

# Paw Prints



Newsletter for Luce County Pet Pals

Summer 2009

**"MAKE YOUR PET A PIN-UP"**



## 2010 CALENDAR CONTEST

Starting 7/1/09 Luce County Pet Pals will be offering for the first time the "Make Your Pet A Pin-Up" calendar contest. From 7/1/09-7/31/09 Pet Pals will be accepting entries into the contest. Once all the entries are submitted the pet photos will be published in the Newberry News. Votes will then be accepted for what you believe is the "cutest pet". Votes will cost 25 cents apiece and you can vote as many times as you would like for the same pet (send .25 or maybe \$5.00) using a single voting form. Forms will be found in upcoming issues of the Newberry News. Voting forms can be mailed to Luce County Pet Pals, PO Box 345, Newberry, MI 49868. The 12 pets that receive the highest number of votes will be featured as calendar pinups. The pet with the overall most votes will be featured on the cover and one additional month in the calendar. The entry fee for the contest will be \$5.00 per pet. Photos (4 x 6 or larger hard copy print or digital photos on a CD) can be mailed to Luce County Pet Pals, PO Box 345, Newberry, MI 49868. For best print quality of digital photos, please make sure the pictures are 300 pixels and in JPEG (.jpg or .jpeg) format. Please note we will be unable to return photos. An entry form can be found inside this newsletter. Entry forms can also be found on bulletin boards at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, Tahquamenon Area Credit Union and the Newberry Animal Clinic. All proceeds will go towards the building project for a shelter.



## MONEY SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

1. Determine the actual annual cost of owning you pet and make a pet budget.

The ASCPA has broken down pet costs as follows:

-food: \$55-\$235 (cat to large dog)

-litter: \$165-\$415 (cat to guinea pig/rabbit)

-toys/treats: \$25-\$75

2. Cut costs where you can. By making simple changes you could cut back on costs and be more environmentally friendly at the same time.

-Make your own kitty litter.

-Avoid trips to the groomer by bathing your pet at home. Brush your pet more often and recycle the hair. Did you know that dog hair around outdoor plants gets rid of slugs or that birds can use dog hair to make warmer nests?

- Research medication costs online. Many prescriptions are available at significant discount from stores like Costco or from online pharmacies like 1-800 PET MEDS.

-Check online for your pet food brand to see if there are coupon offers that can be mailed to you.

4. Create a "savings" jar for your pet. Enlist your entire family to cut back on luxury items and services. The money everyone saves can be put in the jar to be used for care of your family pet.

5. Share, Barter and Trade. Get together with other pet owners in your community to see if you can share responsibilities and take turns with walking, pet sitting, vet visits, etc.

source: [www.beinastrav.com](http://www.beinastrav.com)



# THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US



Numerous HNJV Departments are participating in a pop can and bottle collection which has raised \$637 to date.

Krista Groll for a generous cash donation.

Engadine Methodist Church All Stars participated in a pop and bottle collection which raised \$322.40 for the building fund for a shelter.

The Russ Corinth family for their donation of dog and cat treats.

Laurie Sachtlber for a generous cash donation.

Donny and Patricia Brown for a generous cash donation.

The Menominee Animal Shelter for donating surplus dog and cat food to Pet Pals.

## Honorium

In honor of my sister, Judy's, birthday. From Sally Notarius

## In Memory of Pets

"Sheena" from Mitchell and Opal Penix

"Weylin" who taught me to trust and love dogs. From Sally Notarius

Thank you to each and every member of the Community who has generously donated to Pet Pals. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by all of us.

## HOME REMEDY TO DE-SKUNK YOUR PET

Mix 1 cup peroxide, 1 cup vinegar and 1 cup Dawn dish soap. Lather into your pets coat and leave on for 10 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with water. Then mix 1 gallon of water with 1 cup of vinegar. Rinse your pet with this solution and do not rinse out. Towel dry your pet.

