



PAW PRINTS

SPRING/SUMMER 2006



Fox Valley
HELPING PAWS
Animal Welfare Association
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OUR DREAM IS A REALITY!

Last year brought unbelievable changes at Helping Paws. Two benefactors came to us to help make our dream for a much-needed larger facility come true, one that would enable us to care for so many more of the homeless and abandoned animals desperately in need and deserving of our help. An ideal location was found and purchased by a caring and compassionate couple, who wish to remain anonymous at this time. We now own 2-1/2 acres completely paid for. **Thank you so much!**

Our second benefactor came into the shelter, knowing that even with the land purchase and the sale of our building we wouldn't have nearly enough to move forward with our plans. She very generously donated \$750,000 and final plans could then be set in motion. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude to you, **Josephine Cosman**. Your generosity to us will never be forgotten. The money you have given us, as you also did to the Huntley Park District, is a **living legacy that will honor both you and your late husband, Elmer**, who passed away just over a year ago. You will be remembered for your kindness and love for both the humans and the desperate, forsaken animals you have helped.

Construction begins this spring, and hopefully will be completed by October. Here are just a few of the advantages that will be realized with this wonderful new shelter:

- * In house veterinarian care for the shelter animals
- * 24 Indoor kennels
- * Fenced-in yard that the shelter dogs can run and play in throughout the day.
- * Obedience Training offered for all dog adoptions
- * Separate room for puppies
- * More space for kittens & cats

INCREASED NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS...

Because of its increased size, our need for more volunteers at the new shelter will be **crucial to its success**. We hope if you have a few hours a week, or even a month, that you'll join our volunteer staff. Believe me, **the rewards will far outweigh the tasks** you may choose. You haven't failed us in the past and I know you won't in the future. Here are some of the categories we ask you to consider volunteering for: Reception (4 hours a day), cleaning, laundry, yard maintenance, transporting animals, office work, mailings... to name but a few.

... AND DONATIONS

The future for us is now in the hands of our patrons. The bills will be two to three times as much, but so will our ability be equally increased to find homes for more companion animals that all deserve a second chance. **Please, please support us with financial donations** to cover such necessities as veterinarian expenses, medications, food, shelter supplies, utility bills, and the salaries to staff who work with such dedication and compassion for those in their care. Please give what you can, when you can.

I look forward to seeing you at our Open House, and may God bless you all.

Joanne Anderson, President

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Wednesday thru Monday,
including Saturday & Sunday
(closed on Tuesday)

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"WISH LIST"

for the current shelter

Bleach Brooms
Flea Treatments Mops
Friskies Canned Cat Food (non-shredded)
Garbage Bags (tall, plastic, stringed closing, 13 gal.)
Febreze H. E. Laundry Soap
Litter, clay or clumpable
Paper Towels
Rubber Gloves
Scrubbies

Our "Wish List" grows

Until we have moved into our new facility, scheduled for October 2006, we will continue to be in need of all the "Wish List" items shown above to help care for the animals. Once in the new shelter, there will also be additional items needed to help us with the increased organizational challenges that will face us in that much larger shelter.

"WISH LIST"

for the new shelter

Desks
Computers
File Cabinets (4 drawer)
Desk and Side Chairs
Conference Tables & Chairs
Book Cases
White Copy Paper
Ink Cartridges
Copiers

OUR GRATITUDE TO THE 2005 ANNUAL SPONSORS

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UPCOMING EVENTS



GARAGE SALE

May 18, 19 & 20th

1237 Fernleaf Drive Crystal Lake

We hope you'll start your spring cleaning now and donate all the "gently used" articles you no longer want to this year's garage sale. Items may be brought to the shelter up to May 10th. (Please, no clothes). All donations directly benefit the shelter and are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Also, mark your calendars for the sale dates (May 18, 19 & 20th) because this year's promises to be the best we've ever had!

NICK'S PIZZA & PUB

Mark your calendars... on May 10th, 15% of the cost for any carry-out or dine-in purchase made at Nick's Pizza (accompanied by the enclosed blue flyer) will be donated back to the shelter. Enjoy a great night out and help the shelter too!

