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2007 BEST CHOICE WRAP-UP

In 2007, 147 people sent in a total of 30,000 UPC codes, which means \$900 plus a bonus of \$30 was received.

Our top three winners for sending in the highest amount of UPCs are:

1st PRIZE - \$25

Beverly & Larry Cox 2050

2nd PRIZE - \$15

Marlys Stallings 692

3rd PRIZE - \$10

Carol McGregor 597

Rounding out the top ten are:

C.W. Mason 559

Dorothy White 510

Lauren Bickel 510

Alberta Gill 480

Janelle Campbell 455

Kathryn Murphy 431

Denise Kotel 418

A huge thank you goes out to all of you who sent their UPC codes to us. Every UPC sent (a little or a lot) counts! Please note that all of the prize money was donated anonymously.



PAWS ANNUAL RAFFLE 2008



As we start the new year, PAWS continues to think about getting the funds needed to accomplish our mission of eliminating pet overpopulation. Our annual raffle is one of our biggest fund-raisers so we have to plan ahead to make it successful.

Last year our Grand Prize was a Friday or Saturday night stay in a deluxe room at the Double Tree Hotel. First Prize was a weekend night stay for two at the Sheraton KC Sports Complex.

The Downtown Marriott also donated a one-night stay including breakfast for two, Pete N Macs donated a free Suite weekend, and the Isle of Capri Casino donated an incredible gift basket with all kinds of goodies in it! In addition to those fabulous prizes, we also received donations from many companies and individuals around the Kansas City area for restaurant gift certificates, retail gift cards, candle sets, gift baskets, and tickets to theatre and area attractions, pet supplies and toys, and other wonderful things.



Many of these individuals and companies donate to PAWS year after year, and we can't tell them how grateful we are for their participation in our raffle. PAWS exists because of the generous donations we receive and we couldn't do it without THEM or without YOU!

Our raffle will be held in early August and the next newsletter will list the prizes we've accumulated as well as the tickets you need to win them. People always appreciate gift cards for merchandise or food which means you don't have to be a company to donate. We receive many great prizes from our individual supporters and the more prizes we have the greater your chances are of winning!

PAWS loves to give the raffle prizes away SO, if you have a prize to donate or know somebody in a company promotions department please give us a call at 816-252-2680.



RESCUE STICKERS

Red printing on white peel 'n' stick stock to place on windows at front and/or back of house to alert firefighters of pets inside.

Stickers also include space to indicate whether any human occupants are invalids who need assistance.

FIREFIGHTERS

The following are inside. Please help them out!

- CAT(S)
- DOG(S)
- BIRD(S)



PAWS, INC., P.O. Box 16664, RAYTOWN, MO 64133

1 for \$1.50
or
2 for \$2.50
(includes shipping).

HELP US WIN \$1,000 THROUGH iGive.com®

Join iGive.com (www.iGive.com/PAWSinKC - this address will take you to a sign up screen). No purchase necessary - it's totally free. Visit up to 10 different online stores every day. Each of those visits counts as an entry in this sweepstakes. Each visit to a different iGive.com store counts as an entry in the sweepstakes. Every month, iGive.com will award \$1,000 each to 5 winning causes! Over 680 online stores participate in the iGive.com program, so there's something for everyone! This sweepstakes is valid until July 31, 2008. You have to be an iGive.com member to participate and must go through the <www.iGive.com/PAWSinKC> address to benefit PAWS!

If you visit 10 different stores through iGive.com today, and 9 of your friends each visit 10 stores, that's 100 entries for PAWS in just one day! Tell your friends to do the same, more visits means more chances to win a \$1,000 donation. For complete rules and info visit: www.Surfathon.com.



COUPON BOOKS

We sold 26 books this year and made \$104.00 for PAWS. The campaign for selling Entertainment Coupon books for 2009 will begin in July. We need a co-chair to help with sales, someone with a computer who has the time to send out emails announcing that we are selling them. If you would like to help with this, please contact Connie at paws.vp@paws-inc.org.

ANIMAL ANGELS

We have received our first donation from a purchase of Michele Braun's **Forever Angels**.

Michele creates custom mirrored or stained-glass mosaics memorial markers, ornaments, frames and memory boxes. She has generously offered to make a donation to PAWS when you make a purchase.

For more information, call her at 913-217-7366 or visit her website at ourforeverangels.com.

"CHECK FOR KITTY" MAGNETS



White magnet material with black lettering. Two by three and one half inches.

They stick to dryers and refrigerators to remind user to check inside for kitties.

\$1.50 or 2 for \$2.50 (includes shipping).

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THE VIRGINIA KOSO ESTATE ENDOWMENT



PAWS has partnered with the Truman Heartland Community Foundation in the creation of an endowment fund. Would you like to be a permanent partner with PAWS?

We are happy to present a unique opportunity with personalized planning for the enduring benefit of YOU and PAWS. You can create your own legacy by carefully planning to donate or bequeath funds to your favorite charity and develop a special endowment fund in your name.

