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And His Buddy, Newt,
Both Paws & Claws Alumni

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36th



Annual Fall Charity Fundraiser

Friday, October 24, 2025
Rochester Event Center 5:30 -10 p.m.

The 36th Annual Fall Charity Fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025, at the Rochester Event Center. The event features hundreds of creative and fun themed baskets for the silent auction and some amazing items and experiences in the live auction.

Previous live auction items include vacation packages, exclusive golf outings, tickets to concerts, shopping sprees, fine jewelry, and Char's famous Pies for A Year! Keep an eye out on Facebook for updates on what will be available this year. Tickets are \$40, which includes appetizers and a cash bar is also available. There will be a Dog vs Cat Specialty Drink competition again this year. Last year Hoppers Three Paw Pie Punch won over Squirts Snarky Sangria by only 2 drinks!

The fundraising committee is already hard at work. They are busy bringing in some amazing donations and planning some new and creative ways to ensure the event highlights the great work Paws and Claws does within the community. These generous donations make such an impact on so many lives of dogs, cats and humans alike. If you are interested in volunteering for the event or have questions about donating items for the event, please email us at pchs_auction@pawsandclaws.org.

Buy One – Get One! When you are out shopping, think about picking up an extra to donate! Some of the

items we need for our baskets are: bottles of liquor, beer, wine and seltzers; specialty snacks, crackers and coffee, theater candy and gourmet chocolate (including bars), pillar candles, spa items, men's items, camping and sporting equipment, baby, children and teen items.

Tom Kadlec Leasing has once again generously provided us space for our donation site. We will be open to accept donations on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Wednesday, September 17th and ending Saturday, October 4th. The donation site is located at 4320 East Frontage Road NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

We would like to especially thank our 2025 Gold Paw sponsors, as we cannot do this without them: Piepho Moving & Storage/Agent for Allied Van Lines, Tom Kadlec Honda, Tom Kadlec Kia, Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc., Rochester Post Bulletin, Rochester Magazine, Sam's Club, Townsquare Media, Electric Hive Tattoo & Inkporium, R & J Painters, Bear Creek Kennels, Waiter Express Food Delivery, Athena Real Estate, Lasker Jewelers & Diamonds & Tyrol Ski & Sport.

Watch for updates on the PCHS website and our Facebook page. Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 24th to attend this great event (and pet some puppies & kitties!). Tickets can be purchased at the shelter, online at pawsandclaws.org, use the QR code below or at the event. We hope to see you there!



Director's Corner

What to Do if You've Lost or Found a Pet

From someone who's been there... more than once. We all hope it never happens, but pets can and do go missing. Whether it's a screen door left ajar or a clever dog who's figured out how to open the gate (again), it only takes a second for them to disappear. On the flip side, many kind-hearted people come across pets who are clearly lost and aren't sure what to do next. So, here's some practical advice from us at Paws and Claws Humane Society and yes, some of it comes from personal experience.

If Your Pet Goes Missing

- 1. Start searching right away.** Don't wait, and don't assume they'll just "find their way back." Most pets don't go far at first, so start close to home and bring treats, toys, and a leash or carrier.
- 2. Call shelters and impounds.** Contact Paws and Claws, Rochester Animal Control, local vets, and surrounding shelters. Give a good description and a photo. Then follow up regularly.
- 3. Get the word out.** Use social media (local lost/found Facebook groups, Nextdoor, PawBoost, etc.) and make flyers to post around your neighborhood. Be sure to include a photo and your contact info.
- 4. Visit in person.** Descriptions over the phone can be hit or miss. Come by to look, you're more likely to recognize your own pet than someone else is from a description.
- 5. Microchips matter.** If your pet is chipped, make sure your contact info is up to date in the registry. A chip and your pet can't help if it's not registered or has your old phone number on it.

If You Find a Lost Pet

- 1. Check for ID tags.** If they've got a collar with a phone number, call it!
- 2. Keep the pet safe.** If the pet is friendly and you're able, keep it secure in your home, garage, or fenced yard until help arrives. If not, call for backup.
- 3. Take it to a vet or shelter to scan for a microchip.** We can also help check lost reports and try to match the pet with their owner.
- 4. Make a found pet post.** Social media works both ways! Take a clear photo and post details to local groups, including where you found the pet.
- 5. Don't assume the pet was dumped.** Even if they're dirty or thin, they may have been lost for days. Give the original owner a chance to reclaim their pet.



