

**** PLEASE HELP PAWS TO HELP CHLOE AND PATCHES ****

E-Mail Of Thursday, February 3, 2011

Dear Friends:

Good afternoon. Kim from PAWS here.

I am writing today to appeal to you and anyone you know who cares about animals for help on behalf of Chloe and Patches – two long-standing residents in our shelter. Feel free to share this e-mail with others ... networking is crucial and can make a huge difference to the animals in our care.

Chloe is a cat who came to PAWS many moons ago. She has been with us for approximately 11 years (the picture that follows does not do her justice). A fellow animal rescue friend contacted my Mom and I at that time asking if we could help as a man in Hamilton who meant well had taken many cats into his care but he could not afford to spay or neuter. This, of course, resulted in many pregnant females – Chloe was one of them. Mom and I each committed to taking one of the pregnant cats and made arrangements that the cats be left at a Vet office that we were dealing with at that time to be examined prior to admitting them into our care. My friend actually had more on her plate than she could handle and left THREE pregnant females at the Vet. How on earth could Mom and I decide who to take or who to leave behind? Naturally, we took all three and thankfully we were able to find two special foster Mom's – Sisters Carol and Darlene who took excellent care of Chloe and her babies. (*Sadly, our friend Carol lost her battle with cancer a few short years ago – she is fondly remembered and certainly missed*).

Once Chloe had her babies and they were old enough to be adopted we worked hard at finding extra-special homes for her kittens. Often Mom cats remain once kittens are adopted which breaks my heart as they are just as deserving of a life and lap of their own. I suppose Chloe was meant to remain in my care as she was fairly shy and has had many health issues over the years including a bout with an illness called fatty liver syndrome. Through all of her ups and downs my little friend and I have stayed strong. It's been a lot of work for PAWS Volunteers and I with times where nursing care was required but Chloe is worth it and it is a pleasure having her at the shelter. She gets along very well with all of her four-legged friends and is no trouble whatsoever. She absolutely loves when we talk to her and brush and pat her.

Last Monday I took Chloe to see Dr. Wood at West Hill Animal Clinic (*yes, I drove her 3 hours south from Huntsville to the border of Pickering/Scarborough to attend this appointment as I trust Dr. Wood 210% - he is one of the most skilled and compassionate Veterinarians I have personally had the pleasure of dealing with*) as she had lost some weight and I was concerned that her kidneys might be failing. I was not prepared for the news that Dr. Wood felt what he believes is a tumor on her bowel. We proceeded with blood work and x-rays and the next step is exploratory surgery. We must verify whether or not this is an operable tumor or whether this is the end of our journey with Chloe. PAWS Volunteers and I are very concerned but hopeful that somehow there is more we can do for our little friend. Rest assured she is eating and living a good quality of life currently.

Here's the problem. Our account is above it's limit (again) at West Hill. We owe nearly \$2,000 and our limit is \$1,500. If a payment is not made prior to Monday, we will be forced to cancel our appointment and delay what could be life-saving surgery (we actually have EIGHT cats scheduled for various

procedures and we MUST somehow keep this appointment). **PLEASE HELP.** Whether this is operable or in-operable, we must act on a timely basis and do our best for Chloe.

Please consider a donation today. This can be done securely online at www.pawscanada.org (simply click on 'donate') or you may send your gift to PAWS at the address which appears at the end of this message. The other alternative is that you may call West Hill directly (416-282-8516) and make a payment on the PAWS account by credit card which will free up our account immediately. If that is what you choose to do, please e-mail us to let us know and ask that West Hill mail PAWS a copy of the receipt in order that we can input same in our system and ensure your tax receipt for 2011.

Below is a picture of Chloe which was taken in 2004 when she was still our 'Chunky Wunky'. She is a wonderful girl who appreciates your concern very much. We thank you, in advance for your kindness and generosity and we promise to keep you posted.

CHLOE



PATCHES

Another special little person I would like to tell you about today is Patches. I call him 'Patchy Bum Bum' – no idea where this came from but ... he's my little pal. He came to PAWS around the same time Chloe did. All of his siblings were trapped by Animal Control and euthanized (they were only babies for goodness sake!). Patches got away and thankfully I trapped him and admitted him to the PAWS shelter after having him neutered, vaccinated, de-wormed and viral tested. Patches lives with our

diabetic cat, Rambo (and a few other of our resident kitties) ... they all get along very well. He will hiss and carry on when a human being enters the room (who can blame him?!) but he trusts Marilyn (Goodman) and I enough that we can bundle him up and hug and kiss him (don't tell him I told you but he will also, at times, come running to us for love and affection – he is such a sweetheart). In my experience and personal opinion, so-called 'feral' cats are simply misunderstood. Quite a large number of our ferals (we prefer to call them 'fradies') have learned to trust us which is one of the most rewarding parts of what we do here at PAWS. Stay tuned for future stories about Jordan, Pammy, Dash and so many others who came to us terrified but who have learned to appreciate the kindness and love they receive daily here at PAWS. Most rescue organizations trap, neuter and release these cats. PAWS goes the extra mile and we commit to caring for these deserving felines for the rest of their days – it truly is our pleasure.

Back to Patches. This little guy requires dentistry (the dental work required by animals these days is as expensive as can be) and we must raise approximately \$650 before we can admit him for same. In the meantime, he is uncomfortable and not eating as he normally does. Please help us to ease his pain and get this work done asap. Again, donations can be processed in the same manner as for Chloe as we intend to take Patches to West Hill for this work. Finding a PAWS Angel (monthly donor) for Patches would also really make his day ☺. Feel free to refer to our web site under Donate – PAWS Angels Network for more info.



Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read this e-mail. Your help with Chloe and Patches will mean more than you will ever know.

PAWS Volunteers and I are excited about moving forward into 2011 as we work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to provide for the animals in our care, for those who so desperately need us in the future and in order that we may continue to keep a roof above their heads.

Warm personal regards,

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