

# The PAW PRINT



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## BEST CHOICE UPDATE



We have wrapped up another year of collecting Best Choice UPCs.

A big thank you goes to the 158 persons who faithfully sent in their UPCs. We collected 28,000 UPCs for a total of \$810. We receive an additional \$30 as a bonus, which brings our grand total to \$840.

We would also like to acknowledge the top 5 contributors with cash prizes donated for this purpose:

### 1st Prize - \$25

Larry & Beverly Cox .. 1,635 UPCs

### 2nd Prize - \$20

Kay & Tim Keister ..... 1,342 UPCs

### 3rd Prize - \$15

Carol McGregor ..... 1,078 UPCs

### 4th Prize - \$10

Jan Bean ..... 1,012 UPCs

### 5th Prize - \$10

Ronnie Roush ..... 960 UPCs

Rounding out the top 10:

Norma Abel .....	953
Lauren Bickel .....	594
Barbara Allegri .....	566
Janet Baumgartner .....	515
Eileen Bechtel .....	439

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections were held at our annual meeting October 11, 2008 and the officers remained as before.

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## THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2008!

Pet overpopulation has been a challenge in our country for quite some time and there are numerous organizations making this their focus. Many, many volunteers give their time in the name of fighting this problem while others help in the ways they can. PAWS would like to take a moment to thank each of you who played a part in helping us get closer to our goal of eliminating pet overpopulation whether through:

- the use of our services resulting in 1,754 companion animals being altered preventing potentially thousands of additional litters
- educating someone in your life about the valuable effects of neuter and spay
- donations of time which PAWS thanks our incredible volunteers who return calls to those in need
- preparation of this newsletter
- monetary donors and Best Choice bar code savers
- planners of and workers at fundraisers to keep our services available for those who need them.

**THANK YOU** more than words can say. We can't continue with-out you.

## ANNUAL RAFFLE

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 one-night stay in a Deluxe Guestroom at the **Kansas City Marriott**, including breakfast and First Prize was a weekend night stay for two at the **Doubletree Hotel**.

In addition to those fabulous prizes we also received donations of restaurant gift certificates, retail gift cards, candle sets, gift baskets, tickets to the theatre and area attractions, pet supplies and toys, and many other wonderful things.

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, mail box 2 or email [paws.secretary@paws-inc.org](mailto:paws.secretary@paws-inc.org).

Let's get those prizes rolling in!!



### HUMANE TRAPS AVAILABLE



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

### 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.

**FIREFIGHTERS**  
 The following are inside.  
 Please help them out!

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



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

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

### The PAW PRINT

Published 3-4 times a year to report our activities and promote the benefits of neutering and proper pet care.

#### OFFICERS

- President ..... JERI WILSON
- Vice President ..... CONNIE MAYTA
- Treasurer ..... DAVE MAYTA
- Recording/Corresponding Secretary ..... SHELLY TRUE
- Program Director ..... JUDY FIELDS
- Editors ..... SHELLY TRUE & CONNIE MAYTA
- DTP ..... ARIANA REEDER

## PAWS ABOUT TOWN

### ENTERTAINMENT 2009 COUPON BOOKS

This year we sold 25 Entertainment Coupon books which earned PAWS \$100 to use in the neuter/spay program.

Thanks to all who sold or bought books.

### CITY THEATRE PLAY

Producer's night of "I'll be back before Midnight", a fundraiser for PAWS and ABF earned \$1,580 which was divided between the groups.

Thank you Dave & Connie Mayta for thinking of us by using your producer's night as a fundraiser.

### HELP US WRITE THIS NEWSLETTER!

Everybody likes to see their name in print! We'd love to get to know our readers better and we could use some fresh topics and fun stories.

Tell us what cute or unusual thing your pet does, how you got involved with PAWS, or topics you'd like to see covered in our newsletter. Our editors will look them over and submit them as we have space.

Submit stories to PAWS Inc, PO Box 16664, Raytown, MO 64133 or by email to [paws.secretary@paws-inc.org](mailto:paws.secretary@paws-inc.org).

### IN HONOR OF

♥ In honor of my dear friend, **JUNE MANION**, who has provided a loving home to many animals over the years.

