



The Pet Gazette

Summer 2013

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“Piper”

Our beloved Piper was found as a stray, emaciated and starved for attention. Piper was dumped after too many phone calls from concerned citizens were made to the police. The best thing that

ever happened to her was being brought to UPAWS.

We went to the shelter looking for a companion for our very high energy dog, Koda. We had a dog in mind, but when we arrived, that dog was already being adopted. We half-heartedly looked at the available dogs, but my boys were so disappointed that they just wanted to go home. However, my eye kept going to a dog who gave me a pleading look. We returned home, but I could not get that dog out of my mind. I looked her up on the UPAWS website and saw she was a “Staff Favorite” of Lareina’s. Her love for this dog was apparent, and her words made us decide to rush back to the shelter before closing. It was love at first sight for all of us.

It didn't take long to fatten Piper up and get her settled into our home. However, it took over a year for her to get comfortable enough to sleep in front of us. My husband thinks she was afraid to fall asleep for fear of waking up and realizing that this good life was just a dream. However, now she is next to me in a dead sleep with no fear of returning to her former nightmare. Her dream has become a reality.

Piper is the kind of dog who comes around once in a lifetime. She is loving, loyal and a great listener. We are better people for having the privilege of living with her. Thank you UPAWS for making such a difference in our world!

LaFountain Family

I adopted Reba (formerly Cleopatra) in November of 2010 after seeing her on your website. I was so nervous driving there. I was ready to adopt but afraid that I wouldn't find the "right" match for me. I shouldn't have worried. She came home with me that day. She's the purr-fect addition to our family. She travels twice a year with us out west and enjoys "Home" in the mountains just as much as home in the U.P. She rides in the truck without complaint and you should see the reaction at rest stops when people see you walk a cat on a leash. Too funny! Anyway...just thought I'd share our story. Thanks for Reba UPAWS! We love her!

“Reba”



~ Adele

“LuLu” Cher was a 12 year old beagle who arrived at UPAWS with another senior beagle named Sonny. They were very hungry, thin and in poor condition. They were never claimed. Sonny was adopted but sweet old gal Cher waited a very long time to find a new family. Well, she finally found one – maybe the first real family she ever had. Just look at her now! All comfy and cozy in her new loving home...owning the couch...the bed...the chair! She is now named LuLu! She adores her new family, follows them everywhere tap dancing away!! Her new mommies say that adopting a senior dog like Lulu (who most likely was an outdoor pen dog)



has had its challenges but they wouldn't trade her for the world. They love her to pieces! We LOVE these sweet seniors finding loving homes!

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From the President

In April our Board of Directors met to do a periodic review and refresh our mission statement and in the process decided to go one step further and develop a vision statement.

A vision statement puts into words how an organization imagines an ideal future for those it was formed to serve, in the case of UPAWS, they are the homeless, lost, injured, neglected and abused domestic animals in our community. A vision statement also acts as inspiration for its employees and decision-makers and serves as a reminder as to what our ultimate goal is. While board members and employees have generally had the same vision, the Board of Directors felt it was appropriate to formally adopt a vision statement to ensure everyone had the same focus and was working toward the same goal. The newly-adopted vision statement is ***a community where there are no abandoned, unwanted, neglected or abused animals, and where everyone understands and practices the level of commitment and responsibility that pet guardianship entails.***

Once a consensus has been reached on a vision of an ideal world, then the organization needs to define the role it will play in achieving that ideal. While vision statements almost never change, a mission statement evolves depending on things such as available resources (time, funds, people), needs of those you serve, and priorities. For example, the newly adopted mission statement makes reference to embracing the No Kill philosophy, which in turn encompasses a number of life-saving programs and procedures that requires universal commitment in order for it to work. A mission statement defines the fundamental purpose of an organization and briefly describes why it exists and, in broad terms, outlines how it plans to achieve its vision. It helps guide decision-making in terms of allocation of funds, program development and capital improvements. The updated mission statement adopted by the Board of Directors 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.***

Our Board of Directors is confident that the vision statement is one that is shared by our community. The mission statement is, in effect, our pledge to you that this is the role UPAWS will assume to help make that vision a reality.

If you have any comments or questions regarding either the vision or mission statement, please feel free to contact us individually or send an e-mail to board@upaws.org.



Reva with her foster dog Queenie

Reva Laituri
President



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


Please send us an update with a photo of your UPAWS adopted pet!

