

The Pet Gazette

Newsletter for the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter

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"Baby" We adopted Baby December 19, 2007. We did not have a furry friend in our home for over three years since the passing of our beloved dog and cats. We had no intention of adopting as we had just come to attend the Holiday Open House.



We walked around and looked at all the dogs and cats. One cat in particular caught our attention sitting timidly in her cage. I picked her up to cuddle her and when I put her back, she tapped me with her paw once then twice on the shoulder as if to say, "please take me home with you". I started to cry. My husband then picked her up and she crawled on his shoulder and went to sleep. Needless to say, Baby came home with us that very day!

Baby is such an awesome cat. She loves to cuddle with me on her blanket on the couch every night. She also has a cute habit of raising her paw up when she greets us at the door or when she wants to be petted. And yes, she still taps us with her paw when she wants to get our attention!

Thank you UPAWS for helping us find our Baby!

~Nadine & Jerry Murphy

Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.

~ Anatole France

We'd Love to Hear Your "Happy Tail"!

Please send us an update with a photo of your UPAWS adopted pet or, even better, in a photo with you or your family. **Email to:** happytails@upaws.org **OR Postage mail to:** UPAWS, P.O. Box 968, Marquette, MI 49855-0968
Attention: Happy Tails

Visit us online at www.upaws.org ~ e-mail us at info@upaws.org

"Calvin" Calvin (formerly Charlie) has been with us for a few months now and we couldn't have gotten a better dog!



Once we changed his name to something that must sound like what his original owners had called him (he was a stray), we discovered that Calvin knows "sit," "speak," "fetch," "shake" and many more. He is soaking up our continued training and pampering, and has made many friends at the senior center where I take him to work.

Thank you, UPAWS, for our first shelter dog! After recently losing my dog of 13 years, he is a blessing and is filling the void in our lives with joy.

~Kristy Basolo

"Chloe Grace" Chloe Grace was a 5 month old puppy when I adopted her in the spring of 2008.



Being an Australian shepherd, Chloe is very smart, energetic, needs a job and lots of exercise. Until I learned ways to channel that exuberance, I'd wind up with chewed shoes and remotes. But she was patient with me, and I learned. We went to obedience class together, and learned agility together. She learned fetch from my other dog Chrissie.

Ever-happy Chloe has taught me about the pleasure of splashing in mud puddles and doing back flips to catch a squeaky ball. She's taught me about always being ready for the next thing thrown at you, because even if it's not actually a toy, it can usually be made into one. It's all in perspective.

And now, we're involved in rescue together. Last year I fostered (and ultimately adopted) another Australian shepherd, Wyatt. Chloe's confidence has helped him overcome his many fears. She has shown him the joy of simply being a dog.

Chloe's legacy: one rescued dog helping another, paying it forward, sharing what was shared with her, and with a smile on her face. Thanks UPAWS for putting her into my life! Because of her, I'm a better person.

~Kathi Fosburg

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Board meetings 4th Monday of each month, 6 PM at the Peter White Public Library. Open to the public. For other listings please visit www.upaws.org or call (906) 475-6661.

From the President

As almost any long-time volunteer will attest, the longer you are with an organization, the more hats you tend to wear. And UPAWS is no different. After more years than I can count, I have acquired closet full of hats; some are well-worn and comfortable, others a bit stiff and not particularly my style. But there is one hat that, even though taken out only once a year, is one of my favorites. When wearing it I get the opportunity to meet and hear stories about some of the most awesome animals in the area. I also get to meet and talk with many of the most compassionate, generous, and humble people one could have the pleasure of knowing. Every year the people, animals, and stories are new and uniquely personal. The hat I can't wait to pull out each year is the one I reach for when serving on the Awards Committee.



Reva with her dog "Dusty Dawn"

Each year there is a potential for four awards. The Assisi award honors an individual for long term service and commitment to animals. The Gold Heart recognizes an individual for performing an outstanding act during the previous year that resulted in an immediate and profound impact on the life of an animal. The animal counterparts of these awards are the Silver Tag Award which is presented to an animal for its long term service to the benefit of one or more individuals, and the Purple Paw Award is for an animal which, during the preceding year, performed a specific act of courage, loyalty, or devotion that impacted the life of a person. The very nature of the awards requires the recipients demonstrate qualities that illustrate the very essence of the bond between humans and animals.

