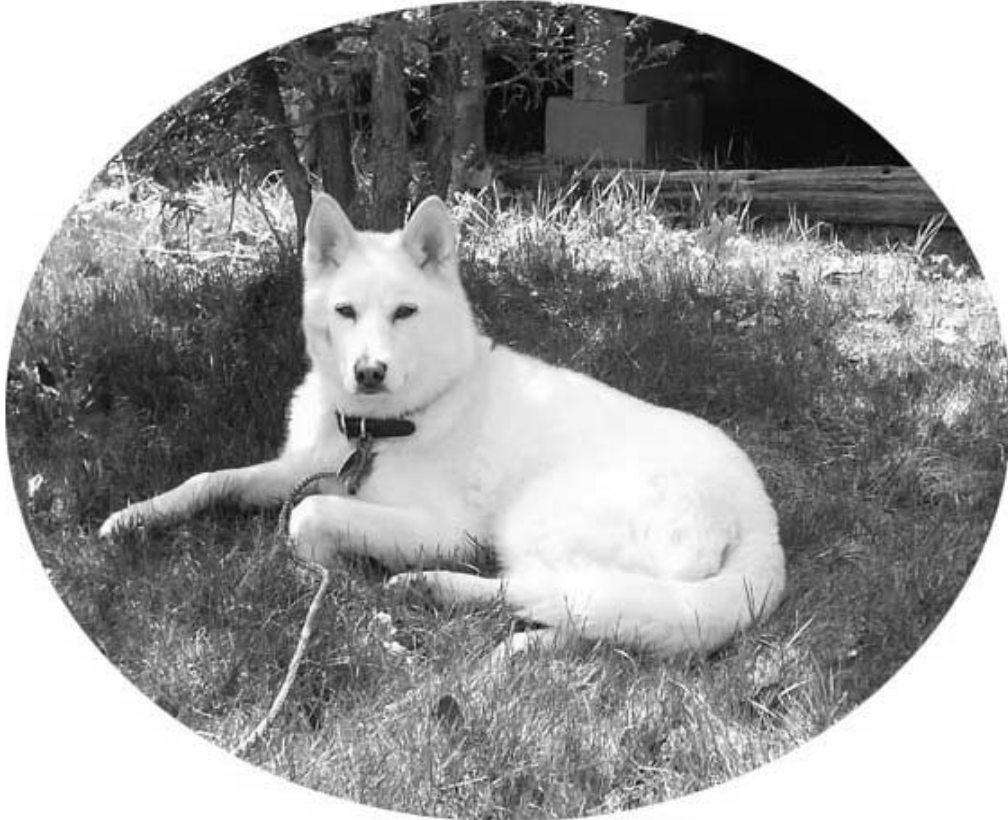




Paw Print

Fall 2004



Kody Macaulay 1990-2004

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

~Josh Billings, 1818-1885

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We strive to keep up with the demands for help, but how does one make the decision to rescue one dog or cat over another? This is not a question we want to address ... we want to help them all.

The Spring and Summer of 2004 saw requests for help at an all-time high and PAWS stepped up to the plate on many occasions: rescuing stray animals who were starving in the streets, taking "at risk" animals from pounds, providing a shelter for mothers, kittens and adults alike ... but we have spread ourselves enormously thin, almost to our breaking point. Our limited resources have created their own challenges. We are beginning to see overcrowding in our shelter and a vet bill that exceeds \$18,000 ... PAWS has had to put a moratorium on our rescue work to focus on fundraising and adoption ... NOW is the time for all PAWS members to HELP. Money has become essential to achieving our goals. We understand that not one person can cure our financial woes however, as Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little - together we can do so much." PAWS needs the support of our members now ... and here are some ways you can help:

- 1) Become a monthly donor: by issuing 12 post-dated cheques in whatever amount you see fit;
- 2) Networking: tell your friends, family, co-workers, neighbours - share this newsletter with them - spread the word about the wonderful work PAWS does;
- 3) Add to your brood: give one of our newly rescued pets a loving home ... visit www.petfinder.org/shelters/ON94.html to see who we currently have up for adoption;
- 4) Encourage your place of business: corporate donations are always welcome and acknowledged; or find out what kind of programs are available where your employer will match donations or support your volunteer hours (ie: Bell Canada);
- 5) Host a garage or bake sale;
- 6) Workplace collection: organize a dress-down Friday - pay a toonie wear your jeans.

Message from the President...



These are just some of the many things you can do to raise money and awareness for PAWS, and every cent benefits the animals because, as you know, PAWS is run exclusively by volunteers.