Attention: Happy Tails

Email to: happytails@upaws.org

Mail: UPAWS, P.O. Box 968, Marquette, MI 49855-0968

From the Shelter

 Looking back on our recently-ended fiscal year, it is gratifying to see that UPAWS, with vital assistance from our community, is still on the move, constantly improving upon its programs and services. For the first time in our 38 year history, a 100% save rate was achieved! So, where do we go from here? Well, as with life in general, circumstances and needs are constantly changing and if you don't keep up, you will quickly fall behind. At no point, for the sake of the animals, can we become complacent or stagnant. There is always room for improvement and we must evolve to meet changing needs. For guidance, we look to our community. What services are needed? Where should we be focusing our resources and what are our priorities? So, specifically, what can you, as part of our community and the UPAWS family, expect to see? Look for:

A streamlined and efficient volunteer program that will reduce our costs, make volunteering easier, offer more guidance and a greater variety of opportunities, and be more personal.

You can expect to see more wish list drives which help to decrease operational costs and allow a greater portion of our donations to be used in the direct care of animals and to get them into new homes.

A bigger and better community spay and neuter (Spay it Forward) program to offer more assistance to those who need it. We are working hard to obtain the necessary funds through grants and fundraisers specifically earmarked for this program.

A more proactive lost and found network to get our lost pets off the streets, out of the shelter, and back home where they belong.

A stronger pet retention program to help people resolve problems so they are able to keep their pets. Services will include a food bank, behavioral help, and more. But if re-homing still becomes necessary, there are options and tips for owners so they can confidently re-home the pet themselves and avoid the stress of a shelter stay.

New ways for you to stay in touch with what is happening at UPAWS through e-newsletters, social media, advertising and the UPAWS website.

Because the needs of the animals never take a break, neither can we. And the only way to really make a difference in their lives is through our community and the support you provide through your donations, your volunteerism, your adoptions, and your good will. We hope to always be there for you and the animals we all care about. Thank you for the loving the animals!



The shelter staff receive wish list donations from Gilbert Elementary School 4th Grade Social Studies Class

The Infurr-mation Station

Summer Pet Tips brought to you by UPAWS Business Members

- Exercise your dog early in the morning and later in the evening to make the walk more comfortable for you and your dog
 - Put ice cubes in your pets dish to keep their water cool.
 - Always provide access to shade—pets can get sunburn too.
- Use the hot weather as an excuse to swim with your dog... it is great exercise!
- Don't forget it is tick and mosquito season! Talk to your vet about provide protection against these parasites.
 - Groom your pet often. Removing the extra hair will keep your pet cool and comfortable.
 - Provide frozen kongs filled with peanut butter for your dog to enjoy.

UPAWS Gratefully Acknowledges the Contributions of the following Business Members

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Keeping Your Indoor Kitty Happy



You don't have to open the door to the great outdoors to give your cat a more interesting life. Keeping your indoor cat mentally and physically happy is just as important as keeping him safe. By just looking at your home from a cat's point of view and adding some enrichments, your furry friend can be both safe and happy indoors. Here are some fun, easy ways to get going:

Playtime Every Day: Play with your cat every day for at least 15 minutes. Cats need to run, pounce and jump every day! Rotate the toys every few days to keep your cats interest piqued! Your cat will not only feel great but the bond between you and your cat will grow even stronger.

Think Vertical: Most cats like to climb and be up high. Purchase or make a carpeted climbing post or condo. It provides great climbing opportunities and, in multi-cat households, creates more play and rest areas by taking advantage of vertical space. Or install shelves or steps on your walls for climbing and resting. Need ideas? Come visit our UPAWS free roaming room!

Bring the Outdoors to Your Cat: Window seats that attach to the window sill can give your cat a bird's eye point of view to enjoy the world outside. Install a bird feeder outside the window and your cat has a live action TV show! Grow some cat grass in a container for your kitty to munch on. They love it! You can purchase cat grass kits at any pet store.