ADOPTION DAYS SPRING HILL MALL

Be sure to stop by the mall on the last Saturday of every month to visit our volunteers, learn more about the shelter, and get the chance to meet just a few of the many dogs & cats available for adoption.

'PAWS IN THE PARK'

WALK-A-THON



"Calling all dogs,
calling all dogs."

Rufus says... "Guess what, I've just heard that Helping Paws has a great walk-a-thon every year... a day just for dogs and their owners to walk, run or jog, enjoy the smells of the park, bark, wag our tails and whine for treats! It's for all of us dogs... young and old, big and small, full figured and pencil thin.

Before you know it, it'll be time to get off the couch and into your jogging shoes so we can enjoy a day at the park together and at the same time help all the needy dogs that are still hoping to be placed into loving homes just like ours!

"Helping Paws Reunion"

I also heard that there will be a special time set aside for all the dogs that were adopted at Paws. I wasn't one of them, but I can't wait to visit with all those who got a second chance thanks to Helping Paws.

PLEASE, PLEASE, take me to the walk so I can join in on all the fun and excitement... and we'll also get a great walk through the beautiful park." (Unconditional) Love, Rufus

Place: Veterans Acres (On Walk-Up Road
Just north of #176 in Crystal Lake).

Time & Date: Sunday, September 18th, at 10 a.m.

Registration Fee per Dog: \$10 in advance /
\$20 at the walk

If you have already participated in a former walk-a-thon, you'll be receiving an entry form by mid-August. If you have not, please call the shelter at 815.459.2641 and a form will be mailed to you.

Looking forward to seeing you all (and Rufus) at the

"PAWS IN THE PARK" WALK-A-THON



FLOWER SALE

Time to get ready for spring planting! Again this year the shelter will be selling a vast array of annuals, flats, and hanging baskets from Country-side Nursery.

May 20th

Helping Paws Parking Lot
257 King Street
Crystal Lake

Included in this Newsletter is a form for your orders. Please mail or drop off the orders at the shelter no later than April 30th.



VALENTINE'S DANCE

This year over 450 "Friends of Paws" enjoyed a great evening with family and friends at our annual dance. Next year's Have-a-Heart dance looks to be bigger & better!

Invitations will be mailed the latter part of November.

ALUMINUM CANS

Please remember to save your aluminum cans to donate to the shelter.

Drop off can be made at any time on the east side of the shelter facility.

Thank You!

PETS OF H.P. VOLUNTEERS

BOGEY, an 18 lb. crybaby with his own baby blanket to cuddle up in.



BUGSY, a “white devil” in disguise, yet such a love when he wants to be. Both were adopted from Helping Paws.

Isie Mortimer, Vice-President

“**KATIE**, 7 years old, came into our lives when we thought we’d never love another dog as much as we did Molly, who had sadly died at the age of 2. After just a few weeks Helping Paws found us a beautiful Golden Retriever named Katie. She’s a perfect dog and has brought such joy to our lives. She helped mend our broken hearts.”



Ginny Covalt, Director



FOXY - Adopted in 2002. “My heart went out to her because she was so shy and scared at the shelter. She’s now very happy & loves to play, cuddle and sleep in bed with me.”

Arlene Upatnieks, Director



(Snooze time at the Thomsons)

MAGGIE (basset) & MR. T were adopted from Paws in 2002. “They’re both very sweet and get along great with all the other pets in the family. We love them dearly.”

Sue Thomson, Director



ANDY, a very shy, beautiful black and white Sheltie, was adopted in 2002. “I already had 2 cats from Paws, so when I heard Andy had lived with cats, I knew he would be the perfect addition to our family. Thank you for helping us complete our family.”

Lisa Sorensen, Volunteer



MANZO was adopted in 1999. “I didn’t know what to expect of him at first, never having had a cat before. Now I can’t imagine our lives without him... he’s so sweet, playful, affectionate, and loves to give his mom lots of hugs.”

