



# Paw Print

Summer 2005



Hi ... We're **Freddy & Teddy** ...

We currently reside at the PAWS shelter. As much as we like it here we are hoping you or someone you know might adopt us ... together ... 'cause we're best friends!

We must be adopted to a family without other kitties  
Please see page 3 for more information

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## Message from the President...

Thank you for taking the time to read and enjoy this issue of PAW Print. Eight pages in our quarterly publication can not possibly allow us the opportunity to update our supporters on everything that we are doing to better the lives of animals but here is a taste of what we have planned and a bit about what we've been up to.

PAWS is proud to announce that our **SPAY/NEUTER CAMPAIGN 2005** is underway and we are officially appealing to YOU for help. Whether you are a private or corporate donor ... the animals need you NOW. This will be the most ambitious campaign in our 33 year history and our goal is to raise a minimum of \$25,000. With your help, we will prevent the births of hundreds - even thousands of unwanted animals and ensure that those who are currently homeless are brought to our safe haven. These deserving little beings will receive all of the necessary veterinary care that they require and ultimately find themselves in very carefully selected new 'forever' homes where they will be pampered, respected and loved for the rest of their precious lives. *The success of this campaign lies within your heart.* Please refer to the insert which accompanies this newsletter for further information.

THANK YOU to all who attended, donated, baked and tirelessly volunteered their time in the beauty of the hot sun at our Annual Spring Bazaar. We raised a total of \$3,030.08 and couldn't have done it without YOU! Several of our members also kindly dropped off kitty food and litter (and treats for Shadow - our shelter mascot) which will definitely be put to good use.

The number of calls for help that are received by our volunteers daily is staggering ... we simply can't do it without you. We encourage you to network on our behalf ... tell your friends, family members, co-workers and employer about PAWS. Perhaps your employer will match your donation? Remember ... PAWS is a registered charity and all donations are tax deductible. As well we are managed by volunteers and every dollar is used to help the animals.

Help us to help those who cannot help themselves. Send your donation TODAY.

Thank you!!!

*Kimberly Heys*

PAWS President



A few weeks ago we were born amongst the rocks in a very cold and scary place near a big lake. Today we are in a safe and loving foster home (along with our Mommy "Tabatha") waiting for a special family to adopt us ...

**THANK YOU PAWS!**

Note: Tabatha has yet to be spayed and will be through our Spay/Neuter Campaign ... please send your donation TODAY!

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPAY / NEUTER CAMPAIGN NOW!**

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](http://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.

#### **FREDDY AND TEDDY** (in their own words ...)

Aren't we just the most handsome boys you've ever seen? Why not come meet us in person? These pictures don't do us justice (see page 1)! We are best pals and we must be adopted together. Our blood tests indicated that we have a compromised immune system but thank goodness the smart humans of Secord Animal Hospital and PAWS know that there is only a 25% chance that we will ever get sick ... truth is ... we could very well live long, natural lives. If you or someone you know is looking for a pair of amazing cats to love and play with ... you've come to the right place. Remember ... we can't live with any other cats though as much as we'd like to.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to The Cats Den who are donating a great new enclosure (to be placed outside of the room where they currently reside) so the boys can hang out and catch a breath of fresh air while they wait for their new home. If you would like for your cat to be able to enjoy the outdoors safely ... give Kris a call - her card appears on the back of this newsletter.

**KITTENS, KITTENS, KITTENS** PAWS currently has Mom's and their kittens in foster care all of whom need a permanent, loving, responsible home. The kittens are all ready to be placed (we have 26 kittens all of whom are approximately 8 weeks of age) and their Mom's will be spayed with thanks to your support of our Spay/Neuter Campaign. Don't forget - the Mom's need homes too!

**MISCHIEF** Due to allergies and a new baby in her former home, Mischief has come to PAWS for help in finding a new loving family to care for her. She is black & white in color, nine years of age, spayed and declawed, in excellent health and up to date on her vaccines. She is very affectionate and will make a great addition to the family.

