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Let's All Go to "Paws Park" WOOF!

It's dog-gone time! UPAWS has opened the first community year-round dog park in the U.P. on our new campus!

The support from our community made the dream of a new facility come true. In return, we asked what you would like to see included. A year-round dog park was one of the biggest requests. The Dog Park Committee continued to make this a community-focused project by polling our fans for their favorite dog park name and logo.

The park is completely fenced in with 8-foot fencing and has waste bag dispensers and trash receptacles. There are two separate entrances (15 feet apart) from one another and a separate fenced area for small dogs, below 25 pounds, to interact safely. Water spigots are available in both park areas.

The corners of the park fence have been rounded to avoid incidents and to discourage digging. Every detail, from the design to rules and etiquette, involved years of research and development by UPAWS (ad hoc) Dog Park Committee. This is designed to help your pet socialize and exercise safely.



Annual permits must be purchased, and proof of your dog's current vaccinations is required. Members will receive a key fob that allows park access. We encourage members to familiarize themselves with the rules, etiquette, and the recommendations to ensure you and your pet enjoy your time at Paws Park to the fullest.

By becoming a member you're helping the homeless animals in our community find their forever homes. Paws Park is a volunteer-driven project to create additional revenue for UPAWS. We want you to take ownership of this park. Once you are a member, this is your park. If you haven't had a chance to witness your dog enjoy the freedom of being off-leash romping and playing with their canine friends — well, you are in for a real treat!

Registration packets are available at www.upaws.org and at our facility. The first 50 people to sign up for memberships will be eligible to earn a second year-long membership for free. A grand opening celebration will be held at a later date.

~ Amber Talo, Paws Park Committee Chair

For more information, contact dogpark@upaws.org



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2020 Pet Photo Calendar Contest
 Contest voting July 1st—31st

Blueberry Festival
 July 26th Downtown Marquette

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 August 17th at UPAWS

Super One Labor Day Cookouts
 Marquette/Negaunee Super Ones
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Strut Your Mutt Charity Walk for
Homeless Pets
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 SUNDAY, September 15, 2019

Sally's Ride Fundraiser
 Marquette County Fairgrounds
 September 21, 2019

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 Free Pet Adoption Event
 End of October—Date TBD

Visit our website at upaws.org for
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FROM THE SHELTER

You've heard of the dog days of summer; what about "kitten season"?



No, it's not a fifth season—it's the time of year when cats give birth to homeless litters. Unlike most other animals, cats can keep on reproducing, having litter after litter. In many regions, kitten season can last from spring until early winter.

Kitten season might sound like a blast, especially for cat lovers, but it's a huge strain on shelters across the nation including UPAWS! While those big-eyed baby cats are irresistibly cute, litters upon litters of them can roll in all at once, making kitten season one of the most challenging times of the year in shelters.

On average, a cat can have anywhere from 4-8 kittens, and can become pregnant several times a year. This is a reason why spaying or neutering your cat is so important. A kitten can be spayed or neutered when it is 2 pounds and by 2 months old. There many benefits to having your cat fixed besides eliminating reproduction, such as reducing aggression and possible infections in life.

“Right now we have 89 kittens in foster care! This has been a very busy kitten season. Thank goodness for our wonderful foster caregivers.”

Ann Brownell
 Volunteer & Community
 Outreach Coordinator

How can you help?

Become a 'Kitten Season Hero'! Everyone reading this can become a hero this kitten season, no matter what your age, ability or resources are. In fact, it can take as little as five minutes to help save lives. You can foster a litter of kittens or pregnant mom cat, donate old towels or supplies, make a donation to help with their vet care, or share a post on social media when we post looking for volunteers or adopters.

And you can adopt! Adopt a cute kitten or two (they are even better in pairs), or an adult or a senior cat. Adult and senior cats are often overlooked by potential adopters when kittens are in abundance, so please don't forget the adults. They need you too!

To find out about becoming a Kitten Season Hero, fostering, and more ways on how you can help the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter please contact us at [906-475-6661](tel:9064756661)

Email info@upaws.org or visit our website at www.upaws.org



NO-KILL: what does it *really* mean?

What exactly is no-kill? And what does that mean for the animals we care about and the funding we receive?

A no-kill shelter is an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety.

“As much as anything, no-kill is a rallying cry; a slogan that defines a movement. The term no-kill clearly and powerfully protests the status quo - the killing of millions of healthy and treatable animals in our nation's animal shelters every year. At the same time, it describes a new approach to animal sheltering and a new commitment to saving lives within animal welfare organizations and communities”, says the Maddie's Fund Foundation.

