



Paw Print

Winter 2005

Rusty Heys 1980 - 2004

Rusty was the oldest resident of
our PAWS shelter

He was in his 24th year when he
was ready to depart for the
Rainbow Bridge

We miss him dearly ...



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Message from the President...

PAWS proudly celebrates 33 years of providing much-needed assistance to homeless animals in 2005. Despite our efforts, the cries for help continue to pour in. Our numbers have doubled in the past six months and our shelter is bursting at the seams. The number of 'permanent residents' and those who would have been deemed "unadoptable" by others continues to grow. But the news is not all bad ... I am happy to report that some of our past residents and others in peril have found loving "forever" homes with our help.

PAWS is at a crossroads and 2005 is a critical year. We are focused on four major goals and are officially requesting your involvement and support:

- 1) The 2005 spay/neuter campaign with a goal of \$25,000;
- 2) The construction of a unique and desperately required 'Isolation Wing' for our shelter - costs yet to be determined currently seeking private and/or corporate funding;
- 3) An increase in adoptions through the help of local pet stores and adoption centers;
- 4) Further involvement in education / programs for schools and senior's centers.



We ask for you to look into your hearts and to those around you for help in any and all aspects of achieving our goals. Our success will be dependent upon the generosity of animal lovers including our members, grateful adoptees, their families, philanthropic foundations and corporations who share our passion, determination and ambition.

Through rescue and adoption PAWS shall continue to support our motto of ... BRINGING PETS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER in 2005.

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

On behalf of the animals and our devoted volunteers, I thank you.

Kimberly Heys
President



Right: Chucky relaxes on a favorite perch. (See "I Need A Home" Section for details!)

Left: PAWS Shelter residents Shadow and Cougar spend some quality time together.

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.

JORDAN, HERSHEY & STORM - These 3 young cats were rescued from the bitter cold temperatures by devoted PAWS volunteers who braved the elements (fingers, toes and ears freezing in spite of their winter clothing) in order to save the lives of JORDAN who is a beautiful brown tabby who had already been neutered. In spite of our efforts (we placed ads in local newspapers, put up posters etc.), sadly no one claimed him. Perhaps he was neutered by another organization and released? PAWS does NOT trap/neuter and release - we believe even the 'ferals' deserve a chance as we have been very successful in 'taming' these creatures which, let's face it, simply means gaining their trust! As well, who would be there to care for them should they become ill and how could we possibly put them back out in the cold - especially after surgery!? HERSHEY is a petite black and white female who is now spayed which means many LESS kittens on our city streets and finally, STORM is a small silver tabby male who actually instigated the rescue of all three of these starving felines when a PAWS member spotted him injured and limping through tall snow banks ... he was, by far, one of the smartest and most elusive cats we have ever rescued. All three are resting comfortably in our shelter, bellies full, warm and cozy and getting acquainted with the others.

MARMALAIDE - Rescued by a true cat lover and new member to PAWS ... this adorable and very shy little orange tabby is in search of a quiet, gentle new Mom or Dad to reassure her that our world is not such a terrible place. This rescuer confesses ... "when no one else would help - PAWS did ... how can I ever thank you enough?" We thank Sharon for her contribution towards the veterinary care of this deserving kitty and are sad to report that there are still a number of 'strays' in the area where Marmalaide was found. Please ... help us to help them!

CHUCKY - (as pictured on page 2) This amazing young fella was fed outside as a 'feral' cat for more than 3 years before being brought in from the cold. He was very aggressive toward other homeless cats near to the PAWS shelter and 'sprayed' everything in sight. Finally, this past December he was humanely trapped, provided with full veterinary care and admitted to the shelter. Although he was very difficult while in the care of our veterinarian ... he has proven himself to be an absolute gentleman in our shelter. He has not had a disagreement with any other cat and he has been diligent about making use of the litter box. Chucky is a good example of a misunderstood cat who **DESERVES A CHANCE**.