**NIBBLES, HENRY & PUFFY** These poor felines were abandoned this past February. Their 'owner' left them in a vacant apartment without food and water. PAWS responded immediately. The boys are all neutered and in excellent health. They are really looking forward to finding a new family to love them forever. A family that would NEVER put their lives at risk again.

### I FOUND A HOME!

(Some of our recent adoptions)

**MARMALAIDE & MIDNIGHT** Our ol' pal Midnight has finally found a wonderful new home with Teresia and Stan Rowatt (yes, they are the terrific folks who donated their van to PAWS and who contacted all of you recently re the raffle they were organizing). His pal Marmalaide and he are really settling in. Midnight spent five years at the PAWS shelter in spite of our efforts to adopt him. One of our volunteers (John Heys) would always comment "I can't believe he's still here" ... and Kim, our President (his daughter) would respond, "He's waiting for the right people to come along". Midnight is an all-black Siamese with tons of personality who is helping Marmie to learn to trust and who is keeping Teresia and Stan on their toes! He is missed by PAWS volunteers (in particular John who used to carry the 'little man' around on his shoulder while Midnight chatted up a storm).

This is what it's all about ... finding homeless animals wonderful homes. We couldn't do it without YOU. The effort made on the part of devoted PAWS volunteers along with your donations to assist with vet care and food ensures our success in changing the lives of cats like Marmalaide and Midnight forever ...

**CALLIE** (now known as "Mia") Be sure to watch for a special letter from Mia's new Mom in our Fall Issue of PAW Print.

**MORRIS** Our friend Morris has actually been adopted twice since he was rescued. Sadly, the first home had to return him to us due to developing allergies. Please refer to our adoption policy (below) which ensures that animals like Morris are safely returned to the PAWS shelter and NEVER taken to another facility where their lives could be at risk. We are pleased to report that Morris has a new Mom to love and care for him. Thanks Suzanne!!

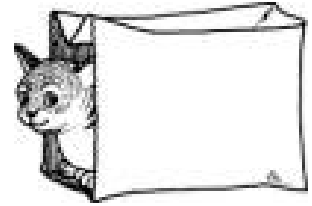
#### **PAWS Adoption Policy:**

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 or if their immune system is compromised, 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

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

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPAY / NEUTER CAMPAIGN NOW!**

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



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has"  
- Margaret Mead

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.

**PAWS DOES NOT GIVE UP!**

Why should I support PAWS you might ask ... 'other' rescue groups claim to enforce no-kill policies but of course then there are the 'unadoptables'. PAWS has never and will never deem ANY ANIMAL unadoptable (i.e. 'feral' cats who very often can and do learn to trust). We are also the only organization (*that we are aware of*) who blood-tests each and every cat we rescue to either rule out or verify illnesses that could potentially be transmitted to the other animals in our shelter ... or to the animals in the homes of those who adopt from us! The 'others' say "we can't afford to do blood tests" ... PAWS VOLUNTEERS SAY "WE CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO"! Do we euthanize the cats who test positive? ABSOLUTELY NOT! From time to time we encounter a situation where a cat will test positive for an illness which compromises their immune system. What does this mean? It means that we must work that much harder to find the 'right fit' for that particular cat. For example, a home without other cats or with an owner who is familiar with the circumstances (i.e. their previous cat tested positive). These illnesses are 'species specific' and can not be transmitted to humans or other animals (i.e. dogs). FIV (feline aids) for example might sound very scary ... but one of our members has a cat who is FIV positive and who is 18 years of age and in excellent health. **THEY ALL DESERVE A CHANCE AT LIFE** - thank you for making this possible. We will provide more detailed information on illnesses such as FIV, FeLuk and FIP on our upcoming web site. In the meantime, feel free to call and speak to one of our volunteers and allow us to share our experiences with you ... 416-491-2287. Should your cat test positive ... do not panic ... and don't euthanize him/her (unless the cat is obviously in distress and a qualified and knowledgeable veterinarian suggests same). Please also keep in mind that not all veterinarians share the same knowledge and philosophies. When in doubt - go with your gutt and get a second opinion!

