

The Pet Gazette

Newsletter for the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter, Inc.

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“Boomer”

We adopted Boomer (formerly ‘Lightening’) from UPAWS in November 2011. I was looking for an older cat for my daughter, Chloe, to bond with. She adored cats but our other cat did not feel the same way about her. When I went to the shelter there were so many beautiful older cats to choose from. We felt that a senior cat would be the best fit for our family because they tend to adjust well into a family situation. Boomer’s beautiful blue eyes and creamy colored coat quickly caught my eye. When I first held him he was so gentle and kind I knew he would be perfect.



From the moment Boomer walked out of his carrier at our house he was a part of our family. He settled in with no issues. We soon noticed that Boomer seemed to have trouble hearing. The second day living with us our burglar alarm went off. Our other pets ran and hid, the baby cried, and Boomer calmly stood right next to the alarm panel as I struggled to punch the code in correctly. He was not bothered by the noise at all. We took him to see Dr. Klar at AMC and she confirmed that he was deaf. We also discovered he has some arthritis but we are able to keep him comfortable with a daily joint supplement.

Despite his disabilities, Boomer is a typical happy cat. He loves to play with his toys, allows my daughter to push him in a stroller and tuck him into a bassinet, and is the best at nighttime snuggles. We adore Boomer and could not imagine our home without him.

~Tami Moores

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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

“Obi-wan”

Hi! I just wanted to let you wonderful people know that we have had Obi Wan for almost 3 months now and could not love him more! He is a beautiful, smart boy who loves his family so much. He is learning so much everyday and making new friends on our daily trip to the dog park. He is kind and gentle with children and dogs of all breeds. I guess I have nothing but wonderful news about him. Thank you so much for allowing us to adopt such a wonderful boy and also to FOX MQT for sponsoring his adoption. We love him and look forward to many happy years with our Obi Wan Kanobi.

~Brenda G.



“Vinnie”

When our greyhound passed away at the end of February 2012, we searched online for a male mixed breed who would be good company for our female mixed breed, Babe. It didn’t take us long to focus in on Vinnie. Vinnie had been looking for a home for over five months. We wanted an affectionate dog. The shelter’s video of Vinnie showed him kissing his caregiver and pressing in for as much affection as she could dole out. We wanted a dog who would be a good walker and a good rider. Vinnie fit the bill on both counts.



When we first brought him home, he and Babe had a few tussles to determine who would be top dog. Four weeks later, he understood clearly that Babe was tops, and he fell into his “second dog” role like a dutiful son. He’s very affectionate with Babe and with us, making us laugh at times and head to the sink to wash off the slobber. He’s goofy on his walks, doing “donuts” and passing his head under the leash to avoid tangles. His warmth, intelligence, and personality quickly won our hearts, and we’re forever grateful to the shelter for giving us Vinnie!

~ Fred and Donna Winters

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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 2012 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the part you've played in caring for the nearly 2,000 animals who have come to our shelter over the past year. It takes a lot of creative effort from a host of people to care for and find homes for so many animals. Saving lives takes a lot of time, effort and expense, and can be extremely challenging. That is why it takes an entire community to succeed at it.



Reva and her adopted dog Dusty-Dawn

Like a puzzle, lives can't be saved unless all the little

pieces fit together. Adopters represent the first piece. Last year over

1,500 animals were adopted into new families. Compassion for the homeless won the hearts of hundreds of people and these little guys found loving homes. Animals sometimes come to us with medical needs, which can be very expensive. Another piece of the puzzle is our local veterinarians who regularly offer reduced pricing for our shelter animals and even free services. Also adding to the puzzle are the people who dig out their checkbooks and sponsor these medical needs.

Typically, it takes longer to re-home older animals, which in turn translates to longer average stays. Representing several puzzle pieces are our volunteers. Foster families provide a home environment and socialization for the very young, and stress relief for the elderly and those with special needs or some who just need a break from the shelter environment. Dog walkers, kitty cuddlers, and kennel cleaners are crucial to providing a clean and healthy environment for our residents.

Making sure our animals have as much exposure as possible, is critical to helping find the right home. Another puzzle piece consists of people who make sure our animals' faces and personalities are out in the community...on our website, Facebook, pet boards, and even in the news when appropriate. Often it is our community sharing their knowledge of these animals through conversations or social media is what results in finding them homes.

And of course, donations are an important puzzle piece. Rather like the corners and edges of a puzzle, donations form a framework from which to build the rest of the puzzle. Donations can support general operations, sponsor a pet adoption, provide needed medical care, or be earmarked for any number of other uses.

We have no doubt that for every animal, there is a home...finding it is our job. While not always easy, with the continued help from you, our puzzle pieces, we know that together we can continue to achieve our goal of finding homes for every adoptable animal.

From the UPAWS Board and Staff, have a safe and happy holiday season. And thank you, thank you, thank you for your past and continued support.