— Martie Alexander

♥ In honor of **CONNIE & DAVE MAYTA**, Merry Christmas!

— Paulette Siegfried

### THANK YOU TO

- ♥ The Parmelee Foundation, Inc. for their generous donation.
- ♥ Employees of Seigfreid, Bingham, Levy, Selzer & Gee for your generous donation.
- ♥ DST Systems for matching your employee Janet Howell's donation to PAWS.
- ♥ Janet Howell for taking the time to submit her donation to PAWS for matching funds from her employer.



### FREE WAYS TO HELP PAWS, INC. RAISE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS

Every time you shop at any of 700+ online stores in the iGive network, a portion of the money you spend benefits PAWS, Inc..

It's a free service, and you'll never pay more when you reach a store through iGive. In fact, smart shoppers will enjoy iGive's repository of coupons, free shipping deals, and sales.

To get started, just create your free iGive account. And when you search the web, do it through iSearchiGive.com where each search means a penny (or more!) for our cause!

Start iGiving at: [www.iGive.com/PAWSinKC](http://www.iGive.com/PAWSinKC) & [www.iSearchiGive.com/PAWSinKC](http://www.iSearchiGive.com/PAWSinKC)

## INTRODUCTION OF PETS TO EACH OTHER



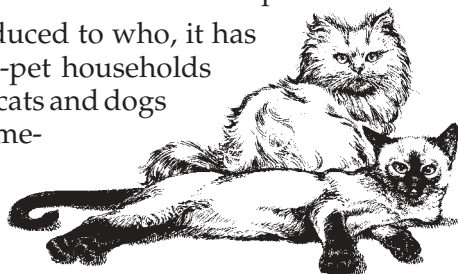
Most animal lovers have had, at one time or another, the challenge of introducing our pets to one another. Size, age, gender, and temperament play a vital role, but do not always tell the whole story. By following some simple guidelines this task can be successful for every being involved.

If it is available, information from the prior owner is one of the most valuable things you can obtain as this will tell you what type of temperament your new animal has toward others. However, if this information is not available here are some things you can do to facilitate a smooth meeting.

First of all, allow yourself time - these introductions should be gradual and may take more than one introduction and maybe even a few days or weeks before the two accept each other.

- For **DOGS MEETING DOGS**, pick a neutral place - one that is not familiar to either of them. If this must be done at home, try taking both dogs down the street or to an area of your home the resident dog doesn't frequent. Both should be firmly restrained on a leash and only allowed to get within "sniffing" distance and not close enough to bite. You will have to be the judge as to how the meeting is going, but if problems escalate simply separate the dogs and try again later. Remember, this is a gradual process and may take a little time, but it will be worth it in the long run. As dogs are already social beings and have usually met other dogs at the dog park or a pet-friendly store, this may be a much easier task than with cats.
- For **CATS MEETING CATS**, try allowing your resident cat to smell the new cat without having sight of it. This can be done by having your cat go into a room the new cat has been in or providing a blanket or piece of clothing the new cat has been laying on. This will get them used to each other's scents without the threat of attack. If you continue to show your resident cat the affection they are used to during this process, eventually the new cat will cease to be a threat and you should be able to introduce them in a supervised environment. Once again, it will probably take time and the cats may never be best friends, but they will find a way to coexist. On the other hand, the cats may be each other's soul mate and you can call the introduction a success.
- For **DOGS AND CATS MEETING** each other it generally depends on whether these two species have ever been around one another in the past. A dog who has history with cats will likely tolerate it right away and vice versa. A cat who has never seen a dog will likely react aggressively or a dog who has never seen a cat will likely react curiously and may get hyper annoying the cat so either situation should be initially supervised until they get used to each other's presence.

Regardless of who's getting introduced to who, it has been proven over and over in multi-pet households that dogs and dogs, cats and cats, and cats and dogs can coexist with very little problem. Sometimes you may even see them curled up with each other, although they will never admit it!



