd.com) if you would like to contribute.

**The First Annual PAWS Fur Ball:** Saturday **October 7** at the Centre Hills Country Club. A evening of fun to help raise funds for the PAWS building fund. Contact Linette Courtney (lxc2@psu.edu) for more information.

## First Annual PAWS Membership Luncheon a Success

Fifty-four people attended the first annual PAWS membership luncheon, held May 16 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel.

The luncheon was hosted by Dave Abler, PAWS Vice President and Membership Coordinator. The luncheon speakers were Carla Hass (PAWS President), Diane Casher (Cat Foster Home Coordinator), and Cathy Kassab (Dog Adoption Coordinator). Each spoke about the building campaign and what the new facility

Your membership in PAWS allows us to fulfill our mission of helping homeless animals in Centre County. Thanks to all our members for your incredible support.

will mean for PAWS. The luncheon attendees also viewed a video on the building campaign.

The second annual PAWS membership luncheon will be held in spring 2007. Details will be announced in an upcoming edition of PAW-PRINTS.

Make plans to be there!

## PAWS Seeking Public Relations Coordinator

Are you creative? Do you enjoy promoting worthwhile causes? Do you love animals? Are you willing to work for free? If so, you may be the person we are looking for!

PAWS is currently seeking a volunteer Public Relations Coordinator. With the new building campaign in full swing, we need someone to get the word out to the public about the new building campaign, upcoming PAWS events



and activities, volunteer opportunities, and all the wonderful animals who need homes.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Debbie Bezilla at 238-5842 or dab1183@adelphia.net.

Put your talent to work for the needy animals of Centre County.



## Keep Your Pets Safe this Summer

Summer can be a lot of fun for our furry friends, but it can also pose dangers. Keep these safety tips in mind this summer.

- NEVER leave your pet in a parked car even for a “few minutes”. The temperature can soar to well over 120 degrees even with the windows cracked. Leave your pet at home where he can be cool and comfortable.
- When you go to the fireworks, leave your dog at home. Fireworks can be terrifying to some dogs; they may break free and try to hide from the noise. Animals in the home can also be frightened by the sound of fireworks. Make sure you leave your windows shut and a radio on to mask the sound of fireworks in your neighborhood.
- If your animals are outside during the day, make sure they have a shady area to rest in and a plentiful supply of clean

water.

- Fleas and ticks can be a nuisance and a potential health threat. Talk to your vet about the appropriate flea and tick program for your animal. If you buy flea and tick treatments in the store, be sure to read the label carefully. Certain products that are safe for dogs can be FATAL if used on cats.
- Animals can suffer from heatstroke too. If your animal is panting rapidly, has glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat and seems disoriented, move her to a cool location, apply cold towels or ice packs to the neck and chest area or immerse her in cool (not cold) water, let her drink small amounts of cool water or lick eye cubes and call your vet immediately.

With a little common sense, our pets can have fun and be safe this summer.

## PAWS Summer Wish List

### Cats

- FOSTER HOMES!
- Unscented clumping litter & Litter box scoopers
- Purina ONE Dry Cat and Kitten food
- 2 10 lb size Quiet Time pet beds (Wiscoy)
- Bath Towels and small blankets
- Replacement inserts for Alpine cat scratchers
- Furry mice toys, balls, small stuffed animals
- Wand toys
- Fresh cat grass and dry cat nip
- Human finger nail clippers



### Dogs

- FOSTER HOMES!
- 4-5 ft leashes
- Collars, all sizes
- Medium & large Quiet Time Beds
- Squeaky toys, especially large ones
- Nylabones
- Large durable toys (Kongs, rope tuggies)
- Pooper scooper bags

### General Needs

Paper towels; 30 gallon black trash bags; gallon jugs of bleach; 1 gallon sealable Zip Loc storage bags; unscented dryer sheets; laundry detergent; toilet tissue; non-latex medical gloves; Purel hand sanitizing gel; Dawn antibacterial dish soap; antibacterial hand soap; monetary donations; volunteers

