

Paw Prints



Newsletter for Luce County Pet Pals

Winter 2009- 2010

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!!!!

Luce County Pet Pals is looking for individuals to volunteer to be foster homes for homeless pets. Foster homes are very important during this time when our Community does not have an Animal Shelter. Foster homes enable us to house a lost pet until we can locate their owner or give us time to find a home for a homeless cat or dog. Foster placement can be as short as one week.

Fostering is very rewarding. You may think "I might get attached". Yes, you might. No matter how difficult it is to see your foster pet find a permanent home, you have helped save a life and that should ease any short-term pain.

We have some individuals that have fostered many litters of kittens for us. If you love cats and wish they stayed the size of kittens, fostering may be for you. You can foster a litter of kittens and when we find homes for them you can foster another litter.

If you would like to become a foster home but cannot afford to care for another pet, we can help. There have been individuals that have donated cat and dog food and cat litter for homeless animals.

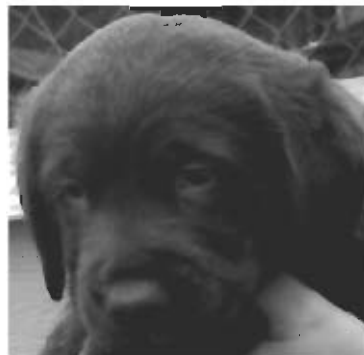
All you need to do is provide love and care.

If you have been thinking about adding a dog to your household but aren't sure if you're ready for the long term commitment, fostering is a great way to find out. You can help a homeless dog while seeing if a dog is a good fit for your lifestyle.

To find out more about fostering a pet for Pet Pals, please call 906-293-3965.



Sophie (formerly Oreo)
Foster Kitten
adopted 12/17/09



Rex (formerly Cola)
Foster Puppy adopted
11/14/09

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME!



Chipper is a 1 1/2 year old neutered male. He is very friendly and gets along well with other cats. Please contact 906-420-2761 to meet Chipper



Lola is a three year old medium to long haired calico female. She is spayed and declawed. She along with her littermate Tinkerbelle is looking for a new home. Lola is great with kids and indifferent to the dog in the home. Call 906-293-2961 to find out more about Lola.



Tinkerbelle is a three year old medium to long haired male. Tinkerbelle is neutered and declawed. Tinkerbelle gets along well with kids and like his sister Lola, is indifferent to the dog in the home.



Tiger is a five month old neutered male kitten. He is very playful and gets along well with other cats. He has a unique spotted coat. Tiger is available at a reduced adoption rate. Call 906-291-0009

"... Saving just one pet won't change the world but, surely, the world will change for that one pet..."



THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US

The Newberry Correctional Facility Business Office for donating funds from their Dress Down Days.

Numerous HNJV Departments are participating in a pop can and bottle collection which has raised \$794 to date.

Rachel Williams for donating dog treats, collars and a dog jacket.

Stacy Hoig for fostering a litter of kittens.

Jack Vanhorn for fostering a momma and litter of puppies.

Ed and Angie Rudnicki, Sharon Grow, Donna Hamilton, Mary Lou Baker, Esther Wieringa, Peter Bick, John Neff, Julie Craig, Bernard Bak, Robert and Kathryn Trautman, and the ladies from Pickelman's Pantry for generous cash donations.

Lucas Holbrook and Mary Papist for their help with the newsletter.

Jo Anne Martin for helping with updating Pet Finder and the Adopt a Pet ads.

Tracy Paramski who won a gift certificate to Curtis Veterinary Clinic and donated it to Pet Pals.

Memorials

Mary Lee Erickson from Cayla Gehrett

IN MEMORY OF PETS

Sheena from Mitchell and Opal Penix

"Pappy" from James Papineau

"Cocoa" from Cheryl Franklin

"White Kitty" from Jim and Marlys Terrian

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: _____

Please make checks payable to the Luce County Pet Pals. All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Luce County Pet Pals
meetings are held the last
Thursday of every month at 5:15 pm. Discussion group to follow at
approximately 6:00 pm. Meetings are held in the small Courtroom of the Luce
County Government Building. New members are always welcome.

2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

During 2009 Luce County Pet Pals helped spay/neuter 96 cats and 91 dogs. In July Pet Pals started a foster home program. This program led to the adoption of 14 cats/kittens and 7 dogs/puppies. One foster dog was transferred to another organization.

Below are pictures of some of the cats and dogs that were adopted in 2009.



**Tyrus-formerly
Jack**



Milkshake



Hobo



Gibs



Princess



Sheba



Licorice



Buddy



Shadow-formerly Belle

Assistance for Homeless Animals

The Luce County Animal Shelter closed last fall following defeat of the Animal Control Millage. Since that time there have been inquiries regarding what to do with litters of puppies and kittens and reports of apparently homeless animals running at large.

State law prohibits any individual from abandoning or causing an animal to be abandoned. The following are some options for animals needing a home or needing to be reunited with their owner.

1. **Radio Announcements:** The Eagle and WNBX radio will announce missing, found or available pets during Tradio or Pooch Patrol. Call the Eagle at 293-1400 or WNBX at 293-3221.

2. **Lost and Found Ads:** The Newberry News offers a free ad to help reunite lost and found animals with their owner. Call 293-8401. The Advisor will also place ads for lost, found or available animals. Call 906-341-2424.

3. **Bulletin Board Postings:** Several area businesses including the IGA, Mac's Market, and the Newberry Animal Clinic maintain public service bulletin boards. Pet information regarding lost, found or available animals along with your contact phone number can be posted.

4. For lost pets look around the neighborhood where your pet is missing from. Ask people if they have seen your pet. Offer a reward. Let your mailman and paper carrier know that your pet is missing, they may see it while on their routes.

5. **Contact neighboring county animal shelters to exhaust all possibilities.**
Alger County Animal Shelter, Munising, 906-387-4131
Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, Manistique, 906-241-1000
Mackinac County Animal Shelter, St. Ignace, 906-643-7646
Chippewa County Animal Shelter, Sault St. Marie, 906-632-2519
Marquette County Humane Society, Marquette, 906-475-6661

In the event you lose your pet, contact the radio stations, newspaper and put up fliers as soon as possible. The longer you wait, the less likely you and your pet will be reunited.