I FOUND A HOME!
(Some of our recent adoptions)

Andy (special thanks to Taylor family)
Angel (aka Kita - now has a special new Dad)
Bandit (found a nice new family)
Boo (absolutely adored by his new family)
Cookie (so pleased that you are finally in a loving home)
Fargo (we found the right 'fit' for this special feline)
Mau (aka Lightening a new friend to Cookie)
Maggie & Maxwell (a successful relocation - together!)
Mindy - (well loved in her new abode)
Missy (abandoned as she had bladder stones)
Mouche (special thanks to Secord Animal Hospital who so patiently helped us to find such a wonderful new family)
Rocky - (miss ya' big guy!)
Roxy (special little tortie has a wonderful new Mom)
Sasha (a bossy young soul)
Stanley/Sir William (joined Meaford in his new home)

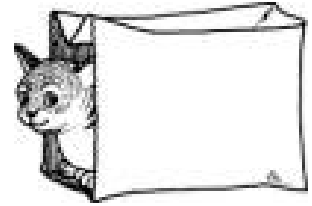
Too many kittens to name ...

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!

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



"Nothing is stronger than the heart of a volunteer"



Fargo's Story

By Angela S.

A few months ago I decided it was time to share my townhouse with someone. Now, I prefer Siamese cats and went looking for one to adopt at a shelter in the area. I found a funky name and it made me take a closer look at a cat. His name was Fargo and I read that he was a special needs cat, he was aggressive. I contacted PAWS to find out more about Fargo, as I saw his picture and fell in love. I was contacted, given his owners phone number, and called them to arrange a meeting. A couple days later I went for an hour-long visit and wanted to take him home immediately. We waited until the following Saturday and Fargo came to live with me. It was rough going at first as he would not let me touch him for a week, and then only to brush him and a few brief head rubs. Within 2 weeks Fargo was following me up the stairs at night and was at the bedroom door in the mornings when I awoke. Now, my bug-a-boo, pumpkin, honey (Fargo) snuggles morning and evening in the bed, loves to jump up in my lap for cuddles all evening, and nips my ankles or hands if I am not paying him enough attention. It is so great to get home at night and have his adorable face at the door greeting me. I am so grateful to PAWS for assisting Fargo's previous owners in locating a new home for him. He can be somewhat aggressive and they were told he should be put down as no one would take an aggressive cat. I think he is quite fun and his aggressiveness has had a few challenges that I have enjoyed dealing with. Now if I could only stop the ankle nips when I'm not looking...

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.

WE HAVE WONDERFUL NEWS TO REPORT!!!

Two very generous PAWS Members -Teresa and Stan Rowatt- Have **DONATED A VAN** to assist with our rescues, fundraisers etc.!!!

We would like to acknowledge this donation which was made by our two special friends in loving memory of **Morgie**.

Keep your eyes peeled at our upcoming fundraising events for a glimpse of our new van!!!



PAWS President Kim receiving the keys to the new van!

We would also like to acknowledge the sponsorship of **Nestle Purina PetCare** in respect of this vehicle and for the pet food that they have so generously donated.



PAWS and Purina are working together today ... with a vision of a better tomorrow.

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



In cold temperatures **PLEASE** encourage pet owners to keep their pets **INDOORS!!**

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.

We're Watching Too...

In 12 years I accumulated a number of stories. Some of them I just can't bring myself to tell. In fact all of us pets have stories to tell ... interesting ones about our human companions. We see everything you do - you laugh at us for some of the silly things WE do but don't forget we have eyes and we're watching you too.

We were there when Billy or Barbara dumped you and we watched as you managed to pack away 7 tubs of ice cream over 4 nights - and you called us fat. We witnessed you dancing around the house naked ... because you thought nothing of us just lying there on the chair. We say nothing because we love you unconditionally - but you really should cover up a bit.

We've seen you stub your toe on a couch or the leg of your bed and hop around like a fool cursing everything and everybody. We usually watch this from a favourite hiding place where we have decided to retreat while you throw that little fit. We've seen you fall up or down the stairs, fall out of or into the shower and from the window we've seen you trip on the sidewalk. We might chuckle to ourselves ... but we still love you without question.

We've gazed at you while YOU are sleeping too - and we listen to you snore, snuffle, or talk in your sleep. We've experienced your gas - and have sometimes been downright offended by YOUR smell but we say nothing.

We've heard all about that person down the hall whom you are madly in love with. We know how much you dislike your family at times, how you worry about the future and fret about the present. We are there to console you when you lose or change your job, get a funny haircut or come home in a grumpy mood ... because YOU are OUR EVERYTHING.

