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LAPS Newsletter

Spring 2008

"One at a time, we will make a difference!"

SPCA CAT SEIZURE

In November the SPCA seized 64 cats from a house in Muncy. Many of these cats had health issues including respiratory and eye infections. Left untreated, these infections resulted in several of the cats suffering from compromised vision or blindness.

Though LAPS wasn't looking to take in more residents, we felt we should do what we could to help save a few of these cats. After a phone call to Vickie at the SPCA, two LAPS representatives went to the SPCA to choose 3 cats to bring to LAPS. There were a rainbow of both personalities and colors, so obviously this wasn't an easy task, you wanted to save them all. Therefore, we allowed 3 children to pick out the cats.

Emily, who was a very young, pregnant tabby was chosen by Shana. Emily was chosen because the SPCA only likes to have one pregnant cat at a time and this allowed the room for another pregnant female into the SPCA. Emily gave birth to 4 kittens on December 28, 2007, however, two of those kittens were stillborn. Emily and her two surviving babies are doing well.

Haley is a beautiful long-haired dark calico female chosen by Taylor. She is very friendly, affectionate and playful. Haley has since been spayed, tested, vaccinated and found her forever home.

Skippy is a handsome long-haired orange and white male chosen by Zoey. He was one of the unfortunate cats with the untreated eye infection that left him blind in one eye. The infection was so severe that it caused his eye to shrivel. This eye may eventually need to be removed and sewn shut if it starts showing signs of irritation due to debris. (So far, it isn't causing any problems.) The other eye appears somewhat cloudy but has improved greatly with treatment. Skippy is outrageously playful. He loves everyone and is adored by all who meet him. Skippy had an adoption pending a week after he arrived and has since gotten well enough to go to his new home!

There were also 4 cats from the entire group that were completely blind. In an effort to save these 4 cats, LAPS volunteer Gwen contacted two blind cat rescues, one of which agreed to take the 4 cats if they could be fostered until January plus spayed/neutered, tested and vaccinated. The rescue, Blind Cat Rescue located in St. Pauls, NC, is currently in the process of erecting a new building which is planned for completion by the end of January 2008. However, it has since been learned that the SPCA has adopted 2 of those blind cats for their facility. Kudos to the SPCA for realizing the potential of these cats! Also a huge thank you to Vickie at the SPCA for working with LAPS on getting the remaining 2 blind cats ready for transport to Blind Cat Rescue and Gwen at LAPS for finding a facility and arranging transportation for these 2 cats.

It is amazing the level of playfulness and affection displayed by the five cats that LAPS helped from this Muncy house and it was obvious when we visited the whole group at the SPCA how loving these cats were.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

LAPS needs you!

Adult volunteers are needed in the Shelter to assist with the usual day-to-day chores that are necessary to care for our friendly feline population. There is a need for you in all shifts: mornings, afternoons and evenings, during the week, on weekends, even on holidays. Help is needed with feeding, giving fresh water, scooping litter boxes, sweeping, sanitizing bowls and utensils, and, of course, friendly socializing with the kitties. They love the extra attention.

If you, or others you know, would like to help with these lovable cats, please give us a call at 570-327-8707. We'll be glad to send you information on becoming a volunteer so that you can share the ample love of our residents. Or, stop by during open hours and visit. The residents would really love to say hello.

LAPS Board of Directors

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DONATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Street City State Zip Code

- New** Annual membership is \$15 donation (\$10 for Senior members 55 years and over). All members receive the LAPS Newsletter, are entitled to vote in the Board of Director elections, and be nominated to the Board of Directors.
- Renewal**
- Senior**



All donations are greatly appreciated!

LAPS is a registered 501(c)3, non-profit, charitable organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

I would like to make a donation! Amount enclosed \$ _____

All donations will be used where needed the most for the Shelter, unless specified for a particular purpose.

Thank you for your support!

lapsshelter@alltel.net

STILL SEARCHING FOR A HOME!

