“Cindy Lou Who”  We adopted Cindy Lou Who (yes that is her given name, we never changed it) 6 years ago. The joy this little girl has brought us has been amazing! It was not long before she decided that my husband is the love of her life. She won his heart and pretty much rules the roost in this house. She is silly, temperamental and sometimes so overwhelmed with love for people that she cannot contain herself! She will fall on the floor and just cry with joy, her whole body, not just her tail, wagging! I cannot say enough for all the wonderful work you do. I will forever be grateful to UPAWS for placing Cindy Lou Who with my husband and I. We just love Lou, Lou!

~ Sharon Bodenus

“Sundae”

Everything is great here with kitty Snickers, that we renamed Sundae. She is growing, and is very playful and affectionate. She really enjoys playing with little balls of yarn, and catnip mice. We are still training her not to jump onto kitchen counters and the stove, for her safety and our appetites! She is very friendly to people, which makes her popular with our grandchildren. Sundae and our terrier have made friends, and all is well. Thanks for the friendly people working there, and the ease and thoroughness of the 'adoption' process. We appreciate the work you do.

~ Karen and Walt Maki

“Ivy”

Ivy is now called Maureen and she is the most beautiful addition to our family that we could have hoped for! She is the most talkative cat and has so much funny energy that she absolutely lights up our days. As you probably know, she has had some issues with using her litter box, but with patience and the addition of two more boxes around the house, she is doing very well. She has had a couple of accidents, but we live in a house where an accident doesn’t ruin anything. My other cat, Burt, points out where Maureen has pooped and I clean it up and try to figure out what happened that she went where she did. Sometimes it’s a closed door or a plant that was closer than a box. She has settled in beautifully and she is confident, brave, and hilarious. She has her forever home with us. Thank you for the work that you do and for bringing Maureen into our lives.

~ Bridgette Jaakola
A few of us recently had the opportunity to attend the Best Friends National Conference in Las Vegas. With over 1,700 attendees and nearly 100 presenters, the amount of information, levels of expertise, passion and dedication that we were exposed to during the four day conference, was enormous. The theme of this year’s conference was “Together, we can save them all.” As speakers, presenters and attendees shared their experiences it was humbling, inspiring, motivating and educating. The stories were of ordinary people finding their purpose and accomplishing extraordinary things. We listened to Adam Braun’s story of how he exchanged a promising and lucrative career on Wall Street to start an organization that has built over 200 schools around the globe... all before the age of 30. And it all started with a little street boy on the Ganges River in India who, when asked if he could have anything answered, “a pencil”. And Gregory Castle, Co-founder and CEO of Best Friends who, at the age of 72, became the oldest racer to complete the Grand to Grand Ultra Marathon in southern Utah – 170 miles in 7 days, carrying a 20 pound back pack through some of the most grueling terrain in the country. And why did he do it? To raise $200,000 for the animals. And Brent Toellner who, with no experience in running a shelter, in 2011 joined several others to form the Kansas City Pet Project, bid on contract to run the Kansas City, Missouri pound, and in just 10 days increased the save rate by more than 100%, turning it into the third largest, open admission, no-kill shelter in the U.S.

What do these people have in common? They all found a purpose to their lives and decided they had the ability to make a difference in the world. There was nothing special about them. They were just ordinary people who made the conscious decision to make this world just a little bit better. While we may not receive the notoriety as these individuals, we do share the ability to change lives, whether they be people or animals. We do that by donating, giving of our time, and sharing our skills, talents, and knowledge. Everyone has something to offer.

Many of us have found our purpose and everyday make small differences that together change the world. You, as a member of our UPAWS family, are helping to transition the country into a no-kill nation. That is a truly revolutionary achievement, literally meaning the difference between life and death for millions of animals! A goal that was deemed impossible just a few short years ago is now attainable within our lifetimes. All because we as individuals have made a decision to change the status quo in our little corner of the world.

To paraphrase a favorite quote, “Saving just one animal won’t change the world, but surely it will change the world for that one animal.” In reality, if each of us saves one animal, collectively we can, and do, change the world. Our actions are like pebbles dropped in water that cause ripples to spread outward. Animals can be saved. They can enjoy safe, healthy and happy lives.