Marlene Mugavero, Secretary



MARBLES (foreground) was rescued from an abusive situation. **CHALUPA** (upper left) was found as a sad little stray in Ohio and **ROCKY** (upper right) was left at Animal Control at age 9. “All have brought such love and happiness to our family.”

Joy Current, Staff



“**TONY** was a traumatized, pitiful little guy in a great big kennel when I first saw him. All he needed was a loving home to blossom into a happy-go-lucky 8 year old puppy who thinks he owns my lap!”

Sandy Sarillo, Volunteer

Someone you should know ...

SUSAN ENDRES



Susan, age 23, attended both McHenry High School and College and has been with Paws for 4 years. She lives in Harvard and has two dogs of her own, plus a number of adult cats.

Loyal, hard working, dedicated... just a few of the admirable qualities Susan has that make her one of the shelter's great employees. She also has an exceptional devotion and dedication to all the shelter animals, loving each and every one of them as if they were her own. We have no doubt that they all love her as much in return. She continuously strives to increase her medical knowledge to assure their ongoing health and well being.

Because of her experience, ability to work well with others, and her dedication to animal welfare, we are certain she will assume a much greater role in the operation of the new shelter. We look forward to working with her for years to come.

2005 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

SUE RYAN



With 450 in attendance at Helping Paws' annual Have-a-Heart Dinner Dance on February 4th, Joanne Anderson (left) presented Sue Ryan with the 2005 Volunteer of the Year award. The plaque read:

"World's best intensive care mom.
She cares for all our sick babies."

Sue has been an invaluable volunteer for the last eight years, including very active participation in all the shelter fundraisers.

Thank you so much, Sue!

Sad Beginning / Happy Ending

CHARLIE



Pictured here is a very sweet, 1 year old German Shepherd mix, who not long ago was rescued from a kill-shelter within days of scheduled euthanasia. Shortly thereafter he was adopted by the Naumiec family. It was soon determined by their veterinarian that Charlie had dysplasia in both hips, not known at the time of his adoption. Without surgery, the pain would become increasingly unbearable.

Because of the Naumiec's determination to help their pet and with financial assistance of a Helping Paws benefactor, the operation was performed. After a few months of recuperation, Charlie is well on his way to a complete recovery, a pain-free, playful puppy again.

Our special thanks to that wonderful benefactor and to the Naumiec family for their unconditional love for Charlie. We wish them years of happiness together!

ADOPTION DAYS AT *PETCO*



Did you know that Helping Paws is in partnership with Petco. In return, Petco is good enough to share customer donations through the Petco

Foundation's **Tree of Hope** to assist animals in need.

Volunteer Sandy Sarillo, shown here with Jeremy, coordinates Adopt-a-Pet days at the local Petco stores, and in March adopted out a Lab mix puppy named Maggie and three adult cats. In return, the adopters received a coupon booklet from Petco worth over \$150 in savings.

Sandy is at Petco's Crystal Lake store the 2nd Saturday of the month and at the Algonquin store the 3rd Saturday. Starting in April, she'll also be at Dundee's Petco on the 4th Saturday. Please stop by and say hello. She'll be glad to tell you more about Helping Paws.

Our special thanks to Petco for their ongoing support of local animal shelters.

LIVING LEGACY

The dream is a reality! Construction has begun on Helping Paws new, much larger facility . The site is off Route #14 between Crystal Lake and Woodstock in the North Shore Business Center. It will be approximately 10,000 square feet and enable us to care for so many more of the community's needy animals. Here are just a few of the benefits our new shelter will realize:

