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SEAN

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This issue of PAW Print celebrates the loyalty and unconditional love that our beloved pets provide. A long-standing PAWS member very kindly shares with us her personal tribute to Sean who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year (please see page 5).

Sean was very well known to PAWS and many of it's members ... He will be very sadly missed but his memories remain with us *forever* ...

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Message from the President...

Thank you for taking the time to read and enjoy this issue of PAW Print. I trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable Summer ... it's hard to believe that Fall is upon us and the cold winter months are fast approaching.

I cannot express how proud I am to be a part of PAWS. We are entering our 35th year of providing care for homeless animals that is SECOND TO NONE, but we cannot continue in the same vein, doing the same old thing ... it's time for us to "kick it up a notch".

Whether you are a new member or someone who has been with us since our inception in 1972, you know that PAWS has always done it right - from the beginning. This means we spare no expense for the animals we assist: we provide the best veterinary care, top-notch pet foods and safe, clean foster homes. But, as our sheltering is done through foster homes we are thereby restricted by municipal by-laws as to the number of animals each home can house. It's time to think bigger and better ... more on that in a minute.

You may have tried to call us recently, only to find our answering machine was unable to accept your call. The reason is simply too many calls and not enough volunteers to answer them. We realize that our members can only do so much ... and we appreciate all those who have stepped up to help. It's time to look ahead and strive boldly towards a new, brighter future for PAWS. It's time for a new shelter to house the innocent and displaced critters who so desperately require our help. With all the calls for assistance, all the animals in need and all the foster homes bursting at the seams, I conclude: The Need is Great - The Time is Now.

You may be asking yourself: How can I personally get involved? Please help by networking on our behalf.

Tell friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors and fellow animal lovers about PAWS and our needs/accomplishments. We need corporate sponsors ... and land/acreage (with or without buildings on it - ie: a farm) in order that we can better house our rescued animals. Perhaps you or someone you know could help fund, or partially fund, such a project? We must get the message out by raising our voices for those who cannot speak. The need is great, the time is now.

With all that firmly implanted in your mind I am very excited about the Volunteer/Fundraising Committee that was formed in early 2006 - it's long overdue and we continue to recruit members for it. Our monthly meetings are lively and full of great discussions and ideas. This is a terrific way to meet fellow volunteers (and animal lovers) and to help put ideas into action. If you have a great fundraising idea for PAWS, come out, join like-minded people and get the help you need to get your idea off the ground. To be kept informed and to get involved, please ensure we have your most current contact information on file.

Our 'Gala 2007', celebrating PAWS' 35th Anniversary is already in the planning stages ... if you have experience with event planning or just want to get involved in this amazing event, please come out to our next meeting or contact us at either 416-491-2287 or info@pawstoronto.org.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who make a real difference here at the PAWS main shelter/foster home: whether it's coming in to clean, spending time with or transporting the animals to or from the vet - we appreciate your efforts and ongoing support!

You've read it before and I'll write it again: The Need is Great, the time is now - How would you like to get involved? We look forward to hearing from you.

Kimberly Heys

PAWS President



SUPPORT OUR SPAY / NEUTER CAMPAIGN NOW!

Dear PAWS Supporters:

Here are some of the animals
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.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.

Kittens update

There were 4 of us but one of my siblings did not survive. Our foster Mommy's Marie and Megan are very busy looking for special homes for the rest of us - THANKS PAWS!



Buster

Hi everyone - my name is Buster ... I was struck by a car a few weeks ago and a PAWS member stopped to help me. I have had to have a very serious (and expensive) surgery on my back ... thank goodness PAWS members care. I still need a home where I can recover ... my condition is improving daily. Special thanks also to AVA ... please help if you can.



Tommy

Hey folks - my name is Tommy - as you can see, I was very thankful to Kim, the President of PAWS, for saving me this past Summer. I am very cuddly and in excellent health - thanks to PAWS for neutering, vaccinating, de-worming and blood-testing me. Now it's time for a special new forever home!! I'm young and have lots of energy - call us today.



I FOUND A FOREVER HOME!

