



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

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Newsletter

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Spring 2009

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

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO Afternoon Tea at Park Place

SUNDAY, MAY 3

1:30 P.M.

800 WEST FOURTH ST., WILLIAMSPORT

SPECIAL GUEST, **SUSAN SMITH**, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN PSYCHIC AND CONSCIOUS CHANNEL, WILL PRESENT "THE AFTERLIFE OF PETS" AND BE AVAILABLE FOR MINI READINGS AND QUESTIONS.

Menu

Strawberry Spinach Salad
English Seongs
Assorted Tea Sandwiches
Assorted Desserts
Hot or Iced Tea

Catering provided by Mel's Catering

**TICKETS ARE \$20. SEATING IS LIMITED.
PLEASE RSVP TO TRACY AT 570.419.2477
BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH.**

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. Financial information is available upon written request.

LAPS Board of Directors

President: James Cleland
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DONATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Annual Associate Membership is a \$15 donation, Annual Senior Membership is a \$10 donation (Seniors are 55 years and over). 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 honor of our beloved cat Jelly Belly who gave so much love and enjoyment for 13 years.

- Jerry & Donna Wagner

In Memory of Donald L. Snyder.

- John & Mary Mincemoyer
- Al & Paul Clapps of Gentry Development

In Memory of Thomas Geise.

- John & Susan Geise

In Memory of Ruth Rosser.

- Chris Chou
- Cho Ming Tai
- Tony Chung

In Memory of Ann Seidel.

- The Staff of Laurel Home Health/Hospice

In Memory of Oliver.

- Brenda Hausammann

FAREWELL

Romeo was surrendered to the shelter in 2001 because he was a bit temperamental and he tended to bite when he was displeased. With a new baby on the way, the family felt it was best to rehome Romeo. During Romeo's later years, he suffered from hyperthyroidism and eventually went blind. Romeo's health deteriorated to the point he was beginning to suffer. Romeo was assisted across The Rainbow Bridge at the age of 18 years.

ADOPTEE UPDATE

I have wanted to write you this note for a very long time. Several years ago, after the death of my father and my beloved cat Tika (she was 18), I felt I needed a new cat. Of course, it took some time as Tika was very special and hard to replace. I finally talked my husband into taking me to your shelter on New Year's Eve of all times. There we were met by a wonderful volunteer who, after some chatting, directed us toward Chez. He is black and white, just like Tika, and I wasn't sure I could do that. We were also told that he had a few "accidents" and had been adopted and returned. I finally picked him and he just melted my heart. We brought him home and he adapted instantly, like he had lived here his whole life. He is more like a dog as he comes when he is called, plays fetch with his toys and sleeps on a pillow between me and my husband. I could not ask for a better friend. I can't believe someone gave up the opportunity to have Chez in their home. He is wonderful! By the way, we did change his name to Jack since my husband does not care for the Mets and his name reminded him of Shea Stadium. Thanks for all you do for these wonderful animals!

- Cindy Roberts

LAPS TRAVEL RAFFLE

During these tough economic times, many people have eliminated vacations from their budgets. For just \$5 per ticket, LAPS is giving you a chance to win one of three wonderful vacations. Drawing will take place August 15, 2009. Please call 570-327-8707 to purchase tickets.

1st Prize: Five Night Bermuda Cruise For Two (departs from New Jersey) On Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas; November 7-12, 2009

While best known for its shorts and golf courses, Bermuda has much more to offer. And on a cruise vacation, you have the opportunity to see it all. Explore the underwater world or stroll along the historic streets of St. George. Relax on a pink-sand beach or swim in the sparkling turquoise waters.

The 138,000-ton, 3,114-guest Explorer of the Seas offers more space for every guest-plus enhanced state rooms, expanded dining options and exceptional recreational facilities. This cruise ship is so high-tech, it even features the University of Miami Ocean Lab, a state-of-the-art oceanographic and atmospheric science lab.

Enjoy one-of-a-kind features such as:

- Rock-climbing wall
- Ice skating rink
- Royal Promenade (open 24 hours)
- Johnny Rockets® '50s-style restaurant
- Portofino Italian Restaurant
- Themed bars and lounges
- Casino Royale
- 9-hole miniature golf course
- Adventure Ocean® youth facilities
- Day Spa and Fitness Center
- Full-size basketball court

2nd Prize: Two Night Stay At TomCat Hollow Lodge Vacation Rental (Sleeps 6), Tioga County

A secluded, rustic and very charming Log Cabin on 12 private acres, TomCat Hollow Lodge is a fully furnished, charmingly embellished getaway with a romantic loft bedroom (queen bed) plus a separate bunk house cabin for four (large log trundle daybed and two antique, iron twins) with its own small self-contained heating/air conditioner. The Cabin's bath is shared between the Cabin and bunkhouse. A gas grill and large fire pit are also included for your outdoor enjoyment. TomCat Hollow Lodge is located within 5 miles of two beautiful lakes for fishing, boating and swimming, 20 miles from Corning Glass Center and the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon and 40 miles from Ski Denton, Ski Sawmill and the Fingerlakes Wineries. Additional pictures are available at <http://www.vrbo.com/145588>.



3rd Prize: \$150 Gift Certificate To The Woodlands Resort, Wilkes-Barre

The Woodlands Inn & Resort is Northeast Pennsylvania's premier hotel and resort. Conveniently located near The Crossings Premium Outlets and Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, The Woodlands Inn & Resort offers three swimming pools, two outdoor lighted tennis courts, three onsite restaurants and numerous walking trails. Golf and skiing are also just a short distance away.

KIDS HELPING LAPS

Girl Scouts Visit



On Saturday, January 24, Girl Scout Troop 209 made a visit to the shelter. They collected items from our wish list and presented them during their visit. Those who attended are shown in the photo above in front their donations: Angelina Morrone, Isabella Bachman, Samantha Branