



PAW PRINT

Please join **PAWS** in celebrating the adoption of ... VOL 37 - ISSUE 1

Bianco



Bianco, Freddy, and Brandi



David and Freddy



TC



Kim and Brandi

Please refer to page 4 for all of the exciting details ...

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Message from the President...

Thank you for taking the time to read and enjoy this issue of PAW Print.

We trust that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Summer (in spite of all that rain!). It's hard to believe the Fall colors are just around the corner.

Our last issue of PAW Print was distributed in January of 2009. We strive to bring you quarterly updates but this is not always possible, for a number of reasons. Normally we are so very busy looking after the animals in our care that it's almost impossible to find the time for ever-important administrative duties. This has absolutely been the case but our Volunteers and I have also been doing our best to cope with the devastation of 18 losses in the last 12 months. This included my Mother, who was not only my Best Friend but also one of the main caregivers to the animals PAWS rescues. As well, this included my/our loyal companion Shadow (our Shelter Mascot of almost 16 years) and countless fabulous felines all of whom were loved dearly and are missed more than words can say. Our Veterinarians did absolutely everything in their power to save them ... to no avail. Never before in over 37 years that PAWS has been in existence have we experienced such a difficult time (emotionally and financially). Thankfully, our Volunteers, Friends and Family Members have had each other to turn to for support and we have the animals who remain in our care (and those who are still trying to find their way to us!) to stand strong for.

Enforcing our no-kill policy is EXPENSIVE. I know you've heard it all before but I can NOT stress this enough. In the over sixteen years that I have devoted my life and volunteered my time to PAWS, I have never been as concerned about our financial situation as I am today. Time and time again I personally meet with our Veterinarians while being given the news about one illness after another (some more serious than others and some terminal, sadly) and over and over again, these folks do their best to encourage us to think with our heads and not with our hearts. You see ... our shelter is **unique**. It's like no other shelter in North America – perhaps in the world. The animals who find their way to PAWS are LOVED and no expense is spared when we speak of saving a precious life. I had a Vet say to me recently “well Kim, if this was an OWNED pet ...” – I was FLOORED. I know this person meant no disrespect or harm but boy was I angry. These are not only ‘OWNED PETS’ they are individual beings all with their own distinct personalities. Each and everyone deserves to live and each and everyone would be protected with my life and that of one of our Volunteers in the case of an emergency. I've said it before and I'll say it again and I know I speak for all of our Volunteers when I say ... I am proud not only of **what** we do but **how** we do it and I/we will fight to the bitter end to see that things improve and that we move forward. Incidentally, this is the reason PAWS Supporters trust our Volunteers and I when making plans for their four-legged friends – just in case (please refer to After Care on page 5). They KNOW their beloved ‘pets’ will

be protected and that their wishes will be carried out. **You have my word on that.**

Please allow me to share this quote:

A leader's job is to look into the future and see the organization, not as it is, but as it should be.

~Jack Welch

As President of PAWS, yes, I am your Leader and to that end, I feel that my obligation to one and all is to inspire and to encourage. For the PAWS Volunteers and I, it has been a time for re-evaluation, a time to reflect on the challenges of the past and we invite you to join us in embracing our bright future.

The news is NOT all bad, thankfully. We are thrilled to report that many of the animals in our care who did fall ill (i.e. Pumpkin with his recent ear surgery, Oscar, Tom and Max with their ongoing thyroid conditions, Peter who endured a urinary blockage and Rambo our diabetic pal who ‘crashed’ this past Spring) are doing very well today. We have also, of course, continued to spay and neuter each and every animal who has come into our care (incredibly not all ‘rescue organizations’ do spay and neuter – even those who have Veterinarians on staff!). These are just a few examples of animals in our care that would otherwise not be with us today and who are ready to find new, loving, forever homes. On their behalf, I THANK YOU.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY. With your help – ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

PAWS ~ changing the world ~ one rescue at a time.



Kimberly Heys
PAWS President



Please feel free to network on our behalf by telling friends about PAWS, sharing our newsletter and, in turn, helping us to spread our message of kindness and compassion. PAWS Volunteers welcome you to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. Feel free to do so via snail mail or securely via www.pawscanada.org. THANK YOU.



Smoke and Winky

Two amazing cats (best pals!) who are currently looking for a special new home. Call PAWS today for details ...

“THE GREATNESS OF A NATION AND ITS MORAL PROGRESS CAN BE JUDGED BY THE WAY ITS ANIMALS ARE TREATED” ~ MAHATMA GANDHI

**Here are some of the animals that
YOU have recently saved!**



I NEED A FOREVER HOME!