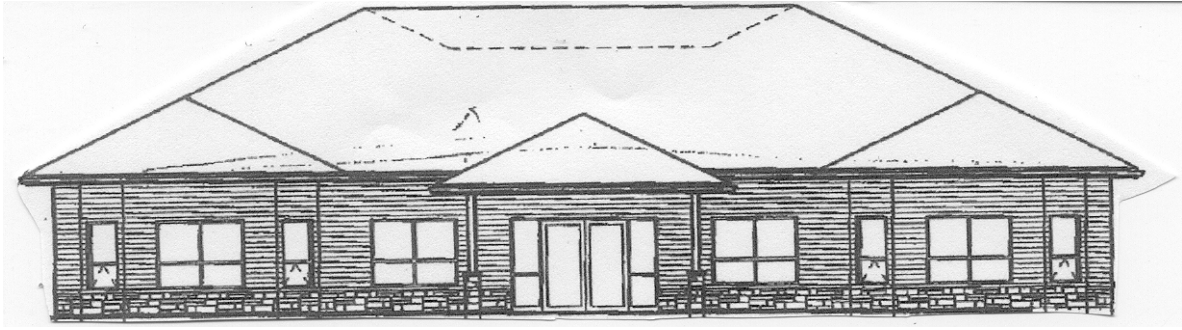
- Operating Room for in-house Veterinarian care
- Separate puppy room
- Cat sanctuary to house our resident cats.
- 24 Indoor dog kennels
- Fenced-in yard in which several of the dogs will be able safely run and play together off leash.

There are still a number of rooms whose cost can be covered in the form of a Living Legacy, which will be plaqued with the donor's name permanently on display at each room's entryway as well as recognition on an engraved Paw Print to be included on our Friendship Forever Wall.

Room	Donation	Features
Intake Rooms (2)	\$ 10,000 each	Relinquished or rescued dogs and cats will be kept here from 5 to 7 days to observe their health & temperament.
Meet & Greet Rooms (2)	\$ 10,000 each	Designed for adopters to get to know a pet they are considering adopting... away from the noise and distraction of the rest of the shelter.
Isolation Rooms (4)	\$ 10,000 each	To house animals that may be convalescing from surgery or in need of medical observation or care.
Adoption Room	\$ 12,000	Used solely for interviews, consultations and completion of all the forms necessary to finalize an adoption.
Community Room	\$ 50,000	A large education/conference room, complete with audio/video capabilities, reference library and an animal training area. Open for public use to further humane education.
Cat Pavilion	\$ 50,000	A large room for all the adoptable adult cats, which will include sensory tracks, large trees, tunnels & an atrium.

[See the architect's drawing of the new shelter on the following page.](#)

FRIENDSHIP FOREVER WALL



(Architectural Drawing of the new Helping Paws Animal Shelter)

PAW PRINTS... If you are unable to contribute to the **Living Legacy** portion of our building fund, perhaps you would consider a smaller donation to be acknowledged on our **Friendship Forever Wall** with a **Paw Print** that will reflect your donation (from \$500 to \$5,000). A name of your choosing will be engraved on the appropriately sized paw print and be permanently on display at the shelter.



_____ Small Paw Print \$ 500.00

_____ Medium Paw Print \$ 1,000.00

_____ Large Paw Print \$ 2,500.00

_____ Jumbo Paw Print \$ 5,000.00



If you want any further information about either the Living Legacy or Friendship Forever Wall, please contact Joanne Anderson, President of Helping Paws, at 815.459.2641. Contributions may be sent to the shelter in the enclosed envelope with the Donation Form.

**Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Grand Opening of the new
Helping Paws Animal Shelter scheduled in October, 2006.**

(Notices will be sent on the specific date & time.)



“The Vomiting Cat”

Cats seem to do almost everything quietly and discretely, except of course when they vomit. The retching and stained carpets are a nuisance to us all. Unfortunately, the causes of chronic vomiting are many. Solving this dilemma may involve special diet trials, blood tests, x-rays, medication trials or surgical biopsies. Listed below are the more common causes followed by treatment recommendations:

•**Hairballs** - If vomit frequently contains hair, trial doses of a hairball laxative should be given. Initially give large amounts, such as 1/3 of a tube daily for 3 days. Then reduce to a tablespoon every 2 to 3 days.

•**Foreign Bodies** - X-ray and barium studies may be needed to identify objects (toys, yarn, plants, etc.) and surgery may be necessary to remove them.

