

PAWS prints

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TAILS FROM

PAWS and WHISKERS CAT SHELTER



PAWS foster kitten, Wren

Paws and Whiskers Holds Largest One-Time Rescue in Our History



Avery



Lola



Vera

In January, Paws and Whiskers rescued 51 cats from Monroe County Animal Control. Unfortunately, the owner lost her home and had to surrender her cats. The situation had overwhelmed her and cats continued to have kittens. It was an unhealthy situation. The Monroe County Animal Control has limited space for cats and if not claimed after three days, they have to be euthanized. They didn't want to see this happen and reached out to PAWS to help. It was an enormous effort by our staff and many fosters that stepped forward to help. Lots of work, love and attention have resulted in 39 of the cats being adopted so far. Some, such as Avery, Lola, and Vera are still looking for their forever homes. We hope we can assist again when these emergencies happen. Thank you for continuing to support us by your donations. Every cat we save — and find a loving home for — fills our hearts and fulfills our mission. 🐾

Kitten or cat: Younger isn't always better!

It's "kitten season" and while every kitten is adorable and can provide hours of laughter, fun, and cuddling, sometimes an adult cat is a better fit. Your (and your family's) stage in life can help decide what age of kitten or cat is the best fit for your home.

If you're a single professional

If you're away from home for hours at a time, a young kitten might not be best for you. Kittens have lots of energy, and if you're not there to play with them and drain that energy, they'll release it somehow (and that might be climbing drapes, or knocking things off counters). If you're set on a kitten, consider adopting two, as they can help drain each other's energy! A young adult cat who's already been through kittenhood might be a smarter choice. You might also consider adopting a senior kitty, as they'll be happy to nap a lot (often with you!).

If you have young children

Families with babies or toddlers can provide a great home for an easygoing older cat or a young adult cat. Toddlers can have trouble understanding how to handle very young, fragile kittens, and kittens sometimes scratch when startled. Older adult cats tend to be more calm and don't get stressed as easily as a kitten.



Rose, a PAWS kitten

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Phoebe's Fund: Already Saving Lives

Thanks to everyone who has donated to Phoebe's Fund to help us meet our match goal of \$5,000. We still have a ways to go so please, open your hearts and wallets to fund our new emergency medical fund. Thanks again to Susan Matz, who started this fund in memory

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A Letter from the Board

We're finally emerging from the long cold winter and entering into spring – the time of new growth, birth and kittens. And kittens. And kittens! It's that time of year and our busiest time at the shelter.

Nothing is more fun than cuddling with a tiny bundle of fur and love. But that tiny bundle of fur and love needs lots of attention, time and medical care. That's where you can come in!

We are always in need of fosters, supplies and donations to help cover our increased medical costs. Is there a way you can help us with any of these? Your help is invaluable in enabling us to save so many momma cats and kittens — and make sure all are spayed and neutered before we find their forever homes. We also have **Amazon wish lists** for both general shelter supplies (<http://tinyurl.com/yvfvf2u3>) and supplies needed to help our fosters (<http://tinyurl.com/yxmg7w9r>).

And speaking of forever homes — **we found permanent homes for 73 cats this January, and 80 in February!** Our fantastic staff has been working hard on getting the word out through social media and news reports as well as our supporters advocating for us in the community. I'm so excited and proud of the success we're having for our loving cats. Thanks so much to all of you who have helped make this happen. Please keep it up!

Our focus is always on mission: 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.

This is why Paws and Whiskers exists. Saving the most vulnerable cats in our community and finding them loving homes is what drives us every day. We appreciate your support of our mission. We couldn't do this without you.

As always, please feel free to contact me at my number below with any questions. Stop by for a visit. We'd love to see you — and you just might find your new forever friend.

Sincerely,

Jan Aguilar

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

Phoebe's Fund cont'd.

of her husband Robert and their loving cat Phoebe, who gave him comfort during his illness.

Make sure your donation is designated for Phoebe's Fund. We've already helped several cats (such as Shadow, profiled below) because these funds were available. Stay tuned for more stories in our next newsletter of the good that Phoebe's Fund is doing. 🐾



Shadow came to PAWS as a stray. He was dragging his back legs, but was in great spirits, with quite the appetite for canned food! The vet x-rayed him, and found he had nerve damage from a past injury, leaving him unable to control his bladder or rear legs. The vet also found Shadow had a severe bladder infection, and had to have a catheter placed to help clear the infection. Following surgery, Shadow was put on several medications, and quickly made huge improvements! Through it all, Shadow's shown amazing heart and a strong will to survive. Best of all, Shadow's now in a loving forever home with a cat brother and a family that's glad every day that **Phoebe's Fund made it possible for Shadow to not just survive, but to become a very special part of their family!**

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If you have older children

Once kids get older and can be taught how to handle them, kittens and young cats can be a great addition to a family. Having a kitten can teach kids responsibility and how to care for another loving being, not to mention kittens are great fun to play with!

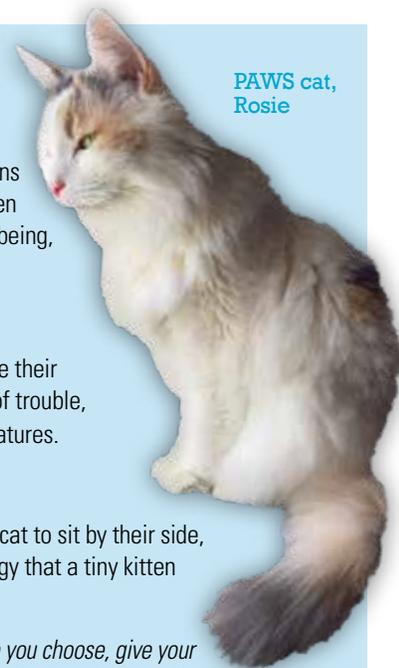
If the cats ARE your kids

Kittens need someone who has patience to spare as they explore their environment. Kittens need lots of supervision to keep them out of trouble, as well as lots of love and handling to become loving, social creatures.

