



SUMMER 2025

# Pet Gazette



## From the Shelter Manager

Hello UPAWS Friends and Family,



Can you believe we're already halfway through 2025? Where has the time gone? It's been a busy few months at UPAWS, so in case you missed it, I wanted to get everyone up to speed.

First off, we're thrilled to welcome two new team members! Julie Mahan has been promoted to our Behavioral Animal Care Coordinator after earning her CPDT-KA certification. She's doing an amazing job focusing on our harder-to-place animals, using positive training techniques to help them shine.

Ryan McLaren has stepped into the role of Shelter Support Specialist, jumping in to tackle everything from data entry to keeping our shelter inside and outside looking great. We're so lucky to have them on board!

This spring, we faced a little setback with our shelter grounds because of pesky grubs that were wreaking havoc on our grass. However, thanks to a fantastic group of volunteers, we hosted a UPAWS Volunteer Work Day to address the issue. We all came together, raked up dead grass, planted seeds, and treated for grubs. It was a fun and productive day, and we even treated everyone to lunch to show our appreciation!



We've had some great successes this year! We partnered with the Bissell Pet Foundation for an adoption event, and we're happy to report that 15 animals found their forever homes! Plus, our veterinary center is now up and running, allowing us to spay and neuter our shelter pets. Our fundraisers, "Raise the Woof" and "Cause for Paws," were a big hit, raising over \$15,000 to support our animals!

What an excellent start to 2025! We have many fun events still ahead! Thank you all for your incredible support—your dedication makes all the difference! Let's make the second half of the year even better together!

Warm regards,  
Sarah Evers, LVT  
UPAWS Shelter Manager



Another happy adoption thanks to the Bissell Pet Foundation!

## Upcoming Events

2026 Pet Photo Calendar Contest Fundraiser  
Enter until July 31<sup>st</sup>  
Vote from August 1 – 31<sup>st</sup>

Blueberry Festival  
UPAWS Booth  
July 25th  
Downtown Marquette

MQT County Fair  
UPAWS Booth  
MQT County Fair Grounds  
August 7th—9th

Strut Your Mutt Charity Walk  
Lower Harbor Park MQT  
September 13th

Sally's Ride  
MQT County Fairgrounds  
September 20th

UPAWS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Open House  
UPAWS Campus  
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## From UPAWS:

## Meet Petszel — Your New Pet Helper!

Hey animal lovers!

We have some pawsome news to share! UPAWS has partnered with Petszel, a handy new tool that makes adopting and caring for your new pet much easier — and a lot more fun! It's like having a friendly pet coach right at your fingertips.

### What is Petszel?

Petszel is a free online app that helps you keep track of important pet information and provides helpful tips for your new best friend. The best part? There's nothing to download — check your email after your adoption (don't forget to check your spam folder)!



### What You'll Find in Petszel:

- Medical Records: All your pet's health info is saved in one place.
- Expert Advice: Tips on feeding, training, and caring for your pet.
- Recommended Services: See what UPAWS suggests to help your pet thrive!

The first days with a new pet can feel overwhelming. Petszel helps you feel prepared so you can relax and enjoy your new family pet. And if you ever need help, Petszel keeps you connected with UPAWS!

### Why We Love Petszel:

- ★ No Lost Papers: Everything stays safe online.
- ★ Happy Pets: Tips to help your pet feel comfortable at home.
- ★ Stay Connected: We can check in to help every pet stay in a loving home.

### Happy Adopting!

We're excited to share Petszel with you — another way we show love and care for our pets and adopters.

~ The UPAWS Team



**Exciting news, animal lovers!** This year, the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Society proudly celebrates its **50th Anniversary!** We invite you to **join us for an open house this Fall at UPAWS**, where we'll reflect on five decades of compassion and care for our furry friends. Come share in the joy, meet fellow animal lovers, and enjoy some light refreshments as we celebrate this special milestone together.

**Stay tuned for more details, and let's make this anniversary a heartwarming occasion!**

# Together, We Can Create Change for Homeless, Stray, and Neglected Animals

This spring and summer, UPAWS has seen a significant increase in the number of animals arriving in dire need. As the warm weather brings more pets outdoors, many of these furry friends find themselves lost, abandoned, or in need of urgent care. Despite the challenges, our amazing community has stepped up in incredible ways to help these animals in need.

