



Fall 2013-Winter 2014 PAWS Newsletter

Celebrate Adoption!

In 2013, 54 cats and dogs were adopted from PAWS. Our rules are a bit stricter than at other organizations. Our cats must be inside only cats and anyone wishing to adopt a dog must have a fenced back yard.

PAWS helped 35 people from Muskogee County with a low-cost spay/neuter program. Another entity has a grant to help with spay/neuter vouchers within city limits so our efforts focus on Muskogee County residents outside the Muskogee city limits.



Green PAW update

For the whole year of 2011 PAWS did very well with our recycling program. We made \$1,313.03. But we did even better in 2012, we earned \$1,613.02. For 2013 the total was slightly down to \$1,125.29.

We would like to thank Yaffe Iron & Metal for working with us. This makes about our 8th year to do our recycling program.

Thanks to all the faithful people that help us by bringing us their pop, energy drink and beer cans. Recycling does make a difference for PAWS! Please keep the cans coming.



PAWS on Facebook

Check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/PAWS-Shelter-Animals-For-Adoption-Muskogee-Ok/149712038564244>

Please like us and share us with all of your friends. Maybe they know of someone looking for a new family member (dog or cat) in 2014!



Thanks for Making Animal Fest 2013 a Success

The Board of Directors and all of the animals at PAWS would like to thank the following people and businesses for helping us make Animal Fest 2013 a success:

Sponsors and those who donated baked goods, prizes for our raffles and pet contests: Animal Medical Center, Oxford Productions, Haley & Loyd Jewelry, Martha Stoodley, Patsy Rodin, Charlie's Chicken East, Firststar Bank, Advanced Workzone Services, Gallant Family, Golden Corral, Louis and Dorothy Farmer, Krystal Kennel Club, Muskogee Phoenix, Direct Traffic Control, Inc., Corporate to Casual, K-Mart, Haley & Loyd Jewelry, Whitlock Wishouse, Bebb's Flowers, Muskogee Art Guild and PETCO.

Thank you to Mountain Grove Bluegrass Band and all of the individuals who entertained us through the day, the volunteers that made the day special and Linda Lee and Mugsy's Kissing Booth.

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported PAWS and for those who purchased raffle tickets!



*Katniss and Downton's owner purchased raffle tickets for
Animal Fest and won the Haley & Loyd necklace!*



A Dog's Last Will and Testament

(Author unknown)

Before humans die, they write their last Will & Testament, and give their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask....

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

My happy home.

My bowl, cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys.

The lap which I loved so much.

The hand that stroked my fur and the sweet voice which spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So when I die please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand." Instead go find an unloved dog; one whose life has held no joy or hope and give MY place to him.

This is the only thing I can give...the love I left behind.

Foods for Cats to Avoid (Courtesy of www.catster.com)



Onions: All of the plants in the *Allium* family -- onions, leeks, chives, garlic, shallots, and ramps -- contain a substance called N-propyl disulphide, which destroys a cat's red blood cells and causes fatal anemia.

Candy & Gum: The artificial sweetener xylitol, which is found in toothpaste and in many sugar-free candies and gums, can cause a dangerous drop in your cat's blood sugar and even lead to liver failure.

Grapes & Raisins: Although scientists aren't sure exactly what makes grapes and raisins toxic to cats, the fact remains that they are. If a cat eats these fruits, kidney failure will result. Even a small amount will make your cat sick.

Chocolate: Chocolate contains theobromine, which causes abnormal heartbeat, tremors, seizures, and death. Theobromine is in every kind of chocolate, even white chocolate, but dark chocolate and unsweetened baker's chocolate are the most dangerous.



Many thanks to our Director, Dorothy Farmer and her tireless efforts on behalf of the dogs and cats in our shelter and those who have gone on to good homes!!

2013 DONATIONS

Cynthia Harrell - Christmas Donation
Winston Anderson - Christmas Donation
Charlotte Palmer - Christmas Donation
V. David & Billie Miller - Christmas Donation
Diebold Tree Service - Tommy & Diane McKinzie - Christmas Donation
Muskogee New Friends - Donation in memory of Ursula Shoats
Gallant Family – Donation, Best Choice UPC Codes
Philip & Linda Sapienza - Donation in honor of Celine Rakowski
James & Judy Durham - Donation in memory of Kari Gray
Diana Youngman - Christmas Donation

(More donations listed throughout this newsletter!)



