

# The PAW PRINT



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## BEST CHOICE UPDATE



Thanks to the 136 people who mailed 25,000 UPCs earning us a total of \$780 (including our \$30 bonus) in 2009.

A couple of reminders: By adding an additional stamp to your envelope, we are saving a lot of money in postage due fees. If your envelope is over 1/4" thick, the additional stamp will need to be added. If you have a lot of UPCs to mail, you might want to consider mailing one large envelope as this is much cheaper to mail. We need only the UPC bar code, not the entire label.

Thanks again to all of you for supporting our Best Choice program. Please feel free to call if you have any questions and leave a message on line #2 for Ruth.



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

## PAWS 2010 RAFFLE

Although it seems like we just drew prizes for the raffle in July, it's already January and we're ready to start planning for the 2010 raffle.

The Grand Prize in 2009 was a two night stay in an Executive Level room at the Parkway Hotel in St Louis and we gave away another 39 prizes in addition to that. Our prizes come from many sources and include gift certificates and gift cards, merchandise, and services. We accept these from businesses as well as individuals and the more prizes donated the more we have to give away. So please give some thought to being one of those people that can donate a prize this year - it's easy to get a gift card and it means so much when we can use these donations to raise money to continue our mission of eliminating pet overpopulation.

Together we can accomplish that goal.



**FREE WAY TO HELP  
PAWS, INC.  
RAISE  
MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS**



We recently received a check for \$47.89. We have 78 members who shop through iGive and have raised \$284.29 since the beginning of our involvement with iGive.

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) and  
[www.iSearchiGive.com/PAWSinKC](http://www.iSearchiGive.com/PAWSinKC)

## ENTERTAINMENT 2010 COUPON BOOKS

A big thanks to Birgit Love for chairing the Entertainment Coupon Book campaign this year. We sold a record 60 books and earned \$407.50 for PAWS. We have already signed up to sell them for next year and would welcome the help of more people in getting the information out to friends, family and co-workers. The more we sold, the more we made off each book. Please let us know if you are willing to help pass the word next year! [ent.books@paws-inc.org](mailto:ent.books@paws-inc.org).



**UPCOMING EVENT**

**PETS 'N' ALL THAT JAZZ**

This year's gala event fundraiser (PAWS & ABF) will be called "Pets 'N' All That Jazz goes Country" and will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the Pavilion West in Independence.

We will have a lot of fun with a western theme and menu ... entertainment, food, prizes, silent auction items, Siamese Auction items and the famous Pick-A-Paw table.

Let us know that you want to receive your own official invitation and we would welcome new event committee members. Contact Connie at PAWS, vp.paws@paws-inc.org or leave a message on mail box 2.

**MAYTA PLAY A SUCCESS**

October 29<sup>th</sup> was opening night of the play "Chain of Circumstances" at City Theatre of Independence and producer's night for the Mayta's.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets and donation from those who could not attend totaled \$1,652 and was divided between PAWS and ABF.

The reception before the play was organized by ABF members and the CTI hospitality committee.

As a special bonus for the audience, door prizes were given away to three lucky attendees.

**ELECTION**

All officers were re-elected to their previous positions at the Annual Meeting and Elections held on October 17, 2009.

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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 BRAUN
- Editors ..... SHELLY TRUE & CONNIE MAYTA
- DTP ..... ARIANA REEDER

**HOW DO YOU PAMPER YOUR PET?**

*By Shelly True*

There are many ways to make our pets comfortable, healthy and happy. We buy the best food, take them to the vet when necessary, play with them, and give them lots of love.



But what about some of the other creature comforts that our precious animals can enjoy.

There are many dogs who love the freedom of running as fast as they can to chase a ball or a Frisbee, but most of them can't get that going in a home or backyard. To give those dogs what they need, there are many dog parks and off-leash areas around Kansas City willing to let the fur fly. Whether they are privately owned or

maintained by the city or county, many sit on several acres of land and offer trees, drinking water, benches, and restrooms. There are a few that offer an agility course, a washing area, and several that offer a pond for swimming dogs. Typically, these parks are free to use, but there are a few that ask you to pay a small fee, fill out an application or prove current vaccinations. And for winter time, there is such a thing as an indoor dog park that mimics the outdoors with fences, benches, and "grass".

