

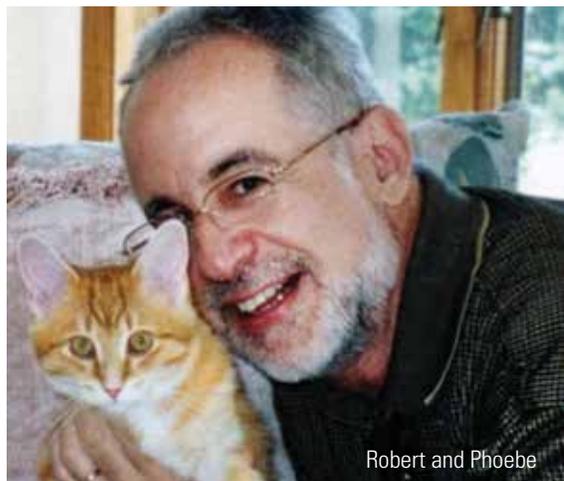
# PAWS prints

WINTER 2018

TAILS FROM

PAWS and WHISKERS CAT SHELTER

PAWS kitty,  
Callie



Robert and Phoebe

## Phoebe's Fund is Established

We are excited to announce a new program at Paws and Whiskers. Phoebe's Fund has been established to help fund extraordinary vet expenses for any of our cats in desperate medical need. Phoebe's Fund was started through the generous donation of Susan Matz

in honor of her husband Robert Matz. As Robert was going through cancer treatment, Phoebe, their cat, was a comfort to him. Susan established this fund in memory of Robert. In addition to her generous donation of \$30,000 to start this fund, Susan has pledged to match \$5000 every year to donations we raise. We'll be sending more information soon on how you can donate to Phoebe's Fund. Thanks so much to Susan, Robert and Phoebe for this ongoing fund that will help many sick and injured cats. 🐾

## Keeping Kitties Purrfectly Safe at the Holidays and Through the Winter

- ❄️ Everyone loves Christmas trees....including most cats. Why wouldn't they? To them it seems you've brought a giant scratching/climbing post inside just for their amusement! But natural needles can be toxic, and the tree-prolonging liquid often poured into the tree's base can also be toxic. The best bet for a merry Christmas for all is an artificial tree and some pine-scented room spray.
- ❄️ Go with non-breakable decorations or soft stuffed ones on your tree as your cat may mistake decorations for new cat toys. If you just can't resist using Grandma's antique glass ornaments, at least put the unbreakable decorations on the lower branches within reach of your kitty, saving the treasured glass ones for further up in the tree.
- ❄️ Turkey is often the center of a holiday dinner, but poultry bones can splinter and puncture your kitty's digestive system. A bite or two is fine (but check for any bones before handing bites to your furry friend!), and don't leave your cat alone with a platter of poultry!
- ❄️ Tinsel on a tree may be beautiful, but it can be very dangerous for kitties. If you think your cat ate tinsel or any other sort of string — call your vet. It can cause internal damage. Avoiding tinsel altogether is safest.
- ❄️ Cookies and milk left out overnight can be too tempting for a kitty to leave alone. Unfortunately, cats can't digest sugar and dairy as well as Santa. Maybe leave Santa bottled water instead to keep him hydrated through his long sleigh ride around the world!

**37%**  
of people with  
cats hang  
stockings just  
for their kitties

## Check Out Our New Logo!

We're excited to debut our new Paws and Whiskers logo! Thanks to the design team, Tandem Creative (Kristi Polus and Bruce Yunker, who both volunteer for PAWS), we now have a fun and pull-at-your-heart-strings brand identity for the shelter. Look for new signage, brochures and t-shirts coming soon! 🐾



**paws & whiskers**  
CAT SHELTER

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# A Letter from the Board

*It's hard to believe we are coming up on the end of the year. This year has been a time of change, growth and renewal at Paws and Whiskers. New free-roaming cat rooms, increased web and social media presence, new staff and board members, a new logo and branding effort and most of all, we've helped a record number of cats – including our long-stay friends – find loving homes.*

