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BEST CHOICE UPDATE



The most asked question we get is "Are you still collecting Best Choice Bar Codes?" Answer: "YES! We are still collecting BC!"

Associate Wholesale Grocers (Best Choice) is committed to this program as evidenced by the 11,000 non-profits that participate. We have received \$480 since January 1, 2010.

In the past 14 years (May 1996 through August 2010) PAWS has received a whopping \$10,830.

Reminder: Always Save is not accepted in the BC program.

Thank You to all who participate for continuing to send in your UPCs.

ATTENTION FORMER CALLERS!!

If you have not been actively doing calls and do not plan to start again, please contact Connie. She will be happy to get the supplies from you so we can use them for other callers.

Thank you.

LOST LETTER RE: SKATE BOARD

A very nice couple offered to donate a decorated skateboard to auction to raise money for PAWS. Somehow, after reading it, the letter was lost before we could respond to it.

PLEASE contact us again!!! Email vp.paws@paws-inc.org or leave a message on mail box 2 for Connie.

2010 RAFFLE RESULTS

Thanks to generous donations we raised over \$1,100 and were able to award 52 lucky people prizes in our annual raffle on Saturday, August 14th!

Congratulations to Ann Wolf, the Grand Prize winner of a deluxe guest

room, including breakfast buffet, from the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. PAWS is very grateful to the Marriott for this generous donation.

First Prize of a Friday or Saturday night stay for two in a deluxe guest room at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park KS went to Pete Lamb.

Second Prize of a spectacular gift basket from Farraday's/Isle of Capri went to S. Stanbrough.

In addition to the ones listed in the last newsletter, we would like to take this opportunity to thank a few individuals for two Avon Baskets, a Starbucks gift card, AMC passes, and a dog Pez dispenser as well as the rest of the businesses who donated prizes to make our raffle such a huge success - Bugman Pest Control, American Heartland Theatre, Argosy Casi-



President Jeri Brown drew the Grand Prize Winner's name.

no, Costco Wholesale, Beauty Brands, Family Tree Nursery, Kansas City Ragtime Revelry, and the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club. PLEASE think of these companies when you need their goods or services as many of them donate and assist us year after year.

And thank YOU to everyone who entered the drawing - we cannot continue our mission of eliminating pet overpopulation without your help!

A complete list of prizes and winners is available at www.paws-inc.org

iGIVE UPDATE

So far this year (through March) we have received \$29.62 for shopping online through iGive! 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!

Start iGiving at: www.iGive.com/PAWSinKC
& www.iSearchiGive.com/PAWSinKC

UPCOMING EVENT

DOGTOBER FEST 2010 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

That fun packed annual event is just around the corner and we need volunteers to staff our booth.

It will be held Sunday, October 17 from 10 am – 4 pm at Kemper Outdoor Education Center in Fleming Park.

It's a lot of fun for the dogs and people, too!

There will be contests and games include Bobbing for Biscuits, Sack Races, Roll-Over Races, Biscuit Eating, Musical Frisbees, Biscuit Toss, Costume Contest, Dog/Owner Look-A-Likes, Biggest Dog and Smallest Dog.

Fun matches include Obedience, Agility and Rally; competition is offered in Dock Diving and Frisbee Catching.

For those pooches perhaps not quite ready for competition there will be workshops for all levels in those two areas as well as Agility.

There will also be demonstrations that include Police Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs, Sheep Herding, Draft and Carting, Agility and Water Rescue.

If you can help, please e-mail vp.paws@paws-inc.org or leave a message on mail box 2 for Connie.

JUST WHAT DOES PAWS DO?

By Shelly True who gave this information at a NAWs meeting a few months ago.



PAWS is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing animal overpopulation by offering spay and neuter services to people who couldn't otherwise afford it. We are a small group of individuals working toward the same goal as many others who love animals - NO MORE HOMELESS PETS.

Founded in 1972, PAWS was one of the first to offer this type of assistance. Our program exists through the cooperation of many veterinarians across the Kansas City metro who work with us and the client to get the surgeries done. In 1972, PAWS started with one vet - today we have 30 vets in our program.

It starts with a phone call from someone who needs help which our "Listeners" retrieve and pass on to one of our 14 -16 active volunteer callers to return the call. Our callers have charts from all the vets outlining the services and fees they provide. The volunteer caller generally helps the client find a vet they can afford and hopefully with whom they can begin a lasting relationship. After all the details are worked out, the client is sent a certificate that expires 6 weeks from issue which includes the vet they agreed to go to and the fee for which they will be responsible.

Last year we were able to assist with 1,320 pets (866 cats, 640 dogs) and some years it has been as high as 1,500.

We couldn't continue to provide this service without our network of vets and volunteers so PAWS is always looking for new volunteers to help return calls and send out the certificates which frees up our existing volunteers so they can occasionally take a break. Training and supplies are provided.

Hopefully this refresher has been informative and reminds everyone why we work so hard to get this newsletter out, have fundraisers and spread the word about our mission.

When time is what you can offer, PAWS will gladly accept your time.

Thank you again for being a supporter of PAWS - we can't function without YOU!



Shelly has been involved with PAWS since 1992 after being assisted getting six feral cats living outside her apartment building fixed. Very grateful for PAWS help but unable to donate money, she decided to offer her time starting out as a volunteer caller until she began working second shift and then switched to a place on the Board as secretary and a position as editor for the newsletter you are reading.

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ENTERTAINMENT 2011 COUPON BOOKS

Birgit Love is, once again, chairing the committee to sell Entertainment coupon books as a fundraiser for PAWS.



