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BEST CHOICE UPDATE



We have received \$120 since January 2008 just for saving and sending in **Best Choice** (BC) barcodes.

For those who are new to saving Best Choice barcodes for us, we only need the barcode, not the entire label (see example above). This will save you postage by reducing the weight and bulkiness of your package.

Barcodes are prohibited from milk, cigarettes and soda cans.

We continue to receive a great amount of BC from our loyal members.

Send a little or a lot, it truly does help PAWS continue the neuter/spay program.

UPCOMING EVENT

**A Tropical Evening with
PETS 'N ALL THAT JAZZ
will be June 28, 2008.**

Please mark your calendar so you don't miss this fun evening and important fundraiser for PAWS and ABF.

We welcome you to enjoy a fun, relaxing evening with **Birds of Love**, fabulous gift certificates at the Pick-A-Paw Table, fantastic gift certificates and items on the silent auction tables, a new 50-cent a ticket raffle with lots of items to try for, wine, tropical drink and tasty morsels.

To request an invitation be sent to you or a friend or for more information, please contact PAWS V-P, Connie at: paws.vp@paws-inc.org or leave a message in mail box 2. Reservations are required.



PAWS 2008 RAFFLE

In a little over three months many of you could be winners in the 2008 PAWS raffle!

We have secured many great prizes already. We would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their generosity. Some of them are kind enough to donate to PAWS year after year so when you are thinking about your purchases, please patronize these companies.

Our **Grand Prize** this year is a one-night stay in a deluxe room including breakfast for two at Lilly's Restaurant from the **Kansas City Marriott Downtown**. **First Prize** is a Friday or Saturday night stay at the **Doubletree Hotel** in Overland Park, and **Second Prize** is a one-night stay at the **Sheraton KC Sports Complex Hotel**.

PAWS has also received admission for two to a show at the **American Heartland Theatre**, a \$60 manicure/pedicure gift card from **Beauty Brands Superstores**, a \$20 gift card from **Bed Bath and Beyond**, a dog denim jacket and Harley Davidson collar from **Blue Springs Harley Davidson**, \$50 gift card from the **Cheesecake Factory**, \$30 gift card from **Crown Center**, a three-night stay from **Elkhound Ranch Kennels** in Kansas City North, a \$25 gift card from **Family Tree Nursery** in Overland Park, a huge gift basket full of goodies from the **Isle of Capri Casino**, a **Plaza** banner, an autographed picture of Tony Gonzales from the **Kansas City Chiefs**, four admission passes from the **Kansas City Zoo**, a voucher for two to a performance from the **Kansas City Repertory Theatre**, a \$30 gift card from **Mimi's Café**, two \$10 gift cards from **Panera**, four admission passes to **Powell Gardens**, four NFL keepsake ornaments from **Shirley Richardson**, and a Scarlet O'Hara collectible plate and a Star Trek collectible plate from **Shirley Richardson and Earlene Townsend**.

PAWS WISHES TO EXPRESS HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THESE INCREDIBLE PRIZES AND THE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WHO DONATED THEM! THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

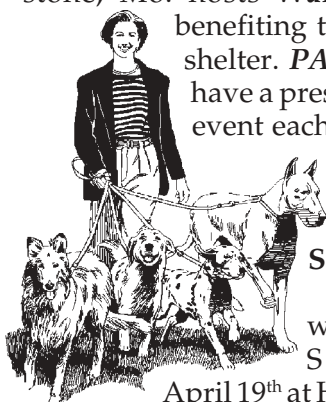
There is still plenty of time to secure more prizes so keep them coming! We accept prizes from individuals as well as companies so if you've got a favorite store, restaurant, or other destination get a gift card and donate it. It's that simple!!

Enclosed in this newsletter are ten tickets. Please include a \$1 donation with every ticket you submit. If you need more, copy the enclosed sheet and send them in or go to www.PAWS-inc.org and click on raffle tickets (fill in one and the whole page fills in!). We have a prize for the person who sends in the most tickets. These could be from family and friends - just make sure you get credit for them by putting your name on the back.

PAWS could not continue our mission of eliminating pet overpopulation without the generosity of all involved. From our board to our volunteers, valuable supporters, companies and individuals who donate for our raffle - we wholeheartedly thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

PAWS AT WALK N WAG

In the spring, the city of Gladstone, Mo. hosts Walk N Wag,



benefiting their animal shelter. PAWS tries to have a presence at this event each year using our Gladstone connection, **Shelly True.**

The event was held on Saturday, April 19th at Happy Rock Park in Gladstone and began with the dogs and their people mingling with one another and visiting the tables set up by various groups who represent an interest in animals.

PAWS offered information about our program, a donation can; shirts, catnip toys and firefighter stickers for sale. Shelly spoke with many people about the program and opportunities that PAWS provides.

First was a one-mile walk on the trail through the park which the dogs and their people seemed to enjoy.

This was followed by Musical Frisbee and Bobbing for Biscuits, Frisbee catching and agility demonstrations.

And of course, the raffle - for each bag of poop an owner brings to the table they receive a ticket for prizes donated for the event.

All in all, it appeared that there were as many as 50 dogs and they were all having fun.

Thanks Shelly for getting out there to spread the word!

SUMMER TIME, SUMMER TIME, OH SUMMER, SUMMER TIME

During the summer season pet owners must take extra precautions in order to ensure the safety of their furry family members.

