Are You Ready For Some Shelter?

Exciting progress continues on the construction of the new Paws and Claws Humane Society (PCHS) animal shelter located on 19th Street N.W. As you might imagine, constructing a building during the winter in Minnesota can add certain complexities to the process and things sometimes take a bit longer than one might wish. Even so, our project is moving along very nicely and remains within budget. Those of you that have recently journeyed west know that the building structure is now up, has a roof on it and is encased in sheets of heavy duty plastic to allow the workers a heated environment in which to carry out exterior and interior construction tasks that are now in full swing. A recent milestone completed was the pouring of all interior concrete floors, with current efforts focused on beginning the rough-in of the interior plumbing and electrical work. The exterior brick work on the front entrance is nearly complete and work on installing

animal care features built into the building’s infrastructure will be second to none, meaning that each and every animal under our temporary care will have the safest and most healthy environment available. Seven separate HVAC zones, automated dog waste flush systems and integrated cat condo ducting systems will provide a clean, healthy and odor free environment for animals and people alike. Flat screen televisions in the public lobby area will provide visual stories of adoptable animals who are currently waiting to find their forever home. Upcoming event information will also be displayed for those wishing to be “in the know” about ways they can help PCHS carry out its mission. Full view multi-level cat condo’s, cat colony rooms, adoption “get acquainted” rooms, and a large fenced-in dog exercise area are just a few of the many great features that this building design offers.

In all, the new facility will do an outstanding job of providing shelter for companion animals in need. You may wish to follow our continued progress on Facebook, and we invite you to ask others to do the same.

If you wish to assist us in the effort to fund the building’s construction or help reduce our mortgage, please go to www.pawsandclaws.org for details.

… this new building will be a facility that everyone associated with Paws and Claws will be especially proud to call its own!
Manager’s Corner

It is going to be a WONDERFUL year! Not only will we be opening our much anticipated NEW Paws and Claws Humane Society (PCHS) shelter, we also have a couple new fundraisers that we are excited to introduce. The first new event is a Golf tournament at the Rochester Golf and Country Club. If you are a golf enthusiast, or just want to come out for a fun time and a good meal, be sure to mark your calendars for Monday, August 12, 2013, shotgun at 1 p.m. The second new fundraiser will be a Craft Beer Taster and Bean Bag tournament. Sounds like fun! Keep an eye on our calendar for details on both of these events!

The shelter completed 2012 with 738 dog and cat adoptions; this was a huge increase from 2011, which had a total of 646 adoptions. Although this is a great achievement for PCHS, it reminds me that there are so many animals that are in need of spaying and neutering and that there are also more cats and dogs out there still needing homes. Spaying and neutering of companion animals gets at the problem right at the source. PCHS hosts the Minnesota Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (MNSNAP) once a month. MNSNAP is a fully equipped veterinary clinic on wheels that delivers low-cost, high-quality spay and neuter surgeries for animals belonging to shelters, rescues, and low-income pet owners in Minnesota. On days that MNSNAP comes to PCHS, they will perform surgeries on 16 PCHS animals and 16 community animals. We also use our wonderful area vet clinics for help with spaying and neutering of our animals. Most offer assistance with the cost in altering our shelter animals. PCHS spays and neuters 100% of our animals before they go to their adoptive homes. Even with our lowest cost vet care we employ, we are still very much in need of funds to make this medical care available. Please consider donating to our Spay/Neuter Fund, this fund and the endeavor it supports, really is lifesaving.

We have been adopting out many of our “Featured” pets over the past year. Each of these cats and dogs images are featured on our website and displayed in our lobby. Some of them have been at the shelter for months and even years — some need a little extra help in finding the right fit for a forever home. Millicent and Temple are cats that had spent two years at the shelter and now are spending the rest of their lives being loved by two very special ladies, each of whom saw these cats potential. Tino, a loveable Pit Bull Terrier, also spent many months at our shelter and now shares his forever home with human and canine friends. The efforts of staff and volunteers to help in making these special adoptions happen is heartwarming. This is also what makes our mission so personally rewarding! So when you know of someone looking to add a pet to their family send them our way and let them know that adoption really does save lives!

— Tanya Johnson

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Tanya Johnson, Shelter manager
Happy Tails!

January 31, 2013 would have marked two years at the shelter for Temple, a lively and energetic girl who didn’t exactly fit the mold of the cuddly, pettable cat that most people were looking for. But the year 2013 turned out to be a lucky one for Temple when a special woman visited the shelter and was able to see what a fun and entertaining companion she would be — so on January 4, Temple went to her forever home.

