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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pets 'N' All That Jazz ... Spotlights Old Hollywood! Will be held July 23, 2011 at The Pavilion at Logan Woods. We are planning a great evening of music, entertainment, auctions, door prizes, Pick-A-Paw prizes, wonderful food from Nadler's, desserts by Jeri and wine. This fundraiser is in conjunction with Animals Best Friends and photos from past events may be viewed at www.pnatj.org. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please email mail.list@pnatj.org or leave a message on mail box 2 for Connie.

BEST CHOICE UPDATE

The year of 2010 brought in \$900 from Best Choice UPCs. A big thank you goes to the 165 people who sent us 29,000 UPCs. The \$900 includes a \$30.00 bonus that Associated Wholesale Grocers gives us for submitting the 1,000 minimum UPCs each year. Our top 10 winners and their prizes for this year are:

- 1st - Beverly & Larry Cox - 2,559 (\$25.00)
- 2nd - Janet Baumgartner - 1,394 (\$20.00)
- 3rd - Kathleen Pine - 942 (\$15.00)
- 4th - Michaëlle Polk - 886 (\$10.00)
- 5th - Eileen Bechtel - 710 (\$10.00)
- 6th - Patricia & Esther Torode - 698 (Blue Bunny coupon)
- 7th - Candy Snyder - 691 (Blue Bunny coupon)
- 8th - Norma Abel - 648 (Blue Bunny coupon)
- 9th - Lauren Bickel - 547 (Blue Bunny coupon)
- 10th - Kay Keister - 546 (Blue Bunny coupon)

RAFFLE TIME IS HERE!

PAWS 22nd annual raffle is just around the corner. Can you believe our first raffle was in 1990 with just 7 prizes!!! With the grand prize of a hot air balloon ride we collected over \$860. Last year we gave away over 30 prizes, raising \$1,100 and our grand prize was a one Night Stay in a deluxe guest room at **Downtown Marriott** including breakfast at **Lillys**. Letters will be sent out asking for donations of gift certificates and items that we can give away in a drawing to be held in August. We've had great prizes in the past including hotel stays, restaurant gift certificates and gift cards, bowling parties, baseball tickets, theatre tickets, baskets of Avon, tea, coffee and more. *We welcome donations from individuals and businesses to help raise money for the neuter/spay program.* Please contact Connie on mail box 2 or email at paws.vp@paws-inc.org. We would like to have enough raffle prizes that everyone wins!



PAWS ABOUT TOWN

Dogtoberfest was held Sunday October 17 on a nice cool but not cold day in Fleming Park. **PAWS** had a booth staffed by volunteers Dave & Connie Mayta, Marilyn Dacus, Jil Brown and Jack & Judy Braun. We sold Entertainment Coupon Books, Shirts, Rescue Stickers, Check for Kitty Magnets and Bumper Stickers. From our booth we could also see the Disc Dog Arena and the Sheep Herding Demo. It was a lot of fun cheering for the dogs!



From left: Jil Brown, Connie Mayta and Marilyn Dacus



Volunteers Judy and Jack Braun.

MATCHING FUNDS

Once again we thank **Avian Giguere** for submitting her donation to **PAWS** to her employer and thank **AAA** for matching her donation!

DOUBLE MATCH!!

Thank you to **WJ Chisholm** for his donation and submitting it to his employer **DST** who DOUBLED his donation!

♥ **Sad News...** Long time supporter (19 years!) **MILDRED MORLAN** passed away March 2010. She kindly remembered **PAWS** and many other organizations in her will.

IGIVE

PAWS received a check for \$29.04, our earnings for April through July, 2010. Total paid to date is \$429.03. We have 93 members shopping on line through I Give. You can be a part of this fundraising effort...at no cost to you! It's easy to do. 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!

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www.iSearchiGive.com/
PAWSinKC

ENTERTAINMENT COUPON BOOKS 2011

This was a great year for this fundraiser. The more we sold the more money per book we received. Thanks again to Birgit Love for chairing this "event" and Connie Mayta for helping. We sold 53 books and made \$350.00 for the neuter/spay program.