~Reva Laituri

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From the Manager

Holiday season is the time of giving; a familiar saying that is ingrained in our society. We see it all around us this time of year with the giving and receiving gifts, the joyous spirit and the generous nature. But I have a secret I want to tell you. I see no difference between the holiday season and the rest of the year. Wait, what? You're ready to argue. But let me explain. The staff and animals at UPAWS see giving year round! We are lucky and blessed to see Christmas in July, April, October and even August! The animals are constantly surrounded by loved ones, gifts, donations and prayers. We are in the thoughts of the community constantly and it is incredible. Where do we see this giving? In the Wish List drives all summer, Amazon donations arriving daily and donations keeping our doors open. People walk through our doors with bedding and canned cat food weekly. Recently a little girl with a lemonade stand arrived in September with a big smile on her face to give her donation. Or we see a volunteer take an hour out of his day to clean, cuddle and walk a dog. So yes, Christmas and the holidays are a time of giving, love and care. But I want to tell you, stop by UPAWS and you will see Christmas year round.

~Lareina Van Strien



Lareina and her best friend Tucker at Strut Your Mutt 2012

UPAWS Receives MI Outstanding Shelter Award THIRD Year in a Row!



Accepting the Awards during the MI No-Kill Conference are: Lynn Andronis, Board Member, Lareina Van Strien, Shelter Manager, Reva Laituri, Board President and Ann Brownell, Board Vice-President.

At the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance's 2nd Annual No-Kill Conference in September, for the third consecutive year, UPAWS received the Outstanding Shelter Award as Michigan's Best Medium-Sized, Open Admissions Shelter! This award was made possible because of a community that has helped makes UPAWS the shelter it is today. If you are an adopter, volunteer, donor, foster home, our media, a business or a caring person that has helped spread the word about UPAWS along the way this award is for you. This award is because YOU helped achieve a 96% save rate!

Also receiving awards this year, were ten Michigan communities that have achieved no-kill status (saving

more than 90% of their homeless animals). Marquette, along with six other Upper Peninsula communities, received that honor. "They support UPAWS and they support the animals. This community is just phenomenal. They are caring individuals who say these pets are important in our lives and they are important to our community and we want to see them placed in loving, caring homes," said UPAWS Manager Lareina Van Strien.

Downtown Eye Care says: Play with your kitty(s) each day. This activity is important to their mental and physical well being and an important bonding time for you both.

Upper Peninsula Family Solutions says: Introduce your pets to something new each day to keep their minds active and their life exciting!

Volunteer Spotlight - Carol the Rat Lady

The volunteers of UPAWS consist of a diverse group, but what each of these people have in common is a desire to make a difference. The animals may not know the incredible amount of work that goes into their care, but they sure know they are loved. This group of people makes it possible for each animal to feel that love; including vet care, attention, new toys, cuddly blankets and much more. We want every volunteer to know that the difference they make is important. If we had the space we would like to tell you about each and everyone's unique and wonderful contribution. We don't have that room in this newsletter, but we do have space to tell them THANK YOU and to also honor one of them.

Carol has been involved in UPAWS for the past few years, first as an adopter and later as an avid and devoted volunteer. Carol has been instrumental and irreplaceable at the Wash N Wag, Fox Adopt-a-thon, Rummage Sale, Strut Your Mutt, Home for the Holidays and many other events. Most recently she has been in charge of updating our partner site Pet Portal and has joined our Greeter team twice a month. On top of all that, Carol has adopted many of UPAWS rats. It is because of Carol and other volunteers like her that UPAWS is as successful as it is.

1) *Why UPAWS?*

In 2004 I adopted Honi-Boo and Honi-Lou from MCHS (now UPAWS). I was impressed by the cleanliness, the care given the animals, the thorough adoption process, and most importantly that there is no time limit on a shelter animal. I supported, and continued to adopt from UPAWS and grew to know the staff and volunteers. In 2008 I began actively participating by doing computer research from home. The more I became involved with UPAWS the more I learned from those I worked with and the more I wanted to help.

2) *You've grown in your volunteering task and each year you take on more, do you have any advice for anyone feeling they want to volunteer but not knowing where to start?*

Assess what skills you have and what you would enjoy doing, as well as how much time you can commit. Whether volunteering at special events or the shelter, fostering, working from home, or networking, your efforts are needed and always appreciated. UPAWS Facebook page and home-page has current information on upcoming events/projects.

3) *You work a lot of fundraisers and events, what do you enjoy most about them?*

Being with my UPAWS friends and meeting new people and working and knowing that through everyone's efforts we are raising money which is critical to the shelter's operation.