As with many cats whose behavior had been affected by the stress of living in a cage at the shelter, Temple has relaxed and blossomed now that she is in her wonderful new home, and both she and her adopter could not be happier! This is our favorite of all the pictures that Temple’s adopter has sent us!

Say “cheese” Temple!

Baby it’s Cold Outside!

Celebrates its Third Year!

Wow, what a night! Paws and Claws Humane Society (PCHS) held its Third Annual Winter Fundraiser, “Baby it’s Cold Outside” on Thursday, February 28th. The weather was a bit warmer than the previous years and the crowd of attendees has grown. The night featured visits from numerous PCHS animals, a great silent auction, tasty food from the Wicked Moose Bar & Grill and wonderful music by the D’Sievers and Suzy Chaos. What a show of community support! We raised nearly $6,000 all while having a good time. Who can complain about that?

Please take time to thank our many supporters, especially the Wicked Moose Bar & Grill.

See you next year!

A big thank you goes to ...

Wicked Moose Bar & Grill

Crowds enjoyed listening to fun music, eating delicious food and bidding on the silent auction items at the “Baby it’s Cold Outside” Third Annual Winter event — all while supporting a great cause!
Meet our Cat Adoption Counselor, Heidi. Heidi grew up in Rochester and also spent a few years in Oklahoma. She lives with her dad and younger brother. Heidi says she is a JM Rocket at heart. After high school, Heidi obtained an associates’ degree in Veterinary Technology from the Minnesota School of Business. Ever since she was little, Heidi knew she wanted to work with animals. She thought she really wanted to be a vet, but ended up going for her Vet Tech degree.

“Heidi has a big heart and rescued her first cat from a local business. There, she saw a sign in the shop for free kittens. She says she begged her mother for a kitten and she finally agreed, but only if Heidi was financially responsible for the kitten. When she walked into the shop and asked to see the kittens, the staff brought out two sickly kittens. Scrawny and needing care, Heidi took home the most sickly looking one (Duff) and nursed the kitten back to health and then got her spayed. Duff is now Heidi’s baby girl. She also has Kit-Kat, a Russian Blue, and a Mini, Chi/Pom cross. They, too, are offspring of unwanted litters. Heidi is currently fostering a special-needs cat named Roman from Paws and Claws Humane Society (PCHS). Heidi’s favorite shelter cats right now are Abigail and Glen. Heidi is known around the shelter as an advocate for the harder to place cats and for working to try to get bonded pairs of cats and kittens into homes.

“Heidi says she chose to work at PCHS because “I am part of something bigger than myself and am helping find the homeless animals homes. It is so rewarding when I see the faces of the new families with their new addition to the family. I am also so glad to be part of the big step for PCHS moving to the new shelter. I know lots of staff and volunteers have been waiting longer than I have, but I am so excited. It will be such a great step for helping the animals!”

Since working and volunteering at PCHS, a lot of the staff and volunteers have become good friends of Heidi’s. She says she can’t imagine a better bunch of people to work with. We are happy to have Heidi on board helping our cats on their journey home.

Staff Focus

Save the Date!

Saturday, September 28, 2013
Silver Lake Park, Rochester, MN

We invite you to participate in this fun event which is a unique partnership between Paws and Claws Humane Society and Zumbro Valley Mental Health Services.
Join us on Saturday, May 4th at Cooke Park in Rochester for

**Pet Walk 2013 ~ “Rescue Rocks”**

Our goal again this year is to raise $40,000. We fell short last year, so give it all you’ve got for the dogs and cats that need our help. It’s never too early to start raising pledges, plus you’ll have the satisfaction of knowing that you’re helping over 600 dogs and cats that are cared for each year by Paws and Claws Humane Society (PCHS).

For additional incentive — check out our prize categories:
- **1st Place** in Adult Pledges: $250 Visa Gift Card
- **2nd Place** in Adult Pledges: $150 Visa Gift Card
- **1st Place** in Youth Pledges: $125 Visa Gift Card
- **2nd Place** in Youth Pledges: $75 Visa Gift Card

A pledge form is included in this newsletter or you can download one at: [www.pawsandclaws.org](http://www.pawsandclaws.org). You can also create your very own website where friends and family can go online and donate. What a great way to hit up those that aren’t close enough to solicit in person! Here’s how to do it:


Choose “Fundraise” in the Join This Team section. From here follow the instructions to create your own website. This online option makes it easy for you since you don’t have to collect the pledges to bring on walk day. If you do collect offline donations you can add them to your webpage in the offline donations tab on your page. **Share with your friends by selecting the “Share” button in the same section.**

If you cannot attend but still want to contribute, you can go to our website and click “How to Help” then choose “Online Donations.” Click on the “Donate” button, then choose your donation amount and click “Donate.” Please write “Pet Walk” in the special instructions area so your donation is applied towards our $40,000 goal.

