



Lycoming Animal Protection
Society, Inc.
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Who doesn't love a good "Sale"?
We sure do! April 29 is our Yard Sale.
Buy a few treasures. Help lots of cats. Win-win, right?



Our Next Fundraiser: The LAPS Yard Sale!
Saturday, April 29, from 8am to 2pm
First Ward Fire Hall in South Williamsport (across from Dairy Queen)

Most items are priced "donation only." Kindly remember the kitties in our care when paying for your items. Donations will be accepted on Friday, April 28, from 10am to 6pm.

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.

2016 Christmas Cash Raffle Winners \$\$\$

1st: Laura Albawab

2nd: Nancy Sherwood

3rd: Jeri Wright

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2016 LAPS Statistics

LAPS usually houses around 85 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.

- 65 cats/kittens were accepted into LAPS.
- 80 cats/kittens were adopted into loving homes.
- 8 cats/kittens were returned.
- 8 cats crossed The Rainbow Bridge.

Our total veterinary expense in 2016 was \$59,414.00. All incoming cats are isolated until they are seen by a veterinarian where they are tested for FeLV/FIV, vaccinated against rabies, distemper, and FeLV, 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!

Membership Application/Donation Form

Name _____			
Address _____			
Street	City	State	Zip
Phone _____		Date _____	
Is this:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	\$ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Membership	\$ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Donation	\$ _____	_____ eMail Address
TOTAL		\$ _____	

LAPS MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: (\$15 per year) *Associate Members are entitled to vote in the Board of Directors' elections, be nominated to the Board of Directors, and be appointed to a committee.*

SENIOR MEMBER: (\$10 per year) *Senior Members receive the same benefits as Associate Members, but this class is reserved for those who are 60 years and older.*

ANGEL MEMBER: (\$50 per year) *Angel Members receive the same benefits as Associate Members, a 'LAPS Angel' pin and certain privileges at events, to be announced for each event, if eligible. Those that are eligible for Associate Member or Senior Member are eligible for this class.*

YOUTH MEMBER: (\$5 per year) *Youth Members are non-voting members under the age of 16.*

A membership with the Lycoming Animal Protection Society means you care! You support the efforts of a no-kill animal shelter and make it possible for LAPS to promote spaying and neutering as the most effective means of pet over-population control. Your membership dues go directly to the operation of the Shelter and the care of the once homeless animals living there. Without our members, we could not continue to operate the Shelter, nor could we promote our work of educating the public on proper companion animal care. Thank you for helping LAPS reach towards our mission: "One at a time, we will make a difference!"

DONATIONS:

Please note that your membership fee is totally separate from any donation that you would like to make to LAPS. All contributions are tax-deductible as LAPS is a registered, charitable 501(c)3 organization.

Open Hours

Monday 9am-12pm
 Wednesday 8am-10am & 3pm-6pm
 Friday 12 noon-3pm & 7pm-9pm
 Others by Appointment

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.

LAPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Maryanne Rossello
Vice President:	Gwen Uber
Treasurer:	Cyndi Mussina
Recording Secretary:	Charlotte Myers
Co-Corresponding Secretaries:	Nancy Cohick
	Kerri Reardon
Members:	Denise Gorini
	Karen Hooker
	Jenn Jacobs
	Maureen McBride
	Nancy Steil
	Ann Webb

CUES FOR CATS 8 BALL TOURNAMENT SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 12 PM



**Moose Lodge 145
South Williamsport**



**1219 W Southern Ave
Pennsylvania 17702**

THREE DIVISIONS

OPEN/A- RACE TO 3/2 \$20 ENTRY FEE + \$5.00 DONATION

LIMITED TO 32

INTERM/B- RACE TO 2/2 \$10 ENTRY FEE + \$5.00 DONATION

LIMITED TO 64

WOMEN'S- RACE TO 2/2 \$10 ENTRY FEE + \$5.00 DONATION

LIMITED TO 32

VNEA RULES/ALTERNATE BREAK/7FT VALLEY TABLES

RACES AND FIELD SIZE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE B DIV AND WOMEN'S BRACKETS

Donations can be made on-site to LAPS. The current wish list includes: Bleach (must contain 6% sodium hypochlorite), Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Tall (kitchen) Garbage Bags, First Class & Post Card Postage Stamps, Canned Cat Food – Pate Style, Dry Cat Food – No red food dye, please, Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Giant, Target, etc.) Scoopable Cat Litter, Baby Food (Beech Nut Homestyle Beef, Chicken or Turkey only – cannot contain onion or garlic in any form.)