## A Message from the Cat Coordinator

In the last PAWPrints I focused on the specific volunteers who are handling the various responsibilities in the PAWS cat program. This time, I would like to make an appeal for new volunteers to fill in some of our gaps in our program. Here's a list of the help that we need, and I hope that you see a match for your interests and skills:

- Volunteers willing to learn how to syringe, bottle, and tube feed tiny kittens. Must be done every 2-3 hours.
- Someone with PR experience willing to help with our cat special events and help increase our adoption rates.
- A 4th person to do laundry.
- Regular foster homes and homes willing to do short term fosters in order to evaluate selected adult cats.

Please consider helping us this summer, and call 237-8722, voice message line #1 to volunteer.

*Becky Olson, PAWS Cat Coordinator*

## Saying Goodbye...Dealing with the Loss of Your Pet

A sad but inevitable fact of having a pet is having to someday say goodbye. Whether your pet slips away peacefully or you have to make the decision to quietly and peacefully end his pain, the feelings of sadness and grief can be overwhelming. Many people feel they have to hide their sadness from family and friends, who may feel grieving over an animal is inappropriate or silly.

Nothing could be further from the truth. People love their pets and consider them members of their family. So when your beloved pet dies, it's not unusual to feel overwhelmed by the intensity of your sorrow. Animals provide companionship, acceptance, emotional support, and unconditional love during the time they share with you. Grieving for your pet is the first natural step to getting past the sadness you feel.

The grief process is very individual, lasting days for one person or years for another. The classic stages of grief (denial, bargaining, anger, sadness and acceptance) often follow the loss of a beloved pet. Not everyone follows these stages of grief—some may skip or repeat a stage, or experience the stages in a different order. There is no “normal” way to grieve and you should not feel pressured to act or feel a certain way to make those around you feel more comfortable.

### Helping Children with Loss

Having to explain the death of a pet to a child can seem overwhelming. Being honest and straightforward about what happened will help your child learn that death is a natural part of life. Tell your children that you are thankful for the time you had with your pet and that you will treasure the precious memories of happy times together. If your pet was injured or sick, explain to your children that your pet is no longer in pain and that you are happy for that. Children do best with simple, honest, straightforward answers to their questions.

Very young children do not understand death and will often cope better with the loss because they do not fully realize what has happened. Older children, however, may need more time. During this sad time, be there for your children. Encourage them to talk about what they are experiencing and tell them how you

feel about death. Showing them that the pet was an important and valued part of the family will instill a respect for animals in your child and make him/her a more humane and caring person. Even though a pet's death is a trying time for your family, a valuable lesson about life can be learned: The grief will subside, but the happy memories will always remain.

### Honoring Your Pet's Memory

One of the best ways to work through your grief is by thinking of ways to honor your pet's memory. These activities can also be a source of great comfort to your children. Some ideas to consider are:

- Hold a memorial service for your pet where you share happy memories of your pet. You could also plant a tree or flower in honor of your pet.
- Find your favorite photo of your pet and have it framed.
- Create a scrapbook or collage with photos and other reminders of your pet. This is a great activity for your kids to work on.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter in honor of your pet.
- Make a donation to your local shelter in memory of your pet.

### Getting Another Pet

The decision to adopt a new pet after you have lost a special friend is a difficult and very personal decision. Many people feel that their deceased pet would want them to have a new friend. Others feel that they are betraying the memory of their departed friend. Rushing into this decision isn't fair to you or your new pet. Each animal has his own unique personality and a new animal cannot replace the one you lost. You'll know when the time is right to adopt a new pet after giving yourself time to grieve, carefully considering the responsibilities of pet ownership, and paying close attention to your feelings. When you are ready, remember that your local animal shelter is a great place to find your next special friend.

## Pet Loss Resources

*Rainbows & Bridges: An Animal Companion Memorial Kit* by Allen & Linda Anderson: Stories, poems and activities for persons grieving the loss of their companion.