I would ask that you find your purpose. Be that pebble. Change the world. Ordinary people do extraordinary things every day.

Wishing you and your fur babies a safe and happy holiday season!

~ Reva Laituri UPAWS Board President
Last year UPAWS saw 1628 animals come through our doors and into our programs. Over 1263 of those animals were adopted, 272 were returned to their loving owners and 21 were transferred to No-Kill shelters and rescues. We are proud of these numbers, we are proud that each animal was valued, given love and given a chance.

But these are still just numbers, and although they matter, what matters more are the faces. The animals named Sam, Jeffy, Dexter and Tobs. The animal with the long, wagging tail and the animal with the short, fast-wagging, stubby one. The one that loves to cuddle, finds joy in a tennis ball, or fascination in a laser pointer. The friend with the white whiskers, pink, little nose and orange stripes. The kitties with the loud purrs and the kitties with the soft gentle ones, or the beautiful white kitty that shines and the cat with the deep, black fur that shimmers.

All the numbers are important, they show that your donation is working, that the community is continuing to support a No-Kill shelter, and that UPAWS has a save rate of over 95%. But imagining the faces of the cats, dogs, ferrets, birds, horses, rabbits, guinea pigs and more is by far a better way to know you are making a difference. Putting a face, and better yet, a name, to your donation is truly what it is all about.

So please join our Facebook community or our website where imagining the faces turns into seeing the faces. Where giving a donation turns into a story. And please donate today. Give a donation and make all the faces, whiskers, tails, adorable paws and beautiful souls turn finding a home into a reality, and not imagined. Thank you for your support and your donation. Please have a wonderful, furry, cuddly Holiday Season.

~ With Love, Lareina

Scan code with smartphone to visit UPAWS Facebook page

Tobs: UPAWS sees many seniors looking for new homes. Although they may be seniors we like to consider them all young at heart. Tobs was certainly one of our young seniors. This sweet, gentle soul certainly captured the attention, won the hearts of all and found a special match to call home. He’s now living a spoiled life!

Ellie and Emily: One incredibly adorable whiskered face is enough to make your day, if not your whole week. So how about these two! Emily and Ellie gave us many smiles during their stay at UPAWS, and now their lucky adopter (yes, they were adopted together!) will share many wonderful days with these special kitties.

Einstein: Working together is changing the face of shelters, including UPAWS. When other shelters connect together, great things happen. Recently UPAWS had some space to take a dog or two from a shelter that in the past has helped us rehome over 25 small critters. The results? Adorable little Einstein came into our lives! Meeting this spunky, wonderful boy changed our lives and in return, we were able to help out another shelter.

Squeakers: Last year UPAWS saw over 150 small critters. Although one of many, guinea pig Squeakers is one of a kind. He has a quick little voice, a love of baby carrots and a face that makes the camera happy.
Holiday Pet Tips brought to you by UPAWS

Business Members

- Keep holiday foods out of reach. They can upset pet’s stomach.
- Carefully watch candles. Keep them away from where your pet is.
- Create a safe haven for your pet away from loud and busy holiday noise and parties.
- Be careful with holiday plants. Common items such as mistletoe, holly, poinsettias and lilies can be poisonous to your dog or cat.
- Holiday lights can lead to new cords scattered around the house. Be sure all cords are taped down or completely out of reach for your pets.
- Avoid long strings, lights or décor in areas accessible to pets. Pets like to play and could easily mistake a string of lights as a toy. Unfortunately, this could lead to choking or other accidents.

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To request information on including UPAWS in your planned giving, contact Steffani at 906.475.6661 or email FaithfulFriends@upaws.org

UPAWS Adoption Programs

Aged to Purr-fection: Matches Senior kitties with Senior citizens! Adoption includes FREE litter, dish, cat food/toy and NO ADOPTION FEE!

Golden Paws: Many of our Golden Oldies are available at a reduced adoption fee!