4) *Everyone wants to know about your rats, tell us about them.*

All of my rats are rescues. My rat room has a large table in which each group can free-range and play with different wheels, houses, and boxes several times a week. My groups are separated by sex and housed in very large cages with toys, hammocks, igloos and soft fleece for them to snuggle in. Each rat has a distinct personality and preferences, and all know their name. The rats are my Blessing and have taught me a better understanding of compassion, adaptation, patience and acceptance. Since 2004, I have adopted 36 rats from UPAWS, and presently have 10 UPAWS alumni.

5) *Do you have fun?*

Absolutely! Helping UPAWS makes me happy.



Carol with two of her adopted UPAWS rats

Lemonade Stand Helps UPAWS!

Arlie & Maris Kulbieda (along with mom Tammy) visit the UPAWS cats. The girls raised \$24.20 by selling lemonade and worked hard to help our shelter pets. Arlie and Maris also plan to help by volunteering at the shelter. The kitty in the picture, 'Dutch' (who was adopted) enjoyed getting some extra pets!



David Allan Masonry says: If your dog runs away from you and then comes back, no matter how frustrated you are, never yell at or spank your dog; it will avoid coming back when called the next time.

Shelter Shorts



UPAWS Staff at 3rd Annual Wash N Wag

Wish List Drives: Throughout the summer and fall volunteers conducted wish list drives at several stores throughout the county. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who volunteered and the community who provided much-needed items for the shelter. It was a tremendous help on our budget (more than \$5,300 in goods and donations were collected) and the animals enjoyed a lot of extra treats. These drives were such a help, look for them again next summer.

Petsmart Charities Adoption Center: We are excited to announce our new partnership with Petsmart Charities. You can now meet and adopt cats at the new Petsmart Adoption Center in Marquette Township. Up to eight cats can be housed in a special area of their store, where people can meet and interact with the cat they might be interested in adopting. Periodic weekend adoption events for dogs and foster animals are also planned. So if you are looking for a shelter pet, don't forget to check out the residents at Petsmart!

Sally's Ride: This year's event for Sally's Fund held on Saturday Sept. 15th was a huge success raising \$5334! Sally's Fund was established over 10 years ago with the goal of rescuing horses from abuse and neglect. In that time, over 70 horses have found peace and loving companionship, and the fund has raised over \$25,000.00! Due to this overwhelming and continued support of our community and fellow equine enthusiasts, the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter can continue its protection of horses and sponsor equine education programs.

Clippings for Canines: The shelter is now offering nail clippings for \$5. To help kick off this new service, Angie's Pet Salon & Spa, Happy Dog Grooming, Pet Stop Grooming, and the Pink Poodle offered the service through their salons and turned the proceeds over to UPAWS. These groomers are absolutely pawsome! These affordable nail clippings are on-going at the shelter and at Angie's Pet Salon & Spa.



Happy Dog Grooming Salon Staff donating their time to help UPAWS with Clipping for K9s

Air Conditioner: Thanks to generous donations from Duquaine, Roger Bentlage and Tom and Kathy Leone and electrical work by volunteer, Gary Dionne, a central air conditioner was installed at the shelter. This helped reduce the spread of upper respiratory in the cats and made all the animals (and people) more comfortable.



Super One employees (Marquette and Negaunee) happily present the money they raised for UPAWS

Pet Photo Calendar: Congratulations to Gizmo Stanolis, the guinea pig who won this year's pet photo calendar contest and is featured on the cover of the 2013 calendar. Over 17,000 votes were cast to determine the 12 winners. Thank you to all who participated and cast votes. Calendars are now available and can be purchased at the shelter and the Lights of Love Holiday Booth at the Westwood Mall for only \$12.00 each, with 100% of the proceeds go toward caring for our homeless animals.

Events & Fundraisers: We are thankful for the hard work and efforts that went into these events that support UPAWS: Wash-N-Wag Fundraiser, 4th of July Doggy Dash, Benefit Rummage Sale for UPAWS, Super One Labor Day Cookout, King of the Mountain Event by Double Trouble DJ's, Up North Lodge and Full Throttle Bar & Grill Bike Nights.

UPAWS is getting a facelift! Stop by the shelter and see the changes and hear what is next!
Thank you to the volunteers instrumental in improving UPAWS

Kennel Sponsors

Thomas and Jeannette Chevrette

Mary Pelton Cooper in honor of her Dogs

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Ruth and Philip Spade in Memory of 'Toto' and in Honor of 'Beegee'

Andy Griffin Construction says: Be cautious about feeding your pet leftovers this holiday season. A small amount of people food is a large amount of calories for a pet.

Strut Your Mutt 2012

The Seventh Annual "Strut Your Mutt" 2012 Charity Walk for Homeless Animals held September 8th at Mattson Lower Harbor Park was a HUGE success thanks to the outstanding support from our wonderful community!

Dogs and their people pals enjoyed a morning of socializing, food, contests, games, exercise and "dog-gone" fun! The power and compassion of our community raised \$25,000 for the homeless animals at the shelter! All the money raised goes to help sheltered pets find new loving homes.

