



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

195 Phillips Park Drive
South Williamsport PA 17702

Newsletter

LapsShelter@windstream.net
www.LapsShelter.org

570-327-8707

Fall 2012

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



Feline Spay & Neuter Mobile Clinic

Sunday, November 18, 2012

Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company
(In the truck bay area)

PRESENTED BY THE LYCOMING ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY (LAPS)

The mobile clinic will provide reduced-fee spay & neuter services for **cats only**. Rabies and distemper vaccinations are available only for cats being sterilized.

All spay and neuter surgeries will be performed by Matthew J. Murphy, DVM, in a sterile van owned and operated by Keystone Mobile Veterinary Services of Chambersburg, PA.

Services & Prices:

Spay Surgery - \$52

Neuter Procedure - \$32

Rabies Vaccination - \$11

Distemper Vaccination - \$11

**Appointments are required, and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
Contact via Email is preferred.**



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**To schedule an appointment:
Call LAPS at (570) 327-8707 or
Email: info@LapsShelter.org**

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 \$ _____

MEMORIAL GIFTS, HONORARIUMS & REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of Kent Baldwin.

- John & Margaret Piper

In Memory of TC, Tippy & Shadow.

- Janet Stugart

In Honor of Joanne Cromley.

- Jack & Carol Karschner

In Memory of Marie Trump.

- Johnna Deemer

In Memory of Lillian.

- Joy Jones

In Honor of Christina & Bill Ertel.

- Greg & Charlene Fischer

In Memory of Cookie.

- Dorothy Rexer

In Honor of Susan Mann.

- Joanne Cromley
- Jackie Carson

In Memory of Noah.

- Eileen Abbe

In Memory of Clemma Wiggett.

- Janet Kohler

In Honor of Dan Mosso's Birthday.

- Pat Bailey

In Memory of Mika & Sophia.

- David & Elaine Selleck

In Memory of Sara Louise Fitzgerald.

- Jenn Jacobs
- Jackie Carson
- Joanne Cromley
- Nancy Cohick
- Nanci Giacomi

In Honor of Bonnie Robbins.

- David Lovett

In Memory of Eugene (Dad) & Ramona (Mom) Russell.

- Mary Jane & Jimmy Baier

In Memory of Little Girl & Lucky.

- Frank & Sandra Ball

In Memory of Shay.

- Caroline Laudermilch

In Memory of Betty Serzinski.

- June Shireman

In Memory of Fairie Walters.

- Phyllis Thomas

In Memory of Jim Chapman.

- Candace Nonemaker

In Honor of Joanne Cromley & Susie Mann.

- Nancy Cohick

In Memory of Therese Nicknig.

- West Branch Valley Association of Realtors
- Mae Vanemon
- Nanci Giacomi
- David & Mary Ann Yoder

In Memory of Donna Borrosco.

- Heather Conner-Merz
- Sebastian Borrosco

In Memory of Kenneth L. Burkhead.

- Max & Esther Miethe
- Rosemarie & Carmelo Mauro
- Mr. & Mrs. George Miller

In Memory of Kai Lui, beloved canine companion & cherished friend of Patty Hamm.

- Trudy & Kitties

Kitten Update/New Intake Policy

For those of you in our Facebook and email contacts, you are aware we had a Calicivirus/Upper Respiratory outbreak among our young kittens. This outbreak cost LAPS a considerable amount of money in veterinary/hospitalization fees and we asked for any financial assistance you were able to afford. Here is an update: Nine kittens were hospitalized, four others required medication, for a total of thirteen kittens affected and a veterinary expense of \$2,937.64. (That is not including our normal veterinary expenses.) Through our plea, we were able to raise \$1,810.00 to place towards this expense. If you are interested in helping to defray this recent expense, you may either make a check out to LAPS and mail it to 195 Phillips Park Drive, South Williamsport, PA 17702; make a check out to Loyalsock Animal Hospital (or LAH) and mail it to 1900 Northway Road, Williamsport, PA 17701; make a credit card payment to LAH at 570-326-1709; or make a payment to LAPS via PayPal. Be sure to put LAPS Vet Bill in the memo line so your tax-deductible donation is properly applied. We cannot begin to express our gratitude for even the tiniest bit of help!