Barn Buddy Program: Some of our UPAWS kitties are candidates for this program! These kitties for various reasons may not do well in an indoor setting. This program matches these kitties with a warm, safe barn! Adoption Fee only $10!

Lonely Heart Club: 60+ days is a long time for a shelter pet to wait for a family. We at UPAWS think they are very special, so special they get their own club! Plus they are FULLY sponsored by supporters and Swick Home Services.

Happy Birthday Program: Celebrate your birthday in a truly special way! Give yourself the gift of love—adopt a furry friend. Take a trip to UPAWS on your birthday! If you fall in love with your new best friend UPAWS will WAIVE the adoption fee in honor of your birthday! We can think of no better way to celebrate your special day!
**Shelter Shorts**

**Pet Photo Calendar Contest:** Our annual pet photo calendar contest had a record number of 213 entries and 37,291 votes! The UPAWS 2015 Pet Photo Calendar featuring all contest winners and entries can be purchased for $12 each, or 3 or more for $10 each, at UPAWS, at our Holiday Booth at the Westwood Mall in MQT, Bayshore Veterinary Hospital and other places as advertised.

**Michigan Pet Alliance No-Kill Conference:** In September, President Reva Laituri and Shelter Manager Lareina Van Strien attended the MI Pet Fund Alliance No-Kill Conference in Troy, MI. Reva was invited to present a workshop titled “Why No Kill Makes Dollars and Sense: The Economics of No Kill Sheltering”.

**Redemption: The No-Kill Revolution in America—The Movie:** Written by Nathan Winograd of the No Kill Advocacy Center and based on the groundbreaking book of the same name. This documentary film contains information about the activists and communities that support the No-Kill movement in America. The Upper Peninsula Animals Shelter’s story about our journey to becoming an award winning No-Kill Shelter and Board President Reva Laituri are featured. The film will be available for sale and rent on DVD by the end of the year.

**Collars for a Cause Adopt-a-Thons:** Charter Media and Fox Motors held for the first time, two adopt-a-thon events for UPAWS! In August the 7th annual event was held at Fox Marquette and in September a second event was held at the Fox Negaunee location. A total of 35 pets were adopted due to the generosity of Fox Motors.

**Tee Up For Tails:** On July 18th, 18 teams of golfers came out to support our shelter by participating in our “Tee Up For Tails” golf scramble. Thank you to the tee and table sponsors, all who donated prizes and to all the golfers. Check out the pictures from the event and plan on attending next year at our fundraising link on www.upaws.org.

**Strut Your Mutt Charity Walk:** UPAWS 9th annual “Strut Your Mutt” 2014 Charity Walk for Homeless Animals held Saturday, September 6th at Mattson Lower Harbor Park was a HUGE success thanks to the outstanding support from our wonderful community! Prizes were awarded to the top pledge raisers in each category: ADULT: 1st - Karlyn Rapport; 2nd - Beth Krzharich (VanDreel); 3rd – Kathi Fosburg YOUTH: 1st – Cassie Peterson; 2nd – Brianna Holman; 3rd – Jessica Cope and Petra Frazier

**Events & Fundraisers:** We are thankful for the hard work and efforts that went into these events that support UPAWS. Thank you also to all who attended and donated. Wash-N-Wag, Sunrise Doggy Dash, Benefit Rummage Sale for UPAWS, Blueberry Festival and Bella Beads, Jasper Ridge Brewery/Country Grille Fundraiser, UPAWS Beer Tent at the MQT County Fair, Super One Labor Day Cookout, The Throttle Bar & Grill Bike Night, Ore Dock Brewing Company Howwillween Fundraiser, UPAWS Santa Pet Photo Fundraiser at Mares-Z-Doats with Wren Photography.

**Now You Know...the Answers to Three FAQ’s**

**Why does UPAWS hold special “promotions” and off-site adopt-a-thons?** So that we can adopt animals into new loving homes! We see a large influx of people coming to our shelter during special promotions. Off-site adopt-a-thons help bring the animals to the people. It works for us and it is working for many other progressive shelters. Not only do these promotions increase adoptions, they are also fun to do! Discounts are also offered through pet adoption sponsorships where community members make donations toward their adoption. Keep an eye on our website for promotions!

