



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

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Newsletter

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Fall 2011

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

CASINO NIGHT



Saturday, October 22th
7 pm – 11 pm
Scottish Rite Grand Banquet Hall

Join us for our 3rd Annual Casino Night fundraising event to be held on Saturday, October 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Grand Banquet Hall in downtown Williamsport, PA. Last year’s event was a huge success thanks to our generous donors, supporters, members and volunteers; and we are anticipating an even greater turnout this year! Sponsorship opportunities are now available, and include table sponsors, as well as food and prize sponsors. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Gwen at 570-279-7116 or visit www.LapsShelter.org.

Event Details:

\$20 per person*
Includes \$5,000 in chips

Door Prizes & Drawings
Refreshments Provided
Must be 21 years or older

*Purchase tickets in advance by calling
570-327-8707*

**Tickets will be \$25 at the door*

OPEN HOURS

Monday 9 am – 12 noon
Tuesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday 8 am – 10 am
Thursday 12 noon – 3 pm & 6 pm – 7:30 pm
Friday 12 noon – 3 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm
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.

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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 \$ _____

MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of Margarite Ungard.
- Primus Technologies Corp.

In Memory of Florence Lorraine Bricker.
- Pennsylvania College of Technology

In Memory of Shadow.
- Harold & Janet Stugart

In Memory of All Our Wonderful Cats.
- Dennis & Carol Weaver

In Memory of our first kitty Puddypie.
- Mary Jane & Jimmy Baier

In Memory of Arline Zimmerman.
- Mr. & Mrs. George L. Conrad

In Honor of Sabrina Louise's 5th Anniversary with us.
- Ray Masters & Ellen Houser

In Memory of Patricia Wardell.
- L. Craig & Martha B. Harris

In Memory of Kenneth King.
- Jackie Carson
- Tracy Haas

In Honor of our current kitties: Timmy, Jesse, Mad Max & Peggypie.
- Mary Jane & Jimmy Baier

In Memory of Helen Kuykendall, (LAPS Resident) Sammy's Mother.
- Barbara & Mark Sunner

In Memory of Frank Hendershot.
- Jackie Carson

In Memory of Steven Updegraff.
- Dottie Updegraff Lingenfelter
- Christine Winey

In Memory of Donna Borrosco.
- Kimberly Fox
- Joan & James Fetzer
- Donald & Virginia Zeigler
- Donna's Card Club Friends
- Tom & Carol Connor
- David & Denise Snyder

REMINDER

To help LAPS reduce the money spent on postage and printing (and to help save the environment), please consider visiting our website at LapsShelter.org and filling out our Online Newsletter Request Form so that you may receive our newsletter electronically. You will have the ability to print any of our online newsletters at your convenience, and the money you help us save can be used to care for our residents!

FAREWELL

Godspeed our furry friends.....

♥ Molly ♥

Poor Miss Molly came down with pseudomonas, a sometimes very difficult to treat bacterial infection. Molly's pseudomonas did not respond to numerous antibiotic treatments and her quality of life deteriorated rapidly. Molly was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on June 17th. She was 11 years old.



♥ Lucky ♥

Unfortunately, Lucky wasn't so lucky. Lucky came to us in very poor condition. Upon examination by the veterinarian, it was discovered that Lucky had Feline Leukemia. We tried to nurse Lucky back to health but the disease won. Lucky was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on June 20th. He was 8 weeks old.



♥ Willow ♥

Willow was surrendered with two siblings. Just short of being with us for two weeks, Willow came down with calicivirus. As calicivirus is a virus, antibiotics won't work, however, they are prescribed for secondary bacterial infections. Unfortunately, the virus overtook Willow's small body and she crossed the Rainbow Bridge on July 23rd. She was 3 months old.



♥ Antonio ♥

Antonio was rescued when he was around 2 months of age. He was afraid and untrusting of people for the majority of his life and this caused him to live his entire life at LAPS. As is the case with most older kitties, Antonio entered kidney failure and as a result was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on August 12th. He was 13 years old.



♥ Barnes ♥

Barnes was a long-term shelter resident and one of our oldest. He was an extremely social guy and loved to be on walk-about. Sadly, Barnes entered kidney failure and was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on August 27th. He was 18 years old.



♥ Gidget ♥

Gidget, aka Kajika, was recently surrendered to LAPS because her former owner could no longer keep her. Sadly she was with us just over a month when a volunteer discovered on September 4th she has passed across the Rainbow Bridge, from an unknown cause, throughout the night. She was 11 years old.



LAPS to Host Second Spay/Neuter Clinic

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, LAPS will host their second reduced-fee spay/neuter clinic at the Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company. Last year's event helped spay 75 female cats and neuter 62 male cats; a total of 137 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. Dr. Murphy will also administer both rabies and distemper vaccines as well as pain meds, 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, your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Top 10 Reasons to Spay or Neuter Your Pet

- 1. Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life.**
Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.
- 2. Neutering provides major health benefits for your male.**
Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer, if done before six months of age.
- 3. Your spayed female won't go into heat.**
While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently – sometimes all over the house!
- 4. Your male dog won't want to roam away from home.**
An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate! That includes digging his way under the fence and making like Houdini to escape from the house. And once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.
- 5. Your neutered male will be much better behaved.**
Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.
- 6. Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat.**
Don't use that old excuse! Lack of exercise and overfeeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds – not neutering. Your pet will remain fit and trim as long as you continue to provide exercise and monitor food intake.
- 7. It is highly cost-effective.**
The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. It also beats the cost of treatment when your unneutered tom escapes and gets into fights with the neighborhood stray!
- 8. Spaying and neutering your pet is good for your community.**
Stray animals pose a real problem in many parts of the country. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage the local fauna and frighten children. Spaying and neutering packs a powerful punch in reducing the number of animals on the streets.
- 9. Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to learn about the miracle of birth.**
Letting your pet produce offspring you have no intention of keeping is not a good lesson for your children – especially when so many unwanted animals end up in shelters. There are tons of books and videos available to teach your children about birth in a more responsible way.
- 10. Spaying and neutering helps fight pet overpopulation.**
Every year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

Spay or Neuter Your Pet

Did you know?