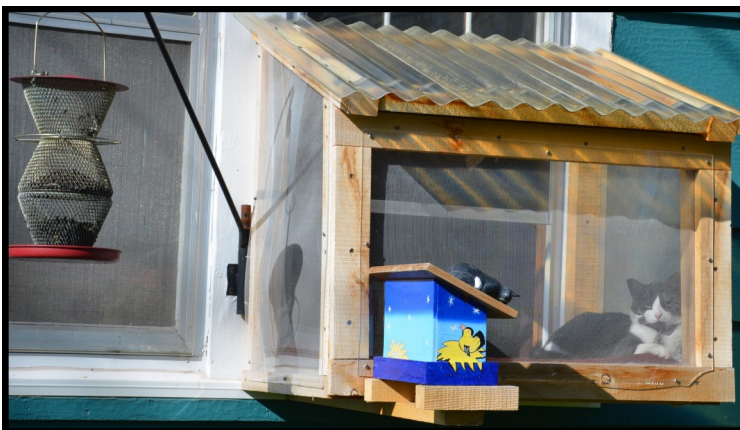
Go for a Walk: If you live where you can be outside safely with your cat, consider harness training your cat to walk on a leash. Some cats can even be trained to sit on your lap while you are on the deck or porch, or harnessed and tied to a tie-out and enjoy the outdoors while you are sitting outside with them (but be sure to collar and I.D your cat and/or micro-chip them to be safe).

Hang Out: Purchase or build a cat enclosure so your kitty cat can safely enjoy the outdoors. If you or someone you know is a handyman (or woman), build a home-made cat enclosure that sits in a window frame (much like an air conditioning unit) and provides a secure space in which your kitty can "hang out" thoroughly enjoying the fresh air and surroundings. Go even larger by building a cat enclosure attached to the side of a house or ground-floor patio.

Toys, toys and more toys: Cats love to play! Indulge their natural instinct to hunt and stalk by providing a variety of toys. Toy mice, corks from bottles, wand type toys, cat nip pillows, puzzle feeders and laser pointers all are fun for your cat. Cats love to play hide-n-seek, you can provide kitty with plenty of fun just by giving her an old box or paper bag to play with and hide in. You don't have to spend a lot of money to entertain your kitty cat!

Adopt a Friend for Your Cat: Most cats like company and a buddy would make a nice addition to their life. They can play together, hang out together, sleep and snuggle together and keep each company, especially when you are not home. Even if you think your cat doesn't like other cats, you may be surprised. Try fostering a few to see how it goes. Often, it's just a matter of a slow introduction and finding the right personality match.

~ Ann Brownell



How to help keep UPAWS kitties happy while they wait for their new homes:

Volunteer to be a kitty cuddler and playtime pal!

Donate supplies such as cat nip, toys, cat scratching posts and bird seed for the outdoor feeders (our cats love to watch the birds!).

Spread the word that there are lovely kitties at UPAWS looking for homes.

Sponsor all or part of a kitty's adoption fee to help them find their new home.

Donate to the Feline Leukemia Fund so cats can be tested and go in our free roaming room.

Shelter Happenings



Che Bello's Benefit Fashion Show: Che Bello held their Second Annual Fashion Show April 8th at the Vera Bar to benefit UPAWS raising \$1200! Thank you to all the wonderful people who put on this super event, the sponsors and to all who attended.

Meow March Fundraiser: Huge Success! UPAWS first time ever 'Meow March' virtual cat walk raised \$3,282! A big thank you to the outstanding work done by every single cat, pet and person. Thank you to all the generous supporters that donated and shared the event. Top three cats (and their people): Bella, Icey, Zoey and Liz Peppin \$580; The Caribbena Cats Mr. Rainy and Nokey with their person Yvonne Whitman \$366; Vera and her person Casey O'Connor \$365!!



Assisi Award Winner's Jim and Rene Kinnunen at Cause for Paws 2013

Crystal led the event through a fantastic evening of fun and music by Pierre Ogea from American Karaoke and DJ. Thank you to all the businesses/personal contributors who donated prizes, product, financial contributions, advertising, entertainment & overall support and to everyone who attended and made this event so special! The event also presented the following awards: Assisi: Jim and Rene' Kinnunen; Gold Heart: Kathi Fosburg; Purple Paw: "Duke" Turner, owned by Travis and Heather Turner; Silver Tag: Peter White Public Library's Pet Partners' (Children's Reading) Program. Appreciation Certificates: Vicky Crystal, TruNorth Federal Credit Union (formerly Ishpeming Community Federal Credit Union), The Pink Poodle/Jessica Keto, Owner Lost and Found Paws of the U.P./Vicki Bastian.



Bike Night at The Throttle Bar and Grill... helping the animals has never been so fun!