As a result of this outbreak, our veterinarian suggested we review and revise our intake policy. It was recommended that we no longer take a kitten less than 12 weeks of age into the shelter as the immune system of a kitten between 8-12 weeks of age isn't fully developed, and the kitten's health is at its most vulnerable. So, beginning in August 2012, LAPS can no longer accept a kitten under 12 weeks of age. Kittens that we do accept must have received their initial distemper vaccine and worm treatment at the age of 8 weeks from your veterinarian. When we do agree to accept the kitten at 12 weeks of age, we require you to take the kitten to our veterinarian for their second distemper vaccine and worm treatment as well as a FeLV/FIV combo test. (Our vet will bill us for this visit upon our approval.) If the kitten receives a clean bill of health from our veterinarian at this visit, we will accept the kitten into our shelter. We also require a \$25 surrender fee per kitten at this time.

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 (if age permits), 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. We require a \$50 surrender fee per adult cat.

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 send us an email at info@LapsShelter.org.

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 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

<i>President:</i>	Ray Knapp
<i>Vice President:</i>	Maryanne Rossello
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Charlotte Myers
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Gwen Uber
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Candace Walter
<i>Members:</i>	Nancy Cohick Jenn Jacobs Cyndi Mussina Kerri Reardon

FAREWELL

♥ Taz ♥

Our sweet, petite Taz lost her battle with kidney disease on February 25, 2012, just three weeks after her friend and roommate Cookie lost her battle with kidney disease. Taz was 16 years old.



♥ Pita ♥

Pita came to us with a partially paralyzed larynx causing his breathing to be very distressed. Pita was sent to foster care, however, his breathing continued to worsen to the point of suffering. Pita was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on May 3, 2012. He was approximately 6 years old.



♥ Smokey ♥

Smokey was found as a stray and had the misfortune of being Feline Leukemia positive. Sadly for Smokey, his disease progressed rather quickly and he was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on June 1, 2012. Smokey was only 9 months old.



♥ Susie ♥

Sadly, Susie was with us just a very short time before she passed away due to fatty liver disease on July 6, 2012. Susie was 6 years old.



♥ Master Grayson ♥

Master Grayson was a lovely old man who had a zest for life. He was diagnosed with lymphoma and lived comfortably for almost a year from his diagnosis. Master Grayson was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge on July 28, 2012. He was 16 years old.



**I AM A FOREVER CAT
not an "until" cat.**

I am not an..

...**"until you get bored"** cat
...**"until you find a boy or girl friend"** cat
...**"until I get old"** cat

...**"until you have to move"** cat
...**"until you have a baby"** cat
...**"until you get a new kitten"** cat

**I AM A FOREVER CAT
If you cannot promise forever, I am not your cat!**

Annual Membership Meeting

LAPS will hold its Annual Membership Meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at the West End Christian Community Center located at 909 Diamond Street, Williamsport, PA. All Angel Associate, Regular Associate, and Senior Associate Members in good standing may attend and participate in the election of Board Members at this Annual Membership Meeting, as well as make nominations of candidates for the Board of Directors. Membership application is located on Page 2 if you, or your nominee, aren't already a Member.

If you know of an individual who would have the dedication and skills to help LAPS develop and achieve our mission goals, meet and overcome various challenges as a group, as well assist with planning, fund-raising, and community relations, please ask them to consider a nomination to the LAPS Board of Directors. Nominations may be made by any member in good standing and can be made by submitting a signed letter from the nominee or nominees stating that they are willing to accept the nomination and will serve if elected to the office, a petition supporting the nomination signed by ten percent of the membership, and a brief statement of biographical data on the nominee. These items must be received by the Nominating Committee on or before the closing date of November 9, 2012.

At this Annual Membership Meeting, the current LAPS Board of Directors will be submitting Amendments to the current Bylaws that will be voted on as well. These Amendments may be reviewed at the shelter before the Annual Membership Meeting, by appointment, as well as be available for review at the Annual Membership Meeting before the voting.

We Regret to Inform You....

We have made the decision to not host Casino Night this year. This was not an easy decision to make, however, difficulty in securing an acceptable location brought us to this decision. We may readdress this fundraiser next year, so if anyone has any suggestions for venues, we welcome them.