This year's recipients once again remind us why inter-species relationships that began thousands of years ago still endure. This year's Assisi winner, Karen Rhodes, has for many years served as a devoted advocate for animals and through her continuous efforts has played a huge role in countless animals finding new homes. As you may guess, she too wears many hats. Our Gold Heart recipient, Eeva Miller, saw a dog in danger and immediately paddled into action, rescuing it from a nearly certain drowning. Then we have Cooper, the English Springer Spaniel, who last year saved his owner not once, but twice, from carbon monoxide poisoning, earning him the Purple Paw Award. Finally, we have our 2012 Silver Tag winner, Nero, the Police Dog. Until his very recent retirement due to health reasons, he spent his entire life either in training or working to serve the citizens of the City of Marquette and across the Upper Peninsula. Not only did he clock-in a standard 40-hour week next to his patrol partner and handler, but he was on-call 24/7. His skills, talents, loyalty and accomplishments earned him unqualified respect, trust, and fraternal acceptance from his fellow police officers.

It is a unique privilege to play a small role in bringing the accomplishments of this year's award recipients to light. Hats off to each every one of them!

~Reva Laituri, President

Spay Day USA Update

Spay Day USA 2012 was a success! A big thank you to all the Veterinarians that participated this year to offer low cost spay and neuter services to the community. Spay Day USA had a total of 30 dogs and 22 cats sign up to get spayed and neutered and many also received vaccinations. This program is a huge step towards helping control the pet population, as well as assist low income homes.

Thank you to the following vet clinics!

Animal Medical Center
Bayshore Veterinary Hospital
Gwinn-Sawyer Veterinary Clinic
Marquette Veterinary Clinic
Negaunee Veterinarian Clinic
Northern Veterinary Associates

From the Manager

Spring is a season of new growth. To spring means to move forward. UPAWS grows and moves forward as an organization each and every day. We have had some exciting news and changes here at the shelter and we would like you to know about them.

UPAWS is finally “going green” and computerizing shelter operations with the new shelter management software, Petpoint. We can track animals more efficiently, can access medical data quickly, and if an adopter happens to misplace paperwork, our friendly staff is able to pull up the records with the click of a mouse.

Starting in February, our adoption fees increased by \$10 for dogs and \$5 for cats to help offset the cost of some great new benefits we are able to offer with each adoption. For this small increase, we have been able to implement the 24PetWatch microchip program and the ShelterCare pet insurance program as part of the Petpoint package. Animals will be microchipped before they go to their new home and registering those microchips at the time of adoption is an added bonus. Microchips are a great way to make sure a lost pet finds its way back home.



Dayna & recently adopted “Gabriel”

We will also offer each adopter 30 days of accident/illness insurance for their new pet. The health insurance is a tremendous bonus for our adopters. While we hope every pet we adopt is healthy and safe, accidents and illnesses can happen and the health insurance can make a huge difference to the adopter. By introducing all of these, we will improve our ability to care for our animals, provide better value for our adopters, and reduce our operating expenses.

Spring is a time for new growth and, it is with bitter-sweet feelings, that I must leave my post as Shelter Manager in early April. I have accepted the position at a great shelter in Wisconsin to be closer to family and so my husband can pursue his professional goals. I will bring some positive changes to help that shelter grow and have an impact on thousands of lives. No matter where I am, the animals are what it is all about. I am thrilled that Lareina VanStrien, who has worked along side me since 2007, will be the new Shelter Manager. With Lareina at the helm, I know UPAWS will move through this transition smoothly. She has the skills and experience necessary to be an effective leader. She has shown an extraordinary level of commitment and dedication to UPAWS.

I continue to be impressed at what we, as an organization, can accomplish. I have lived and breathed UPAWS for the last several years and my heart will always be here. I can leave having no worries because I trust that with the community’s support, UPAWS will continue to grow.