Tee Up For Tails: UPAWS 16th annual 'Tee Up for Tails' was held at the Marquette Golf Club on Friday, June 21st. Despite a rainy day golfers came together to support UPAWS, enjoy drinks and snacks, a buffet lunch and many silent auction items, raffle and door prizes. Because of this event and our other fundraisers, our shelter can continue to operate to care for homeless pets in our community. Thank you to everyone who helped us make this another successful year!

Ore Dock Hillbilly Dance Party: First time this year, the Ore Dock Hillbilly Dance Party was a great time! The event raised over \$2,000 and was a fun for all ages. We are thankful for the volunteers that made it possible, the bands and the Ore Dock for hosting the event. See you next year!

Burke Photo Fundraiser: Burke Photos held its annual Portrait Fundraiser in April for UPAWS. There were 35 portraits taken. UPAWS would like to thank Burke for his time & talent this year & for the past 27 years!



Burke Photo presents a check to UPAWS

Cause for Paws Dinner-Dance: Our wonderful communities gathered to support & celebrate UPAWS at the Holiday Inn on May 11th. MC Vicky



Volunteer Ann, Shelby Bishoff of mBank, UPAWS manager Lareina and volunteer Karen all smiles after a successful adoption event at mBank

mBank Adopt-a-Thon: The mBank & UPAWS adopt-a-thon that was held on May 24th was a great success! A HUGE Thank you to mBank for hosting UPAWS and for sponsoring & helping UPAWS find loving homes for 19 pets!

The Throttle Bar & Grille Bike Night: The Throttle Bar and Grill in Little Lake kicked off their season of bike nights with a fundraiser to benefit UPAWS raising \$1,062 for the shelter animals. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a huge success.

ECONO Pet Tags: During the month of May, Econo customers had the chance to donate a \$1 or more, sign their name on a 'pet tag' & then the tags were displayed in the store for the entire month. This event raised \$2,939! Thank you Econo & everyone who donated!

“No Kill” – What Does It Really Mean?



Partnerships with other shelters and rescues a big part of the No-Kill philosophy. Trixie was transferred to a Golden Rescue where she was able to get her medical care and rehabilitation.

The most general and widely accepted definition of a no kill is an animal shelter where 90% of all animals received are saved and re-homed. It is further defined by practices whereby no animal is ever killed for any reason other than to end an animal's suffering or because the animal is too vicious to place. What this means in practice is that no animal is ever turned away because there is not enough space at the shelter, because of breed, age, or because an animal is sick, handicapped, unattractive or it has correctable behavioral problems. Not every single animal can be saved and still provide a reasonable quality of life for the animal and keep known dangerous animals out of the community.

While the above definition of no-kill at first blush seems to clear, in reality, there can be a great disparity in actual numbers of animals saved in “no-kill” shelters. Many shelters claim the designation by becoming a limited admissions shelter (a shelter that turns animals away based on space, age, or other considerations), by re-classifying adoptable or treatable animals as “unadoptable” or by manipulating statistics.

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

key areas that must all be addressed.

Included are multi-faceted adoption programs, special promotions, adoption fee sponsorships, off-site adoptions, a strong return-to-owner program, an inviting facility with friendly and helpful staff and volunteers, convenient hours, and creative and up-to-date animal advertising.

To reduce the large numbers of litters being admitted, a strong spay/neuter program, including funds earmarked to offer financial assistance to pet owners in the community, is crucial element to saving lives. UPAWS has set up the Spay It Forward fund to allow donations to be earmarked for this program.

Retention programs provide advice and other assistance that can result in an owner having the ability to keep the animal rather than surrender it to a shelter. Proactive Redemption (also known as Return to Owner) programs help lost pets find their way back to their families.



Community Support and Partnering with businesses & agencies increases the shelter's exposure, helps with funds and help pets find loving homes. The annual Collars for a Cause Event with Charter Media and FOX MQT helps find homes for our shelter pets.

A vital volunteer program is life-saving to the animals. Foster homes give animals a break from the stress of a shelter environment which keeps them healthier and inhibits behavioral issues that can arise in a shelter environment. It also allows a home environment for animals to recover after surgeries or to raise immature litters until old enough to place. Volunteers are key to socializing animals, helping in the day-to-day care and cleaning of the residents, helping with adoption promotions and much more.