On a more positive note, we are currently in the planning stages for a May 2013 Silent Auction & Dinner. Any donations we have received in anticipation of Casino Night will be used for this event. With that being said, we are in search of new or near new items to be used for our Silent Auction. If you receive a Christmas or Birthday gift that you know you will never use, please consider donating it for use at the Silent Auction. Also, if you own a business or know someone that owns a business, please consider making a monetary or product donation to LAPS for this event. Remember, these donations are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

2012 Christmas Cash Raffle

Once again, LAPS is selling Christmas Cash raffle tickets for a chance to win one of three prizes. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Unfortunately, due to Postal Regulations, we are no longer permitted to print these tickets in our newsletter. If you wish to purchase Christmas Cash Raffle tickets, you may do so at any of our events, by stopping in at the shelter during open hours, or emailing us a check and a note. First Prize is \$300; Second Prize is \$200; Third Prize is \$100. Drawing Date: November 19, 2012.

Cats do care. For example, they know instinctively what time we have to be at work in the morning and they wake us up twenty minutes before the alarm goes off. - Michael Nelson

LAPS to Host Fourth Spay/Neuter Clinic

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, LAPS will host their fourth reduced-fee spay/neuter clinic at the Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company. Our April 2012 Clinic helped spay 65 female cats and neuter 73 male cats, our November 2011 Clinic helped spay 86 female cats and neuter 67 male cats, and our November 2010 Clinic helped spay 75 female cats and neuter 62 male cats; a total of 428 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 \$52 and male neuters are \$32. 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 or email will be returned as soon as possible.



It Matters To Me

As I walked along the seashore
This young boy greeted me.
He was tossing stranded starfish
Back into the deep blue sea.
I said, "Tell me why you bother,
Why you waste your time this way.
There's a million stranded starfish
Does it matter, anyway?"

And he said, "It matters to this one.
It deserves a chance to grow.
It matters to this one.
I can't save them all I know.
But it matters to this one,
I'll return it to the sea.
It matters to this one,
And it matters to me."

I walked into the shelter,
The owner greeted me.
She was helping Misty learn to trust.
She was struggling I could see.
I said, "Tell me why you bother,
Why you waste your time this way.
Misty's only one of thousands,
Does it matter anyway?"

And she said, "It matters to this one.
She deserves a chance to grow.
It matters to this one.
I can't save them all I know.
But it matters to this one,
I'll help her be what she can be.
It matters to this one,
And it matters to me."

~Author Unknown~

LAPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2012

Saturday, September 15
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.

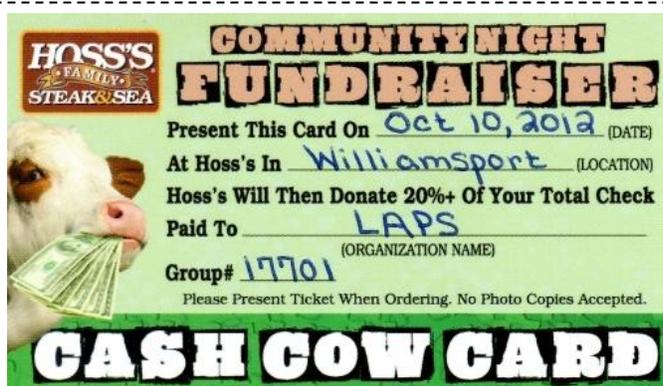
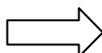
October 2012

Wednesday, October 10
ALL DAY

Present Cash Cow Card when ordering

HOSS'S FUNDRAISER

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



October 2012

Saturday, October 20
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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November 2012

Sunday, November 18

REDUCED-FEE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

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261 Village Road
Pennsdale

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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
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.)

Purrs & Head Bonks to:

Loyalsock Animal Hospital for their continued care of our residents.

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

Gary Corter at Flooring America in Montoursville for the donation of carpet remnants.

Bill & Karen Hetner for recarpeting, repairing, and rebuilding our cat trees.

Petco & Petsmart for providing space in their stores to assist us with finding forever homes for our residents.

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

Our Volunteers and Supporters who make it all possible!