Prizes were awarded to the top pledge raisers in each category:

YOUTH:

- 1st - Michelle Doney \$823
- 2nd - Cassie Peterson \$500
- 3rd - Ashley Steer \$300

ADULT:

- 1st - Karlyn Rapport (and Oliver) \$1917
- 2nd - Beth Van Dreef \$1500
- 3rd - Kerry Willey \$1135

Special recognition to Lareina Van Strien for raising \$1439 In Honor of the UPAWS Staff

A HUGE Thank You to all the participants, pledge raisers, donors and TV6, local newspapers, radio media, business and individual donors, as well as our hard working volunteers and staff. Without the support of our community UPAWS would not be able to do all it does for our homeless animals who cannot speak for themselves.

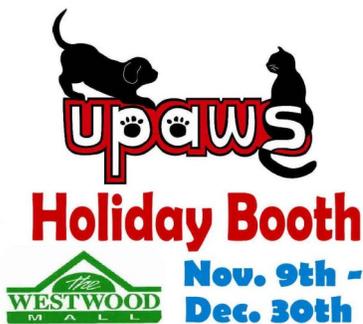


*Strut Your Mutt Leader of the Pack:
Wyatt T. Fosburg*

The UPAWS Holiday Booth Is Open!

The UPAWS Holiday Booth is open at the Westwood Mall in Marquette through the Holidays. We'll have t-shirts and sweatshirts, jewelry, catnip toys, and unique handcrafted items donated by shelter supporters. If you loved our local pet photo calendar last year, the 2013 calendar is available and makes the perfect gift.

This time of year is always a great time to remember or honor a family pet by placing an ornament on our special 'Lights of Love' tree at the mall. Each ornament is only \$5 and all proceeds benefit our shelter. Ask how you can add your pet's picture to the ornament! You can download the order form off of our website, pick one up at the mall, or sign up at the holiday booth.



We're open Wednesday through Sunday afternoons, with longer hours on Saturday. All proceeds benefit the homeless animals we care for 365 days a year!

FOX MQT, Charter Media & UPAWS Make a GREAT Team!

The Collars for a Cause pet adoption fair that was held at Fox Marquette on Wednesday, August 22nd was a huge success!

A BIG Thank You to Fox Marquette for holding this event and donating the adoption fees for all the pets and to Charter Marketing Coordinator, Kris Burke and Charter Media for coordinating the event.

9 cats, 3 kittens, 6 dogs and 1 guinea pig, 2 pet rats and 1 degu found their "forever homes" that day!



Left to right - Kris Burke Charter Media, D.J. McQuaide FOX MQT, John Bennett Charter Media, Ann Brownell UPAWS Community Relations Chair, Reva Laituri UPAWS President, Lareina Van Strien UPAWS Manager, and UPAWS volunteers Carol Janchenko, Karen and Joe Rhodes, Crystal Swanson

“Love is” by Deb Pascoe

I have little patience for people who believe that our pets are only attached to us because we fill their food bowls and scoop their poop. I have less patience for people who state that belief in my presence.

No, I've never gotten a valentine from my dog. No, my cat isn't the least bit inclined to fetch my slippers for me. But the love of our pets, just like the love of we highly evolved humans, is intangible. It can't be measured, weighed or otherwise quantified. Pet love is exactly like human love: we know it when we feel it.

Providing food, water and shelter to a pet – particularly to one adopted from a shelter – will earn you a lifetime of gratitude and devotion. Playing with, walking, talking to and cuddling your pet – in short, making him a member of the family – is what brings out the love. Watch what happens when you offer your pet a full bowl of food. He perks up and zeroes in on dinner. That's appreciation. What happens when you walk in the door at the end of the day? You get a juggernaut of wild, four-legged joy aimed exclusively at wonderful you (or, if you're a cat owner, a warm, leg-winding, purr-accented hello). That's love.

If you need more evidence, please consider Exhibit A, the Case of the Fluffy Cat and the Tall Young Man.

My son, Daniel, has never filled a bowl with cat chow, never scooped a ripe litterbox, never run a brush over the silky coat of Sadie, my cat. Yet he is without a doubt at the top of Sadie's list of favorite two-leggers. She adores him. When he lived at home she would hurry to sit outside his bedroom door when she heard his alarm clock sound. And there she would wait until he emerged to stroke her head and say, “Morning, Sade.”

She lets Daniel carry her baby-style, cradled in his arms on her back, legs splayed, paws pointing skyward. When I try that move (she is my cat) she twists out of my arms and escapes with a parting shot, an offended “Miaow!”

Not convinced? Consider if you will Exhibit B, the case of Deb's Devoted Dog. Indy has been walked by each of my kids. My daughter Melissa has bathed him, fed him, and filled his bowl. All three kids have played with him, fed him treats, and rubbed his nubby gray belly. And all three agree, as do I, that I am number one with a bullet on Indy's hit parade.

