



URGENT UPDATE FROM PAWS – Spring 2011

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Spring!!!

With Spring comes new life and we are so pleased to introduce you to Lucy and her new born babies. Lucy was found by a special young lady, Stephanie who adopted a cat (Princess) from PAWS a little more than a year ago. Steph works at a barn near to our Huntsville shelter and she called to see if we could take Lucy (it was a blistery cold Winter day and we knew we had to act quickly – she was very pregnant). Thankfully, with some networking amongst fellow animal rescue friends Jenny and Shana, we managed to find a foster Mom who lives near to Toronto. As always, it's bitter sweet, one of the 5 kittens sadly did not survive but the remaining 4 are doing very well and will be looking for a special new home in the not-so-distant future as will their beautiful Momma who I met just before she was delivered to her foster home. Thanks to all who worked together to see that these deserving felines found their way to safety and a bright future that will no doubt include bringing many years of joy to carefully selected families.



YOU'RE INVITED!!

PLEASE COME VISIT PAWS AT THE ALL ABOUT PETS SHOW – April 22nd to 24th, 2011

PAWS Volunteers Marilyn, Linda, Margaret and I are very excited to be participating in this years All About Pets Show. The 17th annual All About Pets Show is sure to be entertaining, educational and tons of fun. You have three days to choose from and we sure hope you will visit us at booth 246 (near to the show entrance and the snack bar). We will be there from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information please visit the AAPS web site at:

<http://www.allaboutpetsshow.com/consumers.htm>

Should you decide to visit us you won't be disappointed. Cats like Rambo (our diabetic boy), Precious (a blind and deaf polydactyl who is as sweet as can be) and Beauty will be there to greet you along with several of their other friends. You hear about them all the time in our update e-mails and newsletters. This is your opportunity to put a name to a face (and perhaps to sneak in a little snuggle) ☺. Please give serious thought to adopting or sponsoring one of these fabulous felines ... others regard them as special needs ... PAWS considers them EXTRA SPECIAL!!!

We are looking forward to seeing you!!

A MESSAGE FROM BEAUTY:

Hello everyone – my name is Beauty. Can you believe I am still calling the PAWS Shelter my home? Look at me – I'm gorgeous (if I do say so myself) and yes, I am a little on the shy side but once I learn to trust you – the sky is the limit!! Please come to meet me, tell friends, family or co-workers about me. PAWS Volunteers are hoping very much that this awesome show will assist in finding loving, forever homes for some of my feline friends and I.



Special thanks to Marilyn, Linda and Margaret who will give of their time on Easter Weekend and to Marg and Tom who made it possible for us to invest in new equipment (much-needed black wire dog crates where our kitties will reside safely and securely while greeting visitors at the show). We must also not overlook our good friend, Ingrid who has agreed to care for the animals at the PAWS Shelter along with her hard-working children.

*** LIFE OR DEATH ***

PUMPKIN AND GEORGE ARE AT RISK OF EUTHANASIA – PLEASE HELP!!!



I have actually decided to put this part of our message ahead of Toffee and Kosmo's plea which I hate doing but ... I have no choice. The beautiful cat you see here is Pumpkin. I do not currently have a photo of George but I understand that he is orange also. I have not 'met' either of these animals and I could simply delete the e-mail I received today but I just can't.

PAWS received an e-mail this morning from The Kennel Inn in Aurora advising that their shelter is closing as of April 30th and there are 30 cats remaining in their care – 2 of which are FIV+ (feline aids). PAWS has been assisting cats with FIV for well over a decade (knowingly as we began testing in 2000 – it's very likely we have been doing so for much longer but weren't aware of it).