A gift to an endowment fund can either be outright or deferred. Endowments create permanence and continue giving beyond your life to support and provide ongoing source of income for charities such as PAWS.

Our first legacy was created in April of 2002 when PAWS was named a beneficiary of The Virginia Koso Estate. A memorial fund in the name of Virginia Koso was made a part of our endowment at the Foundation. Depending upon your unique financial planning and gift objective, you may use gifts of cash, will and bequests, appreciated stocks, real estate, IRA's, or life insurance to achieve your goal. The staff at Truman Heartland Community Foundation can help you prepare documents necessary to implement your wishes.

For more information, contact Dr. Paul Thomson at the Truman Heartland Community Foundation (816-836-8189).

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE:

We have changed our date for **A Tropical Evening with PETS 'N ALL THAT JAZZ, to June 28, 2008.**

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

We are planning 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, tropical drinks and tasty morsels.



If you would like to help plan this event, which benefits PAWS and ABF, the meetings are held Thursday nights at 6 pm in Independence. E-mail PAWS V-P, Connie, for details at paws.vp@paws-inc.org or leave a message in mailbox 2.

PAWS MEETINGS, PAST AND FUTURE - PLEASE JOIN US!

Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers was held Saturday, November 17, 2007. The current officers were re-elected for the fiscal year 2008 and are listed in the box to the left. It was decided to hold regular PAWS meetings, every other month. Although we had a small turnout in January, it was very productive.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, **March 22, 2008** from 2 pm until 4 pm at the Trails West KC Public Library on 23rd Street, in Independence, Mo, in conference room B. If you would like e-mail notification of meetings, please e-mail Shelly at paws.secretary@paws-inc.org. See you there!

CONSIDER A PET TRUST FOR FUTURE CARE

Recent interest in what to do with the care of a pet in the event that a person can no longer take care of them has prompted PAWS to provide the following information about pet trusts.

A pet trust is a legal instrument that allows you to designate a specific



amount of money for your pet's care and name a trustee to carry out your wishes.

The TWO MAIN TYPES of pet trusts are TRADITIONAL and STATUTORY. The differences are cost and state recognition.

The TRADITIONAL costs around \$1500 to \$2000 and is recognized in all states.

Whereas, the STATUTORY usually costs under \$100 and is recognized in only 38 states.

An estate planning attorney can help with these arrangements, preferably one with experience with pet trusts. Or you can work with a company like Pet Guardian (888-843-4040) which creates living pet trust in any state for birds, cats, dogs and horses, and charges around \$500.

Some factors you'll need to consider include:

- A trustee to manage the money and a caretaker to handle day to day care
- Care giving details such as what your pet should receive for feeding, how often they should be taken to the vet, burial arrangements, etc.
- To fund the trust you could set aside money from your estate to cover the costs or buy a life insurance policy naming the trustee as the beneficiary.
- Any leftover funds could be left to the caretaker. However, be sure this is a trusted individual as you wouldn't want the care to be less so they would get more.

If you don't want to spend the time or money on a pet trust here are some suggestions for alternate arrangements:

- Simply find a trusted friend or relative to take care of your pet if something happens to you. A separate bank account could be set up with that person as the beneficiary.
- Leave a direct bequest in your will with funds to cover the care. Keep in mind, however, this doesn't offer the legal protection of a statutory pet trust.

If you have no one to name as a caregiver, opt to leave your pet to a sanctuary, rescue, life-care program, humane society or other animal welfare group. This will generally require a fee or donation as they usually operate on donations.

Taking steps now to know that your pet will be taken care of gives you peace of mind for the future.

Here are some websites you may find helpful:

www.estateplanningforpets.org

www.aaepa.com

www.petguardian.com

www.petfinder.com

HUMANE TRAPS AVAILABLE

PAWS often get requests for traps used to humanely catch feral (or just frightened) cats. Now that service can be provided.



Two Havaheart traps have been donated to PAWS that can be borrowed at no cost. (We will ask for a \$50 deposit to be returned when the trap is returned.) These humane traps are cages that are baited with food. When the cat enters to eat, they trip the door and it closes, not harming the cat.

For more information or to use our traps, call PAWS and leave a message, include your name, phone number, city and state, in mailbox 2.

PAY ATTENTION AND KEEP YOUR PET HEALTHY

Cats are experts at hiding pain, making it tough to know when they need a trip to the vet.