Indy sleeps curled up against my side every night. When I'm home he dogs my every step (pun intended), chooses to sit by me (or on me) no matter who else is in the room, and when I'm away, he makes frequent trips to the front window, waiting for my car to pull back into the driveway.

He stares into my eyes with a devotion I can feel. When he lies down beside me he exhales a sigh that is pure bliss. When I cry he climbs into my lap and buries his head in my neck.

Wouldn't you call that love? If you wouldn't, don't waste your breath trying convince me otherwise. I believe what I believe. Love knows no breed. Love knows no species. Anyone who's shared their lives and opened their hearts to an animal understands.

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.



Spay Day USA

Working with the local vets, UPAWS has been able to participate in Spay Day USA for many years. Because of their wonderful generosity, Spay Day USA has been successful in altering 100 dogs and 76 cats over the last 3 years! We are excited to announce Spay Day USA 2013! Starting February 1st, UPAWS (working with the local vets) will sign up Marquette County pets for reduced cost spaying and neutering. This wonderful program has gone a long way in providing an important surgery to those that need it, reducing the pet overpopulation and preventing unwanted litters from arriving at shelter doors. Thank you to the local vets for helping with the program and watch our website for details!

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Bart's Cards

“Pleased to Meet You!” by Liz Peppin

Wouldn't it be great if all it took to introduce a new cat to your resident feline(s) was a moment of nose-sniffing and sharing a nice plate of tuna? Well, cats being cats, it's sometimes not that simple. But learning a few things about cat psychology, along with a few tips, will help you introduce your cats successfully. Use the following information to develop your plan

Cat psychology: Cats are creatures of habit. Some cats do not readily accept a new member of the family; they may need time to get used to the idea. A certain amount of hissing, posturing and chasing is to be expected. Moving step-by-step through the introduction process will help the two new friends adjust.

Safe Room: To allow time for both cats to adjust to the new situation, keep the new cat in a safe room such as a small spare room or even bathroom with his food and water, litter box, bed, scratching post, and toys for several days to a week. You'll notice that the new cat will thoroughly explore every inch of the room before settling in; keeping her to a small space initially makes the moving experience much less stressful for her and gets her accustomed to her new home.

Positive Association: Once you've set up her space, you're ready to start letting the cats make positive associations between one another. Associations with each other need to be as pleasing as possible to reduce possible friction when they finally have free access. Feed the cats on each side of the dividing door, so they learn to associate each other with the pleasure of food. Each day, move the food bowls closer to the door until they are immediately across from each other. The cats will hear and smell each other as they eat. You might also attach two toys with a 12-inch long string and put one toy on each side of the door so the cats can play with each other.

Scent: For animals, smells are far more important than appearances, so let the pets get used to each other's scent before meeting face-to-face. Once the newcomer is used her safe room, let her have free time in the house while confining the other pets to the new cat's safe room. This lets the resident cat get used to smelling the newcomer's scent on what she probably considers 'her' territory, and gives the new cat a chance to explore the remainder of the house without having a confrontation with the resident cat. Make sure to supervise the new cat while she explores the house. It may be best to allow her access to only one or two other rooms each time to decrease her stress. After 20-30 minutes, or if the new cat seems very fearful, switch the cats back to their original spaces. After the switcheroo, use two doorstops to prop open the dividing door just enough to allow the pets to see each other. Repeat this process over a period of days.

Slow and steady: When you're finally ready to let the pets meet, supervise closely. Some might sit and stare, or even do some mutual sniffing. Try talking soothingly, offering treats to both cats, and dangling toys in front of them for distraction. Or they might sniff each other, hiss, and walk away – this is to be expected.

Break it up: The cats may be stressed when they meet. They may posture and make a lot of noise. But if there are signs of increasing aggression (flattened ears, growling, spitting, crouching), make a distracting noise such as clapping your hands or throwing a pillow nearby to distract them. If the standoff continues, very carefully herd them into separate parts of the house to calm down. If the cats continue to disagree, you may need to go back a few steps in the introduction process or start the introduction process over again.

Additional ways to reduce tension: Keep an eye on all interactions for the first week or so, not letting the cats have free access to one another when nobody is home. Finally, keep the food and litter setup established in the safe room, at least for the a while. Have one litter box per cat plus one extra, and consider keeping litter boxes and/or food dishes in different parts of the house for the first few weeks or months to reduce the potential for intimidation. Try to keep the resident pet's routine as close to what it was before the newcomer's arrival. Give both cats plenty of love and affection, and never punish them for displaying fearful or aggressive behavior – cats have their own way of adjusting to change and time is needed.

And what about kittens? A kitten under 16 weeks old is a baby and haven't had time to learn proper introduction skills. It may sound funny but a tiny kitten can still intimidate an adult cat! For adult cats who have never seen a kitten before, kittens are strange creatures, not acting like any cat they have encountered before. That does not mean the adult cat won't come to accept a kitten living in the same home. Adult cats and kittens can and do wind up getting along just fine.