We want very much to help some of these cats. It is very likely that no one will help Pumpkin or George, sadly, in fact, George was already adopted but he was returned to The Kennel Inn as he tested positive for feline aids. This disturbs me greatly. He is just as deserving of a home as any other cat

<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/18825741>

but not all Veterinarians share the same views. Many recommend euthanizing these innocent beings.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER ADOPTING OR FOSTERING THESE CATS?? PAWS CAN NOT ACCEPT THESE CATS INTO OUR CARE WITHOUT FIRST TAKING THEM TO OUR VETERINARIAN (in order that we protect our resident rescues).

Our reality at this time is that, again we owe several different Veterinarians large sums of money including West Hill – our balance is nearing \$3,000. We also have an appointment scheduled for Monday, April 18th for 7 of our resident cats – two of whom you will read about below who urgently require dentistry. This appointment will be cancelled if payment is not made.

In speaking with the Manager at The Kennel Inn, she explained that Pumpkin who is pictured above was a cat who had been used in the Vet Tech program at Seneca College so he is neutered. George is unaltered and they do not provide assistance of any sort in this regard. I have asked that she keep trying her best to find homes for all of the cats at their shelter but it's looking grim. Thankfully, all of the dogs that they had in their charge have found homes.

Veterinary care is extremely expensive as we all know. Due to the failing economy in recent years Vets are no longer willing to extend accounts to rescue organizations the way that they used to and our account with West Hill is double of what we have agreed to (due to the loss last week of Holly – may she rest in peace and the dental work that was performed on our pal Ernie who is doing very well, by the way after having 10 teeth extracted). We have taken over 25 cats to West Hill since our last update to you, our supporters. Thankfully, West Hill is kind to us but the reality is, we must pay down our account.

THE FASTEST WAY FOR YOU TO HELP IS TO CALL WEST HILL TODAY to make a payment on our account. Their telephone # is 1-416-282-8516. You can also make secure donation online at www.pawscanada.org (click donate) or send your gift by mail to PAWS – 2300 Lawrence Avenue East, Box 73030, Toronto, ON M1P 2R2. I thank you sincerely in advance for your kindness and generosity.

SPARKY ... in his words:

Hi everyone – my name is Sparky. PAWS Friends, Adeline and Willis saved my life a few years ago and they helped to guide me to PAWS. Our President, Kim took a video of me on April 12, 2011 to thank them and so that they could see how well I am doing. That is very nice and I am glad she did that as I like these fine folks very much BUT I got to thinking that, since I too am FIV+ it was important for me to show you how special and quite frankly now NORMAL we so-called FIV+ cats really are. I know Adeline and Willis would be fine with that. So, without further delay – I hope you enjoy my video. Can you see how beautiful and healthy I am? Thanks to everyone who worked together on my behalf, I am now much more trusting of humans and I am 'living the dream' at the PAWS Shelter. Perhaps one day someone will be lucky enough to adopt me!! If not, I look forward to meeting you in the Fall here in Huntsville when we have our first annual open house. Thanks to my friends Adeline and Willis who have never forgotten about me ...



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIB_-l04ZiU

**** URGENT ****

PLEASE HELP PAWS TO RELIEVE TOFFEE AND KOSMO OF THEIR DISCOMFORT ☹

Kindly take a moment (if you are able) to watch the following videos taken on April 12, 2011 at the PAWS shelter in Huntsville. Both Toffee and Kosmo need your help NOW.

Both of these wonderful boys have been waiting patiently for dentistry which can no longer be delayed. Both are scheduled in for these procedures next week (April 18th) but, as indicated above, if our account is not paid down, their surgeries will be re-scheduled.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRqid49kzgM&feature=related>

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



KOSMO

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIUBkCkhiQI&feature=related>



TOFFEE – still shy – around the time he was first rescued

Kosmo has been with PAWS for quite some time. He is FIV+ and, as with Toffee, requires dentistry. Dental work on animals is extremely expensive but essential to their well-being.