Partnerships are another key element to becoming a successful no-kill shelter. Business partnerships can offer opportunities for off-site adoptions or a permanent adoption sites. Businesses and individuals can also sponsor shelter adoptions. Local veterinarians often provide low or no-cost services which save lives on a daily basis. Partnerships with other shelters and rescues mean they will be there to offer help if a shelter receives a large number of animals at one time, or if there are special needs animals. Transfers between shelters and rescues can and do provide many more placement opportunities for hard-to-place animals and can eliminate long shelter stays. Partners also are those individuals who answer

the call to help pay for major surgeries. There are the groomers who volunteer their services, the service organizations and kid groups like the scouts and school organizations who do fundraisers or form work bees. The opportunities are endless and their contributions priceless.

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. In the end, it is a decision to not take the easy path, but to know the path chosen allows you sleep at night, knowing every effort had been made to secure a safe and loving future for the animals placed in your keeping. That is the path UPAWS has chosen to take, and why our staff, board and volunteers can claim, without any reservation, they embrace the most stringent definition of the no-kill philosophy, while at the same time maintaining an open admissions shelter.



Proactive Redemption aka Return to Owner program - This lost kitty found his way to UPAWS. He was promoted on our UPAWS Facebook page where through social networking his owner found him.

Upcoming UPAWS Events

Strut Your Mutt 2013

A Charity Walk for Homeless Pets
Saturday, September 7th
Mattson Lower Harbor Park

Early bird registration!
\$15 adult/ \$5 youth
if postmarked by Aug. 31st.
After Aug. 31st- \$20 adult/\$10 youth



Pre-register & enter a drawing to have your dog selected as the official "Leader of the Pack" 2013

Make your own SYM online fundraising page!

Registration at site 9:00AM ~ Walk 10:00AM
Fun for you and the Family Dog!
For more information visit www.upaws.org
Call 906-475-6661 Email petpromos@upaws.org



Voting for 2014 UPAWS Pet Photo Calendar!

Vote from July 1st - midnight, August 3rd, 2013. Each vote costs 25 cents - no limit to the number of votes cast. The top vote-earner will be featured on the cover and one month. The next eleven vote-earners will be featured on one of the twelve months.

Votes may be cast at community events, at UPAWS, the UPAWS kiosk at the Westwood Mall, by mail or online at www.upaws.org.

Huge Rummage Sale to Benefit UPAWS!



Don't miss this big rummage sale to benefit UPAWS!

Located Downtown Marquette at 128 W Washington

August 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th-8 to 4pm

Tons of items! Baby supplies! Home Décor! Pet supplies! Cloths! Books!

Kids Helping Kritters

NEW volunteer opportunity available for kids at UPAWS!



First time ever at UPAWS! Thanks to the generous donation from the Marquette Breakfast Rotary Club, UPAWS presents the Entrepreneur Fundraising Program for Kids!

Kids wanting to create a fundraiser for UPAWS can now receive funding to help get them going! Do you know a youth that is ready to help UPAWS and just needs a little extra to get up and running? Contact Lareina at info@upaws.org to learn more!

Volunteer Spotlight



Jenn has been one of our dedicated PetSmart cleaners. She cleans every Saturday and has done so since PetSmart opened! Thank you Jenn!

Volunteer positions at UPAWS are numerous and many. A position for every personality and skill all come together to make UPAWS a successful shelter for the animals. These positions are vital to UPAWS and we are thankful everyday for the people that fulfill them.

One of the new and still growing volunteer positions this year has been our PetSmart kitty cleaners and cuddlers. This position is so new that the shape of it is still undefined and growing. But we are lucky to have had some amazing people take on the task of caring for our offsite kitties. These people have helped to define what this position means to the kitties and UPAWS. These people are dedicated, consistent, hard working and reliable. They have been both vital and incredibly helpful to UPAWS and our growth with PetSmart.

Our PetSmart volunteers are required to pick a shift at least once a week and commit for a month at a time. This position requires that the volunteers are dedicated and commit to their shift, or contact UPAWS a head of time if they can't. They are responsible for the mental health, cleanliness and presentation of the UPAWS kitties at PetSmart. They are incredibly important and their reliability is vital.

UPAWS has been very lucky to have a wonderful group of volunteers step forward for these shifts. 5 volunteers a week clean in the morning and at least one volunteer is at PetSmart in the afternoons to socialize and cuddle. Trying to fulfill these shifts with paid staff would be impossible, but the dedicated volunteers make our presence at PetSmart not only possible, but successful.