*Getting Lucky: How One Special Dog Found Love and a Second Chance at Angel's Gate* by Susan Marino: The story of Angel's Gate, an animal hospice and the terminally ill animals that it cares for.

*I Wish I Could Hold Your Hand: A Child's Guide to Grief and Loss* by Pat Palmer: warm illustrations and simple, direct writing help children discover that it is normal and natural to feel the pain of loss.

<http://www.pet-loss.net/>

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/public/petloss/>

<http://www.in-memory-of-pets.com>

## The Lonely Hearts Club



Ebony

Greetings! I'm **Ebony**, the founder of the PAWS Lonely Hearts Club. Right after I founded the Club, I went to a long-term foster home and was so happy to be in a real home. Sometimes these things turn into permanent gigs, sometimes they don't and in my case it didn't become permanent. So here I am back at the helm. I sure have been with PAWS a long time—I don't know why. I am a docile, well behaved gentleman. I am not a lap cat but I love attention, intelligent conversation, and rubbing up against my favorite people. I hope that despite all the cute cuddly kittens and puppies you might meet, that you will consider one of us—we are a little older, a little wiser, and full of love that we are ready to share with you.



Cooper

**Astro:** A handsome husky/chow mix. He loves adults and seems to get along with other dogs. He is a bit possessive of his "things" and needs a family with dog experience.

**Cooper:** A real sweetheart, Cooper is a beautiful caramel-colored tabby. He is ready to fly the coop to a home of his very own.

**Ben:** Big, beautiful Ben is a gentle dog that is good with children. Ben gets anxious when left alone, so he needs a home where someone is around most of the time.



Dublin

**Dublin:** The Luck of the Irish will surely be yours if you are fortunate enough to have Dublin in your life. He is a playful and fun cat looking for someone to change his luck.

**Buck:** A 2 year old lab/husky mix, Buck needs a home with no cats and a new family that can be firm but compassionate with him. Buck is in a kennel and needs the stability of a loving home.

**Kennibunk:** The resident hunk—what a beautiful, big cat—we think he is Maine Coon. He needs a home where he can have supervised outdoor time only after he is very comfortable with his new home and family.



Kennibunk

**Bugsy:** As cute as a button, Bugsy loves men, women, children and other dogs. He loves to play and cuddle. He needs a home where someone is around a lot and that can give him a weekly bath to help his skin.

**Molly:** Good golly Miss Molly, how'd you get so sweet? An absolute delight, Molly will light up any home.

**Hobbit:** A real people dog, he would do best as an only dog. A handsome border collie mix.



Molly

**Precious:** No diamond in the rough, Precious is a gem. She needs a quiet home with no other animals.

**Trapper** is a Keeper! We thought he was feral and trapped him to be neutered, but it turns out he wanted to stay! A handsome, friendly guy sure to delight.

**Shadow:** Beautiful Shadow does well with older children and cats. She gets along with some other dogs. She is being surrendered because of allergies in her current family.

**Tulley & Finnegan:** Two beautiful, affectionate brothers who need to be placed together.

**Squirt:** A wired-hair terrier who confirms that good things do come in small packages!

**Scully:** Another "charter" member of the LHC, this happy girl would prefer a house with just adults and no other dogs. She seems to do fine with cats.

**Petunia:** A loving boxer/pit mix, Petunia is currently living in a kennel and needs a permanent home. She gets along with some dogs and has lots of energy.



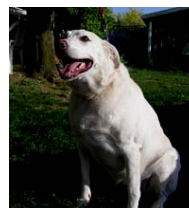
Trapper



Tulley &amp; Finnegan



Petunia



Scully



Astro



Ben



Buck



Bugsy



Hobbit



Shadow



Squirt

## Thank You...

### *Thank you for your gifts and donations that allows PAWS to continue its work:*

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- Dave Abler and Cathy Kassab for covering our monthly kennel cost
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for donating the proceeds of their hoagie sale
- Diane Kerly for her financial support and the excellent job in sending out thank yous to all the people who contribute to Paws
- Humane Issues Group of State College Area High School

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## Congratulations to...