•**Parasites** - Kittens and outdoor cats must have fecal samples checked frequently for intestinal worms.

•**Organ Disease** - Commonly in older cats, non G/I illness is the cause of chronic vomiting. A complete blood panel would identify organ dysfunction.

•**Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)** - Occurs in the lining of the stomach and intestines. May be the most common cause of chronic vomiting in the middle aged or older cat. Diagnosis is difficult to confirm without endoscopic or surgical biopsies, although trial therapy may be initiated with medications or special diets.

•**Food Intolerance/Allergy** - First try switching to a different food form (dry to canned; commercial to a soft, bland prescription food). If an allergy is suspected, a hypo-allergenic diet must be fed exclusively. Recommend trials using novel proteins such as venison, lamb, duck, etc.

•**Feline Triaditis** - This involves infectious or chronic inflammation of bile ducts, pancreas and upper small intestine. Treatment may include antibiotics, steroids and special diets. Abdominal ultrasound and/or biopsy may be required for precise diagnosis.

•**Infections** - May be stomach or intestinal infections either from bacteria or viruses. Trial therapies with antibiotics may be warranted if infection is suspected.

•**Cancer** - May cause vomiting if located within the stomach or upper small intestine. Should have surgical or endoscopic biopsy for specific diagnosis.

It should be obvious that chronic vomiting of cats is a complex problem. Simple physical examinations usually will not reveal a diagnosis. It is necessary to rely on extensive diagnostic procedures and food or medication trials to alleviate this most frustrating problem.

Dr. Jeff Chemelewski
Fox Valley Animal Hospital

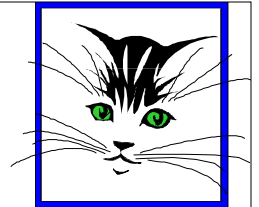
REASONS WHY YOUR CAT SHOULDN'T RUN LOOSE

“If its healthy and neutered, why can't it be let out?”

- It may become lost
- It may be injured or even killed by a vehicle
- It may be attacked by other animals
- It may be stolen, poisoned, shot or even tortured by others that do not respect nor care if they harm them.
- It may become infested with parasites that could result in it becoming very ill or spreading disease among other pets or humans in the household.
- It may injure, kill or orphan wildlife.
- It may cause damage to your neighbor's lawn and landscaping.
- It may result in a liability issue as a result of bites and scratches.

Please, be a responsible pet owner and keep your cat within the safety of your home.

TUNA FOR YOUR CAT?



According to recent studies, adult cats may be given canned tuna, but only occasionally. Tuna that's marketed for people does not provide a balanced diet. Tuna-flavored cat food, on the other hand, has added vitamins, minerals and taurine.

Kittens should not be given tuna fish until becoming adults because it is thought that their delicate nervous systems are too immature to handle the mercury.



PUPPY-PROOFING CHECKLIST

For puppy's safety and your sanity, get down on the floor and see things from a puppy's-eye view before you take it home. Pay extra attention to the areas of your home where it'll spend most of its time.

- Wires and cords can become chew toys. Cover exposed wiring, duct-tape cords to baseboards or hide cords behind furniture or under carpet.
- Keep garbage cans and wastebaskets under the sink or in a room off-limits to puppy.
- Install childproof latches on accessible cabinet doors.
- Put knickknacks, books and valuables on high shelves.
- Check house and yard for plants that are toxic to dogs. (If it will be allowed in the garage, be sure all toxic materials (antifreeze, pesticides or other chemicals) are out of reach.
- Secure your backyard by installing a fence or checking your existing one for possible escape holes.

We wish you years of happiness and love with your new puppy!



DOUBLE TROUBLE

“Should I adopt more than one puppy at the same time?”

Getting two pups at the same time, no matter what breed, isn't a good idea unless you have experience raising and training dogs and will be home all day to work with them.