Thank you to each and every volunteer (we wish we could list you all by name, but you know who you are and we love you!) that has helped and is currently helping at our PetSmart location. We appreciate you! If interested in our PetSmart volunteer position, contact Lareina at info@upaws.org

Article Sponsored by Downtown EyeCare

Community Outreach Coordinator Joins the UPAWS Team!



Melanie with her pal Zilla

UPAWS is excited to introduce Melanie Bell, our new Community Outreach Coordinator.

Melanie joins our team with a strong background in animal sheltering, marketing and customer service. With Melanie at the helm, UPAWS will work towards utilizing our volunteers to their full potential by providing a more organized and efficient volunteer program. Melanie will also work towards developing a Humane Education program and providing

community outreach to those interested in knowing more about UPAWS.

"This position is new to UPAWS, but we are already realizing the great impact it will have on fundraising and volunteers. UPAWS has a great team of staff and volunteers, and now we are thrilled to have one more dedicated person to help the animals and the community. We are very proud and excited to have Melanie working along side us" - Lareina, UPAWS Manager

If you are a volunteer, please introduce yourself to Melanie or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Melanie to learn how to get started.

volunteer@upaws.org or 906-475-6661

Wish List Items needed at UPAWS:

- Paper Towels
- Cat Litter
- Canned Cat food
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Bedding (towels, blankets, sheets, etc)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Trash Bags

Kennel Sponsors

- Thomas & Jeanette Chevrette
- Mary Pelton Cooper in honor of her dogs
- E.P. Hughes in memory of 'Bridget'
- Ruth & Philip Spade in memory of 'Toto' & honor of 'Beegee'

Duke – Service Dog Matched at UPAWS



Duke, came to UPAWS as a transfer from a downstate shelter. Shelter workers saw something special in him and contacted UPAWS to see if Duke could possibly find a home in the U.P. Once he arrived he was quickly adopted but soon returned when his new owner didn't think he would make a good therapy dog. As fate would have it, he was returned only a few hours before Travis and Heather Turner arrived at the shelter to look for a dog.

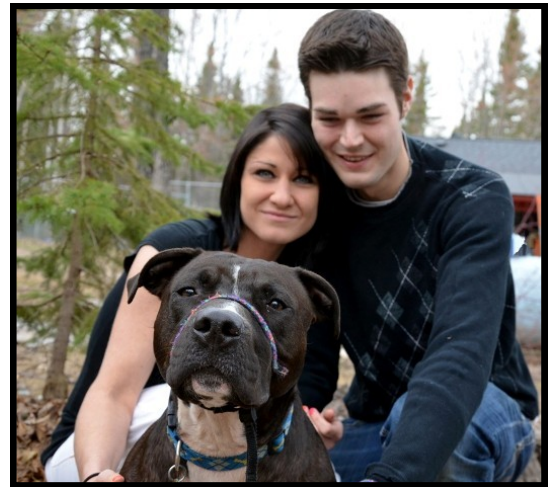
Diagnosed with an adult-onset seizure disorder, the physical, the mental and emotional aspects were taking their toll. The fear of having a seizure in public was controlling Travis' life. He was getting increasingly depressed and was slowly becoming more isolated and reluctant to leave home.

In hopes of finding some way to help Travis regain some control, Travis and Heather had been researching service and therapy dogs. If they could find a dog that was attentive, people-oriented, and responsive to human emotions, perhaps it could be trained to carry and retrieve Travis' medications and reduce Travis' stress levels.

That February day, there were several dogs at the shelter, but Duke immediately caught Travis' attention. Heather tried to interest Travis in a very friendly Lab, but for Travis, there was just something in the way Duke looked at him. When Shelter Staff described Duke as a being a real people-dog, he felt he was making the right choice.

The following month Duke started basic obedience training and after several weeks, was doing so well that their trainer felt he had service dog potential.

One day in May, not long after they began the backpack training, Travis took Duke down to the beach for exercise. Upon their return home, Duke began acting very out of character, appearing anxious and intently watching Travis. After a short time, he went and picked up Travis's backpack and brought it to him. He shook it, indicating he wanted Travis to take it, and remained very attentive, not leaving his side. Travis offered him a treat, which was in the backpack. Duke wasn't interested. After some time Travis recognized the signs of an on-coming seizure, and realized Duke had sensed the seizure much earlier and had been trying to let him know. Travis was excited to realize Duke had the capability to become a service and alert dog, a rare combination.