# Donate

# Volunteer

# Join

I am interested in:

- becoming a volunteer.
  - making a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - leaving a bequest to Luce County Pet Pals
  - making a contribution in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - family membership \$25 per year
  - adult membership \$15 per year
  - senior membership (age 60+) \$10 per year
  - \* junior membership (age 16 and under) \$3 per year
- \*includes Pet Pals Logo Decal

## Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Luce County Pet Pals, Inc.  
P.O. Box 345  
Newberry, MI 49868

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### ***BROWNIE BONANZA!***

**JULY 4** at the American Legion immediately following the Village Parade. Come join us at the Kiwanis Chicken BBQ! Pet Pals will be selling a wide variety of fresh home-made brownies.

### ***PET PALS MERCHANDISE SALE!***

As part of the Community Appreciation Days hosted by HNJH in the Tahquamenon Schools Cafeteria. Immediately following the Village Parade until 1pm.

Luce County Pet Pals meetings are held the last Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held in the small Courtroom of the Luce County Government Building. New members are always welcome.

## HOT WEATHER TIPS

- Never leave your pet in a vehicle. Even with the windows open a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace in no time. Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day.
- Always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water and a water dish when traveling with your pet.
- Limit playtime to the cool of the early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is very humid.
- Make sure that there are no open, unscreened windows or doors in your home through which animals can fall or jump out.
- Provide fresh water and plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors.
- Talk to your veterinarian about a safe, effective flea and tick control program.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! COME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL MIDWEST SLED DOG SYMPOSIUM**

**Erickson Center Auditorium, Curtis, MI**

**6pm-8pm Friday, September 25, 2009**

**Iditarod Odyssey-Ed Stielstra, Mc Millan, MI**

**Listen to Ed's tales from the trail of the 2009 Iditarod.**

**8:30am-5:30pm Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**Purebred Sled Dogs, Dog Care on the Trail, and the Making of Canine Nutrition**

**Speakers include: Eight time Iditarod participant Karen Ramstead, Alaskan Malamute musher and agility competitor Tom Knoll, award winning veterinarians Dr. Nick Vukich, Dr. Tom Gustafson and 2009 Iditarod Red Lantern winner Dr. Tim Hunt, Stage Race Champion and dog food producer (Caribou Creek Gold) Lloyd Gilbertson and 2009 UP200 winner and dog food producer (Red Paw) Eric Morris**

**visit [www.midwestsledldog.com](http://www.midwestsledldog.com) for more information and admission fees**



# KEEP YOUR PET SAFE



- Throw out toys with loose parts that could be ingested by your pet.
- Do not let your pet chew on socks, underwear or nylons. Materials such as elastic can cause a blockage in the digestive tract if ingested. Keep laundry in hampers and always watch for what your dog has in his mouth.
- Pennies minted after 1982 are made from zinc, with just a coating of copper. If an animal swallows one, stomach acids eat away the copper coating and the zinc, which is poisonous, leaches out. Life threatening anemia and kidney failure result.
- Certain foods that humans can safely eat should not be given to your pet: Macadamia nuts, avocados, tomatoes, alcohol or caffeine-containing products, onion, garlic, yeast dough, chocolate (smaller dogs are the most sensitive to chocolate), grapes, raisins and sugarless foods containing xylitol.
- Cocoa Mulch contains Theobromine which is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and really attracts dogs.
- Install child safe latches on your cupboard doors to keep pets out of reach of unsafe foods/chemicals.
- Some drugs, like heartworm preventative and Rimadyl, are made into tasty treats and are very poisonous to cats. Store these types of medications in pet-proof containers (pick up prescription bottles from your pharmacy-do not re-use ones that have had your medication in it).

## CUTEST PET PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry form, hard copy or digital photo (300 pixels) on CD along with \$5.00 to Luce County Pet Pals, PO Box 345, Newberry, MI 49868