(Some of our recent rescues)

NOTE:

If we included all of our recent rescues, the entire issue of PAW Print would be bursting at the seams. Please refer to www.pawscanada.org to view pictures and descriptions of the special pets we have available for adoption to loving, responsible homes (you may also view our Happy Tails section for success stories) and we suggest that you check in from time to time as this information changes regularly.

RAMBO

Rambo was surrendered to PAWS in April of 2008. We were thrilled when we found him a home a short time later along with Bob (another of our pals from the PAWS shelter). Sadly, Rambo had developed diabetes, which PAWS Volunteers were unaware of and he was returned to us. A shelter is no place for a cat with diabetes as it is very difficult to closely monitor food and water intake and to stabilize a cat when there are more than 100 others. PAWS Volunteers do their very best but we all agree that it is CRUCIAL that we find Rambo a special family of his own where he will be well-looked-after and loved for the rest of his days. Did we happen to mention how affectionate he is? Please refer to our web site at www.pawscanada.org for more pictures and information. If you or someone you know would consider welcoming Rambo into your heart and home ... it would change his whole life. His insulin and syringes are not expensive and PAWS would consider covering the cost of these items as necessary. Perhaps you have had a cat with diabetes or know someone who has? Do you have diabetes yourself? Rambo deserves to live and he looks forward to meeting you.



COUGAR



Cougar was our Shelter Mascot, Shadow's closest kitty friend for many years. As everyone knows, Shadow passed away last September. Cougar is now in search of a wonderful new family – with or without dog or cat pals. This little man is in excellent health and has a terrific personality. PLEASE call PAWS today if you would like more information. Cougar has a female friend (a 'Fradie' (a cat who is shy of



human beings)) named 'Hailey' who he is fond of. If adopting two cats is on your mind ... what a great pair they would be!

CHESTER



Chester is an awesome boy who was rescued by a PAWS Supporter in Scarborough. He is in excellent health and gets along with other cats and is very loving towards his human friends. He would love to meet you – don't hesitate – please call PAWS today!

To view a copy of this issue of PAW Print in COLOUR – please go to www.pawscanada.org/newsletter

I FOUND A FOREVER HOME!

(Some of our recent adoptions)

In our last issue of PAW Print, we reported on the successful adoption of Brandi to our friend David in Barrie. Brandi, David and TC (David's loyal canine companion - please see pictures on the front page of this publication) were all getting along famously but David couldn't help but remember that our two boys, Bianco and Freddy still needed a home. David called PAWS President, Kim one fine day in December and the rest is history. Words can not express how thrilled everyone at PAWS is that we FINALLY found a wonderful new home for Brandi, Freddy and Bianco – together! Why is this such a big deal you might ask? Allow me to explain ...

First of all – can you even imagine what an accomplishment it is to find 3 cats a home together? Yup – that is terrific BUT the reality of this situation is that these three special felines have all tested positive for an illness that is contagious to other cats called Feline Leukemia. For this reason, these poor cats had to be kept segregated in one room for the entire time they were with PAWS. We had no choice – they had to live separate of the other cats. Our Volunteers spent as much time with Brandi, Bianco and Freddy as we could but they needed a home, a lap, a life and a family of their own.

They have that now and we thank David and his gentle dog, TC for that. David calls PAWS with regular updates and is always telling us how amusing his three new family members are, how much they love to cuddle (yup – it's a tight squeeze in bed for David now-a-days – ha ha ha) and just how well everything is going. David didn't concern himself with the fact that these cats had tested positive for feluk. He simply saw how absolutely puuuurfect they are. We wish more people were like David. So-called 'special needs' animals need homes too!! Incidentally, none of these cats requires any medications or prescription diet. All they needed was a home without other cats *and they found it.*

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU DAVID!!!

We must also thank Marilyn Goodman who led us to David and John Heys who cared for Brandi, Bianco and Freddy for much of the time they lived in his home in Scarborough.

NOTE: PAWS remains responsible for some of the expenses relating to Brandi, Freddy and Bianco. So far, all has been well and everyone is in good health, however, Freddy DOES require dentistry and we are hoping that they supporters of PAWS will consider assisting with same. Would you consider sponsoring Freddy?? Please make a donation online (or via 'snail mail') today. In order that Freddy maintain his good health, this procedure can't be put off any longer. www.pawscanada.org

MORE EXCITING NEWS!!