LAPS is still looking for a new Shelter location. In 1995, LAPS had to leave the first Shelter location or face closing its doors due to the sale of the property. Thankfully, the present location was offered. However, it was never intended to be a permanent home.

Can you help with our search? Do you have friends that may wish to donate property or much-needed funds? Are you able to run a campaign to raise money for this worthy project?

LAPS is very interested in any assistance you may be able to give. Please call Charlotte Myers at 570-494-0594.

Please leave your name and telephone number and other pertinent information.

Remember LAPS has a new mailing address. We are still located at 3510 W. Fourth Street in Williamsport but our new mailing address is PO Box 3102, Williamsport, PA 17701-0102.

LAPS BENEFIT PARTY!

Catherine Jones of Turbotville isn't your average third grader, well we don't think so, but you decide. Birthday parties are big among children, theme parties most of all. You get to be with all your friends outside of school, have a great time and get gifts! What more could one ask for? Well Catherine decided there was more that she could ask for, she could ask for help for those that can't help themselves. Catherine decided to host a skating benefit at Trout Pond Park in Muncy, however instead of focusing on herself, she chose to focus on helping animals in need. Attending guests were asked to bring cat food or dog food in lieu of gifts for Catherine.

Catherine's party was a success! Catherine and her friends had a great time skating and eating but the best part was when they presented 250 pounds of cat food and dog food combined to LAPS representatives. (You can visit our website for photos of the presentation.) The cat food will go to LAPS while the dog food will go to Mostly Mutts, a no-kill dog shelter in Sunbury.

The names of the children who attended are as follows: David Witmer, Axel Murillo, Lauren Eurich, Corinne Thomas, Lexi Annulli, Lauren Bleistein, Darren Brown, Catherine Jones, Kade Meyer,

Adam Kern, Natalie Lincalis, Madison Annulli, Aimee Singer, Terrian Harman and Tiffany Hartman. Miss Penny Price (third grade teacher at Turbotville Elementary School), Connie Hodges and Trout Pond Park Skating Rink also made contributions.

The volunteers and feline residents of LAPS as well as the volunteers and canine residents of Mostly Mutts would like to thank those that donated to our worthy causes. And a HUGE thank you to Catherine for this unselfish act. You are an awesome young lady!

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yard Sale at LAPS, 3510 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport. Saturday, April 5, 8 am to 3 pm and Sunday, April 6, 11 am to 3 pm.

Come out and see what treasures you can find!

Fundraiser Night at Hoss's, 1954 E. Third Street, Williamsport. Wednesday, April 9, 4 pm to 8 pm.

An awesome and effortless fundraiser for LAPS.

Bring your ticket and your appetite! Hoss's will donate 20% of your purchase* to LAPS this evening. (*pre-tax sales)

Rabies Clinic at Clinton Township Fire Co, Route 54, Montgomery. Saturday, April 12, 12 pm to 2 pm.

Rabies vaccines administered by Dr. Beth Crombie DVM. Cats and dogs welcomed on a leash or in a carrier. \$8 each.

"Fun" draiser Night at Pizza Hut, Route 15 Lewisburg. Tuesday, April 15, 4 pm to 8 pm.

An awesome and effortless fundraiser for LAPS. Bring your ticket and your appetite! Pizza Hut will donate 20% of your purchase* to LAPS this evening. (*pre-tax sales)

Adoptathon at LAPS, 3510 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport. Saturday, April 19, 11 am to 3 pm.

Looking for a feline companion? Stop by the shelter today to check out our wonderful cats. They are all awaiting their forever home. Won't you make their dreams come true today? Remember, many people don't realize that you cannot see the true potential of a cat in a shelter environment. Shelters are very stressful for cats and some cats can't adapt. Perhaps you can open your heart and your home to one (or two!) of our feline residents. Visit our website or call the shelter to fill out an application so that you may be preapproved before the event.