If you're a retired senior

An adult or senior kitty is great for someone who's looking for a cat to sit by their side, keeping them company, but they also might enjoy the extra energy that a tiny kitten brings to a home.

Once you decide to bring a cat or kitten into your life, whatever age you choose, give your kitty lots of love and attention, along with everything else she'll need to live a long and happy life. And whatever age you adopt, consider adopting two, so that they always have company! 🐾



PAWS cat, Rosie



Have you heard about our new monthly donor club?

It's the Cool Cat Club and all the cool cats belong! It's easy — just become a monthly donor to Paws and Whiskers. No monthly donation is too small (or too big!), and members of the Cool Cat Club will be invited to a special event later this year. Your thoughtfulness helps provide a stable monthly income to the shelter. So come on — join the Cool Cat Club! 🐾

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!

MOLLIE 12 yrs. old, female, grey/white

Mollie's an older girl with a big purr you can hear all the way down the hall! She loves people and can't wait for a quiet home with lots of snuggles. After all, isn't that what retirement's about? And could her friend Minnie come too (she's shown here to the right)? They lived together before



coming to PAWS, and she's happiest when she's with Minnie. Could these two best friends find a forever home with you?



ANNIE 1 yr. old, female, brown tiger

Our longest-staying resident is looking for a home after a wonderful foster took care of her and her two fur babies. Her kittens found homes quickly, and now Annie needs a home of her own. Her foster mom says that when Annie wasn't busy being the world's best mom, she was a sweet lap kitty. Now Annie is looking for a home where she can be someone's couch potato forever.

MINNIE 15 yrs. old, female, black

Minnie knows the best napping spots at PAWS, so don't worry if she's napping when you visit. Just give her a tiny pet and she'll wake up and be ready for more! She loves nothing more than getting to roll over and spend countless hours with her favorite human. She really would love it if you do

decide she's your fur-ever cuddle buddy, that you also bring her friend Mollie home (she's shown here to the left)!



WHO KNEW?
The current world's oldest cat is Rubble, and she's a spry 30 years old!

These best friends have lived together for 12 years, and they'd love to stay together. They'll be waiting for you at Paws and Whiskers!



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You can become a member of Paws and Whiskers! With your membership you will receive 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, to sign up. Thank you!

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I'D LIKE TO DONATE TO PHOEBE'S FUND

Amount Enclosed (mark "designated to Phoebe's Fund") \$ _____

YOUR INFORMATION

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State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

- \$500 PAWS Patron** provides vaccines, bottles, medical treatment and formula for 50 kittens
- \$250 Feline Sponsorship** provides medical medical care for an ill cat
- \$100 Supporting Membership** feeds, vaccinates, 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

Just one kitten will drink almost \$28 of powdered kitten formula before it's weaned!

COOL CAT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- Monthly Membership** I will donate \$ _____ each month

DONATIONS IN HONOR/IN MEMORY

Visit PAWS' website, pawsandwhiskers.org, to see how donations may be made in memory of, or in honor of, an animal or individual.



Please visit our list of **Memorials, Honorariums, and New Members** on Paws and Whiskers' website, pawsandwhiskers.org.

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Calling All Fosters and Volunteers!

Kitten season is upon us. We are always in need of foster homes for our kittens. We provide all supplies, training and support. Volunteers help us with socialization of the cats, events and all sorts of needed work around the shelter. Give us a call or stop in to fill out a foster or volunteer application. You'll be glad (and we will too) that you did! 🐾

WHO KNEW?

Owning a kitten or cat can reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes by **MORE THAN A THIRD!**



A long-time volunteer and supporter of Paws and Whiskers died recently. **Kathy Simoni** was a board member of PAWS, and coordinated the Glamour Cat Photo Contest and Calendar and countless other events and activities over the years. She had a passion for cats and for PAWS' mission. PAWS took in Kathy's cats as per her wishes, to find them loving homes. We're happy we could honor her wishes for her very loved four-legged family (several are adopted already!). You can make a donation in her memory online at pawsandwhiskers.org or by using our enclosed envelope. She will be very missed. 🐾

If you're interested in giving any of these kitties the forever home they need again, call PAWS at 419-536-1914.



Stewie



Pause



Lulu



Callie

How is Gremlin Doing?

AOPOTED 9/2017



ADOPTION UPDATE

Gremlin really sees us (me and my boyfriend) as his family now. He'll lay in bed with me, or on the couch and just chill while we pet him (a big step from when he used to run away if you looked at him for too long!). He also now jumps on the bed and meows in my ear in the morning when it's breakfast time. He's SUPER playful and loves batting toys around.

He was 10 when we adopted him, but he rarely seems like an older cat. He'll come to strangers, but still doesn't like being approached — he wants to meet folks on his own time, and he may run away if you bend down to pet him without a proper introduction (but he'll be back 10 seconds later!). Not sure if we'll ever get to a point where we can pick him up or if he'll be a lap cat, which is just fine with us. He's our grumpy-looking old man, with lots of lovable quirks, and we love him with all of our hearts. 🐾