(Some of our recent adoptions)

Maggie & Mischief

(Read Marge's testimonial further on in this issue!)



Maggie

Holly II

Beau

Squeaker now known as Lacy

Cosmo

(Thanks to Bill and Ester Tucker for rescuing Cosmo)

Justice

Who finally found the perfect fit along with his new pal Jasper the gentle giant

Gypsy and Joey I - TOGETHER!

Lady - now known as Katie

Emma II

Harley II

(You know you are rescuing lots of animal when you run out of or start having to double-up on names!)

Betty & Barney

Joey II

Snuggles

Niko

Bentley

Archie update

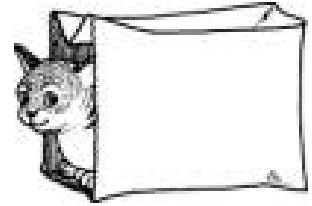
Thanks to everyone who sent donations to help with Archie ... sadly, our little friend lost his battle with FIP. A special thanks to a caring PAWS member who did her very best for Archie (she prefers to remain anonymous).

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 bridge ...

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

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Fundraising Ideas!

Simple, Selfless and Effective Fundraising by Nadine and Michael...

Have you been wondering what you could do to help raise funds for PAWS??? Is your time limited? Too busy with work and family to hold an event?

HERE'S A WONDERFUL IDEA THAT REALLY WORKS!

Nadine decided to surprise her husband Michael (whom she claims 'has everything he needs') for his 40th Birthday by requesting donations be made to PAWS in lieu of gifts. Michael was thrilled as he is a devoted supporter of PAWS. A few years ago, PAWS welcomed Sammy an FIV+ (feline aids) cat that Nadine and Michael had rescued into our shelter (the 'others' all said he was 'unadoptable' and suggested euthanasia!). Sammy remains in our care, is in excellent health and is best pals with Blackie (a very shy boy) - both are doing very well and are in need of sponsorship or a forever home, together.

Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up? Celebrating Chanukah/Christmas?

Nadine and Michael raised a total of \$1,990.00 thanks to their friends and family who brought cheques payable to PAWS in lieu of gifts that Michael would have received. These monies will be used to spay/neuter new rescues and to assist with ongoing veterinary fees. For a copy of the letter these kind folks sent to friends & family - contact Kim at either 416-491-2287 or kim@pawstoronto.org

THANK YOU
NADINE AND MICHAEL!



Sammy

Do you have e-mail access?

If you do, please send us a message asking to be added to our e-mail list as we occasionally send updates via e-mail. You may also provide this information on the coupon accompanying your donation and this information will be inputted by one of our Volunteers! *If you don't have e-mail don't worry - you will continue to receive our quarterly issues!*

info@pawstoronto.org

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!!

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 cannot help themselves.

Upcoming Events!

Garage and Bake Sale - Spring 2007

PROPOSED DATE/LOCATION - Saturday, May 12, 2007 - Bayview/Steeles. Collection of new and gently used items will commence in March of 2007. Reliable/enthusiastic volunteers will be required and greatly appreciated.

PAWS 35th Anniversary Gala - October 2007

Stay tuned for details ...

Marmies Little Gifts - Ongoing ...

Looking for a gift for that special someone? Teresia Rowatt (a proud PAWS supporter) founded this business in order to help raise much-needed funds for PAWS ... she has put forth a great deal of time, financial investment and effort into Marmies and we encourage you to place an order today ... her business card appears on page 8 of PAW Print.

John and Hella Heys (our President Kim's Parents) who have managed the main shelter/foster home for the past 11 years will be celebrating 40 years of marriage on November 26th. Kim is officially inviting everyone to send donations in honor of this momentous occasion.



Shadow - our Shelter Mascott - who is approaching 14 years of age

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Remembering Sean...

January 4, 1994 - March 8, 2006



I have struggled with how best to tell Sean's story and convey to you what a special dog he was. The reason being is that I would have to reveal a lot about who I am to do this. Sean came into my life at a very difficult time. I had already been off of work for several years dealing with depression, agoraphobia and an eating disorder. I had been in and out of hospital and had literally given up all hope. I had just lost a friend to anorexia and another friend had been murdered in Russia trying to help orphans. All around me the world seemed like a frightening and dangerous place to live. The cure-all from the experts was to drug the patient to the point that there was no person left inside and give electric shock treatment in the archaic belief that this would somehow jolt the body into submission.