Lewisburg Arts Festival, Hufnagle Park, Lewisburg. Saturday, April 26, 10 am to 5 pm.

Montoursville D.A.R.E. Street Fair, Downtown Montoursville. Saturday, May 10, 9 am to 4 pm.

Community Bazaar at Lycoming Mall, Muncy. Saturday, June 28, 10 am to 9 pm.

Lycoming County Fair, Hughesville. Thursday, July 10 to Saturday, July 19, 1 pm to 9 pm. (6 pm to 9 pm opening night.)

Burger Burn at Sam's Club, Muncy. Friday, August 29, 8 am to 6 pm.

PA P.E.T.S. Dog Walk & Festival at Shikellamy State Park Marina, Sunbury. Saturday, September 6, 10 am to 4 pm.

Milton Harvest Festival, Downtown Milton. Saturday, September 13, 9 am to 5 pm.

Community Bazaar at Lycoming Mall, Muncy. Saturday, September 20, 10 am to 9 pm.

More events are in the works, watch our website or join our email list for updates. We are always looking for help staffing our fundraising events. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours of your time at one of our events, please contact Gwen at the shelter or via email. Also, we are always looking for fundraising ideas. If you have an idea, please contact the shelter.

Events in the works:

- Book Sale
- Fall Yard Sale
- Fall Rabies Clinic
- Fall Adoptathon
- Auction

LAPS SPONSOR/FOSTER PROGRAM

If you can't adopt due to allergies or already have a pet and don't feel that you can bring another into your home but you would still like to help, LAPS has a sponsorship program that may meet your needs.

As a no-kill organization, LAPS provides housing, food, companionship, and medical care for an indefinite period of time, sometimes for the balance of an animal's life. Some of the shelter residents may be hard-to-place due to age, personality, or disability. As long as a good quality of life is possible, the kitty will always have a home with proper veterinary care, regular vaccines, a healthy diet, spaying/neutering, and other necessary care. This can all be costly but it is the commitment of the organization.

The Sponsor/Foster Pet Program helps to provide funding to continue the care that the cats receive in the shelter. For just \$15.00 per month, your special friend will be assured of the best care possible and, if an emergency arises or care beyond a normal situation is required, this special funding helps to ensure that the other operating funds of the shelter will not be strained.

Your special friend will be chosen at random from the residents unless you choose to visit the shelter personally and make your own choice. LAPS will provide you with a photo of the kitty you sponsor if you request one along with other information you may wish to know about your new friend. If the kitty is adopted, you will be notified and, hopefully, you will decide to choose another friend to aid.

If this sounds like a great idea to you, please contact LAPS at 570-327-8707 or send the organization a note expressing your wish to become a LAPS Sponsor/Foster Parent.

Address your request to: Lycoming Animal Protection Society, Inc. PO Box 3102, Williamsport, PA 17701

Thanks so much for your help. Our residents look forward to hearing from you soon.

Top o' the morning,

My name is Barnes and in March I am an Irish cat! As you know, St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. All of the lads and lassie cats at the LAPS shelter would like you to know that our little "Irish" eyes are smiling because we know that you might consider adopting one of us to take to our forever home. We could be your pot of gold on St. Patrick's Day, we come in a rainbow of colors, and unlike mischievous leprechauns, we promise to be good! If adoption is not for you, please consider dropping a small donation in the mail – due to lots of winter bills our pot of gold is getting a little low! Thanks and may your St. Patrick's Day be lucky for you too!



For adoption information, you can contact the shelter at (570) 327-8707 or by e-mail – lapsshelter@alltel.net

For donations, our mailing address is – Lyscoming Animal Protection Society, Inc., P.O. Box 3102, Williamsport, PA 17701

Purrs and Headbutts,

Your "Green Eyed" Shelter Lad,

Mc Barnes

A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.
~Author Unknown

What impact will the Campaign to Save Pets' Lives have?

