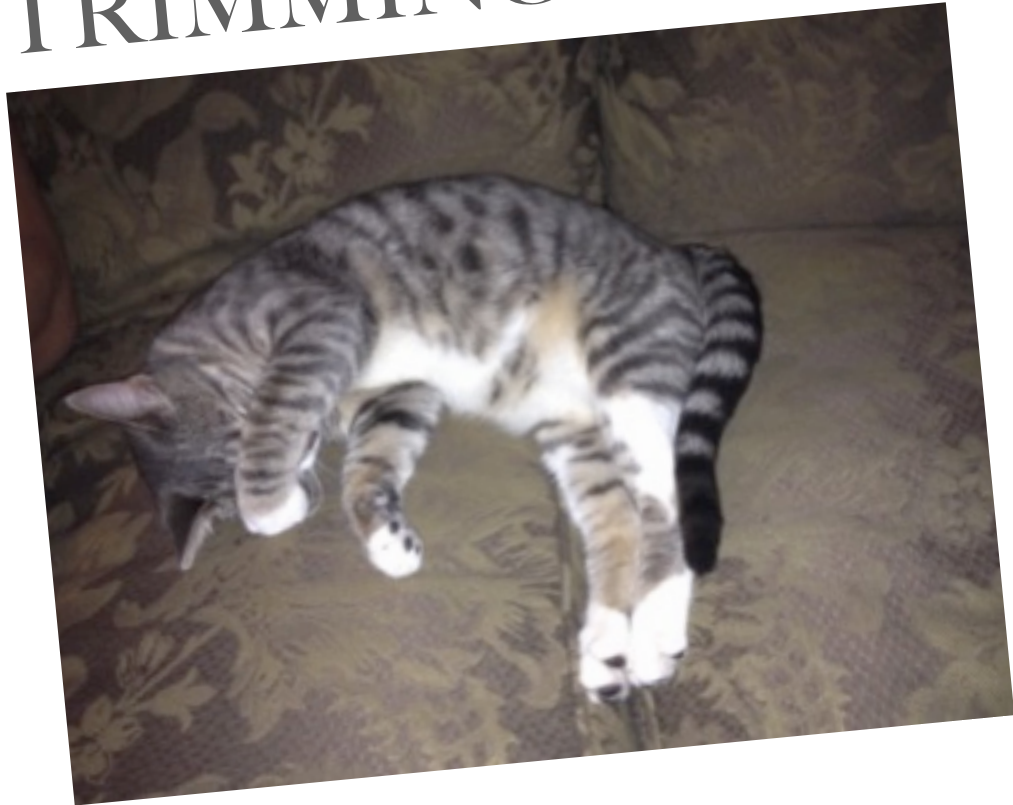




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Our Next Fundraiser! A Yard Sale

Saturday, November 5th from 8am to 2pm

First Ward Firehall 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.

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.

Students Sell Whoopee Pies to Benefit LAPS

In mid-February the National Honor Society of Montoursville Area High School and their advisor Nathan Gilbert held a Whoopee Pie Sale to benefit LAPS (Lycoming Animal Protection Society). Michelle Hopkins, retired Montoursville Area High School teacher and LAPS volunteer, along with LAPS board member Denise Gorini coordinated the sale. The pies were made by Lisa Steinbacher of Fiantaca's Bakery. The students raised a total of \$1120. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors took part in the sale for their service project for the spring semester.



Pictured front row, left to right: Lisa Steinbacher, Michelle Hopkins, Denise Gorini, and Nathan Gilbert. Back row: the National Honor Society students who participated.

Weis Grand Re-Opening Rewards LAPS

In conjunction with the grand re-opening of the Weis store in Montoursville, Weis generously donated \$500 to LAPS. In addition the store also donated the Paws for Pets cat supplies collected in May. Pictured left to right: Cathy Stripp, Assistant Manager; Mike Umstead, Weis District Manager; Kevin Kessler, store manager; Megan Flanagan, assistant store manager; and Michelle Hopkins, LAPS volunteer.