I tended never to go far from home, but one day did make it across the street to the pet store, and there I saw Sean for the first time. Sean came home with me that very day and my journey towards health began. I knew that Sean needed me, and to be in and out of hospital was no longer an option when things got bad. I also learned that Sean was always there for me no matter what, even when family and friends were not, or could not be.

Dr. Michael Cormier at Secord Animal Hospital had one day suggested that I hang out there, instead of alone at home, so now Sean also joined me in "hanging out". Sean was always a quiet dog and tried to stay away from the hustle and bustle of the clinic. He was quite content to lie in a corner out of the way so long as I was in sight. Other than the surgery bucket, which dropped one day and made a loud noise, Sean loved it there. He would walk towards the clinic, but not away from it. I can still picture days when Sean would see me gathering up our belongings to go home, and he would head down the hall to the bathroom where he would go into hide, but not without sticking his head out to make sure that I did not leave without him. Sean would go over to clients who were visiting their sick pets, and just sit down with them to keep them company. Sean created his devoted following among clients and staff.

The days when I struggled to leave the house I would do it because I knew that Sean truly loved going to the clinic. Seeing the sick animals at the clinic, and having Sean and my other pets, I learned that animals value life, which meant that I did not have the right not to value my life.

Slowly but surely my thinking began to change. I gained thirty pounds, up from 83 pounds, and a lot of my other self-destructive behaviors began to disappear.

During this time my sister was struggling with a heroin addiction and eventually lost her life while she was fighting to get better. My doctor's answer at the time to this stressful situation was more medication, but this was taking me further away from being able to be there and enjoy Sean. One thing that I learned from Sean was that he was always there for me when others turned away, so the very least that I could do for him was to be there mentally and emotionally when he needed me. I knew that I had to find the right help in order to do this, and found it in Dr. Vanek. He agreed to try to help me without any medications. I started going out more with Sean. I also knew that I always wanted to be able to provide for Sean and all of my pets, and to do this I needed to get back into the workforce, so I started to take courses part-time to prepare myself. Then I made the leap back to work after a ten year absence and from there developed the courage to start my own business. This gave me the best of all worlds because I could be independent and provide for my four-footed family while at the same time be at home a lot more with them.

Sean was not your typical dog. He loved to wear clothes and had a whole wardrobe full. He traveled in a large tote bag and knew which places he needed to duck his head in and which he could stick his head out of the bag as he had many friends in the various stores. As soon as people saw the bag they would ask if Sean was there and out would pop his head. He helped me to raise two of my cats from birth and loved the ferrets. Woolf, who was a 1.8 lb ferret, and Sean would chase each other all around the apartment having a ball. Sean even had a stroller to travel in and loved it.

Last November I started to notice very subtle changes in Sean and mentioned them to (Dr.) Mike. Mike started to run some tests. Then one Saturday Mike put the ultrasound probe on Sean and I saw his face change. I knew that it was bad news, a mass was found on Sean's heart. Sean and I had four more months together. That final night Sean crossed the Rainbow Bridge with people that he truly cared about and in one of his favorite places. Dr. Mike Cormier, Dr. Mark Teeger, his Aunt Marie and I were all with him.

Before Sean passed away I made some promises to him, and one of those was never to let his life to have been in vain, which meant that even though I wondered how, I would need to continue to work on myself and grow. One of my friends said that they believed Sean left me only when he knew that I was strong enough to carry on without him.

Sean, I will always be forever grateful
as you gave me back my life.

SPONSOR AN 'UNADOPTABLE' PET AT THE PAWS SHELTER TODAY!



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.

Dear Kim:
March 2006

Testimonials...