*Everything we do comes back to mission and you'll hear that from me a lot – Paws and Whiskers Cat Shelter is dedicated to providing shelter, food, affection and veterinary care for homeless cats while searching for caring persons to adopt them into good homes.*

*Paws and Whiskers exists to help the cats in our community find loving homes. All of our new changes are to help us achieve that mission. Going into the New Year we are looking to increase our rescues and adoptions, revitalize our volunteer and foster groups, increase the visibility and community interaction of our shelter and increase our donor base. Without our donors, we wouldn't be able to provide all of the services to find more homes for our kittens and cats.*

*We could not do any of this rescue work without you. The support of our friends, fosters, adoptive families and donors is imperative to the everyday well-being of cats in our care. We appreciate your continued support and commitment to the success of our mission.*

*Please feel free to contact me at my number below with any questions or to come take a tour of our newly energized shelter!*

Sincerely,

*Jan Aguilar*

Jan Aguilar, President of Board of Directors  
Paws and Whiskers Cat Shelter  
419-260-1989

# Cool Cat Club

We've started up a new and exclusive group – **the Cool Cat Club**. Members are people who donate to Paws and Whiskers on a monthly basis. We consider them pretty cool cats. Stay tuned for more information on some activities for these special donors. Want to join? It's easy. Just go to our website and sign up for a monthly donation. It can be a small or as large as you want. We appreciate your continuous support – that's why you're the Cool Cat Club! 🐾

## WELCOME ALEX!

### Meet our new Shelter Manager, Alexandria Jones.



Alex is a Registered Veterinary Technician and joined the team in October. She is a great addition to lead us forward to find even more homes for kitties. Stop in and say hi! At the same time you can see all the new changes that makes life even more comfortable for our cats! 🐾

*Above: Alex cuddles Punkie Pie, a kitten she fostered due to his extensive health issues. Punkie Pie now has a wonderful forever home...with Alex!*

*Right: Alex fostered Matilda Ann, nursing her back to health after the kitten was thrown from a moving vehicle. Matilda Ann is now one of Alex's lucky permanent family members.*



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## Keeping Kitty Safe continued

- ❄️ Some of the plants many people like to deck their halls with can be dangerous for kitties. Lilies are deadly to cats, as are holly and mistletoe. Poinsettias are not as toxic for kitties as it was once believed, but they can still cause tummy trouble.
- ❄️ If you're cold, chances are your cat is as well. Pet warming pads are a good option for added warmth and easing arthritic pain. Human heating pads get too hot for kitties - even on low. Stick with warming pads specifically made for pets. Make sure your kitty can move away from the heat if she gets too warm.
- ❄️ Keep a little extra cat food on hand in case the weather gets bad and you can't go out.

*Taking just a few precautions and you and your kitty can BOTH enjoy a holly jolly holiday season! 🐾*

## Cool Cat Strut 2018

What a fun party! Our 15th annual Cool Cat Strut was a big success. We had great attendance, participation (it was a wild costume parade) and raised a lot of money through our silent auction. Thanks to Pat and Barb Nicely, our Chairs for this year's event. We couldn't have done it without their organization and your support. Thanks! 🐾



# LOOKING FOR LOVE AT PAWS

We're all available for adoption, along with **LOTS** of other lovable cats and kittens. Come meet us at PAWS at 32 Hillwyck— we know you'll find the perfect furry friend to love!

## HERBERT 4 yrs. old, male, grey/white

I was found on the street by a Good Samaritan who took care of me until I could be brought into PAWS. I'm a little shy until I get to know you a bit, but once I do, I'm a very loving cat and enjoy being held (I'd be a great lap cat!). The vet found I'm FIV+, which may sound scary but it's not really, as



many cats with FIV live long, happy lives. PAWS can answer any questions you might have. Do you have room on your couch (or lap) for me?



## DUKE 1 yr. old, male, black

I was found in an apartment building, but the landlord wouldn't let my finder keep me. I've had a hard time adjusting at PAWS since I'm not a fan of other kitties. I can be very mellow and sweet once I trust you (a good way to work your way into my heart is to play with me with laser toys!). I'd appreciate a quiet home without other animals. I just want love—and someone to understand that sometimes I just want my space. Do you have a home that might just be the place where I can finally settle in and be the caring cat I know I'm meant to be?

