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Hello fellow animal lovers ...

Welcome to this issue of **PAW Print**. We thank you most sincerely for taking the time to catch up on the goings-on at **PAWS** since our last communication.

We have appreciated your patience and we invite you to join us in celebrating ...

PAWS 45TH ANNIVERSARY in 2017

More than one of our supporters has asked 'is **PAWS** still up and running?' The answer to this question is **YES - ABSOLUTELY!** **PAWS** Volunteers are dedicated to animals in need 24-7-365 ... we are the ones who answer the phone when none of the other rescues do (late at night - on weekends - on holidays). Saving lives is paramount and something our Volunteers take very seriously. It is as difficult to budget our time as it is our finances as we are one of very few **NO-KILL** rescues in Ontario. It is not unusual for us to receive calls for help from as far away as British Columbia or Nova Scotia (and even the United States) and we are proud to say that often times we are able to help the caller (and the animal(s)!) by way of networking with fellow no-kill rescues that we liaise with.

Our shelter has been undergoing extensive upgrades in order to better serve the animals **PAWS** rescues. This has been a real challenge considering each day is already intense where time constraints are concerned. Six rooms have been gutted thus far. A 'caregivers quarters' has been created in order that there is someone ensuring the safety and well-being of our resident rescues around the clock. We have a new laundry room for the shelter and areas for isolating new rescues. The list goes on and there is still work to be done.

We are thrilled to report that already we have 3 exciting fundraising events planned throughout Ontario for 2017. Please consider joining us at one OR ALL of them. It would be wonderful to see you. You will find the details of same as you delve deeper into this issue of **PAW Print** and in the coming weeks/months further details will be shared/posted on our web site and Facebook page.



In the meantime, it is ESSENTIAL that we work together to **replenish our medical fund**. Our vet expenses have **SKYROCKETED** in recent months. **PAWS** does not only provide for the animals in our charge. We are very often contacted by 'pet owners' who are devastated that they may be forced to euthanize their dog or cat due to financial limitations. One example of this is **DOMINO**. Domino's Mom, Amanda (of Bradford, Ontario), contacted **PAWS** President, Kimberly Heys very late one evening this past October. Her young, beautiful 9 month old kitten had escaped via the front door and disappeared for several days. She and her family searched high and low for him to no avail. Just when Amanda thought all hope was lost, Domino returned but in terrible condition. He had been trapped in a rabbit snare! (can you even imagine someone setting out to catch ANY animal this way?). Here is the first photo we received of Domino:



This poor boy was in a lot of pain and in immediate need of medical attention. Amanda is a single Mom who does not have unlimited resources. She did take Domino to her vet but could not afford to proceed with surgery.



She believed her only option was to surrender her kitten to a high-kill shelter (as this was suggested by one of the vets she saw). BUT THEN SHE CALLED **PAWS**! Our vet in Scarborough is a 24 hour emergency pet hospital - Kingston Road Animal Clinic - www.vetstoronto.com. We can not express how grateful we are for all that the Doctors and Staff did for Domino (and so many other deserving animals we have taken there in recent years). Sadly, Domino's leg had to be amputated. BUT TODAY ... Domino is home safe and happy in the loving arms of his best pal Hailey.

Many who care about PAWS have followed and supported our life-saving work for decades. Some of you might be new to our **PAWS** rescue family. Perhaps you have had the need to reach out to us for help? Or maybe you adopted a precious new family member from us? Did we meet at a fundraising event or during a rescue that you witnessed? Perhaps you learned about **PAWS** via a plea through media (The Toronto Star or Animal House Calls are just two examples). Regardless of how you came to learn about **PAWS** it goes without saying that **WE APPRECIATE YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR CARING.** Our animal friends are so deserving of our collective efforts and we are delighted to work with each and every one of you to help make the world we share a much kinder place.

A BELATED THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE TORONTO STAR ... it has been some time and we regret sincerely that we are tardy in issuing this **THANK YOU.** Our friends at The Star very kindly wrote an article about **PAWS** many moons ago. This article generated THOUSANDS of dollars in support (Dec 2014 - Jan 2015) and saw to it that many new animal lovers joined our **PAWS** rescue family. We did not mean to be out of touch for as long as we have or to neglect thanking *ANYONE* for their generosity. This article ran at a time when our upgrades had just commenced in our shelter and it was indescribable how difficult it was to keep up administratively and otherwise. Thankfully, we have new Volunteers on board and we are continuing to expand our network of fosters in an effort that we can be more prompt and attentive. We thank you sincerely for your understanding.