~Wags and Purrs, Dayna

UPAWS Shelter Pet Success Stories

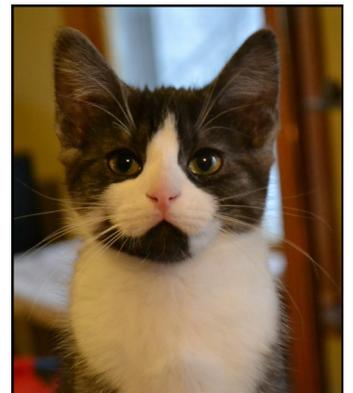


Hooligan: A recent neglect case, Hooligan arrived at our door steps hungry, infected, dirty, matted and forgotten. Hooligan was cared for by the staff and volunteers and blossomed into an amazing, beautiful boy. He was adopted shortly after by an incredible family that loves him dearly. He gets tons of love, cuddles and canine cookies. One happy ending!

Here are a few of our recent success stories made possible due to your kind donations, our loving staff, volunteers and our supportive community. While all of our shelter adoptions are success stories, there are many pets still waiting for their own happy ending. UPAWS is an independent nonprofit organization. We are not funded by the County or funded or affiliated with any National Humane organizations. We depend on your donations to make a difference in the lives of the shelter pets in our care. Help us give more pets their “happily ever after”.



Gigi: Arrived at UPAWS when her former owner passed away. Gigi was a gentle soul that felt the loss of her owner, but this lucky girl found a new guardian and friend. Gigi was adopted and given the time she needed to get over her loss and adjust to her new life. Now she is a happy-go-lucky girl that is greatly loved.



Ollie: Ollie came to UPAWS with his four siblings and his mother. They were only 5 weeks old and were immediately placed in one of our wonderful foster homes. Ollie was the last of the litter left for adoption as his siblings all had found homes. One of our volunteers fell head over heels for this little boy and adopted this fun little character.

Volunteer Spotlight

UPAWS is very blessed to have an abundance of volunteers and supporters. But every Newsletter we like to make note of a particular person(s) that brings a little extra something special to UPAWS. Angie Argall of Angie's Pet Salon and Spa has been volunteering her services for many years. Angie has been an invaluable asset to UPAWS and the animals that arrive at our doors. Often we see dogs and cats that are matted and dirty from the places they come from. Angie is always ready and willing to help these gentle animals that need a good brush, shave or bath with no cost to UPAWS. This is a great service for both the quality of life of the UPAWS pets and UPAWS.

When did you start volunteering?

I started volunteering my grooming services about 18 years ago. I moved away for a while and then when I came back I started volunteering again.

What got you in to helping the UPAWS pets?

I am an animal lover!!! I didn't have the time to go to the shelter to volunteer so I thought I could donate my time to grooming all the little fur babies that needed it.

Taking so many pets into your shop, it must be tempting to adopt?

It is very tempting. I have adopted one cat that came in to be groomed and we have adopted 2 more kitties, since then. A few months back I offered to foster my first dog; unfortunately the girls at the shelter failed to mention that when she was available for adoption that I had to give her back!!! So I got an F in foster care and now have a beautiful little Chihuahua as a part of our family.

You also volunteer for the Wash N Wag every year, would you suggest this type of volunteering for other local businesses?

It would be great to add other businesses to Wash N Wag. The bigger the better for the shelter. It is such a fun time. They could donate time and/or supplies or maybe raffle items. It is something I will do every year. Anything for the animals.

What would you like to tell the community about your experiences?

It is a great feeling to be able to groom the dogs and cats who are matted and miserable and make them feel better. You can see a transformation from before to the after. You can tell that they just feel better

I would recommend volunteering to anyone who loves animals. The people at the shelter work so hard to place them into loving homes. So every little bit that anyone can do is a great help. Donating can be in many forms, be it your time, your skills, fostering or monetarily. Remember, you are helping to save a life that can give someone maybe even you, years of love and devotion.

One of the most memorable moments for me was taking in a Weimaraner, named Margo, many years ago. She had a thyroid problem and mammary cancer. She came from such a horrible place that it was the least I could do to give her the best home and all the love I could until it was her time. She stayed with me for 6 months before it was her time to pass to the rainbow bridge. I will never forget her. And I will never quit doing everything I can to help the animals at UPAWS.



Frosty arrived at UPAWS in terrible shape; matted, soiled and his fur overgrown and dirty.



This is Frosty after Angie volunteered his grooming in his new home. He is one happy little guy!