## HARPER 6 mo. old, female, tabby/white

I was found outside as a stray kitten, with my face and mouth badly and painfully injured, struggling to survive alone. A kind lady saw how badly I was hurt, and brought me to PAWS, who helped me heal. I'm a sweet, silly kitty who loves life and loves to play. I love making the PAWS' staff laugh, especially when I get "the zoomies," running around and chasing sunbeams and mouse toys.



**WHO KNEW?**  
PAWS had adopted nearly 500 cats and kittens as of 12/11! Let's add these special kitties to that number!

I'm a happy kitty who loves everything—people, other kitties...even young kids! Could you give me the forever home I've been dreaming of?



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You can become a member of Paws and Whiskers! With your membership you will receive the PAWS newsletter, and the knowledge that your donation will help the hundreds of cats and kittens PAWS cares for each year. Please send your check or money order along with this form to our address above or go to our website, [pawsandwhiskers.org](http://pawsandwhiskers.org), to sign up. Thank you!

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to receive e-mail updates on PAWS' upcoming events.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

- \$500 PAWS Patron** provides medical treatment, vaccines, bottles and special formula for 50 kittens
- \$250 Feline Sponsorship** provides medical for an ill cat
- \$100 Supporting Membership** vaccinates, feeds, and cares for a shelter cat for a week
- \$50 Family Membership** pays for diagnostic x-rays for an injured animal
- \$25 Single Membership** neuters a male cat



## DONATIONS IN HONOR/IN MEMORY

Visit PAWS' website, [pawsandwhiskers.org](http://pawsandwhiskers.org), to see how donations may be made in memory of, or in honor of, an animal or individual.

**A list of Memorials, Honorariums, and New Members can be viewed on Paws and Whiskers' website, [pawsandwhiskers.org](http://pawsandwhiskers.org).**

*Paws and Whiskers Cat Shelter, Inc. is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.*





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helping our feline friends since 1996.*

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## Mark Your Calendar!

Be sure to watch PAWS' website  
([www.pawsandwhiskers.org](http://www.pawsandwhiskers.org))  
for the date of our shelter  
grand re-opening in January!

## FEATURED FOSTER

### Oogie Boogie

Oogie Boogie as an adorable black and white, long-haired little guy who entered the foster care program at PAWS after his mom was found, pregnant, abandoned in an apartment after the tenants left without taking her. He and his five little siblings were born just before Halloween—and he's definitely a little "treat!" Oogie Boogie (and his siblings) will be available for adoption at the shelter soon.

*If you're interested in giving Oogie Boogie a forever home, call PAWS at 419-536-1914. 🐾*



## Calling All Fosters and Volunteers!

We are always in need of foster homes for our kittens, and sometimes our adult cats. And PAWS provides all you need to foster (food, bottles, etc.), you just need to provide the love! PAWS is also in need of volunteers to help us with socialization of the cats, events and all sorts of work around the shelter. Give us a call at 419-536-1914, or stop in to fill out a foster or volunteer application. You'll be glad (and we will too) that you did! 🐾

## How are Dax, Dory and Dozer Doing?

*An update from adopter Anita DeVaul*



DOZER



DAX



DORY

## ADOPTION UPDATE

**Dax, Dory, and Dozer** joined our family in Summer, 2016, after we unexpectedly lost a kitten to a genetic condition. When we went to the shelter to find a kitty to join our PAWS alum Avery, we met the trio. We didn't have the heart to break up the siblings, and we kept their names, which suited them to a tee.

Dax (the full tiger) is the social one of the bunch. He always comes out to meet visitors, and they will undoubtedly feel his paw on their shoulder the longer they visit. Dozer (the white one) loves to play fetch with rolled-up grocery sacks, and he's the best friend of all the other animals in our menagerie of five cats and three dogs. Dory, with her white sock paws, is the sassy one, and there isn't a box or bag in this house that does not get Dory's review and approval! She also loves to be held, and to steal the dogs' bed every chance she gets. 🐾



*Last issue's cover cat, Dory, during her first week in foster care.*