

PAWS ANGELS

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it is easy to become caught up in hectic schedules, frantic shopping sprees and stressful party-planning. Somehow the bright and benevolent spirit of December seeps away as we become mired in too much gift wrap and marzipan.

How many times have you bought knick-knacks and sweaters only to have them re-gifted a year later?

How often have you shopped for the man or woman who "has everything" but end up buying another set of candy cane earrings anyway? At this special time of year, we suggest that there may be better ways to celebrate the joy and warmth of the season.

Rescue animals never "have too much". At PAWS our volunteers provide food, shelter, medical attention and unconditional love but there will always be the void that can only be filled by a real family, the forever home that so often eludes the abandoned and abused. And, because PAWS is a NO-KILL shelter, we have many long-term residents whose forever is only made possible by generous donations from people like you.

Many of our residents have long-term illnesses or care issues which put great strain on our financial resources. We have cats with Feline Aids, Feline Leukemia, heart conditions, skin diseases, deafness and many more ailments. Other rescues may decide it is practical to have these animals euthanized so that no one animal depletes their accounts too quickly.

But, for PAWS, each animal who crosses our threshold is an individual who deserves as much attention and consideration as any of our

family, friends and neighbors. They want to feel sun on their back, snuggle close to their best feline pal and listen to your heartbeat as you press them close so they can finally know what it means to be safe and loved. They want to live. And our commitment is that we will do everything in our power to help them do just that.

But we need help, ongoing help. Our veterinary bills are huge. We are the only rescue who routinely tests for FIV, FELV and FIP to protect our adopters from potential harm to their own cats. This is a costly endeavor. And, if one of our cats is diagnosed with a disease, we do not betray their trust. They live out their lives with us.

So, at this magical time of year, when "goodwill towards men" is in the air, we ask if you would consider extending that goodwill to animals. Aunt Bertha can make do with only four Christmas tree sweaters and Uncle Willie probably won't miss that basketball tie you bought him but Buddy will miss his heart medication and Mickey will wonder why his teeth still hurt so much.



We know that there are angels in our midst because we have glimpsed their halos as they bent to cradle an orphaned kitten or braved the cold to carry a lost soul to warmth. We have heard the soft rustle of their wings as their generous donations healed broken bones or granted life-saving emergency care. These are PAWS angels and we invite you to become one of them.

Please consider sponsoring a cat in need and bringing much-needed holiday cheer to our shelter. Your monthly donation means the world to those who have nobody else to turn to. It is also a wonderful way of being involved in the life of an animal if you are allergic or cannot have animal companions in your home. With each sponsorship you receive:

- 1) A photograph of your sponsored kitty with an update as to how she/he is doing at our shelter
- 2) A copy of the PAWS newsletter
- 3) An updated photo and description every 6 months to keep you involved in the life of your kitty
- 4) A standing invitation to come visit your kitty at the PAWS shelter

If you are giving this as a gift, please let us know and we will send the package to your gift recipient.

We offer different sponsorship levels to meet varying financial situations and remember there is no limit to how many kitties you can sponsor!

- Cherub - monthly donation of \$15
- Seraph - monthly donation of \$20-\$35
- Angel - monthly donation of \$40-\$55
- Archangel - monthly donation of \$55-\$75
- Guardian Angel - monthly donation of \$100 or more

If you would prefer to give a one-time donation at this time we thank you profusely; all you need do is send us a cheque with your address information.

Otherwise, please choose from the list of cats included, fill out the sponsorship card and mail to PAWS along with your cheque.

Thank you for embracing the spirit of giving and opening your heart to animals in need - may your halo surround you and yours with light and joy now and always.

Kim Heys

President
PAWS

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Sponsorship Card

Yes! I'd like to sponsor:

- Lucy
- Brandi
- Jumbo
- Fuzzy & Sable
- Phantom
- Harley
- Benji & Murphy

I have enclosed my donation for:

- Cherub - \$15
- Seraph - \$20-\$35
- Angel - \$40-\$55
- Archangel - \$55-\$75
- Guardian Angel - \$100 or more

My name/address is:

Please consider sponsoring one of the many 'little people' who remain in our care and who are so deserving of our love and kindness:



Lucy is our only female FIV+ (feline aids) cat. She was very distraught when she was first admitted to our shelter but she has come a long way. She spent many months under furniture, terrified, hissing - even striking out at humans who she was clearly scared of ... you should see her today! She literally sleeps in the arms of our Volunteers (mainly John - one of our most devoted caregivers and my Dad!) but we feel she should remain in our care so that she is not forced to 'start over'. Would you consider sponsoring her?? Special thanks to Adeline and Willis who saved her precious life and who have helped greatly along the way.



