



LYCOMING ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY, INC.
FELINE SHELTER AND ADOPTION CENTER

195 Phillips Park Drive
South Williamsport PA 17702

Newsletter

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Spring 2012

“One at a time, we will make a difference!”

The Purr-fect Mom Bouquet

from Cheri's House of Flowers

Add a little purr-fecton to your mom's day with our Purr-fect Mom Bouquet, a kitty-shaped arrangement available in one of two styles – a white kitten or a black kitten. Each arrangement is hand-designed with fresh mini carnations and in a keepsake mug, while supplies last. So cute, it is sure to make mom smile. Show mom you care and help LAPS too!



Bouquets \$25 each

A portion of each bouquet sold will be donated to LAPS

To purchase, contact:

Cheri's House of Flowers
185 N. Main Street
Hughesville PA 17737
570-584-2181
cherishoflo@yahoo.com

OPEN HOURS

Monday 9 am – 12 noon
Tuesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday 8 am – 10 am
Thursday 12 noon – 3 pm & 5:30 pm – 7 pm
Friday 12 noon – 3 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm
Others by Appointment

LAPS Board of Directors

President: Ray Knapp
Vice President: Maryanne Rossello
Recording Secretary: Charlotte Myers
Corresponding Secretary: Gwen Uber
Treasurer: Candace Walter

Members: Nancy Cohick
Jennalyn Cramer
Jenn Jacobs
Cyndi Mussina
Kerri Reardon

LAPS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. The official registration and financial information of Lycoming Animal Protection Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DONATION FORM

Name _____ eMail _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Annual Associate Membership is a \$15 donation, Annual Senior Membership is a \$10 donation (Seniors are 60 years and over), Annual Angel Membership is a \$50 donation. All Members receive the LAPS Newsletter, are entitled to vote in the Board of Director Elections and can be nominated to the Board of Directors. LAPS is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Is this: New Membership \$ _____
 Renewal of Membership \$ _____
 Donation \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Lowe's Heros, Our Heros

More than 10 years ago, Lowe's created Lowe's Heros, a volunteer program that encourages employees in a location to team together, adopt a volunteer project with a local non-profit, and make a difference. The Lowe's Heros Employees volunteer their time and expertise; their mission: transforming lives one community at a time. The Lowe's Foundation contributes the materials required for the project.

LAPS has been honored to be chosen by the employees of the Montoursville Lowe's to be a part of their Lowe's Heros Program. LAPS Volunteer Nanci Giacomo worked closely with Lowe's Heros project manager for the LAPS project Chrissy VanPelt. Below is Nanci's project report:

In late November, I was given the opportunity to coordinate a project that Lowe's wanted to do for us. Once a year, they choose a deserving non-profit organization that helps the community, they call it "Lowe's Heros Project".

The "Heros" that volunteered their time and energy were: Chrissy, Bill, Kara, Zack, Lee, Jaime, Debbie, Brian, Brandon, and Cindy. They were so professional, and did a fantastic job, and always with a smile on their faces, especially Zack.

We are so grateful to Lowe's and their volunteers, you have made our shelter more organized and much healthier. We all have smiles on our faces, too, when we look at Kara's kitty cat artwork, it really brightens up the shelter. We invite all our members and friends over to take a look, it will put a smile on your face, too.

Sincerely,

Nanci Giacomo & the volunteers, board of directors and all the precious fur faces!

MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of Clyde Boyer.

- Kate Budman

In Memory of Marie Trump.

- Nanci Giacomi
- Jackie Carson
- Debbie Berry
- Jeanne & Karen Toner
- Kay Lohman
- Flo Snyder
- Holly Kline
- Ed & Bev Embler
- Doug & Nancy Embler
- Ed & Pam Embler & Children
- Dave & Debbie Embler & Children
- Charlotte Myers
- Anonymous – hosted a Christmas party in honor of Marie with donations requested for LAPS.

In Memory of Stubby Weikel.

- Jackie Carson

In Honor of Nancy Cohick's Birthday.

- Jackie Carson
- Joanne Cromley

In Memory of Barnes & Pepper.

- Joy Jones

In Memory of Harry A. Staib III.

- Nanci Giacomi
- Mr. & Mrs. Clifton N. Confer

In Memory of Judy Plankenhorn.