Willow, who spent many years in our shelter, most likely due to her age and certain health issues, has also found an extra-special new home! She was the oldest cat in our shelter and PAWS Friend 'Rick' of Oakville (who also adopted Smokey II (now known as Dolly) two years ago) is thrilled to have our precious Willow as his new companion and feline family member. As you can see from this picture Rick so kindly shared, the girls are getting along famously. Rick is another gentleman who was not out looking for a cat who was young and flawless, he simply wanted to provide a safe, loving, forever home for a cat who needed it. When PAWS President, Kim introduced him to Willow – it was love at first sight. Thanks to Marg – another true friend to PAWS for fostering Willow during her transition from Huntsville to Oakville.



The truth is, we miss all of the animals when they leave our shelter but when they depart our company and find their way to a special new family – we are thrilled. Very often those who adopt from PAWS become a part of what can only be described as our extended family. We really appreciate it when Adoptees keep in touch – providing updates and pictures. Our Volunteers greatest reward is knowing that the PAWS shelter (and foster homes alike) were temporary stop-overs and not a permanent residence. Occasionally, permanency can not be avoided, for example in the case of a shy or 'feral' cat (we prefer to call them 'Fradies'). Stay tuned for more information on some of the permanent residents in our shelter in a future issue of PAW Print.

ALSO ADOPTED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN:



GUCCI

Now happily residing in London, ON with Jonathan and Family

BOB

New Mom Ruby (of Scarborough, ON) and Bob hit it off from minute one!

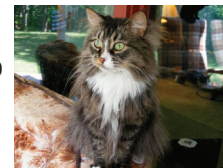


SASSY

Thrilled to have a great new family of her own – thanks to Kate of Dwight, ON!

ASH

As seen here with kitten friend, Ginger (who is still looking for a home with her sister Cinnamon) ... has been adopted by adoring PAWS Volunteer Angela of Huntsville.



CHEEKY

Adopted by Lily and Family in Barrie, ON and getting along very well with all other feline and canine pals in the household

NUTMEG AND BAILEY
Tearin' up the town in Aurora with new Mom, Shawna



PAWS WISH LIST

- Donations of a monetary sort are ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL ** PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY **
- Donations of gift cards for gasoline and other retailers (Costco/WalMart/Staples/Canadian Tire)
- Canadian Tire Money
- Unused Postage Stamps
- Kirkland Dry Cat Food (from Costco)
- Fancy Feast and Friskies Canned Cat Food
- Clumping Cat Litter (7 kg jugs preferred)
- Regular Cat Litter
- Paper Towels (Bounty Preferred)



Yes, it's true – our supporters really DO read our Wish List and they take action!! Woووo hoووo – special thanks to those who donate paper towel, kitty litter and ...

(a belated) **THANK YOU TO TERESA B.** who so kindly sent this note in February 2009:

"Hello – please find enclosed my cheque for PAWS. I hope this will pay for a really good ladder for your shelter."

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to purchase any of the above items and deliver them to one of our foster homes, please contact us today at info@pawscanada.org ~ kim@pawscanada.org or 416-520-7995 ~ 705-788-3161

A CHALLENGE BY KRISTI AND KIM:

Kristi (yes, that's Kristi with an 'i' (wink) ...) and Kim (PAWS President) would like to offer this challenge. During the school year 2008, Kristi (a Teacher at Gordon Graydon Senior School) and her students managed to collect over \$600 in Canadian Tire Money which helped PAWS immensely when it came to purchasing items for our shelter and foster homes such as paper towels, canned cat food and kitty litter, cleaning supplies, light bulbs, garbage bags etc. Is this something you think you could do? Do you work in an environment that might be conducive to doing something similar? You might be pleasantly surprised by how many people WILL get involved to help PAWS to help homeless animals. Don't be shy – network and fundraise on behalf of the animals.

A few years ago, a wonderful man by the name of Larry B., now of Stratford, ON was the first to take it upon himself to collect Canadian Tire \$\$ (in a large amount) for PAWS. He was the school Principal at that time and he managed to raise a whopping \$500 for PAWS!



FUNDRAISING CAN BE FUN – LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!



After Care

One of the realities of life is that through an untimely tragedy or by natural aging, a beloved pet may well survive us. Pets are members of our family and we need to think about their care and protection when we can no longer provide it. Don't overlook your pet(s) when making your estate plans. If there is someone whom you think may agree to take your pet(s), talk it over with them NOW. If they have reservations, now is the time to find out.

Should you wish to have your pet(s) taken in by a responsible, no-kill shelter such as PAWS, you can indicate whether you wish for them to live out the rest of their natural lives at the shelter, or have the shelter find them a new, carefully selected, loving home. Here is a sample provision you can insert in your will to protect your pet(s).