We have them ready for immediate sale. At just \$25 a book you get a great deal on a variety of restaurants, events and services. Just using a few of the coupons will pay for the book.

Tell your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers. The more we sell the greater percentage of profit we make.

To order your book, please contact Birgit at ent.books@paws-inc.org or leave a message at 816-252-2680 on mail box 2 for her.

RESCUE STORY SILVER, THE SEWER DOG

by Gayle Smith

"Pets and People" was my old shelter in the small town of Yukon, OK. Here is one of my favorite stories about a dog that had gone through the shelter.



A few years ago, a stray mutt, who was later to be named Silver, and who was called many other things by several home owners, took up residence



Silver, the Sewer Dog.

in a sewer. It was a large pipe which ran along a ditch and under a driveway. It seemed like a good place to him. He was out of the rain and hail and protected from the cold and heat. Barring a flood, it was a perfect home.

It would serve other purposes he soon found out. The exact center of this pipe was just out of reach from the dog catcher. He could sit there and watch the desperate dog catcher swinging his noose on a stick. He could even snarl and bare his teeth, smug in the knowledge that he could not be reached.

For some reason, probably boredom, he soon discovered the joy of stealing his human neighbor's newspapers. He had it down to an art. Every morning at 4:00 am sharp, he sat waiting for the newspaper man to make his rounds. He would grab the newspapers one by one and scurry into his drain pipe. He became braver. Soon nothing was safe. No one dared to leave a muddy shoe on their door step.

He became a nightmare to Terry, the local dog catcher. For a solid year his phone was ringing off the wall. People were mad! They were becoming vicious and hostile toward Terry. I even heard there were death threats. Something had to be done about this cunning little pack rat. Finally, someone came up with the bright idea of spraying a hose in one side of the drain and hopefully the dog would be washed out the other end into the arms of the dog catcher. It worked!

Terry became a local folk hero for ridding the area of this menace. To this day, he can't speak of Silver without a shudder. And, having a weakness for smart, unruly dogs, Karen took him home with her to join her lively group of canines. It's a pretty good place to be, but sometimes he does miss his days in the sewer.



Karen was the remarkable lady who brought P & P from a little one room shack where everything got put to sleep to about 3,000 sq feet added to the new pound that the city built. She quit her job to spend 10 - 12 hours a day 7 days a week at the shelter. They had side yards for the dogs to run and a big dog park with a little pond. She was there about 13 years before retiring. They adopted out between 2,500 to 3,500 animals a year during the 5 years I was there. I'll always wonder if she ever fully realized what an amazing thing she did.

PAWS ABOUT TOWN

The City of Independence held its seventh annual "Pets In The Park" on May 22nd at Waterfall Park. It featured a pet parade, animal care information and booths from volunteer groups and vendors. Dave Mayta represented PAWS and sold rescue stickers and bumper stickers and talked to people about the importance of neutering and spaying cats and dogs.

"Pets 'N' All That Jazz... goes Country" is a fund raising event PAWS shares with Animals Best Friends and was held June 26, 2010 at the Pavilion at Logan Woods.



"Pets 'N' All That Jazz... goes Country" 2010 committee (photo by Steve Congdon)

We had a great time dressing in our western finest and bellied up to the saloon for wine, beer or lemonade. Fantastic barbeque fare was catered by Nadler's of Wellington, Mo. We enjoyed country music from Gary Rhoads and John Gatewood. The silent auction, 50 cent auction and Pick a Paw table were well received. We also had a raffle item donated by Heartland Tanning and door prizes galore! Our net profit was \$7,330 divided between the two groups. We had a ton of fun and the committee is to be congratulated on a job well done!

We are working on the 2011 event and welcome volunteers to help plan it. Please contact Connie at vp.paws@paws-inc.org or leave a message on mail box 2.

ADOPTION STORY



Dixie Diamond found a purrfect home.

Dixie Diamond was rescued by Patty Manning and spayed through PAWS.

After two years of looking, Patty found the perfect home for her.

The new owners sent this note and picture to Patty, who shared it with us.

Dear Patty,
Thank you so much for Diamond and all her things – food, kitty litter, toys, brush, etc.!!
I love her!
I think she is adjusting to the place well and is the “princess”.
I really appreciate Everything!
Lesly

MEMORIALS

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

♥ In memory of my beloved Husband **JOHN** and Father **ALFRED**:
Revelations 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things have passed away.”
–Terre Tweedie

♥ In memory of **LYNDA MODLINSKI**, mother of Jeri Brown.
– Kathy & Gary Henry

♥ In honor of our sweet little puppy **REBA**.
– Laura & Don Faudel

♥ In memory of our little cat **PINTO**. She was a beautiful black and white Sweetie. She passed to the Rainbow Bridge on Halloween 2009. We are so lucky to have her mirror image son, and a polydactyl (28 toes), daughter to remind us of her every day. We miss you very much.
– Anita Whittington

HONORARIUM



Fiona Brown as Sandy in “Annie”.

♥ In honor of **FIONA BROWN**, my granddog starring in “Annie” with Raytown Arts Council.
– Jil Brown

RESCUE STICKERS



Red printing on white peel ‘n’ stick stock to place on windows at front and/or back of house to alert fire-

fighters of pets inside. Stickers also include space to indicate whether any human occupants are invalids who need assistance.
\$1.50 each or 2 for \$2.50 (includes shipping).

WEDDING CELEBRATION
To celebrate the wedding of Tom & Jeri Brown, a gift was sent to PAWS by Daniel & Harriet Trenolone.



ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION
Saturday, Oct. 16
Noon to 1:30 pm
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Independence, Mo

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