## SAFE, SECURE & SMART WAYS TO GIVE

Create your free iGive account. After that, all you need do is shop through the iGive.com website, newsletters, or install the optional iGive Toolbar\* to make sure you never miss an opportunity to raise money when you shop or search online. It's all automatic, and it's all free of charge. iGive lets you control your membership information with a private password. You can review your store visits and purchase/donation history, and confirm the total amount raised and distributed to your cause. iGive values your privacy and will never release shopper information without consent. And there are no hidden fees or extra costs when you shop through iGive.

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## PAWS SHIRTS AT PET EXPO

When you attend the Pet Expo (at the American Royal Center, Saturday and Sunday, April 18th & 19th), be sure to visit the **Animals Best Friends** booth.



They have graciously offered to sell our t-shirts and polo shirts again this year and would welcome PAWS volunteers to help at the booth.

Hours are Saturday 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm. **Some of their adoptable dogs will be there, too.**

Please contact Gisele at [gigibanker@comcast.net](mailto:gigibanker@comcast.net).

# MEMORIALS

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

♥ In memory of **CAMILLE WILSON**, beloved Mother of Jay and Mark Wilson.

– Lynda Modlinski

♥ In memory of **SHERRI ROBERTSON**, mother of Amie Smith.

– Edward Robertson, Debbie Bell Brown, Mathew & Sarah Pezzullo

♥ In memory of **Barbara Schneider's mother**.

– Norma Cartwright

♥ In loving memory of Army Veteran **ALFRED E. SWARTZ, JR.** on Veterans Day. A great American and a loving husband and father. Missed terribly by all who loved him.

– Debi & Gerald

♥ In memory of my father, **ALFRED SWARTZ**, who loved all of God's Creatures. We miss you Daddy

– Terre & John

♥ In memory of **JOANNE FINN**.

– Debbie Wachs & Cindy Mitchell

♥ In memory of **BARNEY**—a prince among cats.

– Liia Hakk

♥ In memory of **SUSIE**, a loyal and beloved companion of J. & S. Sims, for 14 years.

– Andrea & Bill Jackson

♥ In memory of my Sweet **SPOOKER** dog. You are still thought about each and every day. I miss you so much.

– All my love, Dorian

♥ In 1994 I was working at an apartment complex and here was this little kitten roaming around and nobody knew anything about it so I took it home. She was a pain when it came to trimming her nails, but the cutest thing she did was she would jump up on my shoulders and stretch out and sack out. Now **JOANIE** is with Cindy and the rest and are greatly missed.

♥ In memory of **PUD**. When we moved to Homestead Village in Excelsior he was running around outside so we catnapped him. Now he is with Cindy and the rest and are greatly missed.

– Larry

♥ In memory of **BECKET**.

– Dana Bleakley

♥ In memory of my little **FLOSSIE FIONA**, who passed away October 26, 2004. Her happy chirps and bright-eyed enthusiasm continue to be missed every day. She was such a frightened, sickly little girl at the shelter and it took some time for her trust of humans and her health to

return. She was worth the wait. She just wasn't with us nearly long enough.

– Susan Whiteaker

♥ In memory of my smart little black cat, **GEORGE** who passed away just before Halloween at the age of nearly 20. He helped me through some tough times.

– Jil Brown

♥ In memory of **RUSTY**, our cat, a true loyal friend. We will miss you terribly.

– Your family, Becky, Michael & Zach Kobusch

♥ In memory of **PRISSY CAT**, John's 18 year old and **CUDDLES**, my precious Calico, **BOOTSIE**, the one of many I tried to save—but our Vet said "she's too badly injured", **RASCAL**, **BULLET**, and **GUM-DROP**

– Carol & John Fields

♥ In memory of my "velcro" kitty, **COSMO**, who passed away December 15, 2008. I miss your high fives, your runs through the house at night followed by the noisy "kill", then snuggling in bed with me. Dipstick and P.C. miss you, too.

– Lyn Erickson



PAWS BOX SCORE	
ANIMALS NEUTERED / SPAYED	
Fiscal year Oct 1, 07 through Sept 30, 08	
<b>DOGS</b>	<b>CATS</b>
Female . . . . . 358	Female . . . . . 655
Male . . . . . 282	Male . . . . . 459
<u>640</u>	<u>1,114</u>
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR - 1,754	

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