- Patricia Caldwell

In Memory of Kenneth King.

- Charlotte Myers

In Memory of Susan Kay Shade.

- Trudy Shively
- Jackie Schulze

In Memory of Ruth Crist.

- Fern Seitzer & Deborah Wallace

In Honor of Jill Webb.

- Fred & Linda Barone

In Honor of Daniel Mosso.

- Pat Bailey

In Memory of Amber.

- Thomas & Barbara Wallace

In Memory of John H. Archer Jr.

- Eva M. Archer

In Memory of Ruth Ohnmeiss.

- John & Kaye Sharar

In Honor of Jeanne Reed.

- John & Melodie Eyster

In Memory of Chloe Culton & Honor of Casey Culton.

- Donna Culton

In Memory of Mickey.

- Ellen Houser & Ray Masters

In Memory of Christine Sheasley.

- Fort Brady Hotel
- Marqueen Henry
- Betty Buckle
- Richard & Kathleen Kurtz

In Memory of Dolores Frey.

- Peggy Easmunt
- Bruce Easmunt
- Barbara Easmunt Smith
- Beverly Bowers
- Bob & Joanne Myers
- Kaye & John Sharar
- Beverly & William McCauley
- Lynne Lecrone

In Memory of Courtney.

- Margaret & Douglas Wilson

In Honor of Jackie Carson's Birthday.

- Nancy Cohick

In Honor of Doris Gephart.

- Garrett & Kelley Socling

In Memory of Donna Borrosco.

- South Williamsport High School Class of 1960
- Sheri Lozak
- Nancy Prowant
- Denise Snyder
- Harry & Jane Weisel
- Robert & Joan Kropp
- Sebastian Borrosco

In Memory of Carol Ann Welty.

- Arlene Dunlop

In Memory of James Allen Chapman.

- Nanci Giacomi

In Honor of Hattie Jolin's Birthday.

- Nancy Cohick

In Honor of Heather Dubois.

- Alissa Dubois

In Memory of Ruth Ann Wall.

- Anonymous

In Memory of Richard Lewis, LAPS Founder.

- Karen Lewis Young

In Memory of Allan R. & Betty J. Miller.

- Jane A. Miller

In recognition of all the LAPS volunteers, especially the Wednesday crew I work with – Nancy C., Joanne, Hattie, Elizabeth & Susan.

- Jackie Carson

In Memory of Snookers.

- Gerri, Trudy, Katie, Terra, Chloe, Teiko & Mugsy Malone.

In Honor of the wedding of Malcolm & Cynthia Mussina.

- Mike & Jana Mussina
- Eugene & Arlene Eck

LAPS to Host Third Spay/Neuter Clinic

On Sunday, April 15, 2012, LAPS will host their third reduced-fee spay/neuter clinic (our first Spring Clinic) at the Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company. Our November 2010 Clinic helped spay 75 female cats and neuter 62 male cats and our November 2011 Clinic helped spay 86 female cats and neuter 67 male cats; a total of 290 cats who no longer are able to add to the already overwhelming cat population.

Once again, Matthew J. Murphy, DVM, of Keystone Veterinary Services of Chambersburg will perform the surgeries in his mobile clinic. Female spays are \$50 and male neuters are \$30. Dr. Murphy will also administer both rabies and distemper vaccines as well as a pain medication injection, if the owner wishes, for an additional fee.

Appointments are required and payment in full is due upon registration. The preferred method of communication is via email at info@LapsShelter.org as we have to send pre-surgery instructions and a form for you to print, read, fill out, sign and bring with you that morning. If you don't have access to the internet, you may call the shelter at 570-327-8707. Please be patient, we are all volunteers and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

2011 Shelter Statistics

Resident Statistics

LAPS usually houses around 100 cats at any given time, ranging from newborn kittens to cats 17+ years old. Most reside at the shelter, and a small number that need special care live in foster homes. On a weekly basis, we receive nearly 50 calls requesting our help. Some calls are from people needing to surrender a pet for financial reasons, some are about stray or lost animals, and, especially this time of year, many are from people looking to find homes for kittens. Because we are always filled to capacity, we have an extensive waiting list for those wishing to place a pet at our shelter.

