

# Paw Prints



Newsletter for Luce County Pet Pals

Spring 2011

## **PLEASE HAVE YOUR PETS TESTED FOR HEARTWORM!!!!**

There have been reports of several dogs in the Newberry Area testing positive for Heartworm. According to information from the American Heartworm Society, relocation of dogs infected with heartworms is a very important factor in the spread of heartworm disease. So far, the dogs that have tested positive have relocated here with their owners from warmer regions.

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms living in the arteries of the lungs and occasionally in the right side of the heart. Heartworm disease is transmitted by mosquitoes. Heartworms are spread when a mosquito bites an infected dog and then bites another dog infecting it with heartworm larvae. Over several months the heartworm larvae grow and migrate to the heart and lungs. The larvae mature into adults which can be a foot in length. These larvae produce microfilariae (tiny larvae) that circulate into the bloodstream. Untreated, heartworm disease can lead to severe problems with the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys and may result in death.

Signs that your pet is infected include occasional coughing or wheezing and they may seem tired and unwilling to play. These early signs of heartworm disease can be missed or may be mistaken for something else. The only way to tell if your pet has been infected is to have a veterinarian do a heartworm test.

Cats can also be infected by heartworm and may not show any signs or have sporadic episodes of illness. Cats may have respiratory signs like coughing and labored breathing or gastrointestinal signs like vomiting. Unfortunately there is no treatment for heartworm in cats.

All pets are at risk regardless of whether they live indoors or out. Heartworms are preventable and the prevention is affordable when compared to the expensive treatment. It is important to consult with your veterinarian about the heartworm preventative that is appropriate for your pet. To protect your pet, a preventative dose will need to be given monthly as directed. Missing just one dose can put your pet at risk. One mosquito bite is all it takes to infect your pet!!!! If you have any questions about heartworm disease or need an appointment to have your pet tested, please call your veterinarian.

# PURRS AND TAILWAGS

We love getting updates about pets that have been adopted through us. If you have a purr or tail wag to share with us, please e-mail a photo and update of your pet to [helppets@lucecountypetpals.com](mailto:helppets@lucecountypetpals.com).



Joey is doing very well and has made himself right at home. He has already bonded with the dogs and our five year old daughter. He is a welcome addition to our home. Thank you very much for the great care that he was given in transition. He has adjusted even faster than I thought he would.

Thank you very much for your time, effort and care.

Dan, Debi and Cassandra Gallagher



Everyone in my family feels extremely blessed and grateful to have Izzi in our lives and we know that would have not been possible but for the wonderful services the foster family and the Pet Pals volunteers did on her behalf. We will be forever grateful to your organization and will do whatever we can to help you out.

Note from "Izzi": I am so grateful to you and all the volunteers at Luce County Pet Pals for giving me such a wonderful life foundation. I learned love and discipline while living with Marcy and I am the dog I am today because of how I was fostered. Thank you for everything you have done for me. You have my eternal gratitude and appreciation.

In love and peace, Izzi, formerly known as Bree

Top to bottom: Sprocket, Izzi  
and Coz

## Luce County Pet Pals Wish List!!!!

Purina Kitten Chow  
Premium Choice All Natural Unscented Scoopable cat litter  
Scoop Away multi cat litter  
Postage stamps  
Number 10 Security envelopes  
copy paper  
dog and cat foster homes



# THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US

Numerous HNJVH Departments are participating in a pop can and bottle collection which has raised \$1084 to date.

Rhonda and Kevin Blank for donating dog food for a foster home.

Janice Sanchez and Alice Loehr for fostering a litter of kittens.

The Russ Corinth family for fostering dogs.

Melissa and Jaime White for fostering cats and dogs.

Charlotte Wedge, Cathy Church, Al and Jackie Jeardeau, Sharon Grow, Krista Groll, Phyllis and John Overhiser, Lynne Waite, Esther Wieringa, Nancy Leonhardt and Marlys Terrian for generous cash donations.

Samantha Hall-Leonhardt for saving coupons for cat and dog food and making a cash donation.

Kris Smithson and Rita and Lenny Lemanek for donating appliances to be used in the new shelter.

Eryn and Carlee Corinth for creating the Luce County Pet Pals bulletin board header at Rahilly's IGA.

## MEMORIALS

Tony Madunich-from Nancy LaCroix and Steve and Bonnie Wolfgang  
Robert Rovenko-from Margaret Rovenko, Marlys and Jim Terrian and Bonnie Wolfgang  
Shirley LaCroix-from Nancy LaCroix and Steve and Bonnie Wolfgang

## IN MEMORY OF PETS

Chloe- from Robert and Kay Trautman

# 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 and guests are always welcome.

Special Note: The May meeting will be held at Zellar's Village Inn.

# WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME!



Sonny is a very tall, sleek male orange and white tabby. He is neutered and up to date on his shots. He will only eat soft food, he is quite the picky eater! However, his hugs and kisses are very worth it! Sonny will be best suited in a home that is quiet, with no young children. He gets along well with dogs but would do best in a home without cats. He enjoys laps, and will vocalize his delight. Sonny's adoption fee is \$20 since he came to us already neutered. Call 906-293-3965.



Max is a 1 1/2 year old Chocolate Lab mix that was found as a stray. He is neutered, up to date on shots and house trained. Max is a fun dog with a great temperament. He gets along great with other dogs, children and cats. Call 906-293-3310 to meet this handsome boy!



Maggie is a spayed, three year old Treeing Walker Hound. A family surrendered her to us due to a moving situation. She gets along good with other dogs, cats and children. She is shy until she gets to know you. Call 906-293-3310.



George is a three year old, neutered, male orange tabby. He is litter trained and well behaved. He gets along well with the other cats in his foster home. He has been waiting for a home for a long time as he was at the shelter when it was closed in 2008. George is a super nice cat that deserves a good home! Call 906-450-1640.

# WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME!



Sassy is a nine week old black short haired kitten. She gets along great with dogs and other cats. She is litter trained and up to date on shots. Call 906-293-3965.



Bert is a seven month old neutered kitten. Bert and his brother Ernie were found in the middle of the road by a school bus driver when they were only six weeks old. Bert is super sweet and he enjoys being held on his back like a baby. He is up to date on his shots, litter trained and Felinke Leukemia negative. Bert and Ernie would be happiest placed together as they have developed a close bond. The two boys can be adopted together for \$30. They deserve a loving home!!!! Please don't make these handsome boys wait any longer. Call 906 293 3965 to find out how to meet Bert and Ernie. They will steal your heart!



Ernie, Bert's brother. Ernie and Bert are great with children and other cats! Please read above description for more information.



Grumpy is a kitten from the seven dwarfs. litter Two dwarfs have found homes already! This spunky boy is hoping he's next! All of these kittens are litter trained and up to date on shots. Call 906 293 3965.

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

4th of July

# Brownie Bonanza and Bake Sale



**Join us at the American Legion immediately following the Village Parade. The Kiwanis will be hosting a Chicken BBQ and Pet Pals will be hosting a Brownie Bonanza and bake sale.**

**Do you like to bake? Pet Pals will be accepting donations of sweets and treats for the Bake Sale. Arrangements to donate baked goods before the bake sale can be made by contacting Geri at 293-3965. Otherwise, donated baked goods can be dropped off at the Legion between 9am-10am on the 4th of July. Please package cookies or bars/brownies in quantities of a half dozen or dozen.**