Angie at UPAWS Wash-N-Wag

Sweet Gilbert

Last week my sweetheart of a “beaglet” Gilbert died. This is his story. Gilbert was 15 when he died. He was nearly deaf, mostly blind, fairly leaky, and had spinal arthritis. About seven weeks ago we learned he had a brain tumor. After prednisone treatment his tumor shrank a bit and he was able to enjoy an additional month of high quality life. But then last week, the tumor was back and it was time to say goodbye.

Gilbert spent the first nearly 14 years of his life living in a rabbit hutch. Some beagle owners believe that this gives them more hunting drive. Then his owner decided that he no longer hunted well and took him to UPAWS. Upon arrival at UPAWS, Gilbert had untreated rampant skin and ear infections, nails nearly growing into his foot pads, and a prostate tumor the size of a baseball.

UPAWS, our wonderful regional shelter quickly determined that he was not going to do well there, so they found a magnificent foster home for him with Beth and Sam. Beth says that Gilbert was initially shy and very weak physically – he would only briefly come out of his crate. He didn’t seem to understand affection. She lovingly worked with him to build his trust and house training habits.

After a few months sitting un-adopted on the shelter’s website, he became part of my gang. Beth and Sam graciously brought him to my house and I got to know them as well as Gilbert. By the time he came to me, he was an attention sponge, his skin infections were nearly gone, his tumor removed, and he was mostly house trained. My vet and I worked to mitigate his other issues, including his arthritis.

There was something very special about my beagle-boy. Everyone who met him fell in love with him. When I learned about his brain tumor last month, I realized how many friends he had who needed to know – not because they were my friends, but because he was their friend.

I can’t say what made him so charming. Perhaps it was his always-wagging tail. It might have been his insistence upon meeting every being (dog, cat, human) who crossed his path and his ability to loudly bay his frustration if they failed to perform the requisite greeting. Maybe it was his habit of peering intensely at everybody – trying so hard to see us through the cataracts.

It was challenging living with a nearly deaf and blind dog – I could only get his attention by touch, so he always he wore a short, light leash. For a dog that had had a prostate tumor and wasn’t house trained until nearly 14, he did amazingly well – even at his sickest he tried hard to alert me by going to the back door.

Gilbert liked to know where I was at all times and to be as close to me as possible. He learned that if he sat in the middle of my bottom floor he could usually “see” me coming – I’ll always remember him sitting there patiently waiting for me. Since he could not hear footsteps, if you came from behind you could pleasantly surprise him with a pet. There is no dog happier than a beagle to see you again whether you’ve been gone a week or five minutes.

Rest in peace, Sweet Gilbert – you are missed. And I and a great many other people are grateful to have known and loved you.

To anyone considering adopting a senior pet, my decision to adopt Gilbert was a great one. He brought a lot of joy into my life and the lives of my friends and neighbors; I swear he had more friends than me! So, even a real oldster can be a great dog and you have the gratification of a new best friend and knowing you gave a hard to adopt dog a great new home.

~Kathy Havorsen



Mark your calendars! UPAWS will hold its annual Cause for Paws dinner/dance at Upright & Company on Saturday, April 7th. Social hour will begin at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Dancing to follow with live music from Bordertown.

Dinner tickets are \$45 per person. They are available at: UPAWS shelter, Mares-Z-Doats, The Pet Stop, or online at www.c4paws.eventbrite.com.

Limited seating available; so buy your tickets today. All proceeds from the event will help the almost 2000 animals cared for each year at our shelter. Laugh, eat, drink and dance the night away celebrating the bond between people and their pets!

For more information visit the website at www.upaws.org or contact Lynn Andronis at 226-7255 or 361-7255.

JP Electric reminds you that empty cardboard boxes are great for kitties. You can attach some of their toys to it, use them as kitty toy boxes, cut doors in them for a hideout, or put multiple boxes together and build a BIG kitty condo.