## A Growing Need for Help

With so many pets arriving at our shelter, the need for support has never been greater. Each day, we receive calls from concerned citizens who have found stray animals or witnessed neglect. It's heartbreaking to see these animals in distress, but it also shows us how important it is to come together as a community to offer help.

**Photo:** A tiny kitten, just a few weeks old, was found by kind people, suffering from sores on her neck while trapped in a wheel well. She was taken to UPAWS for care. Every rescue contributes to a brighter future, all thanks to your generous support!



## Community Support Shines Bright

We are incredibly thankful for the kindness and generosity of our supporters, which allows us to care for these animals. Whether through financial contributions, food, supplies, or volunteer hours, our community truly shines. Every donation, big or small, makes an impact on the lives of these deserving pets. Your support enables us to provide medical care, food, and shelter for those in greatest need.



**Photo:** Lucy, a sweet dog, arrived at UPAWS very pregnant and needing help. Initially, we had only a plastic pool for giving birth, which was not sufficient. With help from generous donors, UPAWS received two whelping boxes and pads. Lucy is now a happy mother, showcasing how donations aid in caring for all animals at UPAWS.

## An Urgent Call for Help

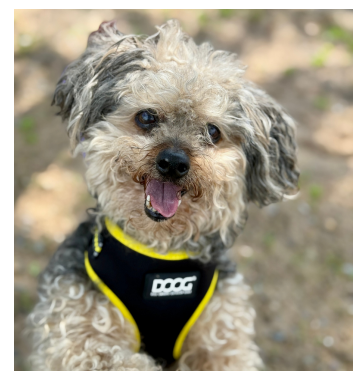
As we work tirelessly to care for these homeless pets, we need your help now more than ever. If you can, please consider donating. Every little bit helps us provide the best care possible. Volunteering is also a great way to make a difference. And if you're thinking about welcoming a new furry friend into your home, please consider adopting one of our lovable pets in need.

## Together, We Make a Difference

This spring and summer have been challenging, but our community's support has been amazing. Together, we can continue helping homeless, stray and neglected animals find safety and love. Your involvement creates brighter futures for these pets. **Thank you for being part of the UPAWS family.**



Scan the QR code to make a donation and support our efforts!



**Bear**, 14-years-old, arrived at UPAWS after he lost his beloved owner. It didn't take long for Bear to be adopted. Look at that smile!

# Keep Calm & Help Your Cat: Litter Box Solutions

Did you know that litter box issues are a leading reason people give up on their cats? Don't worry — most problems can be fixed! **Cats love cleanliness.** If your cat stops using the litter box, there's always a reason, and **UPAWS is here to help!**

Here's some exciting news! **Cat ownership is booming**, with a 23% rise in cat-owning households across the country in 2024! **Let's keep our feline friends joyful and at home.**

If your cat starts going outside the litter box, the first step is to **contact your veterinarian** and have your cat's urine checked. A **urinary tract infection (UTI)** can cause significant pain and lead to accidents outside the box. UTIs can be serious, especially for male cats. **Always rule out health issues first!**

Here are other typical reasons and ways to help:

## ✓ Not Fixed? They Might Be Spraying

Cats that aren't spayed or neutered often spray to mark their territory. Getting your cat spayed or neutered helps prevent this.

## ✓ Keep It Clean!

Cats don't like a dirty box. Scoop at least twice a day.

## ✓ Too Few Boxes

The minimum number of litter boxes recommended for your house is one litter box per cat, plus an extra one.

## ✓ Wrong Box or Litter

Seniors and kittens may require a low-entry box. Big cat? Bigger box! Most cats like unscented litter.

## ✓ Stress

Big changes, such as moving, acquiring new pets, or having visitors, can cause stress in your cat. Try to keep their routine the same. Plug-ins like Feliway® can help calm them down.

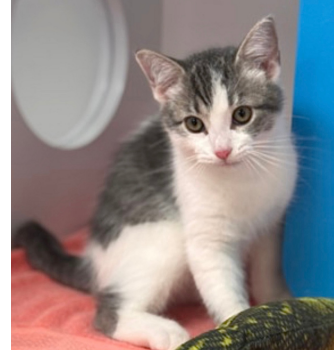
## ✓ Clean Up the Right Way

To prevent your cat from returning to the same spot, use pet-safe enzyme cleaners, such as Nature's Miracle®. Enzyme cleaners break down the waste and other substances in cat urine that cause odors, so your cat is unlikely to return to that area to urinate again.