Shelter director at Paws and Claws, Tanya Johnson, poses with her boss, Squirt!

Confessions of a Repeat Offender: Louis and Murphy

I'll be honest - my dogs Louis and Murphy are professionals when it comes to escaping (I think the whole town of Rochester knows too). If there were an Olympic sport for slipping out of the yard undetected, they'd be bringing home gold medals. We've tried Apple AirTags (and let's just say, we've replaced more than a few). What finally worked for us was the Tractive GPS collars, recommended by our shelter vet Dr. Mike. They let us track the boys in real-time, which means we can go from "Where did they go!?" to "They're just down the road again, making friends with the neighbor dogs" in about 30 seconds. The collars do require a monthly subscription, but in our case, it's been worth every penny.

A Few Tips to Help Prevent a Great Escape:

- Double-check your fences and gates (especially if you live with a Louis or Murphy).
- Always keep ID tags on.
- Microchip your pets and keep the info current!
- Spay/neuter your pets - it can reduce roaming tendencies.
- If you've got a known escape artist, consider investing in a GPS collar.

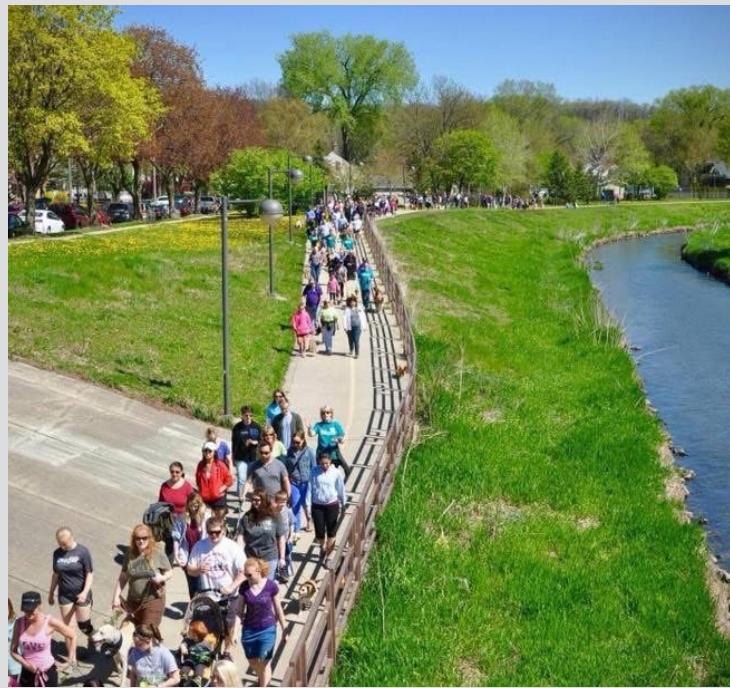
Losing a pet or finding one can be stressful and emotional, but you're not alone. If you need help, call us at **Paws and Claws**. We'll do everything we can to help reunite pets with their people.

Annual Pet Walk

Our 2025 Pet Walk was held on Saturday, May 3rd at Cooke Park. The Pet Walk is always a fun-filled day where pet lovers get together and support our mission, and boy, did we have a great time again this year! In addition to the walk itself, there were many vendors, and multiple raffle prizes for those who collected pledges. Our sponsors and community members collectively helped us raise \$34,000 for the animals in our care! Our top pledge earners were Zoey in the youth category-raising an incredible \$2,755, and Jenni in the adult category raised \$3,175! The dedication shown by these amazing people truly humbles us.

This year we had beautiful weather and so many friendly faces at the event! Many of our long-term sponsors were back again this year, along with some new businesses! We love getting together with people each year who are passionate about saving these animals. With so many pets and pet lovers in attendance, you know it's going to be a good time!

We can't thank our supporters enough for putting in the work to raise money for our animals. Paws and Claws receives no government funding, so the impact your support has means more than we can express! Thank you all, and we hope to see you again next year!



It was the perfect day to go for a walk with your best friend while supporting a great cause too.



Penelope Kittelson Photography

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Volunteer Spotlight: Christy Benson

Christy Benson started volunteering at Paws and Claws in 2020 after she adopted her first dog, Sugar. She fosters dogs in addition to working with them at the shelter. Christy loves seeing the transition animals make from their time at Paws and Claws to their forever homes. She enjoys seeing the cats and dogs that come in so shy and scared but then blossom into absolute sweethearts.