**What animals do you currently have for adoption?** The best way to check our available animals is on our website: www.upaws.org. The website is updated every day and includes pictures and descriptions of most of the animals. If you see an animal you may be interested in adopting, hop in the car and come visit us. We are open from 12-4pm daily and Noon—6:30pm Thursdays.

**Do you receive money from the state or other organizations?** We are a non-profit operating on the kindness and generosity of our community. We are supported financially through donations from our supporters and grants for which we apply. We do not receive any appropriated funding from the county, state, any national animal welfare group, or any other organization. Your contribution will support all the work we do saving animals' lives and finding them loving, caring homes.
Cat Litter Box Solutions

Cats are very clean animals, especially with their litter box habits. If a cat isn’t using their litter box there is a good reason. There are many causes for cats going to the bathroom out of the box. Urinating outside the box is one of the main reasons cats are surrendered to shelters. The majority of the time, this problem can be easily remedied. Fortunately the problem can usually be solved with a trip to the veterinarian or a little detective work. Here are some of the reasons why your cat might stop using the litter box and solutions:

Cat is ill—urinary tract infection (UTI): This is the number one cause of cats having litter box issues. There are many things that can cause UTI’s: feeding low-quality cat food, the cat is not drinking enough water, cat is ingesting things it shouldn’t (garbage, plants, things from outside) stress, etc. A UTI is very painful and is especially dangerous to male cats. A UTI can be fatal. You should bring your cat to the vet immediately if you suspect a UTI and get him/her tested.

Cat is not spayed or neutered: Male cats especially tend to spray if they’re not neutered and that increases if there are other cats in the house. Female cats sometimes spray too for the same reasons. So please get your cat fixed!

Cat was recently declawed: After being declawed, even if you use the special litter from the vet; it may hurt your cat’s paws to step into, and dig, in the litter box, making them not want to use it anymore. If that’s the case then try an even softer litter, there are some pine types or even shredded paper, until your cat gets used to the litter box again and heals completely. Declawing, in addition to being painful, is also very stressful for your cat and stress can cause changes in litter box habits. Please consider all alternatives before declawing your cat. UPAWS can help you with alternatives to declawing and advice.

The Litter Box is Dirty: Some cats will refuse to use a litter box that is dirty resulting in bathroom accidents around the house. Keep the box scooped at a minimum of twice a day

Difficulties Sharing a Litter Box with Other Cats: You should have at least as many litter boxes as you have cats. That way, none of them will ever be prevented from using the litter box because it’s already occupied. Place litter boxes in several locations around the house so that no one cat can prevent the other cats from getting access.

Type of Litter box and Litter: The size of the litter box is very important. If you have a large cat that tends to urinate over the side of the litter box or one who enthusiastically kicks litter, there are several high-sided litter boxes on the market. If you can’t find one large enough, consider using a plastic storage container and cut out an entrance (or a U) on one end for your cat to provide easy access.

Most cats prefer unscented litter. Please remember, don’t abruptly change your cats litter because you feel like it, or a different kind is on sale...cats are creatures of habit, and problems may occur.

Cat is Upset About a Recent Life Change or Event: Stress can be a major cause of inappropriate elimination in cats of all ages. Separation anxiety (yes, cats can have this too as well as dogs), moving, changes in routine, new family members, divorce, strange cats in your yard, smell of strange cats on owners clothing...all can result in inappropriate elimination. Reducing these stressors, or decreasing their impact on the household, will benefit your cat (and probably you, too!).

There is a wonderful book by Pam Johnson Bennett titled, “Think Like a Cat”, which has numerous ways to help reduce your cats stress as well as solutions to common cat behaviors. There are terrific products called Feliway® and Feliway Comfort Zone Plug-In’s® which are designed to help reduce anxiety in cats and in turn decrease spraying or urinating inappropriately. Feliway® contains pheromones from the cat’s face or mouth area. Pheromones are chemicals which are used to communicate with other members of the same species. Cats won’t urinate around their “nests”, so the theory goes that the cat smells the Feliway® and associates it with “nest”. Feliway® has been known to be very successful in rehabilitating cats.