Brandi is one of if not the most affectionate cats in our shelter. She loves nothing more than to hang out on your lap and have you love her, hug her and pat her until she falls into a deep sleep. Brandi has tested + for Feline Leukemia - although she is in excellent health and we all wish, more than anything, that she would find a responsible, forever home. In the meantime, she requires sponsorship and she has specifically requested that if anyone would like to visit and offer their lap - she is open to all appointments! Sadly, Brandi lost her best pal Jasper this past September ... we miss you big guy! If you or someone you know has been thinking about adopting a cat - especially one with lots of love to give, please consider providing a 'forev-

er' home for Brandi. She must be adopted into either a one-cat household or along with one of her wonderful pals in our 'feluk' room (how 'bout Teddy - he's a real cuddle-mytser!). All of whom are spayed or neutered and in excellent health. There is nothing to be done for these 'folks' but love and cherish them. CALL OR E-MAIL PAWS TODAY!!! 416-491-2287 - kim@pawstoronto.org



Jumbo is one of 17 FIV+ cats (feline aids) that PAWS is currently providing for. When he was first rescued - they said he was FERAL - he was WILD and that he should be PUT DOWN (killed!). Um, I hate to break the news to the world of 'nay-sayers" but Jumbo just so happens to be one of the most friendly, loveable kitties the world has ever been blessed with! Why not sponsor him today? If you're considering adopting him - be sure that you do not have a dog in the household - apparently this does not meet with his requirements of a new 'forever' home. No canines please. Jumbo has no special needs and has no health issues - his only request is that you love him, love him, love him!



Fuzzy and Sable - A message from Fuzzy and Sable ... OK animal lovers - what's up with this? For the first time in the history of PAWS (we think) our Mom (Snuggles who found a wonderful new home with an extra-special family in Whitby) was adopted before we were! OK - so we were a little shy at first - LOOK AT US! We're simply gorgeous and there's no disputing it! We're looking for a forever home TOGETHER so we can rock your world in the wee hours

of the morn instead of the poor folks who rescued us - he he he.. Seriously though, we remain in the PAWS shelter and we're quite happy here for now, but if you can't adopt us - why not help to provide for us? We really enjoy the grub they provide (it's the best of the best) and it's really clean and cozy. We also have a lot of energetic friends here. One day we know the right family will come along and the rest will be history.



Phantom - OK so he resembles a Scottish fold - very funny Dr. Mike! He's actually a terrific old guy who has a fetish about noses - careful - you might just have yours nibbled on! Recently our pal had surgery to remove a tumor ... he's doing phenomenally well and we're crossing our fingers tight. Phantom has been with PAWS for approximately 2 years now - rescued from the bitter cold temps in the wee hours of the night - he is very thankful and very demanding - better feed him on time - or he'll let ya' know what time of day it is. Phantom may spend the rest of his days with PAWS but his upkeep is a little more costly than the average cat ... rest assured - he's well worth it! Please send your sponsorship today and consider coming to meet this charming fellow.



Harley - Like a teenager who won't listen to a word - Harley continues to drive our devoted Volunteers to the brink of pulling their own hair out. Don't worry - we love him (you're lucky my friend - he he he) but boy does he need a new home. We tried it once and the kitty in the other home picked on him - we can't imagine! He's a handful and he needs someone kind to

kind to sponsor him - could this be you?? If you have an extra kitchen sink - he'd love to just hang out in it forever ... sigh ...



Benji and his brother Murphy have really made progress since being brought to the PAWS shelter many months ago. They were both very frightened of humans (who can blame them!) but our experienced Volunteers have worked their magic and both are adoptable today! Can't adopt them? Why not consider sponsorship - they are young males and are eating us out of house and home ...

A short message from Kimberly Heys ... your President:

All kidding aside, PAWS is in dire need of your support. Winter is very difficult for us as we simply can not say 'no' to those who are suffering the elements. The 'little people' we have introduced you to in this plea are only the tip of the iceberg ... the others are also relying on your generosity this Holiday Season.

Wishing you and yours the very best for
2007 and always,

Kimberly Heys, The Heys Family and PAWS

THE NEED IS GREAT - THE TIME IS NOW

*** Thank you for your continued support ***