This chart represents one unspayed female, her mate and all of her offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter:

Unspayed/Unneutered
Cats & Kittens:



By spaying and neutering just one male and one female cat, more than 2,000 unwanted births can be prevented in just four years – and more than 2 million in 8 years!

APPLICATION REMINDER

Please don't forget to fill out your Application Form and you can be preapproved for our adoptathon. Plus people can visit our residents at petfinder.com, by clicking on Shelters, List by distance, enter 17701 then hit GO!

CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Help the environment while helping the kitties! Do you have Cell phones or Cell phone accessories you don't know what to do with? If so, please donate them to LAPS for a recycling program. Cell phones or Cell phone accessories may be dropped off at the Shelter or see us at one of our upcoming fundraisers. You may call 570 327-8707 for other arrangements or if you would like to participate in collection.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BUY A LAPS T-SHIRT!

Local artist Cathy Frey has designed T-shirts for LAPS. The T-shirts are black with a row of white kitties across the front and the LAPS logo on the left sleeve. You can purchase these shirts in sizes S-XL for \$15, XXL for \$17. Shirts are available at the shelter, Loyalsock Animal Hospital, and at our table at public events. You may call the shelter at 570-327-8707 or email lapsshelter@alltel.net.

In the near future, white T-shirts with a multi-colored design will be available.

BENEFIT FUNDRAISER COUPONS

Please complete and return to a Pizza Hut® employee at the time of purchase.



My Name is _____ Date _____

I support the Lycoming Animal Protection Society, Inc.

Total Spent \$ _____ (to be filled out by Pizza Hut® employee and attached to the receipt).

PRESENT THIS CARD ON Wed, April 9, 2008 (DATE)
AT HOSS'S IN Williamsport (LOCATION).
HOSS'S WILL THEN DONATE 20% OF YOUR TOTAL CHECK
PAID TO Lycoming Animal Protection Society
(ORGANIZATION NAME)

GROUP # 2207

PLEASE PRESENT TICKET WHEN ORDERING. NO PHOTO COPIES ACCEPTED.



COMMUNITY NIGHT



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FAREWELL to some friends

RANDY arrived at LAPS in September 1997 as a kitten. He was a handsome black guy with a white chest and belly. Randy battled upper respiratory problems his whole life. In November 2007 he was diagnosed with diabetes and taken into foster care. His foster home was the home of the same volunteer who fostered him as a kitten in 1997. Randy crossed the Rainbow Bridge on July 31, 2007 due to an auto-immune disease.

HARLEY was a beautifully marked, and affectionate, black and white female who came to LAPS in January 2006 after being abandoned by her owner. She was 11 years old at the time and had been diagnosed with hyperthyroid disease, which is treatable with medication. In November 2006 Harley was diagnosed with asthma at which point she was taken into foster care. Harley did well until May 2007 when she was diagnosed with gall bladder problems. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge on October 29, 2007.

LING came to LAPS in August 2006. She was a gorgeous, but temperamental, 18-year old tortoiseshell/siamese mix whose owner had passed away. Due to her age, she was immediately taken into foster care. Upon Ling's arrival, it was discovered that she was in kidney failure and was predicted to live only 6 to 12 months. Ling was content and kept comfortable until exactly one year after her arrival. On August 2, 2007 Ling was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge at her foster home by Dr. Beth Crombie DVM from Lewisburg Veterinary Hospital. Her ashes were spread on the grave of her owner, with the approval of the family.

ROSALEE came to LAPS in July 1998 after being surrendered by her owner. She was a beautiful tortoiseshell with a loving personality. She would often let the volunteers know that she wanted attention, food or walk-about privilege. In February 2007, Rosalee was diagnosed with an inoperable tumor (cancer). She was kept comfortable and monitored on a daily basis. On the night of August 22, 2007 Rosalee was out of her room walking about with shelter resident Troubles. When the evening shift left, Rosalee was sleeping comfortably in Troubles's room so she was allowed to stay there. Sometime during the night Rosalee passed away peacefully in her sleep with her friend Troubles nearby.