When Christy volunteers, she keeps in mind this outlook: "Teamwork makes the dream work." Christy enjoys bringing her three daughters to the shelter with her to walk the dogs. She knows that she is still learning, but she and the girls do it together. They all learn and grow from each other.

She may not feel like an expert with dogs, but Christy grew up with animals. Her family had horses, cows, buffalos, goats as well as cats and dogs! Her parents still live on the farm with plenty of horses, their yellow lab and some barn kitties.

Christy enjoys being outside in her big backyard with her girls and her chickens and spends a lot of time there. She enjoys watching most any sport, especially volleyball and basketball. She enjoys her foster dogs and working to find good homes for them.

Her most memorable dog from Paws and Claws would be her Sugar. In Christy's opinion, Sugar is the best dog in the whole wide world! Her furry family consists of Sugar (four years old), Birdie (two years), Stevie (seven years), and their foster Honey, who is currently four months old. They were all adopted from Paws and Claws and are all French Bulldogs! Last, but not least - is Karen, an eight-year-old cat from her parents' farm who is the matriarch of the family.



Volunteer Christy Benson with some adorable friends.

The Cat's Meow!



Sweet foster kittens



Bumble



Devie



Apricot



Freddie Fox

Do Pets Grieve?

Many animals, especially those that form strong social bonds — like dogs, cats, birds, and even rabbits — can experience grief after the loss of a companion, whether it's another animal or a human. While they may not understand death the way humans do, they can feel the absence and respond to changes in their environment and routine.

Signs of Grieving in Pets:

- Loss of appetite
- Lethargy or lack of interest in activities
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Searching or waiting for the deceased companion
- Vocalizing more or less than usual
- Clinginess or withdrawal

Each pet grieves differently, and the intensity or duration can vary. Some may return to normal behavior in a few days; others might show signs for weeks or months.



Supporting a Grieving Pet:

- Stick to regular routines, they provide comfort and predictability.
- Offer extra affection and attention without forcing interaction.
- Encourage play or gentle exercise to lift their mood.
- Introduce new toys or enrichment slowly.
- In multi-pet households, monitor the dynamics — grief can shift hierarchies.

If signs of grief persist or worsen, it may be helpful to consult a veterinarian.

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale Update

It always surprises me when our goal is surpassed with a record-breaking number for the Paws and Claws rummage sale as it was again this year. 35,000 is going to go a long way for our shelter, working to provide for the needs of our animal friends! We cherish our hard-working, dedicated volunteers who spend hour after hour over the 10-day span of set up, sale time, cleanup, and whatever needs to be done to make the Rummage Sale happen. Many of these volunteers have been helping for greater than 10 years! One of these volunteers is Annette Durhman who stepped up to be a

co-chair again this year. Over the past 10 years, I have been honored to chair this event and have met countless folks who are helping because they love animals. It's in our DNA and it helps to make this event successful. It is time to pass this torch on to another. I will continue to help out along with everyone in our community who is dedicated to making a difference. Once again, a shout out to the public who donated and helped support us by shopping. We love to see the long lines of people waiting for us to open our doors! See you next year!

—Carol Fealey



Shoppers find all sorts of treasures at the PCHS Rummage & Bake Sale.



Alumni Update:

Kane & Newt

Best of Friends ~
Together in Their
Forever Home



Photo by @annwagamanphotography_pets

Four months after losing our beloved girls, Meeka and Miley, who had been with us for 17 wonderful years, our hearts were completely broken. The thought of “replacing” them felt wrong. We could not even imagine bringing another dog into our home. During those 17 years, traveling was almost impossible because we hated being away from them for more than a day. We only took one big trip, to Hawaii, and after that we stayed close to home.

After they passed, we told ourselves, now we can travel. We dreamed about seeing the world and visiting places we had never been. But all of that changed one afternoon when my husband Nelson Robinson stopped by Paws and Claws to make a donation toward adoption fees.

While he was there, he noticed two sweet faces on the TV screen. They were a bonded pair — a little Chihuahua mix and a Lab Pit mix. He took a picture and sent it to me, and I thought “What an odd pair.” The next day, almost without thinking, I asked, “Can we go see those dogs?” He immediately cancelled his work meetings.