In fact, the Maddie's Fund Foundation no longer refers to individual organizations that save all of their healthy and treatable animals as no-kill agencies; instead, they call them adoption guarantee agencies. An adoption guarantee gives the community confidence that an animal shelter is truly a shelter, that is, a respite on the way to a new loving home. When this happens, communities become an active partner in saving lives. Which is what our caring UPAWS community does in full force!



UPAWS cats, dogs and critters get plenty of enrichment, playtime, socialization, soft comfy beds and lots of TLC while they wait to find their new loving homes.



For UPAWS, no-kill does not mean warehousing animals, allowing animals to suffer or other common misconceptions. To UPAWS, no-kill means being diligent in reaching out to the community. It means sharing a pet's story, utilizing a variety of volunteer foster homes, raising funds for pets with health needs and for significant neglect cases, and it means getting to know each animal as an individual and giving that pet what it needs for a healthy, happy stay in our facility.

Saving animals is no easy task. Every shelter has a limited amount of space and unless it is proactive in its programs, will quickly fill to capacity.

UPAWS consistently puts plans into full gear. Adoption programs, special priced promotions, adoption fee and care sponsorships, off-site adoptions, an active return-to-owner program, an inviting facility with friendly and helpful staff and volunteers, convenient hours, and creative and up-to-date animal advertising are all part of saving lives. These programs and services are part of what is called the No-Kill Equation.

THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES EVERY SHELTER SHOULD HAVE



- ✓ Volunteers
- ✓ Rescue Partnerships
- ✓ Foster Care
- ✓ Trap, Neuter, Release
- ✓ Comprehensive Adoption Programs
- ✓ Medical & Behavior Prevention & Rehabilitation
- ✓ Pet Retention
- ✓ Public Relations/Community Involvement
- ✓ Proactive Redemptions
- ✓ High-Volume, Low-Cost Spay and Neuter
- ✓ Compassionate, Dedicated Leadership

How do we put the UPAWS definition of No-Kill into practice? With the help and support of our amazing no-kill community!

Because of you, we have staff and volunteers that socialize, walk, play, take care of, and snuggle the pets daily. Because of you have a safe, new healthy animal shelter campus for our shelter pets and our community. We have foster families that open up their hearts and homes to pets needing a break from the shelter, healing from surgery, or maybe just a little extra TLC. It is because of our community's donations that the pets in our care get the daily care, housing and the medical attention they deserve.

Achieving and maintaining a true no-kill shelter is hard work, can be costly in both time and money, and always requires coming up with alternatives to killing. It takes unwavering dedication and determination to leave no stone unturned.

Because of YOU, UPAWS is an organization that sees each animal as an individual and finds a home or a rescue for 99% of them, and that every effort is made to secure a safe and loving future for the animals. placed in our care.



Woofs & tail-wags Did you know?

Dogs are as smart as a 2-year-old child

Your toddler and pup are about at the same par when it comes to brains. Dogs can count, understand over 150 words, and even trick people or other dogs to get treats. Intelligence varies based on breed—Border collies are the smartest.

Tail wagging has its own language

If your dog excitedly wags their tail, it means they're happy to see you, right? Not necessarily. According to Discovery.com, dogs wag their tails to the right when they're happy and to the left when they're frightened. Wagging low means they're insecure; and rapid tail wagging accompanied by tense muscles or dilated pupils can signal aggression.

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What would UPAWS do without our dedicated volunteer force? The role of compassionate, dedicated volunteers is vital to our nonprofit organization, and we are grateful for our volunteer team!

Without a good core of volunteers, a shelter cannot make it.

- Shelters are nonprofit. This means they are based entirely on donations of both time and money. No shelter can afford to hire all full-time staff to care for and walk every single animal, plus help run the facility, and that is where volunteers step in.
- Volunteers can socialize the animals, spend time with them, walk them, and even help clean their cages or feed them.
- Volunteers help with events, transfers, offsite projects, fundraisers, and more. The Board of Directors is all volunteers. They are the governing body for UPAWS and help keep our nonprofit on mission.
- Whether you serve on the Board, help in-shelter or volunteer once a year at a fundraiser – ALL volunteers are essential to UPAWS success!

If you are a potential volunteer, a current volunteer, or a former volunteer looking to get back into helping, we have something for you!