Successful introductions usually require time and patience. The introduction process can take from days to a few weeks, or even a few months in some cases. This is a great time to bond with your new kitty and get to know their personality. The time you spend gradually introducing your cats will eventually be rewarded with years of harmonious feline companionship.



Kitten Ollie with his best friend and senior kitty George

Shina, Finding her Way Home

Shina arrived at UPAWS November 3rd, 2010 when her former owner had to relocate to assisted living. Shina's big, bright eyes and gentle face captured the hearts of the staff. She could often be found on the lap of one of our Animal Caregivers with a big purr and a look of contentment on her face. We thought Shina's big bright eyes would help place her in a new home right away, but time went by and Shina watched other felines leave before her.

As Shina settled into life at UPAWS, the staff started to notice some changes in her health. Shina avoided eating, was losing weight and although she always had a loud purr, it changed to a loud, raspy sound. The staff was concerned about her so she was taken to the vet. Shina received a radiography, blood work, fecal analysis, urine analysis and a barium swallow, but nothing was found.

During this process of trying to discover what was bothering Shina, UPAWS had the good fortune to have one of our caring and dedicated foster family's offer to give her a break from the shelter. Shina went home 'temporarily' with the Kinnunen's to try to alleviate her stress.

As time progressed, the vet's reached a conclusion that Shina has a intestinal tumor that was too invasive to follow up with surgery. It was suggested to keep her comfortable and let her have a good life with what time was left. Upon hearing this news the foster family had the option to bring her back. But true to their nature, they kept Shina with them.

Time went by and the foster family took on the responsibility of taking Shina to her frequent vet appointments and providing loving care for her. And, a surprise to us all, Shina started to get better. She thrived under the new temporary guardianship and started to gain weight and sound better.

Then on Feb 2nd 2012, the Kinnunen's arrived at UPAWS – this typical event usually means they are ready to take on another foster - but to our surprise, and to many tears, they announced that they would adopt Shina. After over 1 year in foster care, Shina arrived home, and lucky for her, it was the home she had already found.

Shina found her niche at her new home. She could often be found cuddling in her favorite spot or on the lap of her favorite person, Andrew. She lived with the Kinnunens until September 2012 when her health started to fail her and she passed on.

This story is a phenomenal tribute to the foster homes in support of UPAWS. Shina's family knew she didn't have as much time left as some of the other cats, but they opened their hearts and home to give her the time left in a caring environment. Shina was blessed to have the Kinnunens and she truly found the home she deserved.

Rest In Peace and Love Shina

-Lareina Van Strien



Dr. Kirk Vestal helped Ireland find her forever home by Sponsoring her adoption fee!

"forever family". Your name will be posted on the pet's website adoption page and on the pets shelter kennel or condo, or you can remain anonymous.

You can also give the gift of sponsorship to someone else! We will send the gift recipient a special card with the picture of the pet they are sponsoring, information about the pet, and how this gift donation has helped their pet have a second chance.

Learn more about the "Shelter Pet Sponsorship Program" by visiting www.upaws.org or calling us at 906-475-6661

Give the Gift of Love!

The best gift comes from your heart! Share a gift of life and love this holiday season or for any special occasion. Gifts from UPAWS provide your loved ones with the warm feeling of caring and sharing.

Adopt a Pet ~ Gift Certificates

UPAWS will be offering gift certificates to adopt a pet this holiday or anytime. You can purchase a gift certificate today and then bring the lucky gift recipient to the shelter at a later date so that they can help choose their new addition to the family.

Sponsor a Shelter Pet – Gift Sponsorships

You can choose to give a gift of a "Shelter Pet Sponsorship" by sponsoring a shelter dog or cat or small pet. For as low as \$10 donation, you can help homeless pets in our care find their

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In Honor of:

Mary & Jim Armstrong From: Dennis & Mary Vertanen
Ashley's Birthday From: Jim & Rene Kinnunen
Julia Bacon's master's degree graduation From: John & Judith Ashby
Janice Barber From: Darrell Barber, Kirk & Kirsten Matthews
Blueberry Fest voters From: Shana Baril
John Conklin From: Deanna Hemmila
Christina Edwards From: Beth Maata
Autumn Grovogl From: Deb Winkler
Dale Hemmila & Patti Samar's Wedding From: Marilyn & Hugh Hart, Matthew Helms & Shawn Starkey, Teresa & Osmond (Spike) Kemp, Kathleen Lehtomaki, Gary & Llewanna Salo, Kimberly Regan & Alan Tarnowski, Charlie & Jan Samar, Marilyn Sumner, David & Linda Turri
Constance Hofer From: Robert Hofer
The Wedding of George Hyde & Vicki Girard From: Tracy Altoft, Donna Florec, Becky Moyle, Judi Phare, Shari Quayle
Donald & Marty Lecom From: Lance Lecom
Virginia Olson on Mother's Day From: Pam & Dan Clark, Paula & Daniel Rampe
Stacy St. Onge From: Northern Veterinary Associates
Tammy Thompson From: Ken & Terri Arseneau
UPAWS Staff From: Linda Matthews
Lareina VanStrien From: Deb Winkler
Evelyn Whitman's Birthday from: Yvonne Anderson
David Williams From: Deb Winkler
Brooke Wisuri From: Beth Maata
Bill Wood From: Randolph & Carrie Osstyn
Deborah, Donna, Elynor, Gail, and Virginia, the 'crafty crew': From Carol

