



It's Almost Time to Leave it Behind!

Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter—Construction of Animal Community Center Nearing Completion

Leaky roof. Dry well. 40 years of animal residue- it's almost time to leave it behind.

Poor lighting. Difficult parking. Volunteer limitations- it's almost time to leave it behind.

Animals eyes peering behind cages. Hound dogs walking past rabbits. Mice next to cats - it's almost time to leave it behind.

We are taking with us 40 years worth of memories, thousands of rescued lives, a 98% save rate, tears, laughter, purrs, and tail wags. We are taking our lessons learned, opportunities granted, passion, compassion, and perseverance.

We are seeing our years of hard work, research, fundraising, and community listening pay off. In four months, we will finally be in our new animal community center and begin our ambitious vision to create a new generation of animal welfare in Marquette County. The new facility, Philip and Ruth Spade Adoption Center, will engage our animal loving community in the care of homeless animals.

We have raised over \$2.97M of our \$3.7M goal but we still need YOUR help to get us started on strong footing. If you haven't given to the campaign yet, NOW is the time to give. If you have given, and you are able to give again, NOW is the time that we need it. Every gift counts and you can increase your gift by pledging over 5 years.

This is the future of animal sheltering and the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter is proud to be a part of it. We hope that you are, too.

****To make your gift, visit upaws.org or send check or pledge to PO Box 968, Marquette, MI 49855. Remember to mark it for the new shelter/ animal community center.****

~ Kori Tossava—Capital Campaign Manager & Executive Director

We invite the community (and visitors) to join UPAWS for a tour of the new animal welfare shelter. We can't wait to share with you all the excitement surrounding the new animal adoption and community center! Interested? Contact Kori at ktossava@upaws.org or call 906-475-6661. 🐾 🐾



Capital Campaign Manager & E D Kori Tossava giving a new shelter tour to Tom Chevrette.



Contact Kori for a tour of the new shelter construction progress!

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**From the Board**

Our future looks bright because of you! Not only have we been able to raise and maintain our operating budget but our community has gone above and beyond to support our dream of building a state of the art facility that will grow with us into the future.

UPAWS Board of Directors has worked diligently over the past few years to make the ambitious vision for a new generation of animal welfare a reality. We have held countless planning meetings and community forums and will continue to hold them to create new and improved programs and services to help fulfill our mission in a larger space. In August of 2017 we began to see our dream truly start to become reality when we held our ground breaking ceremony. We continued construction and fund-raising through the year and expect to move into the new facility in the fall of 2018.

The challenging work toward our new shelter goal is done on top of the never-ending work that goes into caring for the animals that walk through our doors. I am proud of our experienced staff for the elevated level of care they provide our animals daily. Not only is the community support phenomenal for homeless animals within our community but also for life-saving transports from out of the area, which we saw an increase. We work hard to expand upon our volunteer vet program to further educate our staff, and the support from local veterinarians has been truly remarkable. We have continued to focus on revamping our volunteer program for our current shelter, as well as plan for new volunteer opportunities to support our staff when we transition into the new shelter.

The work that our staff, community volunteers, fosters, transport drivers, and local veterinarians do daily can often feel to go unnoticed. But we couldn't do any of it without any of you! Our supporters are our future. To those who adopt, donate, and volunteer we thank you for making UPAWS a success by helping fulfill our mission in re-homing 1244 pets, as well as build a new facility for UPAWS to call home. All of this has been made possible because of YOU!

~ Amber Wetton 🐾 🐾



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The Community Helping Those in Need

As the summer is upon us, we are cleaning-up after the long spring and winter. It is a time that we must assess what we will need for the short U.P. summer. Then, before we will know it, fall and then another winter will be here.

UPAWS is in a similar position to most U.P. residents. As the seasons change we also begin to assess our position since the beginning of 2018. This new year will bring about the end of a decades old building that UPAWS currently resides in. It is a facility built and has withstood time through the generosity of the community. Without your support, the building would have fallen long ago. It is through your countless donations that we are able to operate, and again we are asking for help.

The shelter is a relationship between animals and the community. In order for UPAWS to operate, we need members of our community to help. Adoptions are not able to cover our expenses and we need people like you to help.