Since that day, Duke has alerted Travis several times, and because he can give up to an hour's notice, it allows Travis time take his medications and if need be, to get to a safe location prior to an episode occurring. During a seizure, Duke will stay at his side and lick his face offering comfort until Travis has recovered.

How to approach a service dog.

Here are some recommended guidelines:

- Do not pet, call to, feed, or otherwise distract the dog.
- If you are in a car, do not honk or call out to the dog.
- Speak to the person and not to the dog.
- Do not touch the dog without first asking for and receiving permission. Always respect the handler's wishes.
- Out of respect for the handler's privacy, do not ask personal questions about the handler's disability.
- Remember that guide dog teams have the right of way.

While Travis and Heather would have been happy with a dog that did nothing more than retrieve Travis' meds, they got a much greater gift when they adopted Duke. Duke has given Travis perhaps the greatest gifts of all...independence, self-confidence, and freedom. Instead of worrying about the people around him, Travis is able to focus on Duke, and is rewarded with a dog who he knows will not judge him or his disorder. Duke's journey to Travis had many twists and turns that could have resulted in them never having met, but despite everything they did find each other and have since forged a very special and enduring bond.

Special Thanks, Memorials, & Honorariums February 1st through May 31st, 2013

Special Thank You to:

Brookridge Heights Employees for their 'Casual for a Cause' donation.
Eastwood Nursing Center Employees for their 'Casual Fridays' donation.
Integrated Wellness Chiropractic for their donation.
NMU 'Ice House' for holding a bachelor auction to help our shelter.
The Ore Dock for hosting the Hillbilly Dance for us.
O'Reilly Auto Parts for donating in honor of their grand opening.
Superiorland Bridge Club for choosing us for their fundraiser.
TruNorth Credit Union Employees for their 'Jean Day' proceeds.

Special Thank you to Kids helping UPAWS

Aspen Ridge 3rd Grade Class who raised money by holding a bake sale.
Cherry Creek Elementary School "Caps for Caring" fundraiser.
The "Disco Ninjas" for collecting pop cans in honor of Earth Day for UPAWS.
Father Marquette 8th Grade students for their Service Learning Project.
Girl Scout Troop 5002 -donation from their dance party.
Girl Scout Troop 5019 sponsored shelter pets.
Girl Scout Troop 5092 donated to sponsor shelter kitties.
Meg Harmon for helping raise money to help any sick shelter pets.
Ishpeming H.S. National Honor Society Students raised money and supplies.
Rachel Joya set up a collection booth outside her house.

In Honor of:

Gale Bartanen From: Amanda Tonin-Carlson
Marie Chappell From: Linda Matthews
Rae Elliot From: Kristine Elliot
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In Memory of Pets:

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Adoption Programs:

Aged to Purr-fection

Matches Senior kitties with Senior citizens! Incentives include FREE litter, dish, cat food, cat 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 reason may not do well in an indoor setting. This program matches these kitties with a warm, safe barn!

Adoption Fee only \$10!

What Footprints Will You Leave Behind?

Every year thousands of animals need our help.

They need 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.

Please consider a gift to UPAWS in your will or estate plan. 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.



Upcoming Events & Activities

Annual Wash 'N Wag
July 13th - At UPAWS

UPAWS Annual Meeting
July 23rd- Peter White Library Shiras Room

Blueberry Festival
July 26th - downtown Marquette

Rummage sale to benefit UPAWS
August 1,2,3,4
128 Washington St Marquette

Collars for a Cause Adoption Fair
August 14th - Noon to 6pm
Fox Motors Marquette

SuperOne Labor Day Cookout
Negaunee and Marquette SuperOne Stores
August 30, 31

Strut Your Mutt 2013
September 7th - Lower Harbor

Sally's Ride
September 28th

Calls for Critters
October 2013

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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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
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 Pet Adoption Sponsorship [] cat [] dog [] other _____
 Community Spay/Neuter Program
 [] In Memory [] In Honor
 [] Person's Name _____
 [] Pet's Name _____
 Notify: _____

 Pet Booster (\$5 per animal) Names _____
 Other _____

Business Memberships Only:

- ____ \$100-199 Supporter ____ \$500-999 Patron
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Business Name: _____

Other Ways to Help

- Send me information:
 "Dollars-A-Month" program.
 Leaving a bequest to UPAWS
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 Becoming a foster parent

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

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Acct # _____

Routing # _____

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