Bake Sale-Basket Raffle-50/50-Calcutta for the open bracket

MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of Arabella Helt
- Barbara Miller

"Scattering Kindness" in Memory of Janice Hawk Liddic
- Becky Groce

In Honor of Nancy Cohick's Birthday
- Jacquelyn Carson
- Nancy Steil
- Joanne Cromley
- Susan Mann

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In Memory of Eva Archer
- John H. Archer III
- Nancy Steil
- Mary L. Graham

In Memory of Hilda Gebhart
- The Williamsport Home

In Memory of Linda L. Hoffman
- Merlene Young

Remembering Donna Borrosco
- Sebastian Borrosco
- Heather Connor-Merz

In Honor of Jackie Carson's Birthday
- Joanne Cromley
- Nancy Cohick
- Susan Mann

In Memory of Marie Trump
- Harry Trump

In Memory of Charlie
- Linda Thomas

In Memory of Rosie and Rane
- Don Miller

In Honor of Bonnie Mitcheltree's Birthday
- Betty Mitcheltree

In Memory of Helen J. Godfrey
- Helen Herman
- Marsha Moracco
- The Bastian Family

In Memory of Sam Read, Robin's Cat
- Rebecca Dewald

In Memory of Nancy Ann Charles
- William G. Charles

In Memory of Jerry Farmer
- Janet Farley

In Memory of Marshall Hull
- Ruth Younger
- Betsy & Gayle Phillips

In Honor of Melissa Dewalt - Survivor! To God be the
Glory!
- Erica Carrier

In Honor of Volunteers Joy and Bonnie
- Virginia Butler

In Memory of Susan K. Shade
- Doris Shade

In Memory of Harvey "Tim" Martin
- Michael Gasdick
- Christopher Peters
- Deborah & Marc Koser
- Reciprocity Club of Williamsport

In Honor of Lisa Riberdy-Udy
- Susquehanna Cat of the Day

In Memory of Dr. Bonnie Jean Gardner
- Sandra & Kenneth Gardner
- Nancy Giacomi
- Leona Dewalt
- Joan Hawaka
- Margaret Banazek

In Memory of Tom & Boomer Cohick
- Nancy Cohick

In Honor of Kerri Reardon's dedication to LAPS
- Mark J. Smith

In Honor of Penel
- Lakeville Specialty Produce
- Cindy Tarr
- Tracey Nicholas

In Memory of Beth Grieco
- Susy Kornesczuk

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MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of Queenie, Cindy Mihal's cat
- Barbara Miller

For Patti & Jay
- Nancy Libbey

In Honor of My Grandson, Damien
- Bonnie Bryan

In Memory of Richard Lewis
- Karen Lewis Young

In Honor of Flo & Frank Snyder
- Dawn Sroczynski

In Memory of Paul Kropp, Jr.
- Heather Conner-Merz

DINE TO DONATE

Please present this to your server or cashier on
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 6:00am to 11:00pm

And Perkins will donate 20%
of your total bill to:

Lycoming Animal Protection Society



Coupon Expires: March 29, 2017

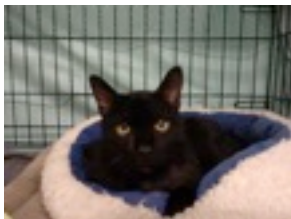
Valid only at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery located at:

Williamsport Perkins 160 Via Bella

One coupon per person at participating Perkins Restaurant & Bakery locations. Not valid with any other discount or offer. Coupon void if purchased, sold, or bartered for cash. Only original coupons accepted. Mutilated, tampered, forged or photocopied coupons are not accepted. Sales Tax, if applicable, must be paid by customer.

FAREWELLS: August 2016 - Present

Since our last newsletter, we've had to say "Godspeed" to several of our residents.
Rest in peace, dear kitties, you were loved and will be missed.