If, for example, you find your favorite shoe chewed, unless you see the misbehavior happen, you can't make a correction. Half a minute later is too late; by then the pup could be doing something adorable and be mystified by your anger. One puppy might take longer to housetrain, but how will you know which one is having accidents if you're not there.

Whether or not they will be smart has nothing to do with pups being raised together. Part of a dog's intelligence and ability to learn is inherited. The rest is a combination of environmental factors, such as good training methods, proper exercise, quality food and consistent veterinary care.

It's great to have several dogs in the household, but it is strongly suggested that they are adopted one at a time, allowing a sufficient interval for training.

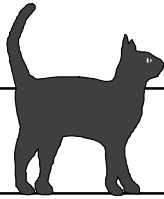


GO TAKE A HIKE... and enjoy a great outdoors vacation with your dog, but please be sure you have all the safety equipment you need. Cut paws and insect bites are the most common of canine hiking injuries. Always carry a first-aid kit that contains:



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| Scissors | Tweezers | Insect repellent |
| Muzzle | Bandages | Rubbing alcohol |
| Styptic powder | Instant cold pack | Cotton balls & swabs |
| Coated buffered aspirin | Hydrogen peroxide | SAM splint |
| Towels | Snake Bite Kit | Antiseptic wipes |

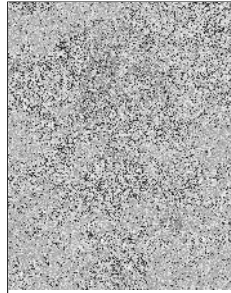
Our best wishes for a happy & healthy summer!



HAPPY TAILS

SACS was adopted in 2005. "He's so very loving & playful. The whole family loves him so much."

The Melvin Family



Katie, adopted 2005. "She is every bit the sweet-heart as advertised and adapted nicely to our household."

Jan, Jerry & Dave dePriest

"**LUCKY** is a very good dog, loves playing in the snow, and is a great watchdog. Our hearts are so happy having him in our home."



Lucky with Sarah Simon



BAXTER, adopted May 2005. "I am so happy that I adopted him (and think he's pretty happy too.) He's a great addition to the family."

Mindy Moister



ISABEL (Left, with Kaydee & Buddy) "We truly enjoy all that she has brought to our lives... she's a nutty, wonderful dog!"

Steve & Amy Frank



ROXY, adopted June, 2005. "Thank you so much for taking such good care of Roxy for us. We love her so much."

Roxy with Haley Waite

HARLOW — "Everyone is in love with him. He rarely stops purring and loves to cuddle."

Jenny Blanco



WHISKERS, Adopted 1999. "He has truly become a cherished member of our family."



Genie Lerch- Davis

LEXUS

was adopted as a puppy to be a buddy with the other family pets, Mercedes & Mazie. "She's sweet, playful, and we love her very much." Jim & Denise Lynch



MIA, adopted August 2005. "She's a wonderful mix of playful, cuddly, smart, and just plain cute!"

Pictured playing with 5 year old John Leinger

LULU & ZOE... "I love them both so much and am grateful that I was able to adopt such adorable little girls."

Jackie Krueger



Billy Boy

Copper now lives very happily in Wisconsin with his new family... "in a really great house with a big back yard and lots of woods."

Linda & Jim Clouse



HARLEY

loves to sit in her new family's crystal bowl... so cute! Also has lots of fun with her new buddy, Oreo.



Yvette Kozinski

We wish we could have printed all the wonderful pictures that have been sent to us. Space being limited, we just couldn't include them all... but want to let you know how very much we appreciate your keeping in touch with us.

THE GIFT OF LOVE

Save the Lives of Hundreds of Dogs & Cats With One Call to Your Lawyer!

To all of our patrons and members that have kept the doors of our shelter open over these past 35 years with your generous donations, we ask that you consider making a change in your will to include a bequest to Helping Paws. It is with such legacies that we will be able to continue caring for the community's needy animals that are brought to us for care, love and protection.

There are several ways a lasting legacy can be made. The most popular is a bequest by **Will**. Another is to name the shelter as **beneficiary** on an **insurance policy**. You might also consider a gift of **stocks, mutual funds, or personal property**.