At the time, the little one was named Nibbler, and the bigger one was Kane. The second they walked through the door, we were lost. We had promised ourselves no more dogs. We had promised we would travel. But within minutes, I was on the floor with Nibbler in my lap, Kane sitting right beside me, looking up like he had known me forever. We both knew right then they were coming home with us. We later changed

Nibbler’s name to Newt, which suits his curious little personality perfectly.

From the very first day we had them, it felt like they had been with us for years. They looked so relaxed, so at ease, as if they had always belonged right there with us.

It has now been a little over a year, and Kane and Newt have completely become our world. We do not have children, so these two truly are our babies. We have not been apart from them for more than a few hours the entire time we have had them. They go everywhere with us, lounging in the pool, basking in the sun, staying in “bougie” hotels, car rides to PetSmart to stock up on toys — which don’t last long! They even came to our company party, where they were spoiled by all their “aunties”.

They have had professional pictures taken and they even have their own Instagram page! What can we say, we have spoiled them, and we will continue to spoil them for the rest of their lives.

They have healed parts of our hearts we did not think would ever recover. We thought adopting again would be too painful, but it was the most rewarding decision we have ever made. Our “travel the world” plans are on hold because there is nowhere else we would rather be than with them.

We may have rescued Kane and Newt, but in so many ways, they rescued us right back.

— Kimberly Hoover

Staff Spotlight: April Schoenrock

April has been working as part of the Paws and Claws Humane Society (PCHS) Dog staff for a little over two years. She has always loved dogs, starting with Mandy, the dog they had when she was a baby. She loved Mandy so much, her first word was “dog!” This love of dogs and desire to help them led her to first work in a grooming shop in Kasson, and eventually to Paws and Claws.

The hardest part of working at the shelter is often learning the stories of the dogs and what brought them to PCHS. It’s also hard to say goodbye when they go to their homes, because some touch her heart in indescribable ways. On the bright side, April finds it very fulfilling to see the dogs become happy and healthy and move on to the happy home they deserve. When asked if there are any particular PCHS dogs that touched her heart, April had to admit that there have been so many, saying “it’s hard to not to get attached to each and every one of them.”

Speaking of attachments, April lives with three dogs she adopted from PCHS – a 14-year-old Rat Terrier named Bentley, Ranger, a five-year-old Shepherd mix, and Montana, a one-year-old Pit Bull mix. Joining the menagerie are two cats, Harry and Piper. When not at the shelter, April spends time with her pets and her family and friends. She also enjoys hunting and fishing.

This life-long dog lover says “This is the most rewarding job I have ever had. I love watching how we are making a difference in each and every animal’s life that comes to us. I just wish we could save more!”



April Schoenrock & Bear

Some Help From Young Friends!

Paws and Claws is fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers working at the shelter. Pictured here are some of our youth volunteers.

At right: A young dog lover /volunteer, gives Mia a relaxing pet, who seems to be loving it!

Far right: A group of Summer of Service kids help sort supplies. Front & center is Ranger Rick, who is receiving a lot of love & attention from the young workers.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who help our mission of caring for animals in need.



Homeward Bound ~



Love at first sight for Rudy's new Mom.



Luis the puppy is going home with alumni Mercury.



Little Britches & Charlie (middle & right) were excited to go home!



Toast headed home.



Margaret is on her way home.



Maple, we wish you a sweet life in your forever home



Phoebe (left) found a family to love her.



Minnie, seems to be smiling — she's a happy dog!

Sights going home with her forever family.



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, 3224 19th 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 of ...

Correction:

In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Joe Wagoner

In Memory of Lois Johnson

– Phillip Greene & Dianne Greene

In Memory of Mary Wernstrom

– Jim & Cindy Bahler

In Memory of Colin Yennie

– Don & Stephanie Supalla

In Memory of Butterscotch & in honor of Chris & Jean who gave her their hearts – Pat Dee