PAWS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of *PAWS* was held October 16, 2010. Jeri Brown remains President, Dave Mayta Treasurer and Connie Mayta Vice-President and temporarily the duties of Secretary

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YOU, YOUR CAT AND THE LITTER BOX!

by Purrfect Adoptions

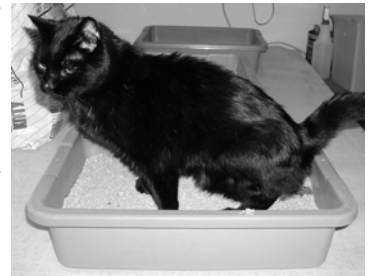
Cats are clean animals. They eliminate waste where they can cover it. It will be your job to provide adequate litter box facilities. In doing this, you will have to meet your cat's high standards! Some cats are turned in to the shelter for soiling problems. Most often they have no problem when they are placed in a home where the box is kept reasonably clean. Here are a few tips to help you live up to your cat's expectations.

Keep peace in the household by following these general guidelines.

ANYTIME your cat breaks litter box training, suspect a medical problem and immediately take your cat to a veterinarian for a thorough checkup. Be sure to mention the litter box problem to the vet. There are several conditions which can cause a cat to stop using the litter box: intestinal parasites, lower urinary tract infections and crystals/stones in the bladder. You must rule out any medical problem before concluding that your cat has a behavior problem. Do not wait to seek medical help.

Keep the box clean! The general rule is: **If you can smell it, it is too dirty for your cat!** Scoop feces and wet spots from the box at least once a day. This will take a maximum of five minutes. In addition, you need to wash the box occasionally. Use soap and water with a brush to loosen any dried feces. When the box appears clean, rinse with water then soak the box in bleach water (one part bleach in 25 parts water) for five minutes. Rinse thoroughly with water and air dry before refilling with litter. Do not use ammonia or Lysol products to clean the box. Ammonia can cause litter box avoidance; Lysol products containing o-phenyl-phenol are poisonous to your cat.

On average, you should have one box per cat. Some cats will share a box; others require two boxes for their personal use. Be sure that the box is big enough for the cat. The same small box your cat used as a kitten may not accommodate him as an adult. If you use a covered litter box, you must be especially regular about cleaning it. While there are reasons to use a covered box, do not use one to keep the smell out of the room. Ask yourself whether you would like using a smelly bathroom.



Do not hide the box in some far away corner of the house. In fact, you should have at least one litter box on each floor that the cat can get to. Yes, cats can be lazy! But don't you like a bathroom on each floor too?

If all is going well, do not make changes. Stick with the litter (brand and type) your cat is used to. Keep the box in the same place. Cats are creatures of habit and do not like changes.

Where should the litter box be kept?

Place the litter box in a quiet area away from household traffic but in an area of the house that the cat uses. Often a bathroom is ideal. You will be reminded to clean the box whenever you visit the bathroom. (Be careful to not let the spray from the shower dissuade your cat from using the box.)

Be sure the box is always available to the cat. While some people place the litter box in the basement, this should not be done unless the cat has free access to that area through an open door or a cat door. What if you are unavailable when nature calls to your cat? Also consider whether out-of-the-way placement of the box will discourage you from cleaning frequently.

Small children should be instructed not to bother the kitty while it is in the box. This rule must be enforced!

Do not place food and water next to the litter box. Would you like a toilet in your dining room?

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If you have a dog, try to place the litter box in a spot the dog cannot get to. You do not want the dog nosing around while the cat is doing his business as that might discourage the cat from using the box. Also, some dogs will eat soiled litter. You may need a covered box to keep the dog out of the used litter.

What kind of litter should I use?

There are several types of litter easily available. Each has its own advantages and disadvantages. The final decision about which type of litter to use will have to be made in consultation with your cat. The cat must agree that your selection is acceptable. The major types are clay and clumping.