THREE TOES was a handsome black and white tuxedo male brought to LAPS in November 2004, with his brother Tiggy, after their owner passed away. Both boys were 13-years old at the time. In March 2007 Three Toes was diagnosed with diabetes at which point he was taken into foster care. On December 20, 2007 Three Toes was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge after he stopped eating and it was discovered that he had a tumor in his intestinal tract.

It is with great sadness and much regret that PENELOPE must be added to our farewell list. This angelic little girl fought the fight. Unfortunately, since our last update, Penelope's health went downhill fast. She started to lose control of her bladder and bowel. It appeared as though the nerves along her spine were dying. All treatment options had been exhausted, there was no more that could medically be done to fix Penelope's broken body. Volunteer Kerri stepped up to the plate and on August 27, 2007 Kerri and Dr. Mary Lou Beers VMD from Loyalsock Animal Hospital assisted Penelope across the Rainbow Bridge. Our little Penelope was just 1-year old. The Board of Directors voted to apply the funds raised to help Penelope with her eye surgery via our Pennies for Penelope Campaign to our outstanding veterinary bill.

FAREWELL FRIENDS

THE LAST BATTLE

If it should be that I grow frail and weak
 And pain should keep me from my sleep,
 Then will you do what must be done,
 For this -- the last battle -- can't be won.
 You will be sad I understand,
 But don't let grief then stay your hand,
 For on this day, more than the rest,
 Your love and friendship must stand the test.
 We have had so many happy years,
 You wouldn't want me to suffer so.
 When the time comes, please, let me go.
 Take me to where my needs they'll tend,
 Only, stay with me till the end,
 And hold me firm and speak to me
 Until my eyes no longer see.
 I know in time you will agree
 It is a kindness you do to me.
 Although my tail its last has waved,
 From pain and suffering I have been saved.
 Don't grieve that it must be you
 Who has to decide this thing to do;
 We've been so close -- we two -- these years,
 Don't let your heart hold any tears.

---- Unknown

MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of Elsa -- Patricia Dershem

In memory of Charlotte M. Griffith --
Lycoming - Clinton Joinder Board Employees.

In memory of our dear Sugar who passed away
August 9, 2007. She was 13 years old.
-- Nancy & Kenneth Webster

In memory of Ralph Crist -- Jackie Carson

In memory of my beautiful long haired black
cat Little Pink -- Nancy J. Mihalo

In memory of Jane Pleegeor who helped many
animals in need -- anonymous

In memory of Barry Zarr -- Employees of
Evangelical Community Hospital.

In memory of my Aunt, Fannie Marie Furst -- Jackie Carson

In Honor of Rick & Dawn Hartman
-- Robert & Sue Ellen Snyder

In honor of Cindy Krall -- T.R. Clever

In memory of my mother, Fay Bastian (Feb. 2005).
She cared for many strays and drop-offs at our farm for over
25 years. -- Diane Bastian

In memory of Annie, my baby for 18 years, and Georgette
-- Myra Liddic

In honor of my 4-1/2 month old grandson,
Damien Corbin Bryan -- Bonnie Bryan

In honor of Margaret Shaloka -- Jane Sullivan

In memory of our beloved Ally who struggled for years with
her skin allergies and other problems -- Daphne Herrold

In memory of Shirley DiMassimo -- Anthony Cipriani
Ann & Joseph Prato
Bruce Carson
Glen & Arlene Ardrey
Helen Scoppa
Louise Portanova
Mary Mileto
Dolly Rolley
Mary Lou Fredricks
Woodlands Bank

MISCELLANEOUS THINGS

KEEP THOSE CANS COMING!

Remember that LAPS recycles aluminum cans all year round.

The money that is received from recycling aluminum cans adds needed dollars to the Shelter budget. Currently, like many other organizations, LAPS is feeling the pinch of the poor economy. Donations are down but expenses are not. Since LAPS receives no government funding, the organization depends on programs like recycling to help offset the loss of other contributions.