Sadly, cats like Kosmo, rarely get adopted due to their 'FIV status'. It's ridiculous – truly. The cats we have rescued over the years (and we have had dozens who have tested positive before entering the doors of our shelter due to having to fend for themselves on the streets) have all proven to be absolutely wonderful and so deserving. Either way, PAWS does NOT give up – cats like Kosmo, should he never be adopted, will be spoiled rotten in our shelter until his final day. That said, it certainly is our preference that he BE adopted so that we can make room for another who desperately needs us. PAWS Volunteers do our very best to educate everyone we come into contact with about FIV and other issues surrounding rescued cats. Shhhhhhh – don't tell anyone but a Vet who will remain unnamed herein that we dealt with many years ago who called while one of our resident kitties (who is still with us today and doing very well) was under anesthetic waiting to be neutered said that she felt the right thing was to euthanize this otherwise healthy young boy. Well, we flat out refused to allow this of course and a short time later she apologized. She also acknowledged during that conversation that FIV+ cats deserve to live.

FUN STUFF

I had to share this and thanks to PAWS Volunteer, Susan for sending it to me:

Cat and Dolphins Playing Together

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rynvewVe21Y&feature=player_embedded

Thought we could all use something to make us smile after the seriousness of the last few paragraphs of this update.

RENOVATIONS – THANK YOU HOME DEPOT!!



First ... a message from Toffee who we introduced you to earlier on in this message ...

"Hi everyone – Toffee here – for your information that terrible carpet you see in my picture above, has finally been removed and replaced with Allure TrafficMaster Resilient Vinyl Tile Flooring! ***Thanks Home Depot!***"

Last November a decision was made to remove the carpeting at the PAWS shelter in Huntsville. Carpet and a large number of cats is NOT a good mix (go figure!). One thing led to another and after many late nights and much hard work we are continuing with our renovations – one step at a time. Approximately half of the carpeting has now been removed. We have painted, repaired, the list is long and the outcome is certainly positive. It is much easier to keep things clean and odor-free – we are so pleased.

Home Depot in both Huntsville and Orillia very kindly contributed towards the purchase of flooring and other necessary supplies. We thank them very much for their generosity.

We are not finished yet, however, and if anyone is willing to donate a Home Depot gift card or to make a payment on our account, we would be thrilled in order that we could remove the balance of the carpeting in the other areas of the shelter and finalize this project.

PAWS Volunteers absolutely recommend Allure TrafficMaster Resilient Vinyl Tile Flooring which is not only easy to install but it is durable and water resistant. It also comes with a 25 year warranty.

Thanks must be extended to PAWS Volunteer Troy of Orillia who has worked tirelessly on his days off to make this dream of renovating our shelter a reality. We look forward to showing our supporters the results of our hard work in the Fall at our open house. Thanks also to PAWS Volunteers Tom who constructed the partitions (and who helped with so many other things around the shelter) and Susan who endured the removal of the carpeting and painting. We have some awesome pictures to share that show just how much fun we had!! Stay tuned ...



PAWS AND HILL'S SCIENCE DIET ☺ OUR PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES ...

Words can not express how thankful we are to Hill's® Science Diet® for their Second Chance for Love™ shelter program. Hill's has partnered with us and is donating pet food for all dogs, cats, kittens and puppies being cared for here at PAWS. Thumbs UP for Hill's – thank you – thank you – thank you!!!



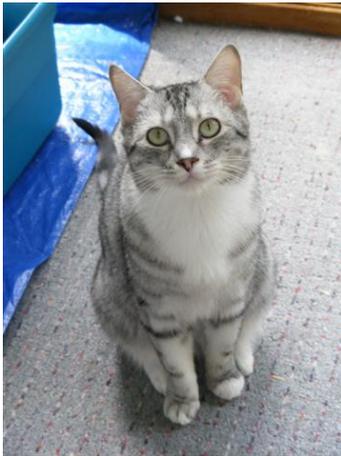
THIS IS A PICTURE TAKEN JUST AFTER A DELIVERY FROM HILL'S WAS RECEIVED January 2011 (just prior to moving the pet food into the shelter). The animals in our care love this top-quality food and we are very proud to provide sample bags to our adoptees too. Thanks Hill's!