The Etiquette of Toilette by Liz Peppin

What attributes do you like in a bathroom? I daresay we'd all be pleased by a sparkling clean toilet, soft fluffy floor rugs, a fat roll of Charmin, raspberry hand soap and a clean hand towel. How discommoded (ha, ha, ha) might we be to see only a hole in a suspiciously wet floor? A toilet bowl filled with dinner plates and a dish rag? Eau-de-skunk hand soap? Toilet paper made of styrofoam (the staticky kind you can never get completely off whatever it touches)? Or heaven forbid, a toilet standing proudly in the middle of the kitchen?

What ideas might cats have, being fastidious creatures, about what is right and proper regarding personal hygiene? Turns out they have distinct preferences. If your cat isn't using his or her litter box, there is usually a very good reason why. Here's what we have managed to puzzle out so far.

Illness. *The most common reason* a cat stops using the litter box are...it HURTS to pee! Urinary tract infections are so painful that the cat learns to associate the litter box with pain, and begins avoiding it. The first step in investigating any litter box problem is to take your cat to the vet. If the pet gets a clean bill of health, then consider the following factors.

Location, location, location. Most cats like a quiet, private, safe location in which to use the litter box. Some box locations that may bother your cat are: high-traffic areas; next to loud machinery such as the washing machine; near the dog's favorite nap spot; in a location from which the cat can't see all approaches; somewhere the cat can't escape from easily if necessary. Cats also prefer their food and water to be placed well away from their litter box.

The magic number. Cats have distinct territorial preferences regarding elimination. The rule of thumb is: have one litter box per cat, plus one extra.

Surfaces. Some cats develop preferences regarding the surface on which they eliminate. Many cats are happy to use the common absorbent clay granules; others will prefer potting soil or finely ground pine chips. Still others enjoy digging around in play sand. To figure out if your cat has a surface preference, give her options. Place several litter boxes with different types of material next to each other in a room, and see which one the cat uses most.

Pee-ew! Just as we would toss our cookies if forced to use eau-de-skunk hand soap, many cats are disgusted by the smell of their litter box. Common problems include boxes that aren't cleaned regularly enough, boxes cleaned with strong chemicals, and offensively scented litter. To avoid the first problem, scoop the litter box(es) at least once daily for each cat you have (example: three cats = scoop the boxes three times daily). Change the litter completely as directed by the litter manufacturer. Clean the litter box with plain baking soda and water to avoid leaving a chemical residue the cat can smell. Try a natural, unscented litter.

Size matters. Most cats like a box large enough for them to move around comfortably without brushing the sides. Occasionally a cat will prefer a very large box; you can even try converting an under-the-bed storage container into a jumbo cat box. Some cats prefer high box sides; others prefer low sides.

At all costs, avoid punishing the cat for failing to use the litter box. This approach *never works* and *almost always makes the problem worse*, by giving the cat a negative association regarding the litter box. If your cat has a litter box problem, approach it systematically. Try to think like a cat. Cats are obsessive-compulsive about hygiene; it is extremely rare that a cat simply doesn't want to use the litter box. If you're at the end of your rope and need help, the staff at UPAWS is happy to offer guidance.

For more information, visit the ASPCA Animal Behaviorist article on litter box problems: <http://www.aspcabehavior.org/articles/42/Litter-Box-Problems-.aspx>.



Sweet Icee the day we brought her home just before Christmas, 2010. A malnourished stray, Icee just needed TLC, patience, and some creativity on our part as we navigated through her litter box issues. It has been 14 months since we brought her into our family; she hasn't had an accident in over a year. If we had given up on this sweet girl, we would be missing a dear and loving companion.



Icee one year after adoption. Happily ever after! She loves her new family, furry & human!

Rescued Dog Gives Back

As one of the finest animal welfare shelters in the nation, UPAWS is often recognized for the good things they do for animals that end up in their care. I write to you today though, to share the story of Roxy, and how the good work you did in arranging her adoption is today paying huge dividends to literally hundreds of humans every week.

I adopted Roxy on April 20, 2009. She was about four months old and as with most puppies that age, was very playful and cute. As I worked with and trained Roxy, I noticed that she was an especially gentle soul, seeming almost to sense when people were fragile or hurting in some way.

I investigated the Therapy Dog Program at Marquette General Hospital and learned that an organization called The Delta Society actually tested and certified dogs and handlers for all sorts of activities. After much paperwork and study, we finally successfully tested Roxy in June of 2011 and she was certified as a Therapy Dog.