As with ourselves, early detection with disease prevention in mind we can alleviate a potential serious condition by paying attention to the warning signs:

- Prolonged vomiting, constipation, or diarrhea
- Fever, poor appetite, decreased or increased water consumption
- Rapid, shallow, labored, or raspy breathing
- Poor motor coordination, staggering, lameness, or collapse
- Panting, pacing, or agitation
- Lethargy, withdrawal, or hiding
- Persistent sneezing or coughing, runny nose and eyes
- Bad breath or body odor
- Pale gums, tongue, or ears
- Lumps

As this list is by no means exhaustive, you know your pet best and will probably detect the warning signs based on their unusual behavior, ***BUT IF IN DOUBT, ALWAYS CALL YOUR VET.***

IN LOVING MEMORY

ALFRED E. SWARTZ, JR.
10-31-25 to 11-07-07



In memory of my beloved father...
Daddy, I can see you in heaven
right now...with a pie in one
hand, and an arm full of cats
In the other. - until we meet again...
Love, Terre & John

In loving memory of my father, **Alfred E. Swartz Jr.**, the bravest man I've ever known. A man who truly loved all of God's creatures. I miss you Daddy.
Love, Judy

In memory of **ALFRED SWARTZ.**
*from Terre's Friends & Co-Workers
at the V.A. Hospital*

MEMORIALS

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

♥ In special memory of my **SPOOKER**. You brought more joy to my life than mere words can say. I miss you so!
 – Love, Dorian

♥ In memory of my beloved Yorkie, **PEEWEE**.
 – Martha Alexander

♥ In memory of my little **FLOSSIE FIONA**, who passed away Octgober 26, 2004. I still miss her bright-eyed and cheery chirps the first thing every morning. She was fiercely protective of the other critters and more than once saved them from suffering the indignity of nail trims and mat removal. She was a fan of blogs and insisted on being by my side (and in my lap and in my face and on the keyboard) when I was on the computer. Little Flossie Fiona is missed every day in so many ways.
 – Susan Whiteaker

♥ In memory of my **SYLVIA ROSE**, who passed away November 17, 2004. Sylvia was a forceful presence who refused to give in to the fears life had to offer. She stared down vacuums, veterinary clinic staff and house guests, rarely backing off. It took her awhile to get me trained, but it was time well spent for both of us. She is missed so much every day.
 – Susan Whiteaker

♥ In memory of my **IVY ELIZABETH**, who passed away December 17, 2004. Ivy was my perfect little girl from the moment she adopted me. She loved people (especially if they brought her gifts). She tolerated fur-siblings (rarely uttering an unkind growl). She did, however, insist on the proper respect and groveling from humans due her title of Her Majesty or sim-

ply “Queen Ivy”. The passage of time hasn’t eased the heartache of missing her.
 – Susan Whiteaker

♥ To honor the memory of **JONAH**, a kind and gentle soul. Missed by Carlos, Jim and TJ Whiteford, his loving family.
 – Lynda Modlinski

♥ In memory of **HARLEY**, Jeri Wilson & Jay Wilson’s “garage dog”.
 – Lynda Modlinski

♥ In memory of **BRANDY SMITH**. She came to live with us on December 24, 1992, a 9-week-old puppy and on December 8, 2007 she left us. The big red bow that was around her neck that Christmas Eve has been at the top of our Christmas tree for 15 years and it will be there for as long as we put up a tree. To say that she was our sweet girl sounds so empty, but that is what she was.
 – Jerry & Gayle Smith

♥ In memory of our beloved “grand dog”, **SOPHIE**, who passed away December 28, 2007. She will forever be in our hearts and missed so much by us all.
 – Larry & Beverly Cox

♥ In loving memory of **Henry, Sophie, Howie, Bubba, Jill and Jake** who I lost in 2007 to go home with Cindy at Rainbow Bridge, also in memory of **Cindy** who I lost 4 years ago this February 4th, you are missed terribly.
 – Larry Nation

♥ In memory of **SUNNY**, a beautiful white German shepherd, missed by Bill and Ann Whiteford of Sumner, Iowa.
 – Lynda Modlinski

SYLVESTER LOPEZ
 08/1997-12/30/2007

I lost the most important friend in my life the kind you can’t replace,
 You were only ten, and gone so fast.
 Why?

I’m still looking at your empty bed
 I can still see your face.
 You were with me throughout
 So may hard times in my life,
 My kitty played kiss-kiss and
 Hugged me when I was crying.

I remember how we would play the chase game,
 you would only drink ice water from a glass,
 And how you would come running
 When you heard me call your name.

My Sylvester you were a special kitty
 I miss you so much my lil’ guy
 I don’t know how I’ll face each day,
 I have to let you go to rest in heaven
 But in my heart you will always stay.

I know you’re watching over me
 you’ll be with me when I cry.
 When you left

I had to give you the final kiss-kiss
 to tell you goodbye Lil’ Guy.

**I love you so much mama’s baby,
 Your brothers and I will see you soon.**

– Jen, Garfield, & Neurmal

IN HONOR OF

In appreciation of **VICTORIA HOSS**. for her Sweet16 party Victoria asked that in lieu of presents, guests bring donations to her four favorite charities. **PAWS** is honored to be one of the four and is grateful for the donations.

In honor of **CONNIE & DAVE MAYTA** for their selfless dedication to **PAWS**.

– Bob & Paulette Siegfried



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