In Memory of Jerry Werre

– Nancy Fryer

In Memory of Mabel Wagner
– Dawn Holt

In Memory of my cats Herbie, Handsome & Prada
– Laurie Anderson

In Memory of my mom, Marion Anderson – Laurie Anderson
In Memory of Colin Yennie – Gary & Carol Lane
In Memory of Oliver, beloved dog of Russ & Terri Mettler – Peggy Menzel & Ed Creagan
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Richard & Janice Vetter
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Denise & Jeffrey Siem
In Memory of Sam the cat, who was 18-years-old, we will miss him. Had since he was 8-weeks-old – Gaynel Richardson
In Memory of Muffin & Mia – Marv & Cindy Sawyer
In Memory of my sister Diane Lovejoy – Cheryl Golla
In Memory of our aunt, Marilyn Olseen – Patricia Wachtel
In Memory of George Sedivy – Paul & Susan Anderson
In Memory of George Sedivy – Richard & Judith Baxter
In Memory of Larry Pettis – Mrs. Pettis
In Memory of Patricia Shaw – Member of the Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology at Mayo Clinic
In Memory of Lois Johnson – Dodge County DFL
In Memory of Jerry Werre – Robert & Susan McClocklin
In Memory of Jerry Werre – Thomas & Marlyce Stelter
In Memory of Mary Kay Wernstrom – Gary & Kathryn Kleist
In Memory of Mary Kay Wernstrom – Bruce Teigen
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Therese Moore

In Memory of Mac, who belonged to Luke Sanneman – Amanda Hocking
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Steve Sward
In Memory of Gigi – Erica, Alyson & Cameron
In Memory of Georgia – Love, Doug, Kathy, Anna & Julie
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Laurie & Rich Sylvester
In Memory of Laurie Anderson's mom – Lindy Hankel
In Memory of Laurie Anderson's mom – Pat Lande
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Friends of Mary Wernstrom
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Natalie Timm
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom – Wade & Tabitha Hanson
In Memory of Butterscotch, little cat friend of Chris & Jean, gone too soon – Char Carey
In Memory of Marion Anderson – Mayo Echo Core Lab
In Memory of Mable – Delores Rebertus & Denise Skaar
In Memory of Mable Wagner – Leonard & Sharon Laures
In Memory of Mable Wagner – Judy & Ben Kracht
In Memory of Mable Wagner – William & Mary Oertli
In Memory of Marion Anderson – Echo Research Mayo Clinic
In Memory of Mable Wagner – Margaret & Clifford Brekke
In Memory of Mable Wagner – Sheryl Brekke
In Memory of Mable Wagner – Marion Flom

In Memory of Mable Wagner
– Cynthia Eversman
In Memory of Laurie Anderson's mother
– Annette Durhman
In Memory of Colin Yennie
– Love, Sadie & friends
In Memory of Colin Yennie
– Friends & Family of Colin Yennie
In Memory of Colin Yennie
– John & Judy Ruegg
In Memory of Colin Yennie
– Daniel & Carol Aase
In Memory of Colin Yennie
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In Memory of Colin Yennie
– Paul Gaarder
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– Thomas & Julia Gaarder
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loving wife & mother
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– Mr. & Mrs. David Chesney
In Memory of Jerald Werre
– Elizabeth Byer
In Memory of Mabel Wagner
– SMB Disability Solutions
In Memory of LeRae Schneider
– Mary Jo Wilson
In Loving Memory of Marion Anderson
(Laurie's mom)
– Diane Jech
In Memory of Andrea Sanders
– Brenda Rucker
In Memory of Grandma Nancy Broin
– Amma Evans-Peck
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Nancy Haas
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Judy Malone
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Sheldon & Charlotte Gee

In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Mary & Jeff Doherty
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Jeff & Barb Lemke
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Mary Blegen
In Memory of Mary Wernstrom
– Linda Mceldowney & Kay Johnson
In Memory of Simon
– Anonymous
In Memory of Ollie & his mama McKensie
– Chiara Paaverud
In Memory of Gus
– Brenna Mowen
In Memory of Felipe Bachez
– Kristi Boldt
In Memory of Tupper & Bugsy
– Laurie Anderson
In Loving Memory of Figment & her
fun days at Central Bark
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– Carol Smith
In Memory of PeeWee, best buddy
– Connie Pendergrass
In Memory of Sharri Hackbarth
– Gayle Garrity
In Memory, loving memory of
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– Bob Larson