In Memory of:

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Linda Adamini From: Donald Conrad, Col. Bernadette Reider, Thomas & Nancy Russo
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Donald Anderson From: Dale Anderson, Michael & Vicki Barrett, Joshua Forrester, Linwood & Susan Jackson, Cheryl & Bruce Radloff, Robert & Rose Saxwold, Ronald & Judith Setter, Eileen Smith
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Vince Reed From: Barbara & Daniel Carpenter
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Lois Trynoski From: Teresa Marietti
Betty Washburn From: Janet Trotter
Richard Washburn From: Kevin & Paula Connors, Cindy Makela
Violet Yenore & 'One-Eye' From: Mary & Steven Bertucci
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Special Thank You to:

4-H Club members who put on an event to benefit Sally's Ride.
96th District Court Employee Support Groups for their donation.
Action Shopper for their weekly Pet Page
Art of Framing for their 'Frame Your Pet' promotion.
Ericka Asmus for her lemonade stand to help our shelter.
Bay Shore Veterinary Hospital for helping UPAWS with our cats for adoption
Bella Beads for inviting UPAWS to Blueberry Fest again this year!
Natalie Birney for helping us with her lemonade stand.
Child & Family Services – Summer program children's donations.
Cruise-N-Coffee for their special promotion.
Dee Dee from Sunny 102 for her daily UPAWS radio segment
Daisy Troop 5068 for their donation from cookie sales.
Double Trouble DJ's for their 'Battle of the Bands' fundraiser.
Family Video (Mqt. & Negaunee) held a 'bones' promotion.
Full Throttle Bar & Grill for their 'bike night' fundraiser.
Hardee's of Mqt. held a fundraiser to help.
Mel Hirvonen for his candle sales to benefit our shelter.
Ishpeming Comm. Federal Credit Union Employees for their 'jean day' fundraiser.
Lasco, Inc. for helping with a golfing fundraiser.
Linda and Gary Dionne for updating the electrical work and more!
Mares-Z-Doats for their 'round-up' fundraiser & adopt-a-thon
MARESA students for their fundraiser.
MGH Medical Research dept. for their 'pop fund' proceeds.
The Mining Journal donated part of their Pet Pawrade proceeds.
The Muldoons for donating a portion of their music sales.
"Mutt Scrubbers" for their fundraiser to help our shelter.
NMU Dorms RA held a fundraiser to help us.
Party Perfect Fundraiser for donations
Pet Sitters Plus for their UPAWS days fundraiser.
Public Service Garage 'Classic Car Show' donations.
Range Bank Employees for their donation.
Rotary Club of Marquette for their donation.
Superior Family Chiropractic for inviting us to their 'Health Palooza' day.
Superiorland Bridge Club for their donation.
U.P. Catholic Credit Union staff for their fundraiser.
UpNorth Lodge for their 'Bike Night' fundraiser.
Sam Wedin had a lemonade stand to help UPAWS.
Tractor Supply for adopt-a-thon
Woodland Senior Living Community for their kind donations.

This year UPAWS lost a dear friend and supporter. Shelly Johnson will be dearly missed.

U.P Pet Loss Support Group meets the last Tuesday of every month at Peter White Public Library in the Shiras room from 7-8pm.

Donations received after September 30, 2012 will be listed in our next newsletter. Volunteers compile this list, if we have inadvertently missed someone or something, we apologize & please let us know.