Clean the Areas Thoroughly with the Correct Products: Make sure to clean up the spots where they urinated immediately and really well with a pet stain and odor destroyer. Most pet stores carry some very good products, such as Natures’ Miracle®, that get the smell out. You don’t want your cat to keep urinating after the fact because they still smell the same old smell.

And last but not least, DO NOT punish your cat. Punishing your cat such as yelling, chasing or rubbing his/her nose in the soiled area will NOT help, and will probably increase the stress on your cat. Punishment is not the answer, nor is banning your cat outdoors or immediately giving up on him/her. Think outside the box and be a detective to find the solutions. For long-standing or complex situations, contact your vet or an animal behaviorist who has experience working with cats. UPAWS can also offer advice and help.

~ Ann Brownell—UPAWS Community Outreach Coordinator

UPAWS adopted cat Oliver developed a Urinary tract infection (UTI) most likely due to stress or separation anxiety. An immediate trip to the vet, some antibiotics and a simple change in diet and Ollie is right back on track, healthy and happy.
UPAWS Holiday Booth

The holidays are here and that means that the UPAWS Holiday Booth is open at the Westwood Mall in Marquette! Friendly volunteers will be on hand selling pet-themed items to raise funds for our shelter. We'll have t-shirts and sweatshirts, jewelry, catnip toys and unique items plus our 2015 UPAWS CALENDAR!

Our UPAWS ‘Lights of Love’ tree will also be up. For a donation of $5, your pet’s name (or name and picture) can be on our special tree for the entire holiday season. Forms can be found on our website or picked up from our Holiday booth. Stop, shop and visit each week Wednesday—Sunday and help make your holiday season more beautiful by helping our shelter pets!

“Raise the Woof” Comedy Night —Friday, December 12th

Laugh your tail off while helping the animals at UPAWS! “Raise the Woof” Comedy Night will be held at the Ramada Inn in Marquette on Friday, December 12th. Show starts at 8 p.m. with stand-up acts performed by three nationally recognized comics. Cash bar from 7-11 p.m. and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are available at all NMU ticket outlets or can be purchased on-line at https://tickets.nmu.edu or by calling 227-1032. Limited VIP table seating available. Hope to see you there!

“Home for the Holidays” Open House—Saturday, December 13th Noon—6:30pm

Celebrate the Holidays with UPAWS! The community is invited to come out to visit, meet the shelter staff, volunteers as well as all the wonderful pets. Enjoy baked goods and refreshments. Pets for adoption will have special adoption offers plus all adopted pets will go home with a Christmas stocking gift package. Please come and celebrate the holidays with UPAWS and the pets. It will be a fun, festive time for the whole family, so be sure to mark your calendar! Hope to see you there!

Spay Day USA 2015

Because of the generosity and hardworking staff at our local vets, UPAWS is excited to once again announce Spay Day USA! Starting Jan. 1st, UPAWS will be working with the local vets to sign up local pets for reduced cost spaying and neutering. The program has been a great success in providing surgeries to those that need it, reducing intake to local shelters and keeping your pets healthy. Please watch our website or call UPAWS for details.

ASPCA “Fix Your Feline” Grant Update

In July of 2013 UPAWS received a grant from the ASPCA to fund spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats in the KI Sawyer area. The 'Fix Your Feline' program was made possible not only by the ASPCA, but by the generous services and donations provided by the Gwinn Sawyer Veterinary Clinic. We are very pleased to announce that between the collaboration of UPAWS, ASPCA and Gwinn Sawyer Veterinary Clinic 232 dogs and cats were spayed and neutered! At the conclusion of this program we have great hopes we will see a reduced number of pets surrendered into shelters or in need of rehoming.

We are also thankful we were able to offer the spay and neuter service to those in need.