**Mark your calendars now with the details:**
- Saturday, May 4th at Cooke Park on Seventh Street N.W. in Rochester.
- Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m.
- Dog bandana for registered walkers with at least $30 in pledges.
- Dog bandana, t-shirt and entry into our prize drawings for all registered walkers with $125 or more in pledges.
- All money needs to be turned in prior to the walk start time to qualify.
- PCHS volunteers will be making people treats and pet treats so bring some extra cash!

We rely on the Pet Walk’s success to provide shelter, veterinary care and food for the animals in our care. The walk is a blast for people and pets of all ages plus it’s a wonderful way to put your love into action and make a very real and life-saving difference. **We’ll see you on May 4th!**
PAWS and CLAWS 19TH ANNUAL PET WALK 2013
Saturday, May 4 • Cooke Park Pavilion, Seventh Street N.W. • Registration 9-10 a.m. • Walk Start 10 a.m.

You need not bring an animal to participate. • Any animal accompanying a walker must be leashed and have up-to-date vaccinations. • Walkers must pick up their own pet’s waste. • Water and clean-up bags are provided. • Children under 12 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult. • The walk takes place rain or shine. • Plan to visit Paws and Claws shelter, May 4 and meet the wonderful animals that are waiting for their “Forever Homes.”

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Please make checks payable to Paws and Claws Humane Society. Collect donations in advance and turn them in on May 4th, OR submit your completed form with donations to our office at 602 Seventh Street N.W. during the week of April 29th. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

PET WALK 2013 SPONSORS

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PAWS AND CLAWS ANNUAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

This is the sale of all summer sales!

Once again, it’s that time of year to do your spring cleaning and the perfect opportunity to help Paws and Claws. Gather up all of those household items that you never use anymore but know that they are just too nice to throw out and bring them to the Paws and Claws Annual Rummage & Bake Sale.

DONATION ITEMS NEEDED!

Clean out the ATTIC and CLOSETS!
Clean out your clutter for a great cause — Paws and Claws.

- **Drop off location:**
  Olmsted County Fairgrounds Building 35

- **Schedule for drop off of donated items:**
  - Sunday, June 2     Noon – 4 p.m.
  - Monday, June 3     10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Tuesday, June 4    10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Wednesday, June 5  10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Thursday, June 6   10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

*Please DO NOT drop items off at the shelter office.*

Baked Goods!

- **Schedule for drop of donated baked items:**
  - Friday, June 7     10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Plants!

If you have a flower bed that needs cleaning out — we will be glad to take your house or garden plants.

**ITEMS we can NOT take!**

Please be aware that we are UNABLE TO ACCEPT the following items:

- Computers and Peripherals
- Exercise Equipment
- Appliances, including Microwave Ovens
- Humidifiers and Dehumidifiers
- Baby Furniture
- Clothing
- Hide-A-Bed Couches (Sofa Sleepers)
- Televisions

If you are unable to bring your donated items to the drop-off site, please call Sara Holton (507-250-1810) to schedule your pickup. Pickup is available Sunday, June 2 thru Thursday, June 6.

PREVIEW SALE!

Our Preview Sale will be held for **ticket holders only!**

- **Special Preview Sale:**
  - Friday, June 7     5 – 8 p.m.

For a $20 donation to Paws and Claws you will receive a Sale Preview Ticket. Only 30 tickets will be made available. This ticket entitles you to shop our great bargains EARLY! To obtain your Preview Sale Tickets, stop by the shelter office (602 Seventh Street N.W., Rochester) or call Sara Holton (507) 250-1810. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis.

SALE HOURS!

Come one, come all — The sale doors are now open!

- **The Annual Rummage & Bake Sale:**
  - Saturday, June 8    7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- **Bag Sale:**
  - Sunday, June 9     8 a.m. – Noon

It’s in the BAG!

BAG sale day, everything you can fit in the bag for just $5, all other items are half price. Bags will be handed out at the door.