- 170 cats/kittens were accepted into LAPS.
- 178 cats/kittens were adopted into loving homes.
- 14 cats/kittens were returned.
- 10 cats crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Veterinary Expense Statistics

Our total veterinary expense in 2011 was \$36,610.54. All incoming cats are isolated until they are seen by a veterinarian where they are tested for FeLV/FIV, vaccinated against rabies and distemper, spayed or neutered, treated for parasites and any other health issues. Cats are not turned away due to age or health. LAPS accepts young kittens, older cats, healthy cats, and cats with known health issues – providing the owners are willing and care enough to wait until space permits.

LAPS is funded solely by the generosity of our supporters and volunteers. This funding comes from adoption fees, donations, sponsorships, memberships, and our various fundraising events. For those who would like to help, but financially are unable, LAPS is always looking for volunteers to help care for the cats. Tasks range from feeding and cleaning to taking cats to the vet to helping out at our fundraising events. People interested in helping out by these various avenues may visit our website at www.LapsShelter.org.

One of the biggest ways to help all the shelters and rescues in the area at the same time is to have your pets spayed and neutered and to strongly encourage your friends and family to do the same. Part of the responsibility of pet ownership is providing food, water, shelter, and proper veterinary care including spaying and neutering your pet.

If you are interested in helping to defray the cost of this year's veterinary expenses, you may either make a check out to LAH and mail directly to the shelter's veterinarian, Loyalsock Animal Hospital, 1900 Northway Road, Williamsport, PA 17701 or to LAPS, and mail to the shelter, 195 Phillips Park Drive, South Williamsport, PA 17702. Be sure to put LAPS Vet Bill in the memo line so your tax-deductable donation is properly applied. We cannot begin to express our gratitude for even the tiniest bit of help!

Our Young Supporters

The Girl Scouts Daisy Troop 60303 Brownie Troop 60142

These young ladies brought their donations in person to LAPS and were given a tour of the facility. While there, they visited and played with the shelter residents.

Pictured in the top photo are Daisy Troop 60303 and Brownie Troop 60142: Front Row (Left to Right): Emma Yrissari, Mia Clark, Koki Musila, Mia Rainier, Teagan Marty, Halle Clark. Middle Row (Left to Right): Isabelle Griswold, Myla Thomas, Ragan Ashton, Amayah Joiner, Natalya Callaghan. Back Row (Left to Right): Cristina Trice, Cate Chandler, Lenora Ciabattari, Victoria Schutz. Not pictured are troop leaders Amy Chandler and Andrea Clark.

Pictured in the second photo, with their donations: Halle Clark, Mia Clark, Natalya Callaghan, Cate Chandler.



Little Bears Family Daycare

Four of the older children from Little Bears Family Daycare in Picture Rocks made flyers and handed them out to family members, teachers, and friends at school. Daycare owner Carrie Edkin also listed their fundraiser on her facebook page and got quite the response. Their goal was to at least fill the trunk of the car, however, they ended up filling the trunk, the front seat and the kids had to hold some donated items on the way to LAPS!

Pictured in the third photo and playing with the cats: Austin McKeon, Shelby Bryant, Megan Bryant, Hunter Sechman.



FAREWELL

♥ Cookie ♥

Cookie was a beautiful and petite girl who came to LAPS after her elderly owner could no longer care for her. With the way Cookie ate, you have to wonder how she kept her petite stature! As with a lot of cats Cookie's age, she was diagnosed with renal disease, which ultimately claimed her life. Cookie crossed the Rainbow Bridge on February 2, 2012. She was 16 years old.



♥ Honda ♥

Honda was diagnosed as being diabetic in August 2008. Feeling her insulin injections could be better managed in a home, Honda went into foster care. Honda was able to come off the insulin about a year ago and her blood sugar remained a healthy 100 with a prescription diet and no medication. Considering that Honda was not considered a highly adoptable kitty, she remained in foster care as a member of the family. Honda became deaf over the past year or so, and apparently, thought the rest of the family was hard of hearing, too, as her meows got louder. Honda was found unable to walk the morning of February 5th, her now almost 16 year old body was shutting down. Honda was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge. She was much loved and is deeply missed by her foster family.



LAPS 3rd Annual Casino Night A Huge Success!