Thank you to the ASPCA and Gwinn Sawyer Veterinary Clinic and all those that participated. Together we made a difference!
Volunteer Spotlight

We would like to recognize one of our amazing volunteers, Marlene Ombrello, whose dedication to helping animals is evident through her commitment to volunteering at UPAWS. Marlene began volunteering at UPAWS in the summer of 2013. Her outgoing personality, organizational skills and strong work ethic has benefited UPAWS in many ways. She has donated her time to many fundraisers, wish list drives and is one of our volunteer adoption counselors at the Petsmart Adoption Center. Marlene is always willing to help with whatever is asked of her! Marlene is passionate about UPAWS No-Kill mission of providing care and comfort and new loving homes to companion animals in need.

What got you involved in volunteering at UPAWS?
I retired from my job in 2013 after 20 +years as manager of the Marquette Builders Exchange. One of my jobs at the MBE was planning and organizing the U.P. Builders Show in the Superior Dome. After I retired, I pondered for a couple of months what I wanted to do with the "rest of my life". I decided I wanted to volunteer for a local non-profit, but which one? It didn't take me long to decide to fill out the volunteer form for UPAWS. My husband Phil and I had been members of UPAWS for a number of years already and had regularly dropped off donations for the homeless pets. Because of my work experience, I decided that my volunteer efforts would best be needed on outside activities and fundraisers rather than at the shelter itself.

What would you say to someone who is looking to volunteer? Would you recommend it?
For anyone who loves or cares about animals, I would highly recommend volunteering for UPAWS. Homeless animals cannot take care of themselves, and they are appreciative of everything you do for them. They will love you back unconditionally. People say to me, "oh I couldn't work there, because I would want to take all of them home." I say to them, "They need you more than you need them".

You volunteer as a Petsmart adoption counselor. Who is/was your favorite animal and why?
My favorites are the ones who do NOT get adopted so quickly through no-fault of their own, and who remain in their cubbies for more than a couple of weeks. The PetSmart staff and UPAWS volunteers end up praying and cheering for the perfect adopter to walk through the doors. One kitty was beautiful long haired Naia, now called Leonard. Another was beautiful cool dude Bailey and another was precious white haired Darling. They may have waited a little longer, but their perfect moms and dads finally found them and welcomed them into their homes. Needless to say, I've learned that there is a perfect home for every homeless pet at UPAWS.

What do you wish other people knew about UPAWS?
Every time I end up in a conversation with friends about where I volunteer, I make sure to mention the fact that I have never seen such a more dedicated and devoted group than the UPAWS staff, Board Members and volunteers and this is why I chose this group. Each person loves animals, and that is why they are there helping in one way or another. Each animal is loved and taken care of as if it is a member of a family and tears are sometimes shed when they get adopted and leave the shelter. I also mention the fact that UPAWS is considered one of the best no-kill shelters in Michigan which a lot of people do not realize.

UPAWS is forever grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers. We could not succeed in saving the lives of so many animals without you. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team at UPAWS’ visit the Volunteer Opportunities link on our website www.upaws.org or contact volunteer@upaws.org.

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Wish List Items needed at UPAWS:
- Paper Towels
- Non-scoopable Cat Litter
- Canned Cat food
- USA Made Rawhides
- Bedding (towels, blankets, sheets)
The term "soul mate" conjures up images of that perfect someone, the someone who will love us without reservation, accept us without demanding compromise, never finding fault and having no faults themselves. Find your soul mate, the myth promises, and perfect, eternal, unsullied love is yours.

There are myths, and then there's real life. Human love just isn't that perfect. Heads butt, tempers flare, birthdays are overlooked; eventually that perfect someone's sheen is worn dull under the wear and tear of ordinary life. If it’s real love, it endures. If it's a flash in the pan, soul mate becomes a stale mate, and the disappointed twosome goes their separate ways.

Whether you long for a soul mate of your own, or roll your eyes at the romantic foolishness of it all, I want to share a secret with you: Your soul mate is out there. Yes, really. But brace yourself: He or she has four legs, feathers, or possibly even scales or fins.