PAWS is also looking to teachers to help us spread the word - help us to organize educational days for your class - we'll provide some great animals to show and we'll do the telling as well.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Our Spring Bazaar is scheduled for May 7th, 2005 so mark it on your calendar. We will need reliable volunteers. Due to limited storage space, collection of goods (in clean, saleable condition) for this event begins on March 15th, 2005. Details will follow.

In closing, I would like to thank some of our corporate sponsors for donating their products, services, and some much needed funds: Nestle-Purina Pet Care, Teresia Rowatt Piano Studio, The Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Bell Canada, D.M. Williams and Associates Ltd., Ryder Truck Rentals and The Copy Connection and The Mirror/Guardian Newspaper. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

At PAWS we speak for those who have no words, just a loving purr, a playful bark and a soothing coo ... on behalf of them, I thank you in advance for your generous support.

Kimberly Heys
President



You may recall reading about Jasper in our Summer issue of Paw Print. He is STILL IN DESPERATE NEED of a loving home and has tested positive for Feline Leukemia. Our veterinarian however, has indicated that there is only a 25% chance that this disease may ever actually surface ...

URGENT!!!



Please put the word out to people who either do not have any other cats or who already have a cat who has tested positive for FeLuk ...

Contact Kim at (416) 491-2287 or kim@pawstoronto.org

Dear PAWS Supporters:

Here are some of the animals
YOU HAVE RECENTLY SAVED!



I NEED A 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.pawstoronto.org and link to Pet Finder to view pictures and descriptions of special pets looking for 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.

ADORABLE KITTENS - At the time of printing, we have 5 pairs of healthy, frisky kittens who are growing up faster than words can say. Some of their Mom's are feral ... some are friendly. Can you help?

URGENT - FOSTER HOMES more desperately needed than ever before ... there are more Mom's and kittens out there than we have space for ... PLEASE ... consider providing a room in your home for this purpose and enjoy what a fulfilling experience this can be.

SMUDGE - Smudge was rescued by PAWS several years ago (his owner had passed away and he and his pal Pepper were left in a vacant apartment). We found both cats great homes (separately) but sadly, Smudge was diagnosed with diabetes and was returned to us. Smudge is doing very well and Secord Animal Hospital has kindly fostered Smudge since May of 2003!!! Secords has offered to accept him as a clinic cat ... but we would much prefer to find Smudge a special home ... Can you make room in your heart and home for this



deserving feline??? If you have experience administering insulin shots and would like to give it a try call us now!

NINJA - Quite a charming older black pudgy tat of approximately 13 years young ... he's neutered and in excellent health.

You can help these and other animals by networking!!! Both for homes and for much-needed/fully tax deductible donation. Why not send an e-mail to everyone in your address book? Fellow co-workers? Do you have friends, family or neighbors who would provide an excellent home for a cat/kitten/dog or puppy that we have rescued?

I FOUND A HOME!

(Some of our recent adoptions)

MISS M - you may recall reading about Miss M in our last issue of Paw Print. We are thrilled to report that this beautiful little lady has found a wonderful new home! In fact, "Deborah" not only adopted Miss M (who only has one eye due to an injury) but also adopted **SYDNEY** (one of many cats to find her way to PAWS this past summer) who is a special 8 year old calico. *Special thanks to Margot and Dave who did so very much for Miss M!!*

MEAFORD - Rescued by our President, Kim, while on vacation and on her Birthday (see page 2 for his picture - his ear will never stand up again as his ear-mites were left untreated for so long) this precious little fella was about to cross a very busy intersection in northern Ontario. Kim stopped her car to ensure that he was returned to safety when she noticed dried blood around his head and ears ... as well as injuries/bite wounds from fights with other animals on his legs. A very special thank you goes out to the Century Stone Inn in Orillia, ON who allowed Kim to keep Meaford with her that evening. Meaford has been neutered, fully vaccinated, de-wormed and blood-tested (results negative!) and has found a terrific new home with a special family and their pets.

SUZY - With thanks to Laszlo Elo and Pet Valu at Agincourt Mall - Suzy found herself a lovely home with a wonderful couple ... one of whom is part owner of a vegetarian restaurant in downtown Toronto ... please see page 8 for more information on "Fresh".