Clay Litter - Clay litter is absorbent clay in pieces of about 1/8 inch diameter. Some brands add a fragrance. Advantages of clay litter: it is easy to find; it is flushable; and, generally there is less tracking of the litter because the particle size is large. Disadvantages: you will have to wash the box more often; clay litter controls odors less well; and, the larger particles are rougher on pads, especially those of declawed cats.

Using clay litter - Fill the box to a depth of 1 1/2 to 2 inches. Scoop wet areas and solid waste at least daily. You may need to tilt the box to one side to expose all of the wet areas. Completely empty the box, throwing away all the litter, weekly. At that time, wash the box (see 3rd paragraph).

Clumping Litter - Clumping litter is very fine clay which forms a hard ball when wet. This allows you to scoop out only the soiled litter while leaving unsoiled litter in the box for later use by your cat. Advantages of clumping litter: it controls odors better than clay because it seals odors inside the clump; it requires less labor to maintain a clean box for your cat; and, it is probably cheaper to use because less litter is wasted. Disadvantages: more dust is tracked away from the box and can be found on your floor several feet from the box; and, most brands are not flushable because the clumps will not break down in excess water.

Using clumping litter - Fill the box to a depth of three to four inches. Scoop the clumps at least daily taking care to get any litter clumped to the sides or floor of the box. Refill the box with fresh litter to the original depth. Spot wash the soiled areas of the box with a damp paper towel. Every week you will need to wash the box. Scoop out the clumps. Pour the clean litter into a paper bag (or a clean second box and add fresh as needed). Wash the dirty box as described in paragraph 3. Use the saved litter to refill the box and add fresh as needed.

Kittens have special needs.

If you are using litter which clumps, kittens pose special problems. Sometimes kittens will play in the litter box or sleep in it when it is clean. This is normal. However, if the kitten has moisture around its nose or eyes, the litter may form hard clumps. It is possible for these clumps to block the nostrils or damage the eyes. You should pay careful attention to any kitten whose litter box is filled with clumping litter to assure this is not happening.



It is very important to watch the consistency of a kitten's stools. If you are using clumping litter, you will need to break apart some clumps to determine if the kitten's stools are well formed or runny. Check consistency of stools at least daily. Kittens who repeatedly defecate outside the litter box should be checked and rechecked for parasites. The most common culprit is coccidia. This organism can be difficult to find so treatment may be indicated even when the fecal sample is negative.

Kittens need time to learn where the litter box is kept. While they are small, you need to actively supervise them to assure consistent use of the litter box. When you cannot supervise, confine them in the room with the litter box. Remember, your house is a very big place to a kitten. If the kitten is too far from the box when nature calls, a substitute for a litter box will be found.

SPOTLIGHT ON:



Chain of Hope KC is a 501 (c)(3) organization, formed in 2010 with a primary goal of alleviating the suffering of abused and neglected animals within the urban core of Kansas City. The "chain" is not just the fact that most of these dogs are chained 24/7 outside with little interaction from the humans. Their ultimate goal is to break the chains of ignorance, suffering and unwanted litters.

Their Mission Statement is to:

Help owners become aware of the crucial needs of their pets; Canvass target areas searching for animals in distress; Provide survival supplies such as food, shelter and water, medical supplies, veterinarian information; Provide pet owners information to spay/neuter their animals at a lowered cost; Educating inner city youth groups by promoting responsible pet ownership.

"We have virtually no overhead, we are all volunteers, and we have only the resources of our donors to survive. Chain of Hope KC is a "grass-roots" "boots-on-the-ground" movement. Without the support of the community it would never be possible for Chain of Hope to survive. Please be assured, that all donations go DIRECTLY to the saving of animals."