**THANK-YOU!**  
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**Canadian Pets and Animals Publishing**  
For promoting PAWS in their publications

**Scarborough Mirror**  
For promoting PAWS in their Newspaper

**Rogers Wireless**  
and  
**Future Shop**  
for the donations of cell and cordless phones for the PAWS shelter.

**Purina**  
For recent donations of cat food

"dogs have masters  
... cats have staff!"



We could never thank everyone who supports PAWS in one issue of PAW Print ... but please know that your donations do not go un-noticed. We appreciate each and every contribution - large or small - and guarantee that each and every dollar is used to help the animals we rescue. We have also received items such as scratching posts and other 'equipment' that has really been put to good use. Thank you one and all!!

**PAWS**  
*Bringing Pets and People Together ... Since 1972*



**DANGER!** In the summer's heat,  
**PLEASE** do not leave your pets in the hot car!

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

### **Abandoned...**

"Where the heck am I?" I think to myself as I look around the room I find myself in ... the room isn't a room at all, it's a 3 x 3 steel cage. I have a small bowl of food and water and a tiny litter box with barely enough litter in it to absorb my urine. There are steel bars in front of me and the floor is silver and cold. I tuck my paws under me a little further to keep warm ... what is this place? As my eyes begin to adjust I look outside my cage and see that I am actually in a room full of cages. There are barks and yelps, and meows coming from every corner, and many of them sound scared. I hear a scratching on the cage wall to my left. I turn my head to check it out and then I hear a voice:

"Are you awake yet? Yo, can you hear me?"

"Yeah I can hear you ... who are you and where am I?"

"I'm Randolph, I know you can't see me but I'm a 5 year old Persian cat ..." a paw reaches around the bars, I offer mine and we touch. "I saw them bring you in, you look pretty young and healthy to be in a place like this."

"Where is this?"

"You're at the pound my good man ... from what I understand and from what I hear you were abandoned like the rest of us."

"Abandoned? No. No. No. There must be some mistake. I'm a house cat, my human loves me and would never give me up. We've been together for over 8 years."

"Don't be so shocked, I'm only telling you what I know. There are so many in the same boat as you. If you look across you'll see Moe, he's a beautiful healthy black and white - spent 10 years with the same humans, then one day they up and moved. To his left is Rex, miniature schnauzer, woke up one morning and his humans were gone, left him to fend for himself. To Moe's right is Betty, calico, fat, robust, 13 years old ... her human found out she has cancer and dropped her on the doorstep of this place. They say it was operable but he did not want to pay for it."

All Randolph's stories got worse as he told them. I couldn't believe this was happening - not so much to these animals in here, but to ME!

"Believe it my friend, it happens all the time ... people are fickle, they get tired of pets, they move, something happens and we become disposable, expendable; a casualty or their unwillingness to take responsibility. If you look into the far left hand corner, that's Mindy - she's only 2 - her owner dropped her off because she wasn't a cute little kitten anymore. Can you believe that?"

"What's your story Randolph?"

"I'm a stray, third generation. My mother was a stray and her mom before her ... I grew up on the street and one day somebody caught me; lured me with food on a freezing cold night. Thought maybe I had finally found a home - better to be warm and safe than on the street; but they didn't want to keep me so I ended up here. So it was the street or the pound, and let me tell you neither place is the place to be. In my lifestyle I have two choices: I can go out like my brother under the wheels of a car, or go like Mindy over there, euthanized because they can't find a home for me after only a few short days, which, let's face it, doesn't even give us a chance to adjust to our new surroundings let alone learn to trust these new humans. Truth is I'd hate to be you - you were someone's best friend, you had the easy life: tasty food, fresh litter, run of a house, touched and stroked regularly ... loved - now look at ya'. Me, I never knew the good life."