Since then, we have done many events. We have visited Bay Cliff, several nursing homes, attended many community events, a reading program for children at Peter White Library and even acted as a "guinea pig" for EMTs learning how to deal with injured animals.

But by far, the most interesting and fulfilling activity we do is, twice a week, we spend two and a half hours at the hospital. It never stops amazing me how much joy and comfort patients, family members and staff members receive from their momentary visits with Roxy. We visit almost every waiting room where patients are awaiting treatments or family members are nervously waiting for a loved one in surgery. We see many rehab patients and many people who are struggling greatly with the pressures of life or addiction.

A few weeks back, a doctor asked me to go see a patient in the ICU. The lady seemed delighted to spend a few minutes with Roxy. I encountered that same doctor a few days later and she told me how her patient talked about nothing but Roxy for three hours. The last three hours of her life.

People often thank me for bringing her around. All I do is hold the end of the leash. Roxy brings all the joy and all she asks in return is a little pat and an occasional dog cookie. People often ask where I ever got such a special dog, and I always tell them about UPAWS and encourage them to adopt too.

You people do a lot of good for the animals. I thought you'd like to know that your work is also touching the lives of literally hundreds of humans a week. Humans that are in desperate need of a little bit of puppy love. It started with you. UPAWS made it all possible.

~Dave Dausey and Roxy



A Quick Way Home: Pet Microchips

Imagine the sinking feeling of losing your animal companion; maybe they took off during a hike in the woods or uncharacteristically adventured too far from home. To add to an owner's worry, what if their animal wasn't wearing a collar with identification tags or, worse yet, the collar fell off while the animal was away. One way to guard against unforeseen times, when an animal cannot be linked to their owner due to a lack of identification, is through pet microchips. These electronic chips, about the size of a grain of rice, are inserted under the skin and typically stay almost exactly where they were originally implanted, therefore acting as a permanent means of identifying your pet and getting your best friend back to you safe and sound. If a lost pet comes in to a veterinary clinic or animal shelter, they are scanned by a device that picks up radio-waves from the chip which then produces a unique code. The chip manufacturer is contacted and successfully links the code to the animal's owner. As part of pet health and awareness, UPAWS has begun chipping all of the cats and dogs that are adopted out to their forever homes; immediately linking the happy animal to the proud new owner. It is through these great practices, and advancements in pet health, that guard against homeless animals struggling, and maybe never, finding their homes and loved ones after devastating natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina. This impressive step forward by UPAWS is allowing for better animal safety and ease of mind for concerned pet owners. ~Rachel Holman



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Pet Rx by Deb Pascoe

While everyone knows that adopting a pet is a positive experience for the animal, what you may not know is that pet ownership offers a wealth of health benefits for the adopter, as well.

An article posted on VPI Pet Insurance's website states that "Several scientific studies have actually shown that there are physiological and psychological health benefits from having a pet, according to the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians."

While it's nice to see the benefits of pet love analyzed, quantified and verified, no one needs to tell me (or you, I'm wagering) that pets are just plain good medicine.

I lost 16 pounds the first year after I adopted my beloved schnauzer, Indy, from UPAWS.

Indy is a bouncy, high-energy dog who requires daily exercise for both his physical and mental well-being. Being Indy's sole exercise provider lifted me out of a mostly sedentary lifestyle, getting me off the couch and into the fresh air. And trying to in-still some leash manners into my four-legged wild man also taught me invaluable lessons in patience and temper control.

The unconditional adoration of a pet is a balm for the mind and soul. When you've had a long, one-thing-after-another-going-wrong day, when the world weighs heavily on your shoulders, the wild, celebratory greeting of your dog, the happy purr of your cat as it winds around your legs, or the cheery chirp of your bird when you walk through your door can instantly dispel your gloom.

Need more hard scientific data? The aforementioned article on the VPI website also states, "A 10-year study of more than 4,300 Americans concluded that cat owners seemed to have a lower rate of dying from heart attacks. The result of the research, conducted at the University of Minnesota's Stroke Institute in Minneapolis, was released in February."

Feel free to conduct your own research. Scoop up your cat and hold it close. Rest your head on its furry side and feel your cat's contented purr rippling under your cheek. Can you feel your muscles relaxing? Is your breathing slowing? This mutual display of affection is not only delighting your cat, it's contributing to your physical and psychological good health.