PAWS AND ABBOTSFORD ANIMAL HOSPITAL (Aurora, ON) ADOPTION PROGRAM

A few months ago, I approached Dr. Mark at Abbotsford regarding the possibility of placing some of our rescued kitties in his hospital for adoption. He graciously agreed and many of our wonderful cats have found awesome homes thanks to the doctors and staff at this terrific clinic. If you are interested in meeting Rocky or Pippy and Tippy (Brothers and sons to Beauty who is pictured earlier in this update) please be sure to stop into Abbotsford at 14958 Yonge Street in Aurora. They can also be reached by phone at 1-905-727-7379 or 1-416-801-9593.

This is a state of the art facility and their clients insist upon only the best of veterinary care for their four-legged family members which they absolutely receive at Abbotsford.



PIPPY (in his words ...)

I am hoping to find an extra-special forever home with my Brother Tippy ... we can't wait to meet you! We are neutered, fully vaccinated, de-wormed and viral tested (neither of us is positive for any kitty illness). There is nothing to do but take us home and love us ... **feel free to come and visit us at Abbotsford or to make a donation to help with our account here at the hospital. Thanks ☺**

COUGAR FINDS A HOME – THANKS TO ABBOTSFORD!

Chris, Buddy, Kasia and Cougar – December 2010

Cougar who is featured on the PAWS web site (www.pawscanada.org) was Shadow's best pal. Sadly, we lost Shadow (our Shelter Mascot) in September of 2008. We miss her terribly and so did Cougar. It was always our hope to find Cougar a special new family WITH A DOG. Well our wish has come true and the last we heard, Cougar was on Kasia's lap helping her study for exams. Thank you Kasia, Chris and Buddy for taking such wonderful care of Cougar – we miss you Cougar but we know you are in a wonderful place where you are well-loved.



TAX RECEIPTS

Please know that all receipts for income tax purposes for donations received in 2010 were issued on or before February 28, 2011. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

GAS, OIL AND AIR MILES

As we all know, gas and oil prices have skyrocketed. Having put over 120,000 kms on the PAWS truck in the last 2 years ... we have sure had a hard time keeping up with this expense (however, we require this large vehicle for the work we do). As well, our shelter is heated with oil – in the last two months alone we have incurred over \$1,900 in expense just for oil alone (unfortunately, our shelter has 2 older furnaces which must be replaced in the not-so-distant future).

PAWS Supporter Lorraine and her Daughter, both from Toronto cashed in their air miles a few months ago in an effort to help (thank you ladies!). It is actually very easy to do so. You simply contact Air Miles and advise them of how many points you wish to redeem and that you would like Shell Gift Certificates for same. I have also cashed my Air Miles in recently and donated my Shell Gift Certificates to PAWS. Between these two contributions nearly \$500 was raised. This was a huge help and Lorraine and I are encouraging other PAWS supporters to do so, please. Yes, it is Shell who provides the oil for our furnaces and we have an outstanding balance with these folks that must be paid. That said, they offer a discount for prompt payment so if you are willing to do this – please don't delay. I should also mention that Shell kindly made a donation of \$100 off our last bill in an effort to help. We thank them very much ☺.

As indicated above, oil is terribly expensive (and quite frankly, our furnaces are not the most efficient). One alternative that we are researching for the next Winter season are infrared heaters. They are approximately \$400 each to purchase but we are hearing great things. If you or someone you know has a connection in respect of infrareds or who might assist in upgrading our furnace(s), please advise us right away.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important update. We do hope to see you at The All About Pets Show and to working with you in anyway possible to benefit animals in distress.

THE NEED IS GREAT ~ THE TIME IS NOW

Yours sincerely,



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remains unawakened ~ Anatole France*

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