Please drop off your aluminum cans at the Shelter (3510 West 4th Street, Williamsport, PA) and help the animals who depend on the organization for their very lives. You may leave your cans (just aluminum - no steel) outside the Shelter doors if no one is at the Shelter when you arrive. If you want to set up a time to drop them off, please call 570-327-8707 and leave your name, phone number, and a time when you can be contacted.

If you have more than you are able to bring yourself, please call and we will arrange a time to pick them up from you.

PLEASE - send some pictures of your LAPS adoptee or an article you have written about him or her.

LAPS would really enjoy hearing about your special friend. All you need to do is send an article or photo by email lapsshelter@alltel.net or mail and we will post it here so people can read all about your buddy.

SOMEONE HAD A BIRTHDAY!

Volunteer Linda Williard celebrated her 60th Birthday in January. What did she ask for for her birthday? For people to send donations to LAPS! More and more people, both young and old, are making this unselfish request. This is just one more way you can help those that can't help themselves.

LAPS BOOK SALE

Do you have books that you just don't know what to do with? Consider donating them to LAPS. LAPS is planning on hosting a fall book sale at the shelter and would love to add your used books to our selection. You may contact the shelter via telephone or email to get more information on donating your books. Also keep an eye out for our book sale date. We're looking forward to seeing you!

LAPS YARD SALE

LAPS accepts donations all year long for our yard sales. However, we only accept those items that are sellable and in good, clean condition. Otherwise, we have to pay to dispose of items that aren't sellable.

In 2007 your donations of yard sale items helped LAPS earn \$3,468.00. Thank you for your continued support of our yard sale by donating items and also purchasing items at our sales. We couldn't do it without you!

Please remember that LAPS is a 501(c)3 organization and all contributions are tax-deductible. Tax receipts are available upon request.

LAPS IS ON EBAY

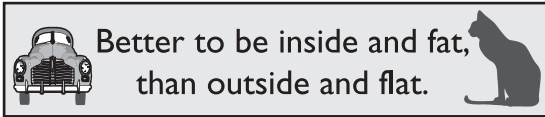
Thank you to Kim Weber for volunteering her time to sell our better items on ebay. If you have better items that you would like to donate to LAPS to be auctioned on ebay, please give the shelter a call or email us. This is an exciting new venture for LAPS. Don't forget to check out our auctions!



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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 (any brand)
Paper towels
Litter (plain clay is the best)
Laundry Detergent
Dryer Softener Sheets
Antibacterial Dish Detergent
Antibacterial Hand Soap
Computer/Copier Paper
Tall (kitchen) Garbage Bags
First Class & Post Card Postage Stamps
Cat Food – Dry & Canned
Dried Catnip
Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Giant, Tractor Supply)
Fleece Fabric (to make cat beds)
Phone Cards

PURRS & HEAD BONKS to:

Please support these business that support us:

Our veterinarian, **Loyalsock Animal Hospital**, for all they do for us.

Dr. Beth Crombie DVM, from **Lewisburg Veterinary Hospital**, for helping us help Ling.

Pepsi, Stroehmann Bakeries and **Economy Locker** for their donations for our fundraisers in 2007.

Bill Crawley for meeting our printing demands and cutting us breaks.

Dan Scaife of **Only 1 Design** for his designing.

Data Papers for their continuous donations.

Medicap Pharmacy for their generous donations of medications throughout the year.

Jessica Grill of **Pompeii Street Soap Company** for her donation through her soap gift set fundraiser.

Karen Ives of **Shop Vac** for the shop vac for the shelter.

Also, thanks to these individuals for helping us:

Darlene McBryan for designing our Valentine Letter.

Jerry Wertz for paying to have our Valentine Letter printed.

Chris Fry for helping pay the postage for our Valentine Letter.

All of our generous supporters, thank you for all your continuous support through your donations of cash, man power and supplies. You keep us going!!!