All sorts of treasures can be found at the sale. Don’t miss it!
Where can you find a large selection of wines to tantalize your taste buds?

At the Paws and Claws Humane Society Sixth Annual Wine Tasting on Friday, April 26, 2013. This fun evening will take place at the Rochester Athletic Club from 6-9 p.m. We will have a silent auction to add to the evening’s excitement.

Advance tickets are $25 (Available for purchase at the shelter main office located at 602 Seventh Street N.W.). Tickets will be available at the door for $30. Come sip, and enjoy in support the homeless animals in our care.

Wow! We had a great turn out of people at our annual fall auction. In all, over 325 people attended the auction and we were able to raise $32,000! This money goes to support the daily needs of our shelter operations. In addition, our wine raffle and “round-up” brought in much needed monies for our Emergency and Spay/Neuter funds. Some generous supporters pledged cash toward our new shelter, as well!

The auction requires months of prep work and many hours of dedication from our volunteers. Donations from supporters make it all come to life. Thank you again to Pam Allen for leading the troops. Please take time to thank our sponsors and area businesses that support Paws and Claws Humane Society. A special thank you goes to auctioneer John Kruesel, Piepho Moving and Storage, and The Kahler Grand Hotel.
Memorials

To memorialize, honor and thank a loved one — companion animal or person — please complete the form on the back of this newsletter. Print clearly and indicate whether your donation is for a companion animal or person. Mail the completed form with your financial gift in a stamped envelope to Paws and Claws Humane Society, 602 Seventh Street N.W., Rochester, MN 55901. Your message may be edited to accommodate available space. Your donation is fully tax deductible. Thank you.

In Memory

In Memory of Deuce, Tanya, Tyler & Zoey Johnson’s dog — Lindy Hankel
In Memory of Eric Ylbsaker — Patricia Yusten
In Memory of Gladys Hervey — Wayne & Joleta Smith
In Memory of Leona Renaux — Barbara Swancutt
In Memory of J.D., Jacque & Phil Danielson’s heart dog — Pat & Mike Dee
In Memory of J.D. — Phil & Jacque Danielson
In Memory of Grace — Elizabeth Gallanis
In Memory of Lenora Renaux — Debra Charette
In Memory of Leona Renaux — James & Shirley Ristow
In Memory of Bandy, Blackie, BeBop, Prissy, Speckles, & AllieOops — Sandra Makela
In Memory of Lilly, beloved companion of Kim Peterson — Athens C. Pullias
In Memory of Callie Milburn — Mary K. Menk
In Memory of Kathleen Ford — Barbara Wells
In Memory of Leona Renaux — Dallas & Rosemary Bradshaw
In Memory of Ervin H. Hrabik — Julia Hrabik
In Memory of Deb Milbraith — Joyce Borgen
In Memory of Lillian Vagness — Wayne & Judy Barth
In Memory of Colleen O’Connell — Dr. & Mrs. Edward O’Connell
In Memory of Kenneth Strauss — James & Penney Hughes
In Memory of Kenneth Strauss — Lynn Diane & Todd Kroening
In Memory of Van Heston Schwartz — William & Linda Brown
In Memory of Von Schwartz — Lynn Macal
In Memory of Von Schwartz — Rose Sanden
In Memory of Von Schwartz — Kathy Donahue
In Memory of Von Schwartz — Jim Helget
In Memory of Lacy — Herb & Dorothy Erickson
In Memory of Paula Silker Larson on her birthday — Bob Larson
In Memory of Bernice H. Anderson — Roger & Barbara Poole
In Memory of Heidi — Anonymous
In Memory of Paula Silker-Larson, in loving memory at Christmas — Robert W. Larson
In Memory of Rose, Brunhilda, & Mattie — O.E. Millhouse & A.C. Adams
In Memory of Gunnar — Kim, Sue & Robin
In Memory of Bev Mossing — Don Johnson
In Memory of Chuck & Norma — Van Jacobson & Lee Afshah
In Memory of Francis L. Mills, with all our love — Elizabeth, Bob, Harriet, Pearl & Dynacat
In Memory of Wayne Kay — Mary & Morris Ehlers
In Memory of Verlyn Richards — Brenda Kukson
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Elaine Ann Willis for the Willis family
In Memory of Rube & Irene Wegner — Teresa Wegner
In Memory of the Anderson cat — Anonymous
In Memory of Verlyn Richards — Dr. Melanie Richards
In Memory of Connie Krueger & Puddy — Judy & Gary Anderson
In Memory of Alicia (Grubbs) Busboom — James & Anne Morton
In Memory of Alicia Grubbs Busboom — Sandra & Frank Soltis
In Memory of Betty Jane Clark Stensrud — Harold Geerdes
In Memory of Harold Wilson — LaDonna Wilson
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Al & Diane Armstrong
In Memory of Janice Ann Cole — Roberta & Steven Goei
In Memory of Phil Rothwell — Keith Fisher
In Memory of Phil Rothwell — David & Danna Irinke
In Memory of Wayne Bruce Smith — Joyce Gibbs
In Memory of Zane, from Lennie & Mitch in loving memory — Mitchell Pressman
In Memory of Geoffrey Hayward — Linda Schroth
In Memory of J.D., beloved “Bossy Girl” — Border Collie of Phil & Jacque Danielson — Sheree Estes
In Memory of Alice Tollefson — Sheree Estess
In Memory of Ava Daisy — Rita Parkin
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Matthew Czaplewski
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Jason Paliolos
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Matthew Olsen
In Memory of Wayne Bruce Smith, in loving memory — Brian Fosdick
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Lori Nesheim
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Brent Fisher
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Charles & Carol Smyrk
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Judy & Ronald Schulz
In Memory of Wayne Smith — Rich & Marian Van Dellen
In Memory of Joanne Schenck’s dog, Windsor — Joyce Rucker
In Memory of Sylvia Schoepner — Barb Metcalf & Peggy Sapp
In Memory of Paula Larson — Bob Larson
In Memory of Phil Rothwell — All friends & Family
In Memory of Phil Rothwell — Alice Hendrickson
In Memory of Mildred I Putnam, mother of Linda White — David & Lynn Colvin
In Memory of Francis Wheelock — Terry Sigrist
In Memory of Phil Rothwell — David & Verla Anderson
In Memory of Phil Rothwell — Ross & Sharon Parker