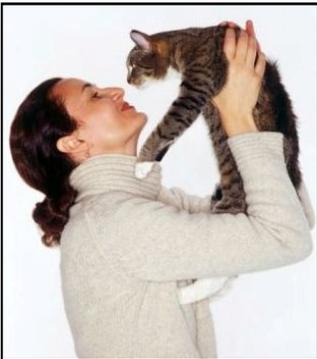
As a single mother of young adults, I've been spending more time alone this past year than I have since I was a 20-something college student. And while I usually treasure my new solitude, sometimes loneliness moves in like a cold fog. I miss my late husband, and I miss the noisy whirl of life with three small children.

There are times when my loneliness brings me to tears. And there is my Indy, always nearby. I wrap my arms around him and cry into his fluffy gray head. Before long my tears stop flowing and that lonely ache is gone.

"Indy-bindy, wanna go outside?" I ask. Indy leaps to his feet and begins dancing around, his stub tail wagging, his mouth hanging open in a goofy dog grin. I begin laughing, my load lightened. Life feels good again, healed by medicine that can't be bottled, medicine exclusively dispensed by my four-legged provider of physical and mental respite.

If you're a pet owner, you understand. If you're not yet a pet owner but are thinking about adopting, consider it an investment in your health; more fun than vitamins, treadmills or dieting.

About the author: Deb Pascoe is a freelance writer, a peer recovery coach at Child and Family Services of the U.P., and the happy owner of one dog, Indy, and one cat, Sadie.



Volunteer Vets for Homeless Pets

UPAWS is very lucky to have 6 amazing veterinary clinics that support our mission. To show their support, all six local veterinary clinics have partnered to further help the homeless pets by creating the new Volunteer Vets for Homeless Pets Program. Once every two weeks, on a rotating basis, a vet will visit the shelter to give free physical exams to any of the animals who show any signs of illness or injury, as well as any elderly residents. While some animals come in and go out so quickly, they may miss that window of opportunity, but will still receive a certificate for vet care. There are many animals that will benefit from this much needed and appreciated volunteer service. Many animals will be professionally examined and diagnosed and the adopters will have gained a better understanding of a pet's current condition and potential needs down the road. This is a huge benefit for our animals and adopters. Please join us in thanking our local veterinarians for volunteering their time and talents



We are holding our 15th annual golf outing 'Tee Up for Tails' on Friday, June 22nd at Mqt. Golf Club, Heritage Course. Sign up early for 18 holes of golfing fun, lunch after play, raffles, silent auction & great prizes. The price per golfer is \$85 & includes the use of a cart if needed.

Golfer sign-up forms are available on our website, at the shelter, or at the kiosk in the Westwood Mall. If you would like to donate a prize for the outing, or be a tee sponsor, call Auto Armor at 228-5353. Get your golfing friends together, plan for a fun day & help UPAWS too!

Shelter Shorts

UPAWS Receives Award: For the second consecutive year, UPAWS received an award from the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance for having the best save rate of an open-admission, medium-sized shelter in the State of Michigan for 2010. (Spoiler....the save rate is even better for 2011!)

Macomb County Foundation Grant: The Spay It Forward fund received a much needed boost when \$5,000 from the Macomb County Foundation was earmarked for this fund. The fund provides financial assistance to low income households for spaying and neutering their pets. Fewer litters = fewer homeless pets + more animals in loving homes.

Lights of Love Holiday Booth: This year the Westwood Mall booth bustled with activity as shoppers purchased UPAWS merchandise and paid tribute to pets by purchasing tags to hang on the tree. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible and the Westwood Mall for allowing us booth space.

Home for the Holidays Open House: At the shelter's annual open house on December 15th, many visitors stopped by to drop off donations, meet animals, share in a smorgasbord of treats, or just to say hello. More than 20 lucky animals found loving homes during this heartwarming event.

Calls for Critters: Thanks to everyone who so generously responded to our 2011 annual phonathon. Four hundred people answered our calls, donating much needed fund for our homeless pets – nearly \$15,000.