Think about it. Who adores you more than your pet? Who goes berserk every single time you walk through the door, even if you've only stepped outside to bring in the mail? Who nestles in the crook of your neck each night, purring blissfully? Who chirps a happy tune at the sight of you?

I've had pets throughout most of the years of my life - hamsters, fish, cats, dogs, guinea pigs. Each one was special, each one beloved, but only one has been my soul mate. He is nestled beside me on the loveseat as I write this, His name is Indy. I met him at UPAWS in October 2008.

When I met Indy I didn't realize I'd met what author Anne Tyler describes as "the dog of my life," but I do remember feeling an immediate connection with him. When I looked into this miniature schnauzer's shy, brown eyes I felt such an intense wave of emotion that my eyes filled with tears. I knew that Indy was my dog, and Indy seemed to understand that I was his human. As I was filling out his adoption paperwork, another woman came in to look at Indy. "I'm adopting him," I told her.

"Oh, he's so sweet," she said, reaching down to pet him. When she did, Indy inched away and hid behind my legs. Within minutes, Indy had become a one-woman dog.

If you've never had a "soul mate" pet, I encourage you to keep your eyes and heart open. When you find the pet of your life, you will experience love, loyalty, trust, and comfort. Your home will be a warmer place. Your life will be a warmer place. The love and care you provide will come back to you a thousand fold in licks, purrs, snuggles, chirps, or nuzzles. You will gaze into your pet's eyes and know them, and you will feel known. Known, accepted, adored, and loved. You will always be forgiven. You will always be the best human being in the entire world to another living creature. You will - I can almost guarantee it - become a better human being.

Keep your eye on the UPAWS website. Stop by the shelter and meet a few hopeful, adorable adoptables. One day one of those hopeful little beings may look into your eyes and teach you the true meaning of soul mates.

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.

“Calls for Critters”

The annual campaign, “Calls for Critters”, was held in October with volunteers contacting UPAWS supporters to obtain pledges as well as providing shelter information.

UPAWS would like to thank everyone who participated for their generosity. Please, if you have pledged or have received a pledge packet, we are hopeful that you will help UPAWS with your tax-deductible donation.

UPAWS is not government-supported. The support of our caring community is essential. Every dollar received helps our mission to improve the quality of life and welfare for domestic animals and to provide a safe haven while finding lifelong homes for the animals in our care.

Thank You from UPAWS!
Special Thank You to:
Country Inn & Suites for use of their conference room
Cruise 'N Coffee staff for their 'dress down for puppies' fundraiser
Jasper Ridge & Country Grill for their 'bones' fundraiser to help us
Miss Independence Princess Contestants for their help
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Superior Contact Staff for their 'wear your jeans to work' proceeds
U.P. Catholic Credit Union Staff for their support
Donna Winters for donations from her book 'Adventures with Vinnie'

Special Thank You to Kids Helping UPAWS
Marley Hagelin had a bracelet fundraiser to help
Lucy & Bryce asked for birthday presents for our shelter
Ryleigh Jackson & Haley Thams for their project to help our shelter
Kids who had a lemonade stand to help:
Reyna & Owen Delbek * East Ridge Koolaid Kids * Emily & Evan Hebert *
Kaycee & Kameron Karp, Jordan & Halle Haynes * Elsa Koss * Averie Kelly & Friends * Evan Milner * Negaunee Lemonade Kids

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Archie From: Brian & Karen Nelson
Barney From: Forrest Libby
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Thankfully our list is extensive. If we have inadvertently missed someone or something, we apologize and please let us know.

Donations received after September 31st, 2014 will be listed in our next newsletter.
**Upcoming Events & Activities**

**UPAWS Holiday Booth**
Until year end - Westwood Mall

**Raise the Woof Comedy Event**
December 12th, 2014 — Ramada Inn, MQT

**UPAWS Home for the Holidays Open House**
December 13th, 2014 - UPAWS

**Chili Cook-off Fundraiser**
January 17th, 2015 — Red Rock Lanes and Banquet Center, Ishpeming

**UPAWS Social Hour**
February 2015 — Riverside Auto Mall

**Spay Day USA**
February 2015

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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