In Honor

In Honor of Steve McMahan — Custom Alarm
In Honor of Knight Nickolas Van Camp’s 8th birthday — Elizabeth Oolman
In Honor of Millie the dog — Jane & Joe Sholem
In Honor of Van Schwartz — Linda Dorschner
In Honor of Char Carey — Shirley Russo
In Honor of James McEvoy & Corinne Valentine — Jim & Peggy McEvoy
In Honor of the Funk family for Christmas — Casey & Dana Funk
In Honor of Brandon Liebnow — Support Staff
In Honor of H. Clark Sheldon Jr. Family — Gary, Janice & Elizabeth Thompson
In Honor of Michelle Enos’s devotion to animals — her co-workers
In Honor of Kristin Hyberger — Stephanie Starr
In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Langman — Margaret Nelson
In Honor of Holly’s birthday — Penny Hilleman & Betty Jane Kaun
In Honor of Leona Renaux — Leona Prescott
In Honor of Holly Johnson’s 4th birthday — Mary Rakowski
In Honor of Kerri Vangness — Jeffery Amaris
In Honor of Dale Clark — Rebecca Zschunke
In Honor of Mark & Mary A., a Christmas gift for our fellow animal lovers — Mary Gould
In Honor of Jan & Benny Helgeson & cat Lilly — Janice Engberg
In Honor of Great Sea Dragon — Anonymous
In Honor of Virginia Anderson — Shannon Zingula
In Honor of John Nortander Family — Patricia Wente
In Honor of Kristin Hyberger — Renee Breland
In Honor of Kristin Hyberger, for all the great work you do! — Lisa Fink
In Honor of Marie & Jeff Brown — Janice Engberg
In Honor of Bill Oliver’s birthday on January 28 — Marcia Belau
In Honor of all our beloved dogs, Queenie, Misty, Pebbles & Murphy — Tom & Yalanda Rishovd
Memorials & Membership
To make a memorial contribution, renew your Paws and Claws membership or become a new member of Paws and Claws, please provide the information requested below. Please print clearly. Send your contribution or membership dues to: Paws and Claws Humane Society, 602 Seventh Street, N.W., Rochester, MN 55901

Name: _____________________________________________________________
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Phone: _______________________________ Email: _______________________

For Memorials
Check one: ☐ Cat ☐ Dog ☐ Person ☐ Other: _____________________________
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For Membership
Your membership will help care for companion animals in need of safe and happy homes.

For a new membership or to renew your membership, please check one.
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