"If at the time of my death I own a pet or pets, I direct my Executor to deliver them as soon as possible to PAWS (Peoples Animal Welfare Society), (a) to be cared for there until a suitable permanent home is arranged OR (b) to be cared for at their shelter for the rest of their natural lives. I further direct that a bequest of \$_____ be paid to PAWS (Peoples Animal Welfare Society) in consideration of their good work."

You should discuss such provisions with your lawyer, amend them as need be and then update your will without delay. If you do not have a lawyer, please consider contacting either of the two lawyers we recommend below. Both are animal lovers who are professional and experienced.

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DONATIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ONLINE AT WWW.PAWSCANADA.ORG OR BY MAIL (SEE THE COUPON ON PAGE 8)

HARSH REALITIES OF ANIMAL RESCUE

Animal rescue can only be described as a roller coaster ride. Some days PAWS Volunteers feel like they can change the world. Other days, it's a challenge just to raise our heads from our pillows. There are heart-wrenching decisions to be made. Decisions that are NEVER made about the 'all-mighty-dollar' but always made based on what is best, in the long run, for the animal(s). It's not always easy to stay positive but we do our utmost and the truth is – we succeed – most of the time.

Today, I received a call from a fellow rescue person, one that I met, quite by chance, on the side of Highway 11 last Fall as he so kindly pulled his pick-up truck to the side of the road to help me rescue a very cranky snapping turtle (may sound strange but welcome to my world). He was calling to ask how I would suggest that they (another no-kill shelter that PAWS is fond of and works in conjunction with whenever possible) reduce the number of cats in their care as they simply can't keep up.



Shadow and Cougar

Incredibly, PAWS has MORE than the number of cats in our care than this highly-respected shelter and we do NOT HAVE ANY PAID STAFF. That's right. We are managed exclusively by Volunteers. How do we survive you might ask? How do we keep up with the workload? Perseverance ... dedication ... loyalty. What more is there? If our people are not paid – why are they here? They care – plain and simple. However, our reality is that our Volunteers must pay their rent or mortgages, put food on their tables, put gas in their vehicles etc. etc. etc. **PAWS CAN NOT GO ON AS WE ARE AND HAVE BEEN.** Rest assured – we're not quitting but dammit things have to change and they will. We need your help - NOW more than ever before. We need to hire good people. We need to be able to pay our Veterinarians without having to grovel for credit. Money makes our world go around and PAWS must not only survive but we must thrive – for the animals.

If you or someone you know is in a position to assist with hiring even one employee (our first in almost 38 years) ... we want to hear from you immediately. Thank you – in advance - for giving this the serious consideration that it deserves.

No doubt, many of you are reading this and thinking ... "I can't afford to sponsor a new employee but I feel strongly about your plea and I'd like to help. How can I do so??"

The most urgent needs of PAWS are as follows:

ADOPTTEES – we have so many wonderful animals who need forever, loving homes. Unable to adopt? **NETWORK – NETWORK – NETWORK.** Tell friends about PAWS. Perhaps someone you know would like to adopt.

SPONSORSHIP – if you are unable to accept a new family member into your home at this time – why not consider sponsorship? This is conveniently (and security) done on our web site at www.pawscanada.org or you can simply issue 12 post-dated cheques – made payable to PAWS – in any amount you can afford. **OUR GOAL** is to have a sponsor for each and every animal in our care by 2010 – let's do this!!!

DONATE/FUNDRRAISE – this can mean anything from organizing an event of your own to suggesting a dress-down Friday at the office. How 'bout a Canadian Tire money collection? Making a donation in memory of someone you miss? Making a donation in honor of a loved-one (a Birthday/Anniversary/other special occasion). Don't forget – your donations to the United Way can be allocated to PAWS. Encourage co-workers to do the same. Please also keep in mind that certain businesses will offer grants to their employees who volunteer their time. Feel free to refer to our web site or to contact one of our Volunteers for more information.

There are so many ways that you can help. Be creative and enthusiastic. **The animals thank you.**

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

Sadly, in life, we will all experience upheaval and unexpected change. It's inevitable. To ALL of our friends at Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (past and present) we thank you for all you have done for animals for almost 40 years. We thank you for all of the animals you have accepted into your care that PAWS Volunteers and Friends have rescued and we have appreciated and continue to appreciate your friendship, kindness and compassion. Things WILL improve. A message to our shared supporters ... please keep in mind that there are two sides to every story and often things can get blown out of proportion. Animal rescue consists of many human beings who become emotionally charged as they are very passionate about what they/we do. Thank you.

Kim
PAWS



Memoriams...