In Memory of Pets:

'Ace' From: Tombo, Karen, Tommy, Jarl & Johnny Peters
'Bailey' From: Karen & Joe Rhodes
'Bailey' & 'Shadow' From: Garrett & Ann Brownell
'Beauty' 'Biscuit' 'Napper' 'Jedda' 'Chipper' 'Ziggy' 'Sam' & 'Annie'
From: Virginia Olson
'Blue Line' From: Susan Ritter
'BooBoo Bear' 'Coquine' 'Subite' & 'Piquante' From: Helen Kahn
'Brady' & 'Jack' From: Harley & Cheryl Andrews
'Bubba' From: Alton & Judy Conrad
'Buddy' From: Carol & John Pitz
'Dante' From: John & Terry Basolo
'Dasha' & 'Sydney' From: David & Linda Wommer
'Eddie' From: Tony & Susan Tollefson
'Fire' Fro: Sabrina & Gene Suardini
'Genny' From: Sally Ann Olson
'Ginger' From: Lois St. Onge & Robert Peters
'Jack' From: Michael Gach
'Jack' & 'Brady' From: Ann Wood
'Jazmin' From: Craig & Teresa Marietti
'Libby' From: Pam & Dan Clark
'Lily' From: Crystal Swanson
'Mickey Mouseketeer' From: William & Kathleen DeGenaro
'Missy' From: June Menard
'Misty' From: Joseph & Tokiko Amorelli
'Mitzi' From: Raymond & Dolores Mattson
'Molly' From: Cathy & Stephen Nelson
'Oreo' From: Ann Fossmo
'Oreo' 'Tekka' 'Scruffy' Willie Wonka' 'Darling Darla' 'Heidi' 'Dagmar'
'Taffy' 'Brandy' & 'Pistol Pete' From: Ron & Janice Lovel
'Oscar' From: Donald & Irene DeRoche
'Patch' From: Jo Foley
'Queenie' From: Elaine Priuska
'Reggie' From: Renee & John Prince, Kellie Barry Angeli, Mary Dowling, Sue LeGalley
'Ruffy' From: Renee & John Prince, Kellie Barry Angeli
'Sassie' From: Nita Martin
'Sebastian' From: Terri Todd
'Shadow' From: The Koski Family
'Shelby' & 'Salsa' From: Jo Foley
'Spooner' From: Jo DeRoche
'Sunny' From: Richard & Nan Karno

In Honor of Pets:

'Bear' & 'Pika' From: Brad Jackson
'Daisy Rae' From: 'Crash' 'Kenny' & 'Scooby'
'George's' 17th Birthday From: Ann & Garrett Brownell
'Mollyann' 'Cash' 'Popeye' & 'Josie' From: Judith Meyer
'Murray' From: Gail Guizzetti
'Psukae' From: Julie Antilla-Garza
'Sadie Sue, Ollie & Elliot' From: Ann & Garrett Brownell
'Tammy' From: Ken & Teri Arseneau
'Tyson' From: Heidi Arpiainen



faithful friends

What Footprints Will You Leave Behind?

Every year thousands of animals need our help.

They need food, shelter, medicine, and they need our love. They need forever homes the most.

We are so grateful to all of our donors and friends for your generous financial support that has made UPAWS one of Michigan's top shelters.

Please consider a gift to UPAWS in your will or estate plan. So many of us don't do this and it's a shame because it is so simple. And, not only would such a gift be wonderful for

UPAWS, putting a will together will help those you leave behind to know your last wishes.

You've meant so much to UPAWS and have our gratitude. We hope you'll take the few easy steps so the animals we help will benefit from your love of them in the future.

Please call the Shelter at 475-6661 and we'd be happy to share information on how easy it is to make a gift through a will and trust.

Events & Activities

Lights of Love Holiday Booth at West Wood Mall

Open until the end of the year 2012

Perkins Restaurant Give Back

Monday-Friday. Mention UPAWS when ordering

Pet Photos with Santa at Mares-Z-Doats

December 1st, 2012

UPAWS Home for the Holidays Open House

December 15th, 2012

Book and Media Swap

January 2013

NMU Hockey Game sponsored by Down Town EyeCare

January 19, 2013

Animoosh Skijor Race

January 27, 2013

Spayghetti Dinner

February 2013

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February 2013



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

Ways to Contribute

I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please apply my donation as follows:

- General Donation
 Membership (\$20 per individual; \$500 lifetime individual)
 Emergency Veterinary Care for a shelter animal
 Kennel Sponsor (\$500 for a 6 month sponsorship)
 Pet Adoption Sponsorship [] cat [] dog [] other _____
 [] In Memory [] In Honor
 [] Person's Name _____
 [] Pet's Name _____
Notify: _____

- Pet Booster (\$5 per animals) Names _____
 Other _____

Business Memberships Only:

- _____ \$100-199 Supporter _____ \$500-999 Patron
_____ \$200-499 Sponsor _____ \$1,000 + Benefactor

Business Name: _____

Other Ways to Help:

- Send me information on the "Dollars-A-Month" program.
 Send me information on leaving a bequest to UPAWS
 Send me information on becoming a volunteer

Personal Information

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First Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

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Name on Card: _____

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Monthly Direct Donation Information

I would like to give \$_____/Month & have it deducted from my:

Checking Account Savings Account

Acct # _____

Routing # _____

Name of Bank: _____

I would like my donations to be deducted on: ___1st or ___15th of each month (or the next business day)

I would like my donation to:
 stop at the end of this year continue indefinitely

Please make checks out to UPAWS.
All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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