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Membership Application/Donation Form

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Is this:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	\$ _____	
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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 9 am – 12 noon
 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

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MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Honor of Stella & Dahlia's 3rd Birthday
- Catherine Piccolo & David Bower

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

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- Nancy Cohick
- Joanne Cromley
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- Jacquelyn Carson
- Joanne Cromley
- Susan Mann

In Memory of Baxter Greenfield
- Lauren Greenfield

In Memory of Carol Sweeney
- Jane Lewellyn

Remembering Donna Borrosco
- Sebastian Borrosco

In Memory of Peachie & in Honor of Andy
- Dennis Wineholt

In Honor of Jackie Carson's birthday
- Eva Archer
- Nancy Cohick
- Joanne Cromley
- Nancy Steil

In Honor of Cyndi Mussina's generous spirit and big heart
for your organization
- Joyce Szymberski

In Memory of Tom and Boomer Cohick
- Nancy Cohick

In Honor of Christine Statts & in Memory of John Statts
- Barbara Rider

In Memory of Boomer Cohick
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In Honor of Penel
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In Memory of Kyle
- Carolyn Berger

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- Dawn Sroczynski

In Honor of Beth Hoschar
- Eva & Dick House

In Memory of Kramer
- Maryanne Rossello

In Memory of Morris & Pugs
- Don Miller

In Honor of Linda Williard & Tilley
- Adair Gellman

In Memory of Edith Casale
- Patricia Whelan

In Honor of Candice Tate's Birthday
- Ya-Ya's

In Honor of Michelle Hopkin's Birthday
- Melanie Taormina
- Stephanie Robbins
- Christine Kaiser

In Memory of Les Liddic
- Jacquelyn Carson

In Honor of Mary Engel's Birthday
- Annette Shively

In Memory of Edith Casale
- Barbara & Bruce Loner

In Memory of Dino & in Honor of Zak, Metal, & Mac
- Robert Russell

In Memory of Randy Trachsel
- Cynthia Mussina

MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of Nancy Ann Charles
- William Charles

In Memory of Richard Trufant
- Nancy Steil

In Memory of Herbert Hampton
- Nancy Steil

In Honor of Silver and Cassidy
- Linda Page

In Memory of Jasmine, Jackie Carson's cat
- Nancy Cohick
- Nancy Steil
- Joanne Cromley

In Memory of Jager
- Phil Holmes

In Memory of Pearl Berfield
- Martha Garis
- Melvin Rosser
- Diane Sholder
- Randall Reid
- Twila Lowry
- Alice Hauser
- Nancy Giacomi
- Shop Vac Corporation
- from her Gym Friends
- Lynda & Donald Rosser

In Memory of Thomas "Tuck" Frazier
- Stacey Gehringer
- Bobbie Yetsko & Family
- Janet Farley
- Margaret Smith
- Mary Engel
- Roche Financial Inc.
- Marybeth & Bryan Kluck
- Nancy Giacomi

In Memory of Lilly Lehman
- Nicki & Steven Collins

In Memory of Paul Kropp Jr.
- Ruby Derr
- Nancy Giacomi
- Georganne Fuller

In Memory of Pat Callahan
- Carol Bingaman

In Honor of Silver
- Linda Page

In Honor of Nancy Giacomi
- Barbara Turner

In Honor of Annie Bell's 6th Birthday in lieu of a
birthday gift
- Marie Bell

In Memory of Ridgely
- Maureen McBride

In Memory of Theodore E. Steil III
- Nancy Steil

In Memory of Eva Archer
- Nancy Cohick
- Nancy Giacomi
- Molly & Dick Wagner
- Jacquelyn Carson

In Memory of Heather
- Thelma Weaver

In Memory of Sabrina Louise
- Ellen Houser

In Honor of Joanne Cromley's Birthday
- Susan Mann
- Nancy Cohick
- Jacqueline Carson
- Eva Archer
- Nancy Steil

In Honor of Susie Mann's Birthday
- Nancy Cohick
- Joanne Cromley
- Jacqueline Carson
- Eva Archer
- Nancy Steil

In Memory of Cubby
- Cynthia Helt

In Memory of Squeek
- Rita Little

MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of my dear Uncle Richard Trufant
- Suzanne & Richard French

In Memory of Richard "Salty" Trufant

- Jacquelyn Carson
- Nancy Cohick
- Joyce & William Sipple
- Charlotte Somits
- Carol & Richard Smith
- Candy Watkins
- Joyce Lee
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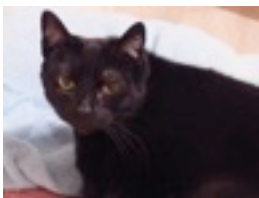
On the cover this issue... "Laney," who was adopted from LAPS in 2012 along with her sister "Lizzy," who is pictured above. Not everyone can adopt a LAPS cat, but perhaps consider a donation in honor of friends or family members instead.

