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*Happy Holidays!*

## PAWS

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It's been awhile ...

Please allow me to take this opportunity to welcome you to our latest edition of PAW PRINT. Your support has enabled PAWS Volunteers to save many deserving lives. We simply cannot thank you enough!

The last 18 months have been the most challenging in the 43-year history of this invaluable NO-KILL animal rescue organization. Our Volunteers were met with great challenges and we tackled them head on. We continue to work tirelessly to save as many innocent lives as our resources will allow. We are proud not only of what we do but how we do it. We could not have accomplished what we have without YOUR SUPPORT! PAWS exists today because of your generosity. The animals and our hard-working team of Volunteers THANK YOU.

Please allow me to take a moment to update you on what's been happening at PAWS ...



*SWEETIE — A dear cat rescued by PAWS many moons ago ...*

## SPRING 2013 — OVER 200 ANIMALS RESCUED FROM STATE OF EMERGENCY FLOODING IN MUSKOKA ...

### PAWS WAS THE ONLY ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST

Every animal rescued during this emergency situation was spayed or neutered, vaccinated and re-homed. The “unadoptables” were returned to the property where they are living very comfortably with cozy outbuildings — plenty of food/water and caring human beings who nurture them daily (thank you Donna, Lacy and Jack!) along with assistance from PAWS Volunteers who continue to provide pet food and financial assistance for veterinary care.

Words and photos simply can not describe what the animals endured at that time (hence the delay in reporting this news to you). PAWS Volunteers literally worked around the clock to humanely trap each and every cat and kitten (one of our Volunteers actually fell asleep standing up as we had all been up for 48 hours straight!) There was a convoy of vehicles transporting these deserving beings to be spayed and neutered.

As many of the cats and kittens had been without food or clean water for several days, it was necessary for PAWS Volunteers to assist in getting them back on their feet. Thankfully, our Volunteers are very skilled and medically inclined (which helps to save funds which would otherwise be spent on veterinary care).



*Just one of dozens of kittens affected by the flooding ...*

*Another lucky baby — safe in the loving arms of PAWS Volunteer CARLEA*

*(Carlea is currently enrolled in a 4 year program to become a Veterinary Technician — we are all very proud of Carlea!)*





Each and every cat and kitten rescued by PAWS during this terrifying ordeal survived. Not one was left behind!!



Working through the night ...



Scared ... BUT SAFE!

**NINE kittens were born to this amazing Mom only a short time after she was rescued.**



Notice the difference in ages in the kittens — sooo many were displaced ... it was a truly unbelievable experience.



A family of kittens — estranged from their Mother — about to be rescued by PAWS Volunteers

**THANK YOU PAWS SUPPORTERS! My brothers and sisters and I were so scared!**

**We are so lucky that PAWS Volunteers cared enough to save us ... today we are enjoying our own laps and living with very carefully selected families ...**



Before PAWS Volunteers had had an opportunity to recover from the state of emergency flooding, PAWS President, Kim, received a request to temporarily hold over 50 cats and kittens — many sick with URV (upper respiratory virus caught at Animal Services) and others pregnant or otherwise distressed. Thankfully, we have acreage and outbuildings and dedicated foster families. We accepted these animals with open arms and it was quite an ordeal. Weeks turned into months ... but finally all were transferred to adoptions programs, spayed/neutered and vaccinated.

**PAWS HAS RESCUED OVER 500 CATS AND KITTENS FROM HIGH-KILL SHELTERS IN THE LAST 2-3 YEARS.**



Thank you PAWS for rescuing me from certain death at Animal Services (along with my mom and my brother) ... you helped to clear up our eye infections and upper respiratory virus and we are now safe and happy in our new forever home.

The need is great my friends — there are tens of thousands of homeless animals in Ontario and the NO-KILL message that PAWS has always promoted must continue to be shared and adhered to — please help by networking with all of the animal lovers in your life — tell them about PAWS and please ask that they support our life-saving work! We must all stand strong together — we are their voice!!!

In February of 2014, the world lost one very treasured friend to all animals...

### DIANE PARENT

Diane was a well-known and certainly a very respected member of the animal rescue community. Diane and PAWS President Kimberly Heys were dear friends, often assisting one another and always in touch around the clock. Diane is missed more than words can possibly describe.

This petite but very strong and determined woman battled multiple myeloma (a cancer of the plasma cells) for several years. Her main concern always were her rescued cats. When it became apparent that Diane was no longer able to care for her beloved four-legged friends, she turned to PAWS to assist. Diane knew that PAWS Volunteers would absolutely ensure that each and every single cat (most of whom were special needs/considered unadoptable) would be transferred to a safe haven. As our shelter was bursting at the seams we turned to other reputable NO-KILL rescuers from all over Ontario. It must not be overlooked that another very close friend to Diane, Jean, played a huge role in ensuring the safety and well-being of Diane's cats including caring for all the cats when Diane underwent cancer treatments. Without Jean's vital assistance we do not know what we would have done. Many were involved and all of the cats found their way to caring animal rescuers.