Dangerous To Dogs!

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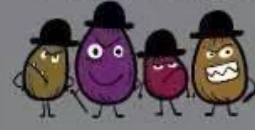
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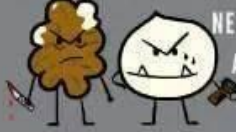
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BLOOD CELL
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DAIRY



TOO MUCH:
DIARRHEA

the world's MOST DANGEROUS FOODS

FOR DOGS

GRAPES



KIDNEY FAILURE

MUSHROOMS



SOME VARIETIES:
SHOCK
DEATH

FATTY FOODS



TOO MUCH:
PANCREATITIS

CAFFEINE



TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM

VOMITING
DIARRHEA

XYLITOL



(GUM, CANDY ETC.)
LIVER FAILURE
HYPOGLYCEMIA
DEATH

CHOCOLATE



TOXIC TO HEART
& NERVOUS
SYSTEM
DEATH

MEDICATIONS



(TYLENOL, ADVIL ETC.)

KIDNEY
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If you think your dog ate something dangerous,

CALL YOUR VET or:

ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4436

NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680

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A Special Poem from a Stars & Stripes Reader to Dear Ann

“Dear Ann: I am enclosing a poem for all those people who drop their dogs off in the country, hoping they will find another home. These people should know there are alternatives to abandoning a pet. Maybe this poem will make a difference. Lorna.

A DOGS SITS WAITING

By Kathy Flood

A dog sits waiting in the cold autumn sun,
Too faithful to leave, too frightened to run.
He's been here for days now with nothing to do
But sit by the road, waiting for you.
He can't understand why you left him that day.
He thought you and he were stopping to play.
He's sure you'll come back, and that's why he stays.
How long will he suffer?
How many more days?
His legs have grown weak, his throat's parched and dry.
He's sick now from hunger and falls, with a sigh.
He lays down his head and closes his eyes.
I wish you could see how a waiting dog dies. “



Keep Water Bowls Ice Free

As the temperatures continue to stay cold, it is critical to check your pet's outside water dish regularly. A dog, or any other creature for that matter, cannot break through a frozen water bowl in order to get a drink. Even in winter, animals need to be able to get a drink and stay hydrated.

More 2013 Donations: Thank you to the following PAWS Supporters!

Tammy & Marcheta	Lashley
Carol	Blankenship
Candace R. & Bella	Kenyon
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Sylvia	Grant
Mary & Orval	Baldwin
Sara	Sherwood
Beatrice	Sheddan
Mame	Palmer
Ursula	Shoats
Sharon	Parnell
Diebolds Tree Service	Tommy & Diane McKinzie
Dr. Laura	Morris-Roets
Patsy	Rodin
Sita	Kozel
Don & Sandi	Woolverton
Becky	Jones
Janet	Niezgoda
Christine	Cannarsa
Ken & Jan	Champagne
Chloe	Buffington
Mary	Yaffe
Jax	McCutcheon
Dewey & Mary	Isaacs
Rita	Roorck
Patsy	Rodin
Marshall & Brenda	Helsley
David & Billie	Miller
Lisa, Cody & Matt	Springfield
Angie & Curtis Tyner	& Joyce Springfield
Victoria	Carvajal
Patsy	Rodin
Bob & Nancy	Singleton
Health Biz, Inc.	Jody Montgomery
Virginia	Williams
Dr. Laura	Morris-Roets
Lexi	Myers
Cynthia	Harrell
Patsy	Rodin
Marshall & Brenda	Holsley
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Patsy	Rodin

John	Griffin
Bertha	Tapley Lowe
Helen	Payte
Thomas Rocky	Wade
Hazel	Williams
Mark & Melanie	Juntti
Becky	Jones
Mame	Palmer
Judith	Anderson
Patsy	Rodin
Choodamanie	Krishnamurthy
Anonymous	
Lonn	Crews
Dr. Lara	Morris-Roets
Joan	Beasley
Victoria	Carvajal
Chloe	Buffington
Noriko	Walters
C.	Dixon
Judy & James	Durham
Roberta	Whyman