Dear Kim:

The last issue of PAW Print was beautiful and very touching. It is wonderful to see your Mother's legacy live on through you. We admire your strength and courage. Our thoughts are with you as life goes on ... Fanfette and Lewis Yeager

In spite of her failing health, PAWS Volunteer and Caregiver Hella Heys (who battled cancer for over three years) continued to care for many animals that she and other PAWS Volunteers had rescued. This is Hella with Oscar who misses her very much. Please know that there are many cats who were cared for by Hella who are in need of a wonderful new home. Please call PAWS today if you have room in your heart and home for just one more.



In loving memory of Cleo Boone, Bailey Bishop and Kirby Rowatt – Teresia and Stan Rowatt

Hella and Oscar



Kim and Buddy

My Boy, Buddy (The Budster) ... how am I ever going to live without you? The softness of your fur, the sweet way you smelled, taking you with me everywhere I went, so many good memories – what a special cat you were. I will NEVER forget you - Kim.

My heart aches for you, Boo Boo – Glenn Gibbs

(Glenn is a firefighter in Scarborough and a devoted friend to PAWS and all animals. He was devastated by the recent loss of his dog, Boo Boo, a Rottweiler who spent his life making friends with all creatures – raccoons, cats, other dogs etc. Boo Boo was also a gentle giant and is sadly missed by many of the children in his neighborhood).



Baby raccoons rescued by Glenn who thought Boo Boo could nurse them. Aren't animals amazing?

In loving memory of Barney – Elizabeth M. Carmichael

In memory of Terrence Williams - Maurine White

Recent Losses In Our Shelter:

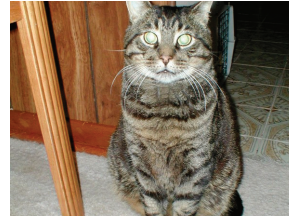
Sunny

Trooper

Pennie

Charlie

Phantom



your pals Burt and Ernie miss you like crazy and so do we. You were so sweet and beautiful. Rest in peace baby. – The PAWS Volunteers in Huntsville

our time together was too short. I am thankful that I was able to provide a warm and safe place for you with good food and cold water ... for the brief time we had together. – John Heys

your little ones, Felix, Mitsy and Hailey are safe in my care. It never mattered that you were shy – I loved you anyway. I'm so sorry that you left us so soon. – Kim

aka 'Big Charlie' – your friends Buddy and Channel adored you. Our shelter sure isn't the same without you. You learned to trust and we loved you more than you will ever know. Goodbye my friend. - Kim

as you can see, Phantom was a very affectionate cat. He is very sadly missed at the PAWS shelter in Huntsville. Seen here cuddling with devoted PAWS Volunteer, Greg.

PAWS would like to extend their condolences to these and others who may have lost loved ones since our last issue.

We invite you to remember or to honour your loved one in a future issue of PAW Print (refer to the coupon on the last page of this issue for further information.)

KIBBLES N' BITS - KIBBLES N' BITS - KIBBLES N' BITS

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Teresia and Stan Rowatt have very kindly ensured that PAWS has a presence at the following event for the second year in a row. Special thanks to our devoted friends who work tirelessly, year-round, in an effort to help PAWS to help those who can not help themselves.

Beautiful Joe's 3rd Annual Autumn Adventure Join Us For A Family Fun-Filled Day In The Park

When: Saturday, September 19, 2009
Where: Beautiful Joe Park, Meaford, ON
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<http://www.beautifuljoe.org/events.cfm>

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Teresia and Stan for working so hard at their PAWS Jelly Bean Shoppe Event which took place in Thornbury, ON this past July. \$252.19 was raised!! Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the goodies and to Marmie's Little Gifts for sponsoring the event.

In addition to raising much-needed funds, the Rowatt's managed to recruit new PAWS Supporters who were very excited about our life saving work.

THUMBS UP TO TERESIA AND STAN.



PAWS would like to thank IWDCanada (www.iwdcanada.com) for providing us with and hosting our website. PAWS would also like to thank Critical Mass (www.criticalmass.com) for introducing PAWS to Twitter. We hope you will sign up for Twitter and start following Ricky and The Gang ... twitter.com/pawscanada

There simply isn't space in our newsletter to thank everyone we would like to thank. Please know that your efforts do NOT go unnoticed. The animals and our Volunteers thank you!!

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Please let us know by leaving a message at 416-520-7995!

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All receipts for donations received in 2009 will be issued prior to the end of February 2010.

Thank you.

YES!

"Alone we can do so little - together we can do so much" -Helen Keller

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