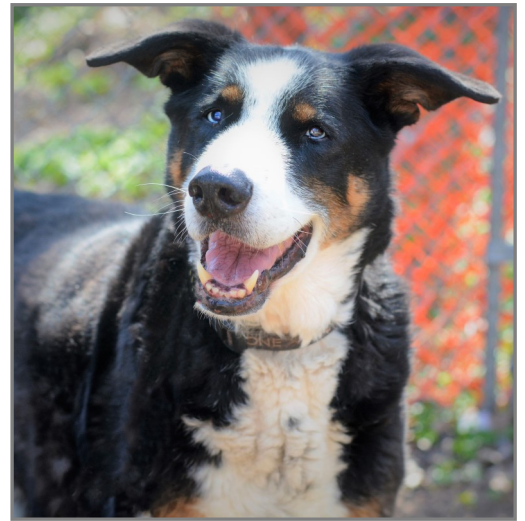
As a no-kill shelter, we provide a safe haven for every animal that comes through our front door. It could be a 19-year-old cat with kidney problems, a dog that needs a tumor removed, or a pet that needs end of life care. UPAWS has and will continue to help animals in need –because of **YOUR** support!

Community members can get pet advice, help with pet food from our food pantry, or spay/neutering their pet. We are here because the animals need us to be. We are here because our community needs us to be. We are here because of **YOU!**

This mission is very costly. Just in April we had medical bills totaling almost \$10,000. This is not an unusual number, as even one animal's medical care can cost well over \$1,000. But the animals are worth it. And our community is worth it. We will always try to do all that we can to help, but we need your help to do so.

A shelter is a relationship between animals and the community. Please donate to the cause and allow us to continue to help our community. YOUR donation makes great things happen – your giving saves lives!

~ Ryan Poupore UPAWS Manager



Chopper arrived at UPAWS the age of 17 years. A veterinary exam diagnosed many large fatty tumors and old man ailments. But because of YOU, Chopper received the care that he needed. We are grateful that a kind couple looked past his elderly age and adopted Chopper, giving him a caring and loving home for his remaining life.



UPAWS receives numerous animals that are in dire need of oral and dental care. Nods the cat was hurting with infected teeth and gums. Because of YOU, she received the vet care she desperately needed. She soon was adopted and found her new caring family.



Litters upon litters upon litters of baby kittens—some very young and some arrive even without mothers. How do they survive? They survive because of YOU and your kind hearts and generosity.

Buddy's Story: Why We're Glad We Adopted a Senior Dog

If you agree with Mahatma Ghandi—"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"—it would seem that caring for senior canines should reflect how we care for our aging selves.



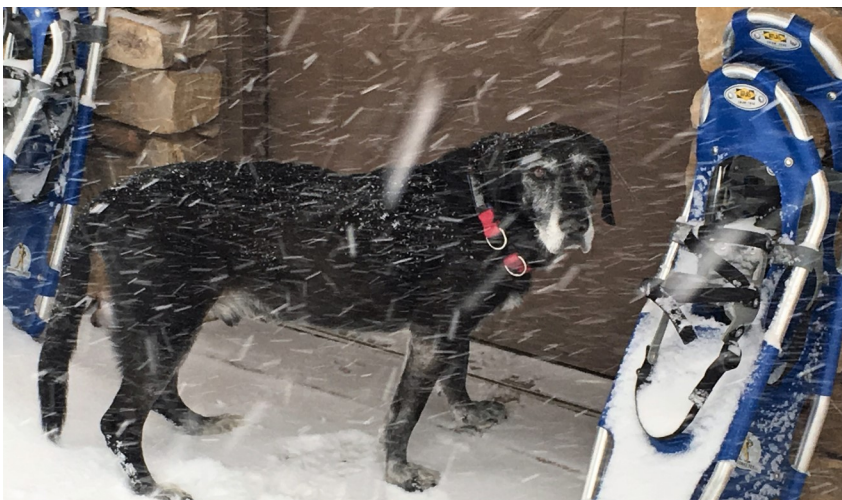
The first week, Buddy, our frantic foster escaped four times. Then he relaxed (relatively) and stealthily, began to snatch eggs from cartons, and break and eat them behind the couch. As he lost weight, jumping on the counter presented no obstacle. Like a porpoise, he'd bound through Lake Superior's waves and hop backwards up four stairs with playful exuberance. In snow, a springing deer, he'd leap 6x his length. Shedding nearly half his weight from 75 lbs to an ideal 40 lbs, Buddy's energy could have supported two full-time jobs. We had already fallen in love and adopted him. He was 10.5 years old.

Senior dogs express much gratitude, exude profound wisdom, and forge special connections with their people. Well cared for seniors may live many more years. At optimal weight, research indicates dogs live 2 - 3 years longer than if overweight. (Consult your Vet about safe canine weight reduction.)