A heartfelt thank you to the below businesses and individuals who donated cash, merchandise, and/or assistance to help make our Third Annual Casino Night a HUGE success, and LOTS of fun! The prizes keep getting bigger and better!

We are once again asking for donations of items for our Fourth Annual Casino Night, date and location to be announced. We will accept any item that is in new or near new condition, gift cards, or cash. We also need sponsors for our gaming tables so if you own a business, sponsor a table to advertise your business. Contact us via email at info@LapsShelter.org for more details.

Business Donors

ABC Bowling ♡ Adelyn's ♡ Alabaster Coffee ♡ Alley Cat Hair Shop ♡ Animal Specialties ♡ Aquarius Pool & Patio ♡ The Art of Autism ♡ Barr True Value Hardware ♡ Be Fit & Fabulous ♡ Beiter's Home Center ♡ Kent A. Bennett & Associates ♡ Bi-Lo Supply, Montoursville ♡ Black Cat Sound Company ♡ Bonnie's Costumes ♡ Bridge Tavern ♡ Burger King ♡ Carvel Ice Cream Bakery ♡ Center for Body Balance ♡ Cheri's House of Flowers ♡ Cheryl 'B' Good Glassworks ♡ Kay Cillo, Tupper Consultant ♡ Cindy's Smiling Sammy ♡ Clyde Peelings Reptiland ♡ Computer Connections ♡ Community Arts Center ♡ Curves for Women, Williamsport ♡ Dairy Queen, South Williamsport ♡ DeWald Chiropractic ♡ Dick's Bargain Shop ♡ Di Vine Hair Studio ♡ Dunkin Donuts, South Williamsport ♡ Elvira's Beauty Salon ♡ Emery's Wood Shop ♡ Erik's Edibles ♡ 4th Street Grille & Ale House ♡ Cindy Fox, CMT ♡ Freshlife ♡ Gary's Furniture ♡ Gertrude Hawk Candy Shops ♡ GCCS Corporation ♡ Giant ♡ Grace Buffet ♡ Green Valley Recording ♡ Gustonian Gifts ♡ Hair by David Vaughn ♡ Hair by Kristine ♡ Hometown Floral & Gifts ♡ Janet's Floral Creations ♡ Jeanne's Family Hair Salon ♡ Jersey Shore State Bank, Williamsport ♡ Journey to Wholeness through Mind, Body & Spirit ♡ JP Stone Granite & Marble ♡ Selinda Kennedy Redware ♡ Kentucky Fried Chicken ♡ Keystone Furniture Galleries ♡ Kressley's Paint & Wallpaper ♡ ksl designs ♡ Lang's Chocolates ♡ Le Chocolat ♡ Leeser's Shoes ♡ Loyalsock Animal Hospital ♡ Lycoming College Campus Store ♡ Lyon Camping and Supply ♡ Rick Mahonski Goldsmith ♡ McBryan Contracting ♡ McCarthy Tire ♡ Mid-State Beverage ♡ Mileto's Sub Shop ♡ Deb Miller, Avon Representative ♡ Monoski's Billiards & Supplies ♡ Monro Muffler ♡ Montour Beverage ♡ Mountaineer Lounge ♡ Malcolm S. Mussina, Attorney ♡ Mystic Garden Floral Studio ♡ NAPA Auto Parts, Montoursville ♡ Nevill's Flowers ♡ Noviello Plumbing & Heating ♡ Old School Pizza ♡ Olive Garden ♡ Orlando's Restaurant ♡ Otto's Book Store ♡ Pepsi ♡ Pets-N-You ♡ Price Optical ♡ The Print Shoppe ♡ Red Lobster Restaurant ♡ Rosewood Flowers ♡ Roy's Bakery ♡ Rymereason ♡ Sam's Club ♡ Sculptures Island Salon ♡ Shop Vac Corp ♡ Ski Sawmill Family Resort ♡ Special Occasion Florals ♡ Stix-N-Stonz Paving & Excavating ♡ Stopper Realty & Development ♡ Subway, South Williamsport ♡ Susquehanna Trailways ♡ Target ♡ T&D's Cats of the World ♡ TGI Friday's ♡ Tony's Deli ♡ Tractor Supply ♡ Treasure Castle Playland ♡ Triangle Tavern ♡ Valley Truck & Trailer Repair ♡ The Villa ♡ Vincenzo's Italian Cuisine ♡ Wal-Mart ♡ Angela Walter, Silpada Representative ♡ Weis Markets ♡ White Deer Golf Course ♡ Williamsport Sun-Gazette ♡ Wolyniec Construction ♡