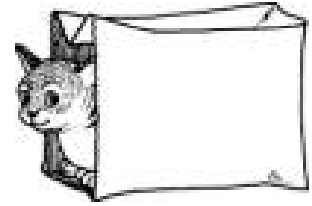
AMBER - Please see "Moving On" - in place of Elvis' Story in this issue - page 5

PAWS Adoption Policy:

PAWS adopts animals with the understanding that, should the placement not prove to be successful for any reason, the animal is to be returned to us. **WE NEVER EUTHANIZE THESE ANIMALS.** If possible they will be re-adopted. If not, they live out the rest of their lives at our shelter. If an animal has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, they are lovingly cared for at the PAWS shelter for as long as they are pain-free and enjoying a decent quality of life. Until such time as they are ready to cross the rainbow bridge ...

***Your continued support of this unique
NO-KILL organization
means more than words can say!***

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



Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of PAW Print.
Please feel free to pass it along to a fellow pet-lover for their reading enjoyment.
We always welcome new members! By spreading the word about PAWS
(a strictly NO-KILL organization managed exclusively by volunteers)
you are helping those *who can not help themselves*.

RESCUE ANGELS

*Tail tucked between your legs,
Confusion in your eyes-
I know it's hard to understand
That Someone heard your cries.
When loneliness is all you know
and pain is all you feel-
And no one can be trusted,
And hunger's all too real.
That's the time the Lord sees you
And lets you know He's there.
That's when He sends His messengers-
The hearts that love and care.
Yes, rescuers are angels-
You cannot see their wings,
They keep them neatly folded
As they do their caring things.
The medicine to make you well
Good food to make you strong,
And finally to help you learn,
That hugs are never wrong.
The perfect place then must be found-
The home where you can live
Secure and safe and happy-
With joy to get and give.
When you reach your Forever Home,
Your place to feel whole,
The Angels smile, and off they go-
To save another soul.*

© 2000 Buster The Rhymin' Rescue Dog
w/Julie W. Smith

Permission given by me and Buster to pass
this on to all the Rescue Angels

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress
can be judged by the way its animals are treated..."

J hold that, the more helpless a creature,
the more entitled it is to protection by man
from the cruelty of man."

-Mahatma Gandhi- 1869-1948



WOULD YOU ADOPT THIS CAT?

"Lucy" would have been deemed "unadoptable" by others ... She now cuddles with her new companion and sleeps under the covers at night! PAWS never deems 'ferel' cats unadoptable as we have had great success teaching them to love and trust their human companions.

DID YOU KNOW

that PAWS has rescued dozens of friendly, healthy animals from 'pounds' this past summer! Yes, these animals would have been euthanized. We thank YOU, our members/donors for making these rescues possible. Please help us ... to continue to be the voice for those who can not speak



THANKS to The Forshaw Family and Pet Valu

at Agincourt Mall
for providing foster care
in their store until perfect
homes are found.
Our program with Pet Valu is
entering it's 8th year ...
with hundreds and hundreds
of cats, kittens and other
small animals placed in very
carefully selected homes.

Elvis was a tabby who died very suddenly of a massive blood clot which paralyzed his back legs - while resting leisurely on his favourite couch. In his lifetime he had moved 5 times, crossed the country twice both on an airplane and in a car, and had spent several weeks at a vet clinic due to weight related issues. At the time of his death Elvis was 12 and weighed 21 pounds ... these are his stories.

Moving On...

If I could be perfectly honest with you, most of my feline friends don't like the vet, some go to great lengths not to go. We can sense it you know - it's not that we know the word "vet", or that we can spell it (V-E-T) - but we know by the way that you tip-toe around us, the way you surreptitiously go take out the carrier, the way you whisper around us, or even become overly friendly that morning ... but I for one never minded the vet. Sure I'm not fond of the pricking and poking, the cold heart listener thing, or the squeezes to the abdomen - I figure it will be over sooner if I just lie there and take it ... I do get a mild form of revenge though: when they use that heart listener device I purr extra loud so it reverberates in their ears.

Going to the vet also means socializing; finding out how others are doing and how your human stacks up. Depending on the length of the stay determines the amount of socializing. In my lifetime I had two extended stays at the vet, and in that time I got to meet a lot of interesting feline friends, I found out that my human stacked up pretty good against others, and that you got treated better if you acted all friendly-like. During both my stays I was allowed to wander freely throughout the clinic - I introduced myself to many new animals and tried to let them know that they shouldn't worry, assuring them that the doctors were going to take good care of them. In many of my stories I think back to my days in the vet clinic and remember many of my friends and acquaintances, the sick, the healthy, and those knocking on death's door - those are the saddest ones of all - the ones whose lives were nearing the end and they knew it ... they just wished their humans had the strength to make the right decision for them, and the strength to be able to grieve and move on.