We also pamper our pets by taking them with us on vacation; so many people are looking for those special hotels and motels that allow pets. There are many popular hotel chains that will allow you to bring your pet, even large dogs, to stay with you. There are also bed and breakfasts, vacation rentals and other types of accommodations that do the same.

Check out a website called [petswelcome.com](http://petswelcome.com) to find these resources. And if you have a dog companion that travels with you check out [dogfriendly.com](http://dogfriendly.com) for a list of many places that allows your dog - and the list extends past accommodations to city guides for dogs, outdoor dining where your dog can accompany you, dog parks in other cities and more.

If you travel and don't have the option of taking your pet, there are generally two options -boarding your pet at your vet's office for basic care or having them stay at one of several pet resorts that offer their own suite some with a TV for entertainment, daily exercise and grooming. Most accept both cats and dogs and some offer a petcam you can log onto and watch your pet in action. These resorts can also be used for doggie day care as well. There are several all over the Kansas City metro area that will spoil your pet while you are away. But, if you just can't stand the thought of boarding them there are pet sitters all over town that will be happy to take care of your pets while you are gone. A pet sitter is an affordable alternative to boarding and one of the best advantages is that your pet can stay in their own home where they are comfortable and stay on the schedule that you and the sitter agree upon. The pet sitter can generally feed, walk, and play with your pets and even administer medication, pick up the mail or water plants if that is something they offer.



These are just a few of the things we do to keep our pets happy, but you can get a multitude of information from the internet by using the Google or Yahoo search engine to look up any of the things mentioned in this article.

## ONE IN A HUNDRED

By Connie Mayta

Our cat Alice is one in a hundred!!! Did you know that animals can be afflicted with asthma? We certainly didn't.

One day we observed our little Alice acting like she had a fur ball (but didn't) and then noticed her sides heaving as she breathed. A quick trip to the vet and we found out she had asthma. What set it off? Was it the air freshener we bought just a few days ago? (It's gone!)



Alice taking her "puffer," the chamber and mask made for a cat for administering inhalers.

She spent a little time in an oxygen chamber, got a shot and we took her home.

Five weeks later she had another episode. Another trip to the vet and a chat about avoiding prolonged use of steroids and we left with a prescription

for Albuterol, the loan of a mask and a website for a feline aerosol chamber and face cup made just for cats. The brochure that came with the product states "Approximately one in one hundred cats has asthma – perhaps more, as the symptoms are often confused with hairballs. Symptoms include: frequent wheezing; persistent coughing; open mouth or labored breathing. Asthma usually affects cats between 2 and 8 years of age with Siamese and Himalayan breeds having a higher prevalence.

Dogs also can suffer from breathing problems. Chronic bronchitis is one of the most common respiratory diseases in dogs and is caused by inflammation of the airways, resulting in chronic cough and exercise intolerance. Dogs that experience chronic bronchial inflammation are often sensitive to environmental and household allergens. Common signs of chronic bronchitis include daily coughing, gagging or swallowing after the cough, difficulty breathing or wheezing for a duration of 2-3 months or longer.

Cats with feline asthma and dogs with bronchitis are traditionally treated by oral or injection steroids like prednisone. Although they treat the symptoms effectively, steroids in the blood stream – especially long term – can cause a host of other problems including weight gain, diabetes and behavior issues.

Asthma inhalers, or puffers, are steroids that are administered directly to the lungs via inhalation. This means the steroid goes directly to the root of the problem and does not get into the blood stream. The Feline and Canine Aerosol Chambers were developed to aid in the use of puffers. As with babies and small children with asthma who do not inhale on queue, the inhalers need to be given with the use of a spacer and mask.