Otis came to LAPS after his owner passed away. Otis used to sleep with his owner, and we believe his heart broke when he lost her. He was at the shelter less than two weeks before his health started to decline. We loved him and treated his illnesses, but ultimately, he had to be assisted across The Rainbow Bridge. We were blessed to have known him the short period of time that we did. Otis was approximately 15 years old.



Peachy came to LAPS as a young and frightened mother who later blossomed into a beautiful and loving cat. Sadly, she lived the majority of her life at LAPS, which is hard for us to understand given her beauty and her kind and gentle nature. Luckily for Peachy, she had a wonderful and loving "home" at LAPS where she knew she was loved. Peachy developed liver cancer and succumbed to this dreadful disease. Peachy was 16 years old.



Sammy was brought to LAPS as a young kitten. For some unfortunate reason, Sammy developed Feline Infectious Peritonitis which deteriorated his quality of life. Sammy had to be humanely assisted across The Rainbow Bridge. He was just two years old.

Our History: How LAPS Came To Be

"LAPS all started during the summer of 1972 when my daughter Karen came home from college one summer vacation and brought with her a cat. Believe it or not, a few girls in her dorm adopted this stray cat and when the summer vacation came around, no one wanted to take it home. They just left the cat in the dorm. My daughter was furious with the girls and took pity on the small cat that was left with a bowl of food and some water. Karen brought the cat home and we all fell in love with the adorable cat, particularly Richard, who loved all kinds of animals. We already had two dogs.

Some friends of ours found two stray cats and asked if we would take care of them and so it grew. Word quickly spread that Richard Lewis loved cats and would take care of all strays. People began to drop off cats on our property with notes to please take care of the poor strays. We could not keep taking the growing number of cats into our house. Consequently, Richard built a shed in our back yard because we had over an acre of property. Eventually a friend of his, a talented carpenter, helped to build several more sheds. Each shed had levels of shelves with cushions on them resembling bunk beds for the cats.

We needed help taking care of the cats, which now numbered 20 to 30. We called for volunteers and many compassionate people came to help care for the cats. Richard had a plumber install water in a few of the sheds, and we had electric heaters placed in the sheds for the cold weather and fans for the summer months.

We canvassed the local food stores for donations and received food and litter. We bought litter boxes and several bowls, toys, etc. We had bake sales to raise money, we started a Bingo game, we posted pictures of some of the cats at the mall for people to see, and we received donations and several cats were adopted. We arranged for a local vet to help us care for the cats, the number now up to 70. All the volunteers referred to the whole project as the Lewis Animal Protection Society, thus the acronym LAPS. However, Richard did not want his name attached to the endeavor. He hoped the Society would flourish for a long time and his name would mean nothing. Everyone liked the acronym LAPS so he suggested Lycoming Animal Protection Society, thus keeping LAPS. Richard applied for a license to become a non-profit organization, which helped with our expenses and donations.

The shelter located behind our house continued on for many years until Richard developed emphysema and doctors told him he had to move south, which meant selling our house and all the accommodations for the

cats. Thankfully we had loyal volunteers who helped us move the entire operations to a vacant store, then Town and Country located above Newberry, in time for the massive relocation.

LAPS was all a labor of love for Richard. He knew the names of every cat and was out in the "cat houses" all the time. A great deal of money and love was put into the project and he was very happy to know that volunteers took over and continued the life of LAPS, caring for and loving the cats as much as he did."

--Submitted by Gloria Lewis





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To Our Valued Friends:

Can you please take a moment to proofread your mailing label and contact us with any corrections? Is your name spelled properly? Has your address changed? If you want to change the name of the recipient in your household, please just let us know. We'd like to get it right!



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
- Tall (kitchen) Garbage Bags
- First Class & Post Card Postage Stamps
- Canned Cat Food - Pate Style
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- Gift Cards (Wal-mart, Giant, Target, etc.)
- Scoopable Cat Litter
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Thank you!

Purrs & Head Bonks to:

Charlene at Copi llc for her awesome work.

Sheri Yingling for volunteering her expertise.

Loyalsock Animal Hospital for their continued care of our residents.

All of our awesome volunteers and supporters.

Our committed Foster Families for opening their hearts and homes to our special-needs cats.