Life with Buddy brought unprecedented antics, creativity, and thus, sometimes frustrating, often entertaining, challenges for our family. We remain indebted to Dr. Sue Kapla, Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, for her expertise and commitment to our family's success with Buddy. Fears and anxieties haunted Buddy, however. Firecrackers, gunshots, and thunder reduced him to uncontrollable shaking and hiding, and his fears intensified at night. If startled while dozing, he'd bolt up snarling and need a moment to realize he was safe. His fears never left but steadily diminished (he became comfortable with brooms and shovels). Growing deaf his last months seemed partly a kindness.

My mother said Buddy's digestive system should be donated to science. While we believe his diet of raw meaty bones and purred veggie scraps kept him healthy, his nose led him to: 3 lbs of my father's Planter's roasted mix nuts together with canine sister Tessie; twenty dollars less a small corner; a food wrapper accessed by chewing through a jacket's pocket; a third his weight in illegally dumped deer guts (don't ask!); raspberries, decimating bushes; many feathers from a giant dead crow; sticks of butter after well-timed plotting, and much more.

When left 30 seconds during the human mealtime, he'd slip his crate's latch and eat the entire salad on the table's center. His open-door policy and knob dexterity surprised bathroom occupants. In the car he'd magically exit his crate and quietly appear, grinning, on the passenger seat. At 15, during his first boarding experience, he climbed six feet of gate to reach the next room's couch!



Despite his wily, creative spirit, Buddy read humans deeply. While hiking, he found a turtle shell, perfectly intact, and raced over to our friend Christine, Patron Saint of Turtles. Blocking her path, he dropped the shell at Christine's feet as if to say, "PLEASE take it or I will eat it!"

Buddy, age 18, died in April. He remained engaged and enthusiastic until his last weeks. We've now loved three seniors; another, with special needs, joins us this summer. With good food and exercise, you never know how long an "old" dog will live, but that senior will express love deeply. Dogs don't live as long as humans because, if life's purpose is to learn to live and love, dogs need much less time to learn than we humans do.

Consider a senior when you next adopt — dogs of any age can learn new tricks! Oldies ARE Goodies!

~ Laura Farwell

Summertime Fun Time — Make it a Safe Time Too!

- Automatic paper shredders should be left in the 'off' position when not in use. Curious pets can accidentally start it and be injured.
- Check that any lawn chemical that you use is safe for pets and wildlife.
- Pets shouldn't be tied outside for too long because heatstroke can occur. Signs are: panting, anxious expression, warm, dry skin, high fever, rapid heartbeat, vomiting & collapse.
- Sometimes it's wiser to leave a family pet home instead of taking them to a parade or a festival. The noise, crowds and high temperatures may be very stressful for them.
- Dogs and cats can be victims of heartworm. This is the time of year when it's important to get monthly preventative at your veterinarian.

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ASPCA & Subaru Share the Love Grant: UPAWS has been generously awarded a American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 'Subaru Share the Love' \$1,800 grant to hold FREE micro-chip clinic on August 4th at FOX Subaru in Marquette.

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Grey Muzzle Grant: UPAWS is a grant recipient of \$5000 grant to help UPAWS homeless senior dogs with medical care.

MDARD Grant: Through Animal Welfare Fund grant, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Animal Industry Division awarded UPAWS a \$10,000 grant for creative marketing television ads to promote and educate the public on proper pet care.



Maddie's Fund

Maddie's Fund Innovation Program Grant: UPAWS is a proud recipient of funding from Maddie's Fund®, helping to achieve a no-kill nation #ThanksToMaddie. UPAWS was awarded \$5000 - "Forever Foster" Program - Hospice care for shelter animals in need. And \$2,125—"Golden Paws" Program—paying adoption fees for twenty five senior cats and twenty five senior dogs.

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We are a local nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to taking care of the homeless, unwanted, abandoned and abused domestic animals in our community. Our mission is 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. We embrace the No Kill philosophy, seeking to end the euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals.

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Your pets have given you a lifetime of love. In return, the perfect tribute to their devotion is a life-time gift to your no-kill community animal shelter, UPAWS. Together with people like you, we've saved the lives of countless homeless pets and helped them find their forever homes.

By making a gift to the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter through your will, trust or other financial plan, you can help homeless pets now and well into the future.

In working together, we can secure the future of the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter, while also fulfilling your own financial goals and objectives. Your legacy gift will help UPAWS continue to be the safe haven for Marquette County's homeless pets and allow us to feel confident in our financial capabilities.

UPAWS would love to talk to you about the many opportunities for charitable giving that can save the lives of pets.

Please contact us by phone at 906-475-6661 or by email at faithfulfriends@upaws.org to learn more.

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September 15, 2018
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