Individual Donors

Denise & Steve Artley ♡ Paul Autodore ♡ Patty Barclay ♡ Bonnie & Michele Bennett ♡ Fred & Debbie Berry ♡ Suezie Cioffi ♡ Nancy Cohick ♡ Joanne Cromley ♡ Dave Deemer ♡ Eugene & Arlene Eck ♡ Connie Funk ♡ Chris & Gary Fry ♡ Bonnie Glidewell ♡ Nanci Giacomi ♡ Jess Grill ♡ Jenn Jacobs ♡ Hattie Jolin ♡ Brandy Kift ♡ Rob & Holly Kline ♡ Wendy Kline ♡ Megan Dively Lehman ♡ Patty Lewis ♡ Kay Lohman ♡ Sondra Marcusky ♡ Janice Marshall ♡ Bob & Darlene McBryan ♡ Cyndi Mussina ♡ Charlotte Myers ♡ Debbie Noviello ♡ Kerri Reardon ♡ Cheryl Rice ♡ James Ross ♡ Dave Rousch ♡ Pete & Diane Salamone ♡ Shelly & Wayne Sheppard ♡ Frank & Flo Snyder ♡ Dana & Stacey Temple ♡ Harry & Marie Trump ♡ Dave & Gwen Uber ♡ Candace Walter ♡ Kathy Weber ♡ Linda Williard ♡

And the Winners are.....

The winners of the LAPS Christmas Cash Raffle are:

First Prize: Brenda Benson
Second Prize: Rachael Koons
Third Prize: Carl Rutan



Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

LAPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2012

Wednesday, March 14

ALL DAY

Present Cash Cow Card when ordering

HOSS'S FUNDRAISER

Hoss's Steak & Sea House
1954 E. Third Street
Williamsport



March 2012

Saturday, March 24

8 am – 4 pm

BOOK SALE

First Ward Fire Co.
(across from Dairy Queen)
South Williamsport

We have an awesome selection of both hardback and paperback books with none being priced over \$1.00!

Handicap parking, drop off & pick up available at the door. All others, please use AAA parking lot (across the street) or Fire Co. parking lot (behind the Fire Co.) accessible via E. Mountain Avenue then Main Street.

April 2012

Sunday, April 15

REDUCED-FEE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company
261 Village Road
Pennsdale

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Appointments are required and payment in full is due upon registration. Contact us at info@LapsShelter.org for your appointment.

April 2012

Saturday, April 28

8 am – 4 pm

YARD SALE

First Ward Fire Co.
(across from Dairy Queen)
South Williamsport

Most items are priced "donation only". Kindly remember the kitties in our care when paying for your items.

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Shelter Wish List

If you are able, please donate any of the following items used in the everyday care of the shelter residents. All donations enable us to stretch our precious dollars much further than would otherwise be possible.

Bleach (must contain 6% sodium hypochlorite)
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Dish Detergent
Antibacterial Hand Soap
Tall (kitchen) Garbage Bags
First Class & Post Card Postage Stamps
Canned Cat Food – Pate Style
Dry Cat Food – No red food dye, please
Dried Catnip
Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Giant, Target, etc.)
Scoopable Cat Litter
Brooms

Purrs & Head Bonks to:

Loyalsock Animal Hospital for their continued care of our residents.

Our **Supporters** who contributed towards our veterinary bill.

Montoursville Lowe's Employees for their hard work & dedication.

Wolyniec Construction for the donation of the copier.

Huffman's Office Equipment for delivering and setting up the copier.

The **Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company** for allowing us to use their truck bay area for our mobile spay/neuter clinic.

The **Young Men's Democratic Club** for use of their facility for our yard sale.

The **First Ward Fire Company** for use of their facility for our book sale.

Penske in White Deer for the reduced-fee truck rental to move our books for the book sale.

Our committed **Foster Families** for opening their hearts and homes to our special needs kitties.

Our Volunteers and Supporters who make it all possible!