IN PRAISE OF THE OLDER CAT

You know I can't tell you how thankful I am that you talked me into adopting two of these wonderful creatures. I have always only adopted a single older cat but I now have double the joy. And they are just that - an absolute delight. It grieves me that the majority of people only want a kitten when an older cat is just as playful and just as filled with unconditional love. An older cat seems to be more comfortable in its own skin and I know my two little sweeties have been perfectly compatible since day one. I can't believe they have only been with me a few short months. I feel as if my two ten-year olds have shared my home for all of their ten years and I hope that they will be loving-me-to-death for at least another ten years. They are magic.

-Marge

-THANKS MARGE!-

Dear PAWS:

Please find enclosed another 12 post-dated cheques to renew my sponsorship of an 'unadoptable' cat. KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!

-Genie, Bruce and The Gang, Ajax, ON

PAWS WISH LIST

- Adopt a new friend today - do you have room in your heart for one more?!
- Financial donations towards spaying/neutering *URGENTLY NEEDED!*
- Monthly sponsorship of animals currently in our shelter who require surgery (i.e. Sam's removal of her bladder stones, Phantom's dentistry - we have 13 cats who currently require dentistry - we need your help NOW!)
- Adult cat food (dry and wet) and litter
- Canadian Tire \$\$\$ or Gift Cards
- Gift Cards for PetSmart/WalMart/Costco/Staples - anywhere we might purchase pet food and/or cleaning/office supplies
- Veterinary Technician or Pet Groomer to visit PAWS shelter periodically to assist with nail trimming and grooming etc.
- Unused stamps
- Paper towels
- Scratching Posts
- Gently Used Books and other items for upcoming events i.e. our Spring Bazaar
- Handy-person to help with tasks at the PAWS shelter

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

If your workplace is conducting a United Way campaign, please remember that you can direct the funds from your pledge to PAWS ... also, some employers will match your charitable donations!

Please make this inquiry on behalf of the animals and submit your receipts today! For more information ...

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Memoriams...



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SEAN NOONAN - In Loving Memory of our precious Sean - Barbara and Sweetie

With Fond Memories of **PUDDLEBY** - Michael & Kim

In memory of our beloved **PUDDLEBY** a sweet and gentle dog who was loved by everyone whose life he touched - 1991 to March 22, 2006 - Sidney & Gloria Pinkus

In memory of **TIMMY** - Sadly Missed By Debbie and The Sandford Clan

In memory of Uncle **LEN CHEREPA** an animal lover and nature guy - The Luski/Sage Family

In fond memory of "**LOGAN**" a faithful German Shepherd owned by Judi and Brian - Betty and Doug Price

In Memory of **SHADOW** - Always With Me - Crossed The Rainbow Bridge On January 5, 2000 at 15 Years of Age - Kathleen Neal

JACK PETROW - 13 Years - Always Loved And Remembered By Cindy, Robert and Family

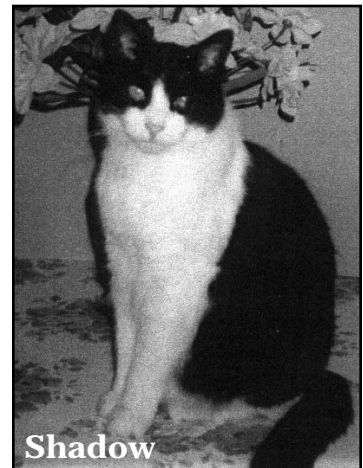
In memory of **DAVID BLOXHAM** -Betty and Doug Price

MISTY - lost her battle with cancer - July 2006 - Loved dearly by the Heys Family

SUGAR - Remembered Fondly - Marilyn & Kim

In memory of my Uncle, **DANIEL B. MACDONALD** -Mary Doucette

In memory of **MISTY, KIM & MAC** - Rose-Marie & Roy Trowell



This small donation is in memory of **DAN MACDONALD**. His work on behalf of animals was inspirational. I met him several times in the early nineties and will remember him always - Sylvia Moss

In Loving Memory of **PUD** Hands-Pinkus and to acknowledge and thank Aurora Medical Pharmacy - Kathy, Stephen and Erin

(please see their info. on page 8)

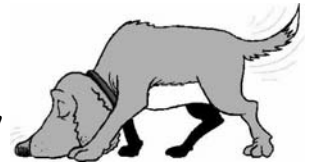
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