I began to cry, meowing pitiful mews, joining in the chorus of the room ... suddenly a hand was patting me head ... "Elvis are you okay?" my human's voice shook me out of my nightmare. He patted me some more. "It's okay buddy ... I love you, you just sleep." I began purring contentedly - I was home after all.

*Written by Michael Pinkus for Elvis Pinkus*

### **EDITORIAL:**

While Elvis' story was a dream this nightmare happens to thousands of cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, etc. every single year. People abandon their pets for a variety of reasons, most of which could be avoided if they had just thought ahead. A pet is a long term commitment ... they become our family members, our children, in some cases, our best friend. We must look after them because we have taken the responsibility to do so. If you are considering adoption, think of it as a long term commitment, because it is. Don't take this commitment lightly - pets are for a lifetime - theirs and yours.



*After the devastating loss of Elvis, Michael adopted "Amber" from PAWS. Amber was saved from certain death and provided with all required vet-care with thanks to YOU! -our PAWS members!!!*

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# 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 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.



Chuckie



Simon

If your workplace is conducting a United Way campaign, please remember that you can direct the funds from your pledge to **PAWS** ...

Call Kim for more information... 416-491-2287.

## PAWS WISH LIST

- Donations towards spay/neuter campaign!
- Volunteers who are familiar with event planning/grant writing
- Those who might assist in transporting animals to the vet
- Adult Cat Food and Litter (Maxx Cat Clumping Preferred)
- Canadian Tire \$\$\$
- Veterinary Technician or pet groomer to visit periodically to assist with nail trimming, brushing and grooming
- Hold your own fundraiser! Have a garage sale, Bake Sale...
- Unused stamps
- Paper towels
- STAINLESS STEEL veterinary-type cages on wheels
- Large and extra large scratching posts



Jasper



Tyson

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# Memoriams...



## **Nulla**

Sadly, we called her 'the cat that no one wanted'  
This friendly little orange beauty was returned to PAWS  
several times after being adopted. She recently lost her  
battle with kidney failure at which time she also threw a  
blood clot at the young age of 7.

We miss you very much our little rolley-  
polley and wish more than anything that  
we could have done more for you.

The Heys Family and PAWS Members  
and Visitors who were so lucky to have  
met her ... Special thanks to Katie and  
Lazslo for their efforts in giving Nulla  
her sub-q fluids.



## **Francis Raynor**

One of the founding members of PAWS,  
former Treasurer and devoted volunteer ...  
fondly remembered by PAWS

## **In Memory of Our Beloved Nikki**

1994-2004

Sadly Missed by  
Heather and Scott Wilcox

## **Taylor**

Innocent bunny who was hit by car and  
abandoned in a box in the yard of a PAWS  
member. Thank you for your efforts  
Wendy T. and Secord Animal Hospital

## **Ninja**

He only spent a few weeks in the PAWS shelter before his  
cancer re-occurred ... We tried special little man ...

You are now in a better place.

Gary and Elizabeth, Kim and Hella Heys

## **In Memory of Sony**

A long haired dark gray cat who passed away  
in his 24th year

Greatly loved & missed by owner Juliette Silver

-Adeline Eder

## **Doris Heys Cale**

1917-2004

An animal lover always - pictured here with  
Tammy (cat) and Princess (dog).

Loved and fondly remembered by

Bill and Pat Cale

The Heys and Jones Families



## **Shadow**

Lovingly remembered  
by Kathleen Neal

## **Harry Bell and Beatrix Bell**

Sadly Missed By Marcelle and Alan

## **Rebecca**

was a caring and gifted person.

Her passing is a loss to us all.

Please accept this donation, as a tribute  
to a very special person"

PAWS Past-President - Daniel MacDonald

## **In Memory of Rebecca Yeager**

- Robert Buffone

## **In loving Memory of Brady Boy**

- The Marks Family

## **In Memory of Harry**

-Maria Davies

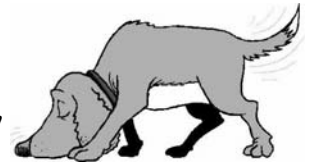
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who may have lost loved ones since our last issue.

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

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