A lot of us believe that no human is complete without a pet companion, be it dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, ferret ... whatever your ilk, we are here to love you and be loved in return. We ask for food, shelter, and love - and in return we give you the warmth from our hearts and bodies, and our unconditional love. While we have all seen "significant others" enter and leave your lives our love is constant ... we bring joy to your saddest day and love to you always. What we really ask from you is the strength to know when to say good-bye ... we would never let you suffer alone, don't let us suffer any longer than necessary; of course mourn our passing but then move on and find some other to take our place, another pet that will love you ... because we all need someone to love and your pet will be that someone. No matter what happens in the outside world ... you'll always need your best friend - and we're happy to be there ...

PAWS Editorial ...

Not all cats are as lucky as Elvis. Thousands of animals are abandoned each year, left to fend for themselves by thoughtless owners who, for one reason or another, did not take their commitment seriously. Please remember that shelters are not cures for the problem ... we are band-aid solutions for a growing concern.

Please help support PAWS so that we can help get these animals off the street and into permanent responsible and loving homes.

Join Elvis every issue for another adventure and be sure to check out the PAWS website, coming this Spring, www.pawstoronto.org for more interesting and informative stories.

SMOKEY AND TIGER (sisters) are two very beautiful, well-dispositioned - but lonely cats. Sadly, both their owners (husband and wife) passed away from cancer this year. They have been alone since April with only daily visits from a cat sitter. They are mature (healthy 10 year olds), declawed, fully vaccinated and indoor cats. Smokey is a beautiful grey and Tiger is a grey striped. If you are interested in adopting these two special ladies...

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:
Thankfully these two precious felines found special homes prior to going to print with our newsletter.
Don't let this happen to your pets!!!

This is a terrible reality for many innocent animals - no matter what your age or health. Please make arrangements "just in case" ...



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, loving home. Here is a sample provision you can insert in your will to protect you 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.



Memoriams...



Kody Macaulay

**Lovingly remembered by her family
- see picture on cover**

"Our beloved Kody ... you came into our lives as a precious bundle of white fur and you left us as a beautiful, loving and gentle husky. We were blessed with 14 years of your love and loyalty. You filled our hearts, our souls, our lives. The first day without you, our treasured music box holding the majestic white husky miraculously played the first three notes of "memories" ... we knew you had reached the Rainbow Bridge. Our lives will be forever changed as we adjust to an unfamiliar routine, but the love and precious memories will be forever etched in our hearts. We love you Kody Girl ..."

Lisa Suzanne Coristine

A truly special young lady who lost her battle with cancer this past June ...
Lisa will always remain an inspiration to us to stay strong in difficult times.
Heartfelt sympathies to her many friends and family - Olivia, Meredith and Kimberly

Harley



"Frank and I still miss Harley everyday as do his feline companions Lucy, Jake and Elsa"

-Joanne and Frank Ryan

Elvis Pinkus

Warm memories of Elvis
-Donald and Marion Felker

"Elvis had international connections ... his cousins in California also loved and miss him very much"
- Madeline and Garry Goodman

Abigail and Elvis

Will live in our hearts forever.

-The Metalin Family

Elvis and Abigail

Tributes to two cherished pets ...
-Gloria & Sidney Pinkus

Yoda

It is amazing how Yoda touched our lives in such a short time - we miss him -
-Deborah Williamson

Tiffany Heys

Fondly remembered by Ricki and the clan at the shelter ...
Finally re-united with her life-long pal Tiger ...
We miss you Baby Tiff
-The Heys Family and Katie and Laszlo Elo



In memory of Nicholas Milner

Altair Fund at the Toronto Community Foundation

Brandy (formerly known as Tiger)

A wonderfully friendly cat who was rescued from a 'pound' by PAWS approximately 5 years ago. Brandy, sadly, left us in August and we offer thanks to Boardwalk Animal Hospital who provided him with the best of care and who were so supportive of the terrific family who adopted him and who only had a few short years to enjoy him. Brandy stayed by the side of one of his "owners" through a terrible illness - he was such a loyal pet!

Samantha

lovingly remembered by Shirley and Randy Finbow and the Rowatt Family

Angel

In loving memory
-Edit Zaj

Whiskers & Smokey

With fond memories...
-H. Paterson

Isobel Cummer

In her 95th year ... loving memories from The Heys Family

Max

Beloved pet and trusted friend - forever in my heart
- Kristi Wright

These precious pets had special families who loved them dearly.
Your support of PAWS ensures that these and other families will find new companions to love.
PAWS would like to extend their condolences to these and others who may have lost loved ones since our last issue.




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