We've witnessed your highs, we've witnessed your lows. We shake our heads and blink our eyes in both wonderment and disbelief at the crazy things you've done ... but through it all, at the end of the day, you remain our favourite person in the world. We adore you and would not have you any other way. You are as much our pet as we are yours and we watch you too. So, the next time you catch yourself doing something unseemly or weird ... picking your nose, scratching your backside or doing aerobics in a most awkward fashion ... remember that we are there watching you, taking it all in so that we too have stories to tell about you - as you have about us.

Written by Michael Pinkus for Elvis Pinkus

EDITORIAL:

Your pet is precious and special - and yes they are watching you too. They know us better than we know ourselves - although they seem nonchalant and aloof. Remember, your pet is not only part of the family, in some cases he/she is your very best friend. Be kind, gentle and loving to them ALWAYS. It's the very least we can offer them for the unconditional love they provide to us.



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.

IN THE NEWS: Construction of PAWS ISOLATION WING!

This is an opportune time to consider assisting with the construction of our Isolation Wing where we will be housing animals with compromised immune systems and/or new residents who must be quarantined prior to admission to our shelter. Ear-mark your donation to this worthwhile addition.

Contact Kim for complete info. kim@pawstoronto.org or 416-491-2287



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.

PAWS Wish List

- Donations towards spay/neuter campaign or isolation wing of shelter
- Volunteers who are familiar with grant writing
- Cat Food (Nutro Adult) & Litter (Maxx Cat Clumping)
- Canadian Tire \$\$\$
- Handi-person to visit our shelter periodically to perform odd jobs
- Veterinary Technician or pet groomer to visit periodically to assist with nail trimming, brushing and grooming
- Hold your own fundraiser! Collect Canadian Tire \$\$\$, hold a coin drive, beer bottle return etc. at your place of business ...
- Unused stamps/8 1/2 X11 paper/paper towels





Memoriams...



"Mr." Rusty

In his 24th year Rusty had lost his sight and hearing ... the kidneys and thyroid were taking their toll and we did all we could to keep our friend comfortable, Mom in particular who helped him to the food, water and litter so many times each day. One sad night Rusty suffered a seizure and we realized it was time to say goodbye ... time for one last purr and snuggle before he went on to join his many pals including Muffin and Tammy at the Rainbow Bridge. Thanks for all that you did Mom ... I know it was rough. I love you and I miss him so much. Thanks also to Dr.'s Mike and Mark at Secords. Kimberly (& Dad)

Brenda Christine Walton

"Chris" - A real animal lover who was dedicated her whole life to loving animals and who couldn't bear to see an animal in distress. Whatever she could spare she would donate - even with a limited income. Adopted our precious "Tiger" who left us for the Rainbow Bridge in August of 2004 ... Brenda was no doubt there to welcome him as she passed on in April of 2004.

Monk

A devoted companion and lap-sitter for 18 years, Monk had the gift of the gab and a larger-than-life personality. He is very much missed by his family, Marie and Richard Hands, and his many friends.

Catherine Hands and Stephen Pinkus



Munchie

We miss you so ... Su-Anne, Tim & Keith Hodgkinson and Teresia and Stan Rowatt

Lovingly remembered by Gerry and fondly remembered by Kim Heys, President

Nellie

With fond memories ... sadly missed by The Jones Family and The Heys Family

Barbara & Wesley Sumner

Lady, Tim & Max
In Loving Memory ...
Betty & Doug Price

Norton & Pluto

Fond and Loving Memories ...
- Donna Ellchuk

Ninja

Sadly, a short time after our plea for a home went out for dear Ninja (Fall 2004 issue of PAW Print) his cancer returned. We wish we could have given you more time Ninja, we'll never forget you ol' fella. -PAWS volunteers

Fendi

Lovingly remembered and dearly missed by Claudia and Bibi Lai

Lilly

In Loving Memory ... Robert Shillabeer

Pauline Lantz

In memory of a beloved Mother and Grandmother - The Pinkus Family

Shadow

Lovingly remembered
by Kathleen Neal

Venna

In Loving Memory
- Lorraine Ware

Pauline Lantz

In Loving Memory ... Barbara Shephard

Pauline Lantz

In Loving Memory ... Marion and Don Felker

Abandoned or Deceased Animals

Anne Naaman

Linda Penalosa

Fondly remembered
by John Heys

Taylor Kitten

Your time was far too short little one ...
Lovingly remembered by The Taylor Family

Max

Lovingly remembered by Carla
and the cat sitters Hella and Kim

Brandy Sacks ... In Loving Memory ... Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Sacks


PAWS would like to extend their condolences to these and others
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