



PAWS Peoples Animal Welfare Society

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October 13, 2010

Dear Friends, Family and Fellow Animal Lovers:

I wish I had more time to correspond with you, our loyal supporters. Our days at the PAWS shelter are long and exhausting but our dedicated Volunteers and I persevere as there is nothing more meaningful and rewarding than saving an innocent life. The animals we rescue are well worth our time and effort and *you have my word that our good work will continue.*

It's been a while ... our last update was sent via e-mail and 'snail' mail last Spring and I would like to thank all who responded most sincerely.

WE HAVE OUR START!!!

\$7,700 has been raised and placed in locked-in investments to be used to secure the property where PAWS houses our rescued animals. Our goal is to raise a grand total of \$206,000. We have a LONG way to go and I ask you to give generously at this time. We are not only faced with having to raise THESE funds but in the meantime our Veterinarians expect to be paid and we will, without a doubt, experience more illness within our shelter of aging residents. We need your help and we need it **TODAY**. Please also network on our behalf. Tell everyone you know about PAWS, the animals in our care who are looking for loving, forever homes and how hard we've worked on their behalf for almost 40 years.

I am more than a little concerned about our financial situation. Your contribution will help more than you know and the animals, PAWS Volunteers and I thank you, in advance, for your kindness.

Much has transpired in recent months. We've shed some tears, shared some laughs and we've continued to make a difference. I refer in the above paragraph to animals who fall ill and our pal Sandy (see below) is a classic example of this. As we all know, things can happen quickly and PAWS MUST BE PREPARED for such emergencies.

SANDY

The oldest boy in our shelter fell ill quite unexpectedly on Friday, September 17th. As there wasn't funding to take him to an emergency clinic (this has NEVER happened to us before!!) I stayed with him through the night and rushed him in first thing to West Hill Animal Clinic in Scarborough (leaving Huntsville at approximately 5:00 a.m. with little to no sleep). Dr. Wood very graciously accepted this special 15 year old feline into his care and began immediate treatment. I feared the worst. Could it have been a tumor that had ruptured? In all the years

Sandy has been in my care, he has been in excellent health. Suddenly he was bleeding from his rear end, vomiting and very weak. Dr. Mike of Secord Animal Hospital once said, 'you will see it all, Kim' ... well, this was NOT something I had ever experienced before and I was terrified! Sandy spent more than 10 days at West Hill and is now 'home' and back to his old self! He was diagnosed with a severe bowel infection and is expected to make a full recovery, thankfully. Treatment is continuing here at our shelter for his diarrhea (as it comes and goes) and we are hopeful that he does not have IBD (Inflammatory Bowel Disease). There is no more bleeding and he now has a normal temperature (it was low for many days). Our little man received top-notch care at the hands of the Doctors and Staff at West Hill and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Now, for the bad news. Sandy (and many other animals in our care) is due for a re-check. West Hill only grants rescue organizations an account up to \$1,500. Our account has gone well above that limit due to this emergency with Sandy and also an appointment for 7 other cats on September 27th. Until we pay down this account, we are without Veterinary care.

THIS IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS and we need your help. Every dollar donated will be used in its entirety to provide for the animals in our care. We ask that you remember that PAWS has no paid staff or 'administrative' fees. (Many organizations spend as much as 85% of each dollar received from their supporters on expenses unrelated to their actual cause).

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that, then I realized, I was somebody.

~ Lily Tomlin



TABITHA

You may recall reading about an awesome feline by the name of Tabitha in our Spring Update. Sadly, Tab lost her battle with mammary cancer and crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Sunday, August 22nd. We miss her more than words can say.

Here's Tab enjoying the sun as she so often did. This picture was taken about a month before we were forced to say goodbye ... may she rest in peace.

REMEMBERING SHADOW

Many friends of PAWS had the pleasure of meeting our ‘Shelter Mascot’ and my most loyal companion, Shadow. It’s almost impossible for me to believe that two years has passed since I held her for the last time. My best girl, who was in her 16th year, died in my arms on September 19, 2008. Not a day goes by that I don’t miss her ... the way she greeted me at the door, the walks we took, how much she loved to swim and play Frisbee, her ‘voice’, taking her everywhere with me in my old station wagon, how safe she made me feel, the way she smelled (ok – not always great if she encountered a skunk but we love skunks too!), how truly kind and gentle she was to all of our visitors and in particular to the other animals we rescued. She was a gem. I miss you puppy ...