An Aspiratory Flow Indicator moves with your pet's respiration, allowing you to coordinate actuation of the puffer with inhalation, count your pet's breaths and ensure a mask seal. Puffers should be used only on the recommendation of your veterinarian. This device can be found on line if your vet doesn't carry it.

Bottom line: A respiratory problem in cats and dogs is not the end of the world. There are treatments for it. Talk to your veterinarian if you think your cat or dog exhibits symptoms of breathing problems.

## PAWS AROUND TOWN

### DOGTOBERFEST

by Helen Bishop

What a fun beautiful day.

It was the first time I have ever been to a Dogtoberfest and it won't be the last.

The first thing I noticed was the friendliness of the patrons. Dogs included. Everyone seemed happy to be there. Many people stopped by our booth and listened about all the good PAWS does.



We passed out many a flyer and business card, plus I met people that I have only talked on the phone with from PAWS.

I saw so many kinds of dogs from small to the kind you can saddle up. One lady had two cute puppies that we all fell for. She bought them from a breeder in Ohio for \$3,800.00. Some breed of an English Sheppard. They really stood out.

We visited other booths and shared stories.

When you go there, you do get a good education. There were all kinds of rescue groups. Plus for a small donation you could even be kissed by a Pit Bull.

The Halloween costumes were such a treat. One little dog was dressed up as a Lobster; another a spider and we even saw the Devil. My favorite was the Pug in a Bumble Bee suit.

Our booth was by ring 2 and Margie said "during the quiet times we really enjoyed watching the disc dogs too! That was fun."

Don't miss it next year. It was a little nippy in the a.m. but later the sun warmed us right up.

Thanks to Dave & Connie Mayta for setting up and tearing down the booth, Helen Bishop, Marilyn Dacus, Margie Gray, Trish Doran and Krystina Munsterman for staffing the booth.

### HONORS!!!

Merry Christmas  
**Jeri Wilson & Thomas Brown**  
from  
*Lyndia Modlinski*

In honor of  
**Connie & Dave Mayta**  
for Christmas  
from  
*Paulette Siegfried*



Congratulations **Jeri Wilson and Thomas Brown** on your wedding. A Wedding Gift donation was sent to **PAWS** in honor of the occasion from Jeri's mom, *Lyndia Modlinski*

In honor of **Terre Tweedie**  
from *Sunee Bailey*

Thank you **Avian Giguere** for submitting your **PAWS** donations for matching funds with your employer, AAA and thank you AAA for matching funds!!

### MEMORIALS

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

- ♥ In memory of **JOHN TWEEDIE**.  
— *George & Linda Allen, Thomas & Betty Tweedie*

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- ♥ In loving memory of **JOHN TWEEDIE**.  
— *Weldon Woodward*

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- ♥ In memory of **LOREEN BROWN**, grandmother of Robin Youngblood.  
— *Jerry & Gayle Smith*

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- ♥ In memory of **DUCHESS**, June Manion's beloved horse. She has now crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to join the other beautiful animals that June has so compassionately given homes to over the years.  
— *Martie Alexander*

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- ♥ In memory of **JACQUIE**, my wonderful cat who was born in my house. Born July 28, 1989, Passed September 4, 2009. She lived for 20 years and 38 days. I miss her so much but I know she is in kitty (animal) Heaven. Till we meet again...  
— *Love, Lynda Modlinski*

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- ♥ In loving memory of **BLACKMON, SADIE & VANNA**. Three good cats—all rescues—who lived out their lives with us. We miss you very much.  
— *Sandie & Neal Morris*

### 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.

\$1.50 or 2 for \$2.50 (includes shipping). Please check our website for more items, [www.paws-inc.org](http://www.paws-inc.org).

#### FIREFIGHTERS

The following are inside.  
Please help them out!

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



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We are grateful for all donations (no matter what size!) and if you are only able to send Best Choice Barcodes, we thank you, too!!! Any and all help is appreciated.



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