January 2014 Donations

Juanita Scott - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Carol & Kelly McQueen - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Robert & Catherine Buckley - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Interchange RX dba - Palliative Drug Care - Paul Hagen, President - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Archer Cleaners - Greg & Christine Archer - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Zrjezdana Sirola - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Stacie Beck & CRH CLV - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Citizens Security Bank, Bixby, Ok - Donation in memory Chloe Buffington
 Orval & Mary Baldwin - Donation
 Nairm Kickham Supervisor - C-2 Communications - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Terry Doughty - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Charlotte Palmer - Donation
 Dorothy Fite - Donation in memory Chloe Buffington
 Steve & Kim Stotts - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Paul & Jaireire Hogen - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Thomas & Diane Walden - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
 Elada Kirk - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington

Dan & Sharon Littrell - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington
Scott & Mary Christ - Donation in memory of Chloe Buffington



PAWS Membership News

Thomas & Barbara	Guthrie	Renewed Family Renewed Bronze in memory of Edna Dunlap
Mary & Orval	Baldwin	
V. David & Pam	Miller	Renewed Family
Becky	Jones	Renewed Individual
Clayton & Rita	Farmer	Renewed Gold
Dan & Mary	Myers	Renewed Bronze
Janet	Davis	Renewed Grand PAW
Robert & Pam	Taylor	Renewed Family
Norma	McFadden	Renewed Individual
Shirley Bryant & Sabina	Jim Kensey Beckman	Renewed Family Renewed Gold
Sylvia	Grant	Renewed Individual
Ursula	Shoats	Renewed Individual
Sharon	Parnell	Renewed Individual
James & Ruth	McMorrow	Renewed Family
McGraw	Motors	Renewed Business
Dewey & Mary	Isaacs	Renewed Family
Teina	McCormick	New Individual
Carole Ann	Cleland	New Individual
David & Billie	Miller	Renewed Family
Tommie Sue	Leahy	Renewed Individual
Virginia	Williams	Renewed Individual
Kathy	Geddie	Renewed Individual
Terry & Mary	Eddings	Renewed Gold
Cynthia	Harrell	Renewed Silver
Leo & Sherrill	Durbin	Renewed Family
Patsy	Rodin	Renewed Individual
Anita	Benton	Renewed Individual
Marshall & Brenda	Holsley	Renewed Bronze
Linda	Lee	Renewed Individual
John & Lori	Moore & Family	Renewed Gold

Elouise	Farmer	Renewed Individual
Bette	Scott	Renewed Family
John W.	Griffin	Renewed Bronze
Bill & Eloise	Smith	Renewed Family
Leonia	Barker	Renewed Grand PAW
Lee	Howser	Renewed Bronze
Carolyn	Bresser-Cory	Renewed Grand PAW
Virgil's Beauty	College	Renewed Business
Austen & Betsy	Kenyon	Renewed Family
Janet	Niezgoda	Renewed Individual
Holloway Updike	& Bellen, Inc.	Renewed Business
Mark & Malanie	Juntti	Renewed Family
Vyrl & Bobbie	Keeter	Renewed Family
Dr. David	Helms, D.V.M	Renewed Business
Mame	Palmer	Renewed Family
Health Biz	Jody Montgomery	Renewed Business
Choodamanie	Krishnamurthy	Renewed Individual
Ernie & Dorothy	Sykora	Renewed Family
Michael & Evalyn	Massey	Renewed Family
Dr. Robert & Elaine	Brownell	Renewed Bronze
Diana	Youngman	Renewed Bronze
Shirley	Miller	Renewed Individual
James & Pat	Madison	Renewed Individual
Joan	Beasley	Renewed Grand PAW
Sue	Cote	Renewed Bronze
Ted	Burks	Renewed Individual
Donald & Lolita	Myers	Renewed Bronze
Paul & Cindy	Glover	Renewed Gold
Kenny & Shannon	Williams	Renewed Family
Joel	Cousins	Renewed Bronze
Muskogee Lock & Key	Mark Davis	Renewed Bronze
Helen	Payte	Renewed Individual
Leisha	Haworth	Renewed Bronze
Jean	Vann	Renewed Individual
Animal Medical Center	Center	Renewed Business
Keith & Jacqueline	Bennett	Renewed Family
Lucile	Wilcoxon	Renewed Family
Judith	Anderson	Renewed Individual
Alice	Malcolm	Renewed Bronze
Green Family		Renewed Family
Chloe	Buffington	Renewed Grand PAW

Noriko	Walters	Renewed Individual
Ronald & Nancy	Stavenwhite	Renewed Silver
Diane	Cohea	Renewed Individual
Claudette	Courtemanche	Renewed Bronze
Robert & Sharon	Carey	New Bronze