We thank you for all the support you have given us over the years and for your consideration to our request. (For more information, please call the shelter direct at 815.459.2641.)

THANK YOU

Helping Paws recently received a bequest in the amount of \$13,000 from the estate of . . .

ALICE GROCKE

This bequest was arranged by Ms. Grocke prior to her death as a legacy to her lifelong love and concern for all needy animals.

We are very appreciative of this most generous bequest.



Picture: left to right/top row Donna Dunk, Marie Lanning (with Gabby) & Sherry Gelasi Bottom row: Justin, Brooke and Savannah

IMPORTANCE OF MICROCHIPPING

Luckily for Gabby, this procedure brought her back to her family after almost six months of being lost. She lived in Lake in the Hills and one unfortunate night in mid-May, 2005 she somehow found herself outside. Being an indoor cat for her entire life,

she panicked and ran, and ran, and ran. Miraculously she made her way safely all the way to Fox River Grove, where she was befriended by Sherry Gelasi and a neighbor, who for almost two

months cared for her as a feral cat. With winter approaching and when she finally gained the trust of Gabby to put her into a carrier, she took her to a veterinarian to be checked out. It was then she discovered that Gabby was declawed. So she was not feral, but someone's pet.

Sherry brought Gabby to Helping Paws Animal Shelter in Crystal Lake. Donna Dunk, a staff member, scanned Gabby just in case she was microchipped. She was, and the rest is history! Her family came for her that very same day. She's now at home, safe with her loved ones.

Helping Paws was very glad to be part of getting Gabby back with her family. It was the second time in October that such a reunion took place because of microchipping, an **invaluable protection for any pet**.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED... In an effort to bring the shelter into the 21st century, and at the same time save a considerable amount of postage expense, we ask you **please let us know your e-mail**. You can do this by either e-mailing the shelter at paws@mc.net or furnishing this information on the enclosed "Donation Form." We'll then be able to send you newsletters and other periodic updates by e-mail. If you e-mail us, please be sure to let us know your full name & address so our records will be updated accurately.

Thank you for your response.

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REMEMBER

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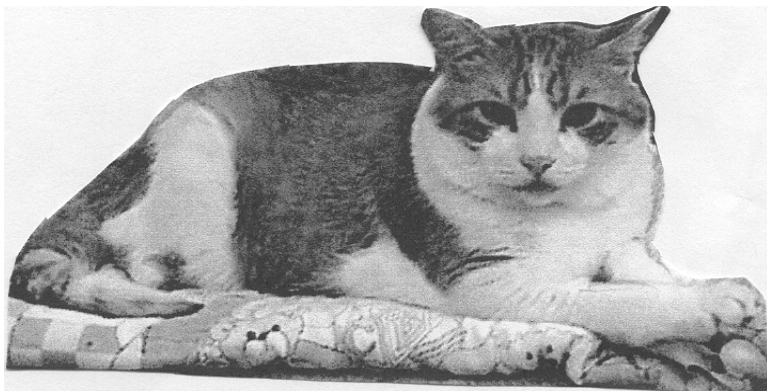
In remembrance of...

BLAZE

All of us at Helping Paws were very saddened by the passing of Blaze, who had been with us for over 10 years. He came to the shelter as an adult stray. Both lower portions of his back legs had been severed, thought to have been the result of a farming accident. Other possibilities were that

he was born with that defect or that it was even the result of an act of extreme cruelty. His sad eyes and fearful disposition held the truth, which we will never know. Our hearts immediately went out to him and we embraced him in the safety of our shelter family for the rest of his life.

Over the years, he began to trust again, happy and content with his buddies (Spot, Tahoe and Pearl) and an integral part of the Helping Paws family. He was our **mascot**, a symbol of hope for all neglected, abused and homeless animals. **He will be dearly missed by all of us!**



(Our "special thanks" to Roland Jeske, who sponsored Blaze since the beginning of our Sponsorship Program.)