- **SHADE AND WATER ARE A MUST:** Make sure your pet has protection from heat and sun (a dog house does not provide relief from heat). Provide plenty of fresh, cool water. Heat stroke can be fatal for pets. If your dog tips over the water bowl, try using a large tub with a flat bottom and surrounding it with bricks. Some dogs enjoy a dip in a child's wading pool, but remember to change the water regularly. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant/standing water.
- **LIMIT EXERCISE ON HOT DAYS:** Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours and be especially careful with short-nosed dogs and those with thick coats. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws. Take water along on walks and offer it frequently.
- **RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE:** Heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, restlessness, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, and unconsciousness.
Following these tips could save your pet's life:
 - Move the animal into the shade or an air-conditioned area.
 - Apply ice packs or cold towels to her head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over her.
 - Let her drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
 - Take her directly to a veterinarian.
- **NEVER LEAVE YOUR PETS IN A PARKED CAR:** On an 85-degree fahrenheit day, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within ten minutes and quickly become lethal.
- **ON A CAR RIDE, USE CAUTION AND GOOD SAFETY HABITS.** Use a pet safety harness to ensure that your dog is protected from sudden stops. Seatbelt the cat carrier for the same reason. Dogs who ride in the back of pick-up trucks should be in a crate that is secured to the bed of the truck.
- **SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET:** Although this is a year-round concern, the spring and summer months heighten the need for spaying and neutering because animal shelters often become filled to capacity. Other benefits of spaying and neutering include a greatly reduced risk of cancer and reduced potential for aggressive behavior in your pet.

PAWS ABOUT TOWN

🐾 April 19 & 20th marked the 2nd annual Pet Expo, held this year at the American Royal building in Kansas City.

PAWS was honored to share a booth with **Animals Best Friends (ABF)**. What a privilege and experience!

There were hundreds of booths and many species of animals. There were dock diving dogs, many, many rescue groups, vendors, a pet psychic, a pet minister who officiates at funerals and even a Dog Scout troop.

On Saturday, we SOLD OUT of PAWS t-shirts. It's nice to know so many people support our cause.

ABF had four puppy ambassadors - LT, Goldie, Teddy and Dusty. These charming 14-week old golden retriever mixes really attracted the attention of the crowd. I never knew how heavy a tired puppy could be until I carried one through an exhibition hall at the end of the day!

I can't wait to go back next year! *- Trish Doran, PAWS volunteer*

🐾 **Pets in the Park** was May 3rd at Santa Fe Park in Independence. Volunteer **Dave Mayta** manned a booth for PAWS, offering shirts, rescue stickers and Check for Kitty Magnets as well as items for our "sister group" ABF. Although chilly and windy, lots of people showed up to parade their pets and get rabies vaccines and micro chipping for their pets.

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PAWS' 2008 RAFFLE

GRAND Prize - Friday or Saturday night stay in a deluxe guest room at

KC Downtown Marriott (includes breakfast)

1st Prize: Friday or Saturday night stay at

Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park, KS

Many more prizes to be won!! **\$1.00 donation per chance**

PAWS, Inc. is a Missouri not-for-profit organization. Proceeds from this raffle provide assistance for the promotion of neutering and spaying of pet cats and dogs.



DRAWING: Sat., Aug. 9, 2008 - Winners will be notified

Please send your check and raffle stubs to:

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MEMORIALS

Contributions in memory of a person or pet friend are welcome as memorials.

♥ In memory of PAUL HEINEMAN. - Linda & Norma Cartwright, Nancy West & Barbara Schneider.

♥ In memory of our dear daughter-in-law, WENDY LEWIS. We miss you - Marjorie & Cecil Lewis

♥ In memory of LORETTA SMALE of Chillicothe, Illinois. - Don & Jane Gardner

♥ In memory of my ANGEL LILBIT who crossed to the Rainbow Bridge on September 17, 2007. You are and always will be my Shining Star and forever in my heart. - Rhonda Gearhart

♥ In loving memory of Rhonda Gearhart's LILBIT. - Michele Braun

♥ In loving memory of PENNY. Lost, but not forgotten. - Sandie & Neal Morris

♥ In memory of my CLARA KATHLEEN, who passed away March 27, 2004. Clara had a Gray Girl attitude and was a Kitty of Steel. She survived being a shelter cat, being unwanted due to several medical issues, having BBs lodged perma-

nently in her shoulder as well as a fur-brother whose goal in life was to torture her. She got past all those hurdles and lodged herself in my heart where she is still missed. - Susan Whiteaker

♥ In memory of my LOUISE, who I lost to cancer on April 2, 2008. The Lovely Louise had a rough beginning. No one knew where she really came from, but she was so terrified that she lashed out at any human that came within touching distance. She needed a lot of patience and lots of love over a long period of time. What she loved best was other kitties, but eventually came to enjoy a warm lap, a chin scratch, an ear massage and a gentle comb-out. There's a Louise-sized hole in my heart that may never heal. - Susan Whiteaker

♥ In memory of KITTY, who came from a shelter to be a friend to Walter and a companion to Barney for many years. - Lila Hakk

I miss you, my SPOOKER dog. You were really one of a kind. I am blessed to have known you, Never another Best Friend will I find. - All my love, Dorian



In Honor of SHELLY TRUE'S Birthday, donations were sent to PAWS by Kristi and the Team at Kristi A. Soligo and Associates.

Happy Birthday, Shelly!

PAWS MEETINGS

PAWS meetings are every other month.

They are usually at the Trails West KC Public Library on 23rd Street, in Independence, Mo.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 9, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm, starting with drawing the raffle winners and ending with a short meeting.

If you would like email notification of meetings, please contact Shelly at paws.secretary@paws-inc.org.

MATCHING FUNDS!

Thank you AVIAN GIGUERE for not only donating to PAWS but for submitting her donation record to her employer, AAA, for their matching contribution program. "PAWS UP" to both Avian and AAA.



TICKETS INSIDE! ANNUAL RAFFLE

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