Listed below are some of their needs. **Dog houses are in great need.** Large rawhides/pig ears, treats/toys, medium & large buckle type collars, metal bowls (can be old pots, etc.), super weight tie-out cables (not chains), dog and cat food, large crates, bales of hay/straw, de-wormer, Advantage/Frontline products for dogs and cats, gas cards, monetary donations for: Spay/Neuter surgeries and animal medical issues, fly-catching bags, poop scoopers, sponsor boarding for stray and relinquished animals (\$10 per day or \$50 per week) and foster homes. Contact them at **816-221-8080** or visit their website for video, newspaper articles and stories of dogs helped.

www.chainofhopekc.org

MEMORIALS

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

♥ In memory of **JOHN TWEEDIE**.
 --Robert & Mary Brackenbury;
 --Betty & Thomas Tweedie

♥ With Jesus on my right, and **JOHN**
 on my left...Who do I have to fear? I
 love you Johnny Angel.
 --Terre

♥ In memory of **JOHN TWEEDIE** and
ALFRED SWARTZ. You are both
 missed dearly and will never be for-
 gotten.
 --Love, Nancy, Mark and Kids

♥ In memory of our beloved father, **AL-
 FRED SWARTZ**. Always full of
 "words of wisdom" like: 'Don't worry
 about what people think about you...
 after all, they don't snore in your
 face' !!
 --Love Terrzie

♥ In memory of **ALMA KNOTT**.
 --Betty Tweedie

♥ In memory of **RUBY PITZER**.
 --Norma Cartwright

♥ In memory of **RITA COASTER**.
 --Betty & Thomas Tweedie

♥ In memory of **LYNDA MOD-
 LINSKI**, dear sister.
 --Teri & Jim Whiteford

♥ In memory of **BONNIE KLINE** who
 went to Heaven on Sept. 10, 2010. We
 will always miss her. She was a beau-
 tiful black 12 year old cocker spaniel
 who was loving, intelligent, fun and
 sweet. She never met a human or an
 animal she didn't love...and they all
 loved her, too. We'll meet again.
 --Dorothy & Ray Kline

♥ In memory of **WALLY**. Four years
 ago, when I came out of Wal-Mart, I
 found him under my jeep-- hence the
 name Wally. I was going to take him
 to Animal Haven, but they where full
 so here he stayed. He got along with
 everybody EXCEPT Fred. I figure he
 was at least 12. I miss him.
 --Larry

♥ In memory of **FRED**. I rescued Fred
 from the road where he was appar-
 ently dumped as a puppy and he lived
 with us for 9 years. He is missed.
 --Larry

♥ In memory of **MAX**: Deb and Ger- -
 He had a happy life when you rescued
 him.. He will be missed by all.
 --Love Sis

♥ In memory of my sweet **SPOOKER**
 dog. Gone, but never forgotten. I still
 miss you so much! Always in my
 heart!
 --Dorian

♥ In loving memory of **MAX**, a loyal,
 loving dog who will be dearly missed.
 --Love Nancy & Mark

♥ In memory of **P.C.**, my beautiful,
 funny pal for 16 years. I'll always
 regret I couldn't be with you when
 you crossed over.
 --Lyn Erickson

♥ In memory of Jeri Brown's cat, **MON
 SENIOR**.
 --Jim & Teri Whiteford

♥ In memory to my **MON SENIOR,
 MON SENIOR PANTS**. We miss
 you. I'm so sorry! You were the most
 gentle and sweet big guy who loved
 everyone. Love you always.
 --Tom and Jeri

♥ In loving memory of **TAHAME'S
 TIGER LILY**, a grand old Manx lady
 who was our companion for 13 years.
 -- Sandie & Neal Morris

♥ We lost **FRITZI "SNICKLE-
 FRITZ"** in August. She was a beauti-
 ful white, black & orange ball of fluff.
 In September we also lost **PERCY
 "PERSISTANT"**. He was an orange
 and white tabby who did not want to
 leave and thus his name. We miss
 them both so much but know that they
 are happy and playing on the other
 side of the Rainbow Bridge.
 --Anita Whittington



PAWS BOX SCORE	
ANIMALS NEUTERED / SPAYED	
Fiscal year Oct 1, 09 through Sept 30, 10	
DOGS	CATS
Female.....290	Female.....441
Male.....209	Male.....284
499	725
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR - 1,224	

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