PAWS volunteer Cathy Kassab on recently being honored as the State College Jaycees Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Cathy has volunteered with PAWS since 2001 and has served on the Board of Directors since 2002. Cathy also serves as the Dog Team coordinator and the Dog Team adoption coordinator. In addition to her work with PAWS, Cathy also volunteers with Nittany Beagle Rescue where she serves as the Vice President and adoption and foster home coordinator. Congratulations on a job well done, Cathy.

## In Honor of...

- Dick & Ellen Grubb's marriage – Jeffrey & Julie Grubb
- Joan Hartman's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday – George & Susan Henning
- Liz Strickler, the Reiki Meister – Andy McKinnon
- Marliene Froke – Dana & Glen Plumley
- Rolande Bartko, loving and faithful caregiver to PAWS cat Autumn to the very end – Nancy Slaybaugh
- Maggie's 47<sup>th</sup> birthday – Debra Smart
- PAWS' volunteer Lisa Coggins – Fay Cook

## In Memory of...

- Jack Callahan – Boalsburg Firemen's Relief Association, Marv Bevan, Jr., Fae Frank, Jeff Kokoskie, Mary Letterman, Elmer & Rose Letterman, Sharon Maynard, Jason & Amanda McNitt, Richard & Mary Jane Noerr, Poole Anderson Construction, David Reasinger, Paulette Rider, Russell & Amy Yearick
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- "Levi," beloved kitty of Jim & Mitzi Elliott – Jeffrey & Rosalie Brooks
- "Sweet Pea," beloved dog of Dr. John & Deborah Carder – Janet Fowler Dargitz
- "Meggie," much loved cat of Chick & Jean Birnie
- "Maggie", long time companion of A. L. Brahm – Mary Dunkle
- "Lucky Dog," beloved pet of Dale & Stacy Parks Miller – Leslie Dutchcot, Freedom, Liberty, Justice, Ms. Kitay, & Prince
- "Nook," much loved cat of Jessica Beswick – James & Laurie Elliott
- "Tucker," loving pet of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ishler – Barbara Gallo
- "Kasey," beloved family member of Andrea Skirpan & Brian Bonner – Sarah Nilson & David Hermenau
- "Cocoa," pet of Betty Jane Powley – Anna Peters
- "Dwight," my little kitty – Susan C. B. Hill (designated for the "Skippy Fund")
- "Beau Bear," – by grammy Myra Isenberg
- "Maggie," – Lawrence & Nancy Jump
- "Tucker," loving pet of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ishler – King's Custom Lawn Service
- "Ruby," dog of Joan Richtsmeier, Bill Ryan & Family – Richard McNitt & Roslyn Contis
- "Louie," pet of LeDon Young – Anna Peters
- "Daisy," devoted companion of Joe Green – Phil & Judith Sieg
- "Autumn," a beautiful Paws' kitty – Nancy Slaybaugh
- A former Paws' cat who was a wonderful companion to my mother – Sherry Willis
- "Ernie," an unforgettable cat – Pat Wolfe
- "RT," our special boy. We love you and miss you so much. We will never forget you - Mary & Ron Stanley
- "Pokey," forever loving and tolerant– Cathy Kassab, Dave Abler and all the dogs

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In 2005, PAWS placed 199 cats and 177 dogs in permanent, loving homes. PAWS also provided spay/neuter assistance, educational programs and outreach to Centre County. Please help us continue our work by making a donation of money and/or time. **PAWS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible.**

Membership entitles you to vote in our March general election. Members also receive a complimentary subscription to our newsletter, *PawPrints*, and a 10% discount on all PAWS merchandise.

### *Annual Membership*

Individual \$25  
 Student/Seniors \$15  
 Family \$35

Additional donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

### *Lifetime Membership*

Individual \$250  
 Family \$350

### *Business Membership*

Annual \$100  
 Lifetime \$1000

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

PAWS accepts Visa, MasterCard, and American Express: Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted about becoming a PAWS volunteer or foster home?  Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed application and payment to:

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