FAREWELLS: October 2015 - Present

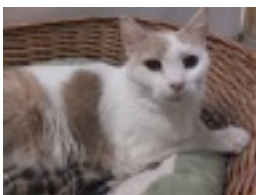
Since our last newsletter, we've had to say "Godspeed" to several of our residents. Rest in peace, dear kitties, you were loved and will be missed.



Calinda was brought to LAPS after her owner passed away and the friend caring for her could no longer provide the care Calinda needed. Calinda loved to come out of her room and walk around the shelter. She developed kidney failure and was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on January 15, 2016. Calinda was 15 years old.



Ebony was brought to LAPS as a stray who tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). She had a challenging disposition and preferred cats to people. Ebony developed a tumor the size of an orange in her stomach and was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on April 3, 2016. Ebony was 10 years old.



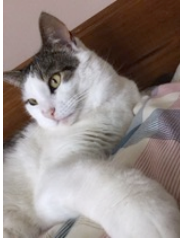
Kramer came to LAPS as a very frightened kitten. He was a social boy who lived his life out at LAPS. As with most older cats, Kramer developed kidney disease and was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on December 22 2015. Kramer was 17 years old.

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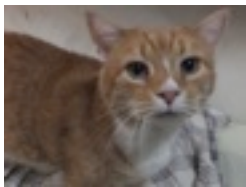
Miss Kitty belonged to our former President and came to LAPS after he was placed in a nursing home due to his failing health. Miss Kitty was a lovely lady and was often caught kneading her blankets. She developed kidney disease and was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on January 29, 2016. Miss Kitty was 20 years old.



Rane came to LAPS when his person could no longer care for him. Unfortunately, Rane tested positive for Feline Leukemia (FeLV). He was moved into a foster home where he could be the only cat so as to not infect other cats. Rane eventually developed complications from the FeLV and was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on December 22, 2015. Rane was approximately 3-4 years old.



Ridgley came to LAPS after his owner passed away. He took a long time to warm up to people but once he did, you were a friend for life! Ridgley had the misfortune of developing squamous cell carcinoma in his lungs. Volunteer Maureen gave Ridgley the greatest gift by allowing him feel the grass under his feet, the air in his face, and the sights and sounds of nature before he was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on May 7 2016. Ridgley was 11 years old.



Taffy came to LAPS after his owner passed away. At some point in Taffy's life, more than likely due to being an indoor/outdoor cat, he contracted Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). However, Taffy lived a pretty normal life, as most FIV cats do. He was a very social boy and a lap cat. Sadly, Taffy's kidneys started to fail and he was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on April 8, 2016. Taffy was 13 years old.

Rane: A Foster Story

There are times LAPS finds themselves needing to place a shelter resident into a foster home. The reasons for the cat needing foster care vary. The need could be as simple as the kitty is too stressed living at the shelter until its forever home is found, or maybe the cat needs medical care that just isn't possible in the shelter with the staff being all volunteers.

Whatever the reason, LAPS often finds itself looking for foster homes for some of their feline residents. Please consider calling LAPS and letting them know you are interested in fostering a kitty.

When fostering a cat or kitten for LAPS, the shelter provides, food, litter, medication and medical care the cat may need while in your care.

Here is my foster story:

I am a past volunteer, and a current Board of Directors member. I had recently lost my own 16-year old cat, Jasper, to renal kidney failure, and I was asked if I would foster a Feline Leukemia (FeLV+) positive kitty for LAPS. I wasn't sure I was ready for another cat, but agreed.

Rane was abandoned, taped inside a cardboard box with a note saying, "hate to do this but can't afford her" and left outside the door of LAPS. His former person didn't even realize he was a he not a she?!?! His person also never bothered to give us any medical history, not even his name.

The veterinarian guessed his age to be somewhere between 2-3 years; he was young, but not a kitten.

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A shelter volunteer named him Rane (because it was raining the day he was found).

The shelter tests every resident for FeLV and FIV (Feline immunodeficiency virus) before integrating with its feline residents. Rane tested FeLV+.

Because he could possibly transmit the virus to other shelter residents, Rane lived in two large metal dog kennels that were attached together in isolation until I agreed to foster him. He was in isolation for nearly 9 months. He was so playful and loving, and was definitely one of the shelter volunteers' favorite residents.