From in-shelter support to at-home foster care, volunteers support every facet of our work. **Together, we're creating a more humane world for animals.**

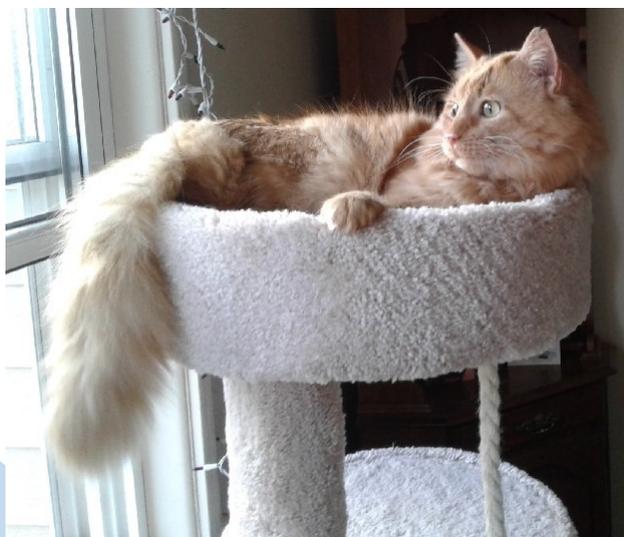
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No pet is perfect for everybody ...but every pet is perfect for somebody

Many of you might remember the cat Barry, who was a long-term resident at UPAWS. Basically, most all of 2+ years! Barry had painful chronic bladder infections, called Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD), that flared up when he was stressed. Barry had a whole big condo to himself by the window, plenty of love from staff and volunteers, and he even was harness trained, and staff and volunteers walked him outside. But even though he had all this, Barry wanted to have a home of his own. While he had many endearing attributes, he was certainly not what most people would consider a perfect adoption candidate. Month after month, people asked about this handsome guy but lost interest when they learned of his FLUTD condition. That is until Rynee. She met Barry and could not get him off her mind. Rynee decided to foster-to-adopt Barry at first to make sure he and she would make a good match. Well, she soon made his adoption official. And now, over a year later, she can't imagine her home without him. For many people, Barry was not a good fit, but for Rynee, he fit perfectly.



***Once thin and scraggly, Barry is now robust and happy. Just look at that plume of a tail!
"I sure do love him! Barry is a keeper!" ~ Rynee***

No pet is perfect for everybody, but every pet is perfect for somebody. Contrary to what some people think, shelter animals are not all broken or flawed. They arrive for many reasons – they may have been strays or arrived as a result of a neglect or cruelty case, owners may have moved to no-pets housing or perhaps died, maybe they could no longer afford to care for the pet or had no time, or in some instances, maybe they did not have the time, skills, or desire to correct behavioral needs. Regardless of why or how they arrived at the shelter, UPAWS believes every animal that comes to us is special and is deserving of a second chance to find a loving home.

There is a home for every pet and while some may take longer than others to find, it is there. It is a costly undertaking to save animals - to give them the extra time, to provide them more exposure, to care for them, to pay for their medical needs – and that is where you come in. Your dollars say you care. **Your donation says every animal is deserving of a second chance. Your gift says they are worth it.**



"Jet was a diamond in the raw! I could see the potential in him. It melts my heart how he showed his trust in me." ~ Julie

Jet (in back) with his pal Shaggy.

Jet came to UPAWS as a 1-year-old dog that had had no training, structure, socialization skills or manners. He was overlooked for adoption nonstop. The meet-n-greets that he did have, he was scared and defensive around the potential adopters. But one UPAWS caregiver, Julie, saw the potential in this young dog. Julie said this, "I always told everybody that he's a diamond in the raw, Jet just needs to carefully be polished. One day I showed him to a potential adopter and Jet was terrified of him, came to me and sat on my feet and leaned into me for reassurance and safety. I called my husband Dave after that to come and meet him". Jet was adopted by Julie and Dave. With love, patience, commitment, and positive training methods, Jet is now a loved family member. Jet has come very far in a good way! He recently even passed the Canine Good Citizen test!

Shelter pets like Barry and Jet are no different than our own pets or those of our neighbors, friends and relatives. Like any pet in any household, they can vary greatly. They are different sizes, have different personalities, and may exhibit behaviors that while are unacceptable to one person, are endearing to someone else. It may take some pets longer than others to find their forever home, but it can and does happen every day at UPAWS.

And you make it happen! You adopt. You volunteer. And you help fund the many programs and services that give these animals a second chance. We are asking you to continue to make a difference in the lives of our homeless pets and help them find their perfect somebody.

Please! Send your donation today, we've enclosed an envelope for your convenience or give online at: www.upaws.org/get-involved/donations.



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