- Every day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in this country while only 10,000 people are born.
- It's simple math – there just aren't enough homes for all of these animals.
- Every year 10-12 million animals are euthanized in shelters for lack of available homes.
- On average, 64% of all animals taken into shelters nationwide have to be euthanized for this reason.
- At least 50% of the overpopulation problem is non-neutered males. Females can't do it alone.
- Purebreds account for 30% of all the animals in shelters. "Papers" don't mean an animal should be bred.
- For every home you find for an animal that you have bred, a home is lost for a shelter animal.
- Breeding to "see the miracle of birth" demands that you also "see the tragic results". Visit a shelter.
- Animal overpopulation has reached a crisis point in this country.

You personally can make a difference by spaying or neutering your pet. It is the single most important thing you can do to prevent animal cruelty!

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Our Young Supporters

At the birthday party held in honor of her 8th birthday recently, Madi Seese collected items to donate to LAPS. Madi and her mom then delivered these items to LAPS and visited with cats while they were there. Thank you Madi! (The Seese family has been adopted by a LAPS cat named Maya.)



The Litter Box From Your Cat's Point of View

Lisa A. Pierson, DVM *

Urinating and defecating outside of the litter box, also known as “inappropriate elimination,” is one of the most common reasons for a cat to be relinquished to a shelter or, in some cases, abused. Sadly, in most cases it is the fault of the human in charge of the litter box duties.

The “fault” usually involves a dirty box or one that is too small.

When someone is asked how often they flush their toilet, the answer is usually, “every time it is used, of course!” We all know how repulsive ‘porta-potties’ are and we are not even asked to walk around in our own waste like humans often ask of their cats!

So why do we expect our cats to use dirty litter boxes instead of just going some place else?

Humans seem to forget that a cat’s sense of smell is infinitely more sensitive than our own. Add to this the instinctive nature of the cat to be clean and it is easy to see how a dirty litter box often spells disaster.

Top reasons for a cat to stop using the litter box:

- Dirty litter box(s)
- Poor choice of litter
- Poor location of litter box(s)
- Blocked from the box by a dominant feline housemate
- Unable to relax and get to the box, or use it, due to fear of a strange human, dog, active child, loud noise, etc., in the house environment
- Box size is too small
- Too few boxes
- Medical problem(s) – **This should always be a serious consideration.**

Many medical issues such as diabetes, cystitis (painful bladder inflammation), bladder stones, and a partial urethral blockage (**always an emergency!**) can cause a cat to stop using his litter box.

The number and location of the litter boxes are very important issues. Many cats will not use a litter box if it has been used by another cat. In addition, some cats prefer to urinate in one box and defecate in another. Also, a common cause of inappropriate elimination stems from a more dominant cat blocking the pathway to the litter box. The more passive/timid cat is forced to look elsewhere for a bathroom. In this situation it is critical to have enough boxes in ‘safe’ areas to minimize the potential for problems.

Don’t put all of the litter boxes in the same spot if you have a bully cat that may be blocking a timid cat from the box. Place the boxes in quiet, low traffic areas. The laundry room is **not** a suitable place due to the noise from the washer and dryer and has led to many litter box aversion cases. Also, it is best to not place litter boxes near the cat’s eating area.

* Read the entire article at <http://catinfo.org/?link=litterbox>

Also visit <http://catnet.stanford.edu/articles/litterbox.html> or Google ‘Cat Litter Box Problems’ for more resources.

LAPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2011

Saturday, October 8
8 am – 4 pm

YARD SALE

Young Men's Democratic Club
(across from Robert M. Sides)
Williamsport

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



October 2011

Saturday, October 22
7 pm – 11 pm

CASINO NIGHT

Grand Banquet Hall at the Scottish Rite
348 Market Street
Williamsport

Join us for an awesome night of fun, food, socialization, games, and chances to win some fabulous prizes! This is a **do not miss** event!

Advance tickets are on sale now for \$20 each for Casino Night. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$25 each. Call or email the shelter for your advance ticket purchase.

November 2011

Sunday, November 6

REDUCED-FEE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company
261 Village Road
Pennsdale

Matthew J. Murphy, DVM, of Keystone Veterinary Services of Chambersburg will perform the surgeries in his mobile clinic. Dr. Murphy will also administer both rabies and distemper vaccines as well as pain meds, if the owner wishes, for an additional fee.

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November 2011

Friday, November 11
9 am – 10 pm
Saturday, November 12
6 am – 10 pm

COMMUNITY DAYS

Bon Ton Stores

Bon Ton Community Day has been expanded to a 2-day event. Your \$5 donation gets you a special coupon booklet filled with great saving coupons and exclusive bonus offers including:

- 1 – \$10 off on a \$10 or more item.
- 1 – 20% off shopping pass – use over & over.
- 1 – 30% Early Bird Coupon, valid Saturday only from 6 am – 10 am.
- 11 – Bonus Buys.
- 2 – Web Exclusive Offers.

Call or email the shelter for your coupon booklet.



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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
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 so generously contributed money towards our veterinary bill.

First Ward Fire Co., South Williamsport, for the use of their facility for our book sale.

Penske Truck Rental, White Deer, for the use of a truck for moving our books to and from 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!