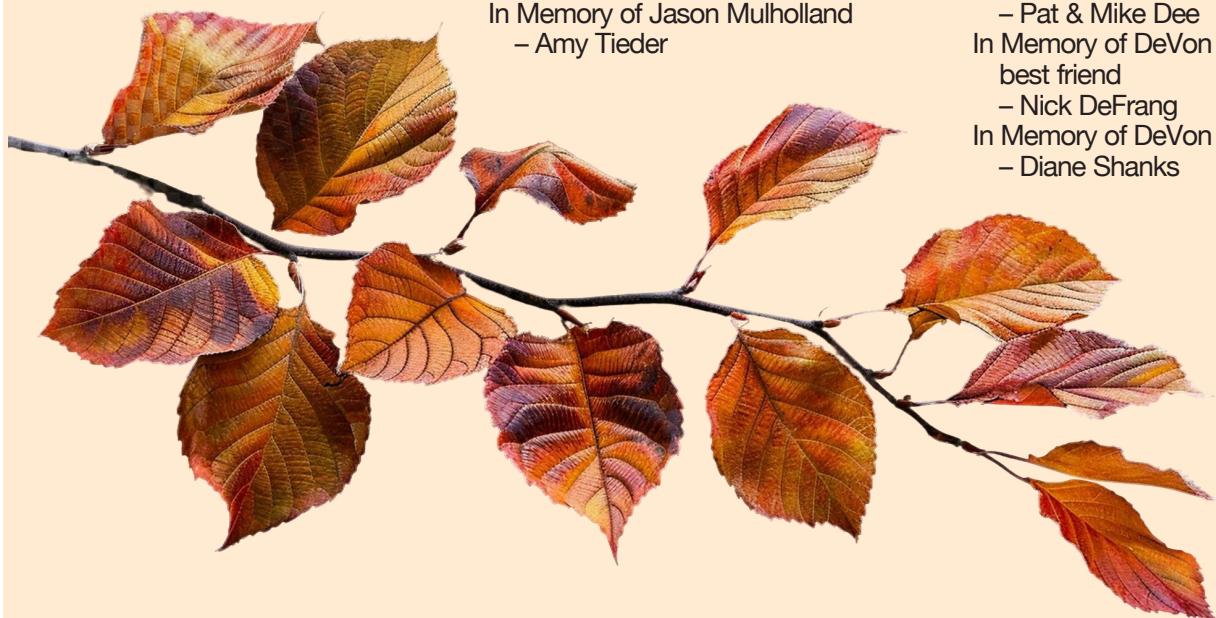
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In Memory of Oscar
– Allison Owen
In Memory of Willow, adopted from
Paws & Claws by Susan &
Dan Crowell
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In Memory of Sharri Hackbarth
– James & Mary McCarthy
In Memory of Jane Pollack
– Janice Owens
In Memory of Hadley Thompson
– Roger & Celeste Hofer
In Memory of Melinda S. Mariotti,
she loved her "kids" Miss Kitty
& Miss Cuddles
– Terri Dugan
In Memory of Richard Pressnall
– Bob & Mary Ustby
In Memory of Richard Pressnall
– Farrel & Louise Bruce
In Memory of Richard Pressnall
– Larry & Mary Lee
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– Dennis & Michelle Murray
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– Al & Jan Bruce
In Memory of Richard Pressnall
– Heidi Shaver
In Memory of Richard Pressnall
– Dennis & Cheryl Pressnall



In Memory of Richard Pressnall
– Pat Poellinger
In Loving Memory of Etta, our 22-year-old feral kitty
– Char & Jim Carey
In Memory of Hadley Thompson
– Jennifer Anderson
In Memory of Sharri Hackbart, a past Board member of PCHS. She always voiced for the better lives of homeless pets & adopted 5 of them
– David Hackbart
In Memory of Jim Rodrick, who loved his cats
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– Gregg Struve
In Memory of John Sears
– Nicole Ohme
In Memory of Chad Emmons
– Roland Emmons
In Memory of Jane Pollack
– David & Mary Jo Rowlands
In Memory of Moxie
– Chet Rihal
In Memory of Hadley Edwin Thompson
– Teresa Christianson
In Memory of Bing & Lucy
– Ronald Zerofsky
In Memory of Maggie
– Dave & Sue Berndt
In Memory of Liza Carlson, a wonderful animal lover
– Lisa Malone