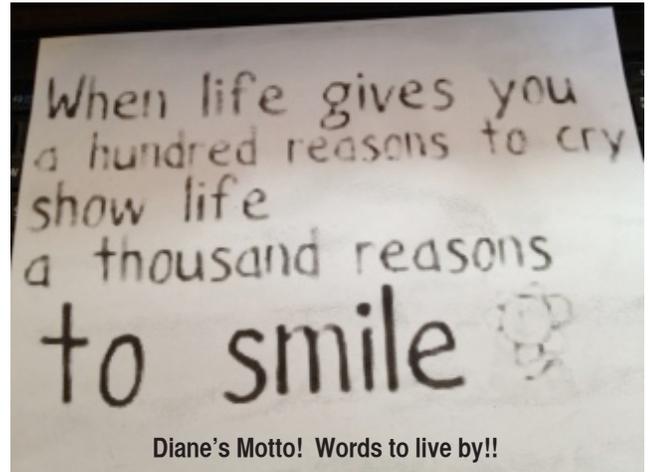
**WE MISS YOU DIANE** — you will remain in our hearts **FOREVER.**



Diane and Big Boy — Good Times



Diane and Kim — attending the recording of Animal House Calls with Peter (who has since found his awesome forever family)



Diane's Motto! Words to live by!!

### DOES PAWS ONLY RESCUE CATS you might ask?

Absolutely not. PAWS assists as many animals as we possibly can — and this includes some very interesting critters such as ...



This poor turtle was struck by a vehicle only minutes from the PAWS shelter ... Thankfully, he was not badly injured. PAWS Volunteers are constantly rescuing turtles between June and September and we liaise with licensed rehabilitators in order that they will be properly assessed, treated and released back where they originated from.

*Believe it or not* this turtle turned out to be approximately 80 years old. A Blanding's turtle which is considered to be an endangered species.



**PAWS Volunteers assisted in the rescue of many turtles this past year!**

In September 2014 PAWS President Kim was making her way back from visiting family in the Chatham area. It was late and she was tired but she had a stop to make in Toronto before returning to Huntsville; more PAWS business! It was raining and traffic was heavy. Kim was proceeding eastbound on Finch Avenue East near Bayview Avenue when she noticed something on the road. Whenever it is safe to do so, Kim stops for all animals who have been struck by vehicles if for no other reason than to remove them so that they are not repeatedly hit by traffic. Kim quickly realized that the animal curled into a ball on the road was a baby raccoon; she was heart broken. She flicked on her hazard lights and pulled over. Always ready with carrying cases, towels, food and water in her truck, Kim grabbed a towel and approached the animal with the intention of simply moving him onto the grass. As she approached, the raccoon suddenly blinked — he was alive! Kim's heart was pounding especially since cars were now honking their horns and ignoring the fact that they should be slowing down when they see hazard lights. Kim ran for the carrying case in her truck, gently placed the baby 'coon inside and immediately left the scene. Kim then pulled over to the side of the road and started calling trusted wildlife rehabbers who might be able to help. Ultimately the raccoon ended up spending the night with Kim and was transported very early the next morning to a reputable sanctuary. The staff at the sanctuary were concerned as the dear critter appeared to be blind in one eye and possibly had internal injuries. Only time would tell...but Kim finally went home to get some much needed sleep.



Weeks later, and after many worried follow-up calls, Kim received word that the baby raccoon was doing well. His eyesight was no longer an issue and the baby was thriving. He will be released in the Spring.

Please always remember that by supporting the life-saving work of PAWS, you are assisting a group of people who are dedicated to seeing each and every situation all the way through. PAWS Volunteers NEVER GIVE UP, no matter what. We spare no expense. We deal only with reputable, skilled and compassionate veterinarians (often this means travelling great distances) and we very carefully screen each adoption applicant.

### THE NEED IS GREAT — THE TIME IS NOW

As you can imagine, providing only the best of care to the animals we rescue is costly. An overwhelming number of telephone calls and e-mails are received by our Volunteers weekly with requests for assistance. We are reaching out to each and every individual who so kindly took the time to read this publication to PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TODAY. PAWS Volunteers are working diligently at replenishing our medical fund (this absolutely includes a separate fund we manage for spaying and neutering) — WE NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY AT THIS TIME. Please also be sure to share this publication with others. Thank you in advance for caring!

We regret that we have been out of touch but we hope that what you read herein warms your heart and explains how busy we have been SAVING INNOCENT BEINGS WHO DESERVE TO LIVE.

On behalf of The Gang at PAWS, we would like to wish you and yours the very best this Holiday Season and good health, happiness and prosperity in 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Heys".

Kimberly Heys, President, PAWS

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Please also know that PAWS very gratefully accepts Canadian Tire money, Shoppers Drug Mart points, Home Depot Gift Cards (we are currently renovating the shelter, creating a new isolation area and caregivers unit — more details to follow) and Air Miles. PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY for details.

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