SHADOW

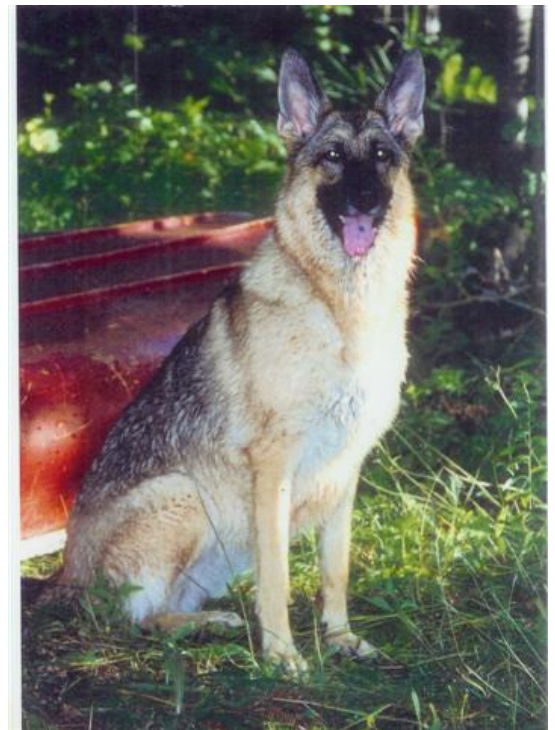
A PICTURE TAKEN BY PAWS
PRESIDENT, KIM – MANY MOONS
AGO AT MARY LAKE IN PORT
SYDNEY, ON JUST A SHORT DRIVE
FROM WHERE THE PAWS SHELTER
IS CURRENTLY LOCATED



SHADOW AND PAWS PRESIDENT KIM

GREAT TIMES

(SHADOW WAS ONLY SEVEN WEEKS OLD
IN THIS PICTURE)



ON A LIGHTER NOTE ...

Andy and Puffy have found loving, forever homes and Sultan, Moxy and Precious have come on board. This is just a tidbit of what has occurred since our last update.



ANDY
I HAVE FOUND A LOVING, FOREVER HOME WITH ROCHELLE!



PUFFY
I HAVE FOUND A LOVING, FOREVER HOME WITH REBECCA AND WILLIAM!



SULTAN

I WAS VERY SCARED IN THIS PICTURE AS I WAS AT THE VET

I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK ROS, ADELINE AND KIM FOR CARING ENOUGH TO RESCUE ME.

I'M STILL SHY BUT I LOVE IT HERE AT THE PAWS SHELTER

SOMETHING NEW

PAWS SHARES OUR GOOD TIMES AND OUR FABULOUS FELINES ON YOUTUBE!

We take pictures and videos almost daily in our shelter but rarely find the time to share them. It is our plan to improve on this in order that YOU can enjoy them as much as we do. Perhaps you will find them funny, educational, interesting or heart-warming.

First of all, I would like to introduce you to William and Rebecca who have now adopted **THREE** wonderful cats from PAWS (Sassy, Amy and Puffy):



**WILLIAM WITH
SASSY / REBECCA
WITH AMY**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=II-w8rLQS6k>

**YUP – THIS IS ME, YOUR
DEDICATED PAWS
PRESIDENT, KIM
ALONG WITH SASSY WHO
WAS SO EXCITED TO BE
GOING TO HER NEW
HOME**





**ROCHELLE,
A VERY
ENTHUSIASTIC
PAWS VOLUNTEER
WHO ADOPTED
ANDY:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKknclhVZdo>

Our Friends, Rebecca, William and Rochelle are featured in these videos speaking of their positive experience(s) with PAWS and we thank them so much for providing extra-special homes to the cats we've rescued.

ONE OF MANY TURTLE RESCUES THIS YEAR

On August 11, 2010, I was enroute to visit fellow rescue friend, Larry of Eldorado, ON. While driving east on Highway 118 through Haliburton, I noticed a turtle who intended to cross this busy road. Thankfully, I was able to 'persuade' this precious critter into returning back to the safety of the water from which he/she had obviously come from.

I hope you enjoy the videos I am sharing herein. There are three in total – please be sure to watch them in order (when you refer to You Tube – the title of the videos will direct you to which one to watch first, second and third):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AixZjdDZstk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-jmCGZ0Bs8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdJtv9W9LLA>

Special thanks to our friends at the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre in Peterborough who took the time to show us around their facility and to introduce us to some of the lucky turtles who have found their way to safety and rehabilitation. Any/all turtles that I rescue from here on in will be directed to these caring animal lovers who do wonderful work.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND STAY ALERT FOR WILDLIFE



WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL

I can often be heard declaring that I am proud not only of WHAT we do here at PAWS but also HOW we do it. One example of this is/are the relationship(s) that we maintain with other rescue groups. After all, we are all out there because we care about animals.

A BEAR VISITS OUR SHELTER IN HUNTSVILLE!!!

Yes, I AM serious and NO this gorgeous animal was not given the grand tour!

For more information on this exciting encounter (and a video or two also) ... keep an eye out for the next PAWS Update ...



HELEN AND SHELBY

SPECIAL THANKS TO VOLUNTEER, HELEN WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY, WITHOUT COMPLAINT, IN THE HEAT OF ONE OF THE HOTTEST SUMMERS IN OVER 50 YEARS AND WHO CONTINUES TO HELP ON A DAILY BASIS AT THE PAWS SHELTER
THANK YOU HELEN! (AND TO SHELBY WHO WAITS PATIENTLY FOR HER 'MOM')

PAWS IS THRILLED TO CONTINUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HILL'S SCIENCE DIET and the animals in our care want everyone to know how much they are enjoying the delicious (and healthy!) food that Hill's provides. **THANK YOU HILL'S!!**



Our dedicated supporters realize the importance of what we do and I ask that you PLEASE give generously and help us to get this organization back on its feet financially.

THANK YOU!

Warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Heys".

Kimberly Heys
President
PAWS

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.
~ Sydney Smith

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