## ⊘ Never Punish Your Cat!

Shouting or punishing your cat isn't effective and can even make things worse. Cats don't respond well to negative actions, and it might cause them to become afraid of you. It is always best to remain patient and calm.

If you have questions, consult your veterinarian or seek advice from UPAWS. We are happy to assist.



*Chistery was adopted but returned because he wasn't feeling well. Chistery had a UTI - yup, even kittens can get a bladder infection. 10 days of general antibiotics and he was back in tip-top spirits!*

## Featured Pet for Adoption



Meet **Fozzy Bear Sparkles** – a 6-year-old tabby and a *hunk o' hunk of burning love!* This big, buttery-soft fellow is all about affection. He adores snuggling on laps, and soaking up attention like it's sunshine. With a **purr that rivals a V-8 engine**, he'll rev his way into your heart. Fozzy enjoys the simple pleasures in life—lounging in his catio, breathing in the fresh air, or relaxing on a safe, enclosed porch. He's looking for a calmer home where he can be your **one and only—no other pets**, just you and all his love. To keep this lovable giant feeling his best, he eats a special diet to stay healthy and shed a pound or two. But don't worry—he's still got plenty of him to love!

♥ **Adoption fee sponsored by Swick Home Services!**

Call or email UPAWS today to meet this handsome, huggable fellow!

# Great Ways You Can Help Animals

## Donate Items from our Wish List



Donations of supplies help keep the shelter running and lower overhead costs. Items are tax-deductible and can be purchased locally or through our Amazon Wish List. View our Wish List [www.upaws.org/get-involved/wish-list](http://www.upaws.org/get-involved/wish-list).

## Donate Monetarily



Donating money is one of the best ways to help. Your gifts can help cover the costs of vet care, food, medicine, and provide a safe haven while animals wait for their forever homes. Every dollar helps!

## Spread the Word Share our Posts



Help spread the word about the shelter and its animals by sharing their story on social media or telling your friends and family. Share our events, adoptions, needs, and fundraisers too! The more people who know, the more likely they are to help out and adopt!

## Donate your Birthday! Hold a Facebook Fundraiser



This year, instead of birthday gifts, ask family and friends to donate to help UPAWS animals. It's easy to make a personal fundraiser on your Facebook page! Just select UPAWS as your recipient and share!

## Adopt or Foster a Pet



Adopting or fostering a pet gives them a second chance at a loving home while freeing up space for more animals in need. UPAWS is filled with happy, healthy pets eager for a forever family.

## Host a DIY Fundraiser



Individuals, youth groups, businesses, and retirement homes can support our animals through DIY (do it yourself) fundraisers. These projects involve organizing small events or wish list drives to raise funds or collect supplies for UPAWS.

## Support our Fundraisers



Join us for fun events like Strut Your Mutt, The Gala, Tee Up 4 Tails, the UPAWS Holiday Pop Up Shop, Pet Photo Calendar, and more! Your participation makes a difference in the lives of the animals in need.

## Volunteer Your Time



Volunteering is a great way to help! When you give your time, you can help with daily chores, care for the pets, join a committee, or help out at outside events. This makes a big difference in their lives.



**upaws 2026**  
**PET CALENDAR**  
**PHOTO CONTEST**

ENTER Now - July 31<sup>st</sup>  
VOTE August 1 - 31<sup>st</sup>  
RESERVE a DAY

SCAN ME!



All proceeds to benefit UPAWS

Join the fun in the **2026 UPAWS Pet Calendar Contest!** Showcase your pet's adorable face in the calendar while helping **animals in need**. Submit a photo of your beloved pet by **July 31<sup>st</sup>** and support UPAWS for just **\$10**.

From **August 1 to 31**, vote for your favorite pets for only **\$1 each**. The top **5 dogs, 5 cats**, and **1 other pet** will be featured in the calendar. The **12th winner** will be selected through a **random drawing** of entries that have received a minimum of 100 votes. The most-voted pet gets the **cover spot!** You can also reserve your pet's special date, like their birthday, for a **\$10 donation**.

For more details and to enter, visit:

<https://www.gogophotocontest.com/upaws2026>

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Your support plays a crucial role in helping the animals.

Memorials and Honorariums from November 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

Fortunately, our list is comprehensive.

If by any chance we missed someone or something,  
we apologize and kindly inform us.



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