WE HAVE MORE EXCITING NEWS FOR SHARING!



Some of you will remember our beloved Shelter Mascot, Shadow who lived to nearly 16 years of age. Incredibly, it has been over 8 years since Shadow crossed the Rainbow Bridge (she will remain in our hearts forever). Many dogs have been rescued and adopted by **PAWS** during that time but finally in October of 2015, our new 'Head Of Security' (smile) found her way into our lives and our hearts. May we take a moment please to introduce KARMA who was joined just less than one year later by JUSTICE (now forming our 'Security Team' at **PAWS**). We will share more photos over time and online.

As you can see, Karma is already a huge hit amongst our rescued cats at **PAWS**. Joey (our boy with 3 legs and who is FIV+) and she are very often found cuddling on the couch together.



PAWS is well known for NEVER GIVING UP. We step up for animals who are deemed 'special needs' or 'unadoptable' by others. Whether a dog or cat has temperament issues, if a cat is thought to be 'feral' or tests positive for FIV (feline aids) or FeLuk (feline leukemia), if he/she is geriatric or in need of expensive treatment/surgery/medications/special diet **PAWS** is there doing everything in our power with the resources available to us making sure that each individual animal is given a fighting chance ... and most often we are successful.

~URGENT~



Bijou is a lovely boy who is 10 years young. He was recently surrendered to **PAWS** from a family in Mississauga, Ontario for a number of reasons. It is estimated that he will require close to \$1700 of vet care (dentistry/blood work/neuter). CAN AND WILL YOU HELP TODAY??

May we take a moment to thank our dedicated Volunteers and Foster Moms and Dads. People who are spread out all over Ontario who work tirelessly and all too often around the clock. WE THANK YOU.

During an unexpected visit to a vet emergency hospital in Barrie earlier this year, a Veterinarian said the following to two of our dedicated Volunteers ... "your organization does more for the animals you rescue than most people do for their own pets". **PAWS** always goes the extra mile AND we travel far and wide to ensure that we are dealing ONLY with the best Veterinarians in the province.



Please allow us also to introduce you to Bernice and Foster Mom, Karen of Huntsville, Ontario.

Several years ago **PAWS** rescued Bernice from certain death at a high-kill shelter in Southern Ontario. In a 2 1/2 year span, we rescued over 450 cats and kittens from this horrible place. Most came to us in unimaginably poor physical condition with illnesses caught in this facility such as URI (Upper Respiratory Infection) and Calici Virus (both are highly contagious and quite frankly serve as an excuse to destroy these innocent felines). Thankfully, Bernice found her way to our safe haven at PAWS. Once she was well we began looking for her loving, forever home. Bernice was quite unimpressed with living with many other kitties. To make a long story short (for now - the longer more detailed version of this Happy Tail will soon appear on the **PAWS** web site) our pal Karen decided she would give fostering a try. Only 24 hours after having Bernice in her care, Karen called to report that Bernice had suffered a seizure (which had never happened at our shelter to the best of our knowledge). The vast majority of people would have returned

Bernice to **PAWS** immediately claiming they were not yet attached, were not prepared for the inconvenience of vet appointments, medications multiple times daily, the stress and worry of the seizures etc. **KAREN WAS THE EXCEPTION.** Karen has worked incredibly hard over the last two years to get to the bottom of Bernice's health issues. This FOSTER MOM EXTRAORDINAIRE stepped up like no one else would have and during our visit (in early December) Karen was thrilled to report that Bernice had been seizure FREE for over 60 days! Karen ... how can we ever thank you enough? Please join us in celebrating the kindness that Karen has shown. This amazing woman is a true example of the selflessness that **PAWS** Volunteers and Foster Families exhibit. As you can see - Bernice and Karen are a match made in heaven.

There are hundreds and hundreds of stories that we wish we had time to share. The determination shown by **PAWS** Volunteers is unparalleled. Please know that the animals **PAWS** rescues are our TOP PRIORITY every single day without exception. As we enter our 45th year of providing care to animals in need that is SECOND TO NONE we implore you to please only support NO-KILL animal rescue. **PAWS** never has and never will euthanize ANY animal unless he/she is terminally ill, no longer enjoying quality of life and we have exhausted our efforts in trying to do more.

We thank you in advance for making it possible to continue our life-saving work.

THE NEED IS GREAT - THE TIME IS NOW. Please give generously TODAY. The greater our resources the more innocent lives we can save.