In Memory of Oscar, beloved family member of Rob, Melissa, Carmen & Nico Crowley
– Deb & Tom Crowley
In Memory of Carole Brown, oh, how she loved dogs
– Peggy Nixa
In Memory of Jason Mulholland
– Jennifer Harveland
In Memory of sweet Willow, a small pup with a big heart
– Jonathan King
In Memory of Richard Wobschall
– Anonymous
In Memory of Manny Francis Bowman
– Pamela Bowman
In Memory of Gus, our beloved rescued Boston Terrier
– Michelle Hileman
In Memory of Bear
– Kristi Ziegler
In Memory of Gidget
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– Rebecca Yang
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In Memory of DeVon Lund – our dear DeVon, her love for animals will go on
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– Gretchen McGlynn
In Memory of Andrea Sanders
– Charles & Ann Beatty
In Memory of Andrea Sanders
– Steven Kelly
In Memory of DeVon Lund
– LeAnn & Bob Kapinos
In Memory of sweet Bella
– Linda Bluhm
In Memory of Jax, sweet boy!
– Linda Bluhm
In Memory of Moe, the best boy!
– Linda Bluhm
In Memory of Etta Meinecke's boys Moose & Snoopy
– Pat & Mike Dee
In Memory of DeVon Lund, all animals' best friend
– Nick DeFrang
In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Diane Shanks



In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Connie Henderson & Ted Alberts

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Todd Lund

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Family & Friends of DeVon Lund

In Memory of DeVon Lund
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In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Gregory & Denise Nester

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Terry & Diane Howard

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Bradd & Vicki Nelson

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Darrell Erickson

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Daniel & Jennie Dinneen

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Daniel & Desiree Erickson

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Todd & Michele James

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Rexford & Betty Manion

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Denise Clark & Russell Clark

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– Marlys Stensgard

In Memory of DeVon Lund
– E & C Vitse

In Memory of Bob Rosenblad
– Rosenblad Memorial Golf Tournament

In Memory of Peaches
– Cynthia Regnier

In Memory of DeVon Lund, a beautiful woman with a heart of gold
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In Memory of Bella
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In Memory of Linda Feia
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In Memory of Jim Ruppe
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– Melanie & Dan Heim

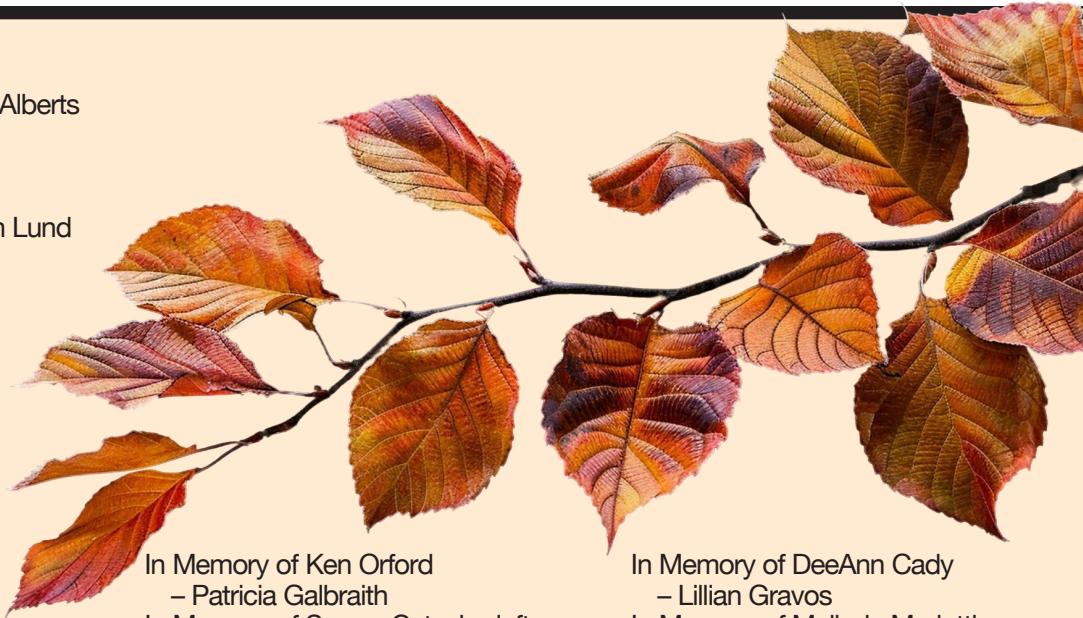
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