My mom had a major stroke the night before I was to bring Rane home. I had to put off picking him up for a couple of weeks, and once I was able to pick him up, we made a pit stop to the nursing home where my mom was so he could meet his foster Grammy. He was so patient and gentle with my mom. Never once was he spooked or scared at the nursing home.

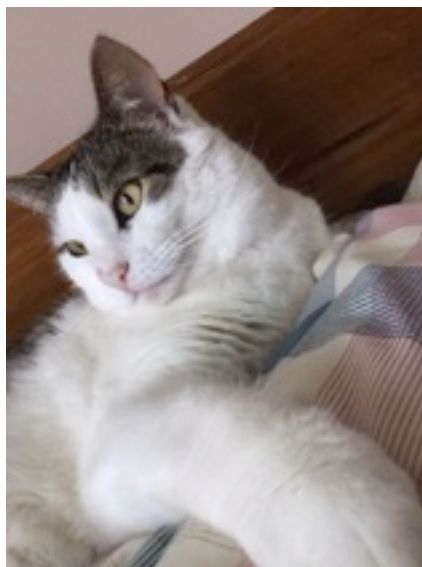
He loved the freedom of my apartment. I swear there was not one inch of my apartment he did not investigate. He was on top of, under, or behind absolutely everything!

He loved his toys, especially anything that jingles. He played so hard that at times he would knock over small furniture! He had his very own toy box, a wicker basket, that he would often walk up to and root around in to find the perfect toy for his current mood.

His favorite spot was an open window, sitting on the windowsills day and night.

After just 3 months of living with me in my apartment, my mom passed away and Rane and I moved in with

my dad. Rane loved it here, so much more room and so many windows! His new favorite spot was in front of the patio door, he watched squirrels, bunnies, birds and even a couple neighborhood stray cats in our new backyard. Many times, especially after dark, he would run from window to window at breakneck speed; my dad would call such behavior "patrolling for monsters." We always joked that we were safe with Rane on patrol.



Rane hated it when we closed bedroom or bathroom doors. He would either lay on the floor, sticking his paw under the door howling the entire time, or he would throw himself against the door hoping to get the door to open.

In the 16 months I fostered Rane, he and I formed a very tight bond. He always came running when I called his name and was the easiest cat I ever tried to medicate. He had several bouts of URI, but eventually, after trying several different antibiotics, he was asymptomatic. That is until around this past Thanksgiving, when he started staying in my dad's bedroom all the time, not

playing with his toys, no longer "patrolling for monsters" in the windows etc. I should have taken him to the veterinarian right away, but that was the same time my dad had a stroke. So I was very preoccupied with caring for dad and just thought Rane was being "sensitive" to dad having the stroke.

Then on Friday, December 11th, he got on the back of the couch and stayed there for the entire weekend except to nibble at his food or go potty. I made an appointment at the veterinarian's office the following Monday. They kept him overnight to run tests; the results suggested lymphoma. The only way to be positive it was for sure lymphoma was to do a biopsy, and with his anemia and white blood cell count, it really wasn't an option to biopsy. We (the vet, LAPS volunteers and I) decided to try medication and see if we could give him more time. At first he seemed like he was responding well to the meds, but then suddenly he started urinating where he was sleeping and quit eating. I had to make the dreaded decision of helping him cross Rainbow Bridge. I spent a couple of hours here at home hugging, petting, kissing him, taking pictures, and even recorded his purr and meow before taking him to the veterinarian's office.

I whispered in his ear how much he was loved, that he fought a good fight, and was such a good boy as he crossed over to Rainbow Bridge on December 22nd.

My heart still aches, but I am so grateful I said yes to fostering him.

Wait for me, my sweet Rane...purrs and head bonks until we see each other again at Rainbow Bridge.



In Memory of Eva Archer

Eva Archer was a Wednesday morning volunteer with LAPS. She will be missed, especially by the cats in Room 6 and Sadie & Abe. After her work was done, she would sit with them and pet them. When they heard her voice, they would sit by their door and wait for her.

A fond memory shared by Jackie Carson





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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
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.)

Thank you!

Purrs & Head Bonks to:

Our talented Webmaster who updates and maintains our Facebook page and website. (See Facebook/Lycoming Animal Protection Society (LAPS) and <http://www.lapsshelter.org> for more information.)

Loyalsock Animal Hospital for their continued care of our residents.

Our Supporters who contributed towards our veterinary bill.

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

Our Newsletter Typesetter who donates her time because she loves the kitties too!