On behalf of The Gang at **PAWS**, we would like to wish you and yours the very best this Holiday Season ... good health, happiness and prosperity in 2017 (and always).



Kimberly Heys, President, PAWS

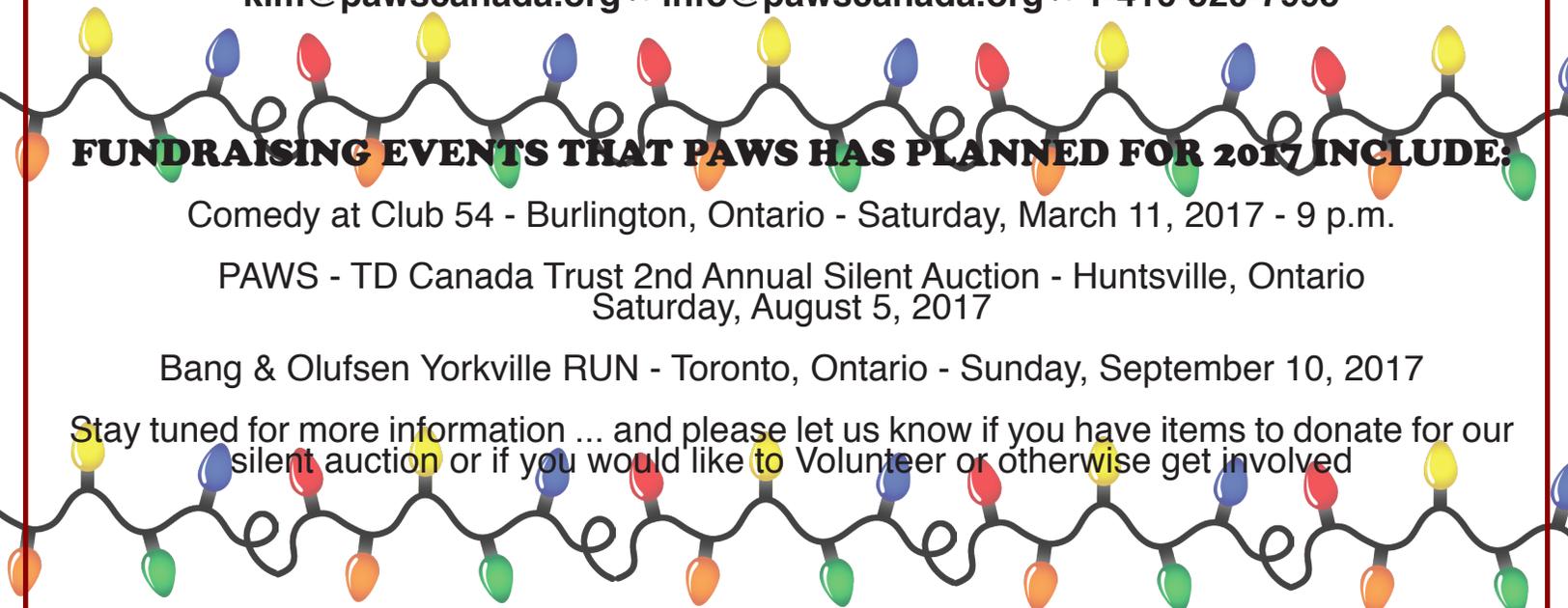
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Alternatively, you can mail your gift to **PAWS** at 2300 Lawrence Avenue East, Box 73039, Toronto, ON M1P 2R2

OR if you wish to donate via credit card and prefer not to do so via our website, we have veterinarians who will accept your gift over the telephone — please call, text or e-mail us today for details.

Please also know that **PAWS** very gratefully accepts Canadian Tire money, Shoppers Drug Mart points, Home Depot Gift Cards and Air Miles. PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY for details.

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS THAT PAWS HAS PLANNED FOR 2017 INCLUDE:

Comedy at Club 54 - Burlington, Ontario - Saturday, March 11, 2017 - 9 p.m.

PAWS - TD Canada Trust 2nd Annual Silent Auction - Huntsville, Ontario
Saturday, August 5, 2017

Bang & Olufsen Yorkville RUN - Toronto, Ontario - Sunday, September 10, 2017

Stay tuned for more information ... and please let us know if you have items to donate for our silent auction or if you would like to Volunteer or otherwise get involved

To remain indifferent to the challenges we face is indefensible. If the goal is noble, whether or not it is realized within our lifetime is largely irrelevant. What we must do, therefore, is to strive, and persevere, and never give up - Dalai Lama