Membership: Our membership structure has received a makeover. There are now just two levels....individual and lifetime. Dues are \$20 per person or lifetime membership is \$500.

New Board Member: Welcome to Jackie Winkowski who was recently appointed to the Board of Directors to fill an unexpired term. Jackie has an extensive background in sledding and sled dogs. She is also a published author and has coordinated a number of fundraising events, including the Sunrise Doggie Dash which has been held as part of the Fourth of July activities in Marquette. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to putting her to work.

Full Throttle Bar & Grille Sled Night Fundraiser was a big success and raised much needed funds for UPAWS! \$1265 and a supply of great wish list items were raised for the UPAWS animals! Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, sponsored, donated, worked and helped at this great fundraiser!

Downtown Eye Care for sponsoring UPAWS at the NMU Wildcat's final hockey game of the season. The generous attendees at the event donated money and supplies. Thanks to everyone for their donations!



Jenny Webb from Downtown Eyecare with Linda Dionne and Lynn Andronis at the NMU Hockey game. The signed NMU hockey stick was presented to UPAWS as a gift for future fundraising at the Cause for Paws Dinner Dance.

What Tracks Will You Leave Behind?

What better way to show that you care than to provide for the secure future of many homeless animals by giving to the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter?

Making a will or living trust is the most important way to ensure that your personal wishes are honored and the person you are is reflected in your estate plan. Gifts through wills or living trusts have been crucial to UPAWS's ability to save and protect animals throughout the years. By including UPAWS in your estate planning documents, you will join others who have already made a financial commitment to UPAWS's mission.

For more information contact UPAWS at (906) 475-6661.

Keep In Touch with UPAWS Every Day!

Join our Twitter page at www.twitter.com/upaws1

And our facebook page at www.facebook.com/upaws

Burke Pet Photo Fundraiser 2012 – Sign up Today!

Burke Photo is holding a pet photo fundraiser to benefit UPAWS again this year!

April 17th & 18th are for individual pet portraits (a \$60 donation), April 21st is for People & Pets (a \$99 donation) and 'People & Pets Outdoor Session' (donation \$129) is scheduled at a time to be determined according to the weather.

Slots fill up fast, so call Burke today to schedule your beautiful pet's portrait: 228-7580.

Downtown EyeCare would like to remind you that if your dog runs away from you and you finally catch up to it, no matter how angry you are at the dog, do not yell or smack it or your dog will never come to you when called for fear of being punished.

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Special Thank You to:

Aubrees Benefit Night
Bethany Lutheran Church Women
Burger King Benefit Night
Duquaine's for helping keep our furnace running & our staff & pets warm
Grady Etelamaki He chose us to receive his (5th) birthday gifts!
Family Video, Marquette & Negaunee for their 'Bones' fundraiser
Holiday Inn
Kassels Korner & Kassels Korner Midway Store & Staff for their cat supply donations
MARESA Transition II Students for their holiday fundraiser to help UPAWS.
Mqt Steelworkers Retirees Club for their support
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The Michigan Northwoods Club & Equi-Size Equine Rehab for a donation to Sally's Fund from their 'ACTHA Challenge Ride'
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Beth Wendricks for her special fundraiser to help us
The Westwood Mall hosting a winter mini adoption event
mBank for sponsoring us on their kiosk on McClellan Ave

In Honor of:

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Wesley Hauswirth From: Lisa Hauswirth
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Emily Johnson's Birthday From: Jodi Smith
Shirley Johnson From: Nicole Hyry, Natalie, Bob, Nicole, Chelsea & Ryan
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Blake Koehn & his love for all dogs needing loving homes-especially Rosie.
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April 7
Cause for Paws Charity Event, UpFront & Company

April 17, 18 & 21
Burke Pet Photo Fundraiser

April 20-22
Hiawathaland Snowmobile Club Rec Show

June
"Adopt a Shelter Cat Month"

June 1-30
Tadych's Econo 'Pet tag' Promotion

June 22
15th Annual "Tee Up For Tails"

July 4
Marquette Sunrise Doggie Dash

July 14
Wash-N-Wag

July 24
Annual Meeting

July 27
Blueberry Festival with Bella Beads

For more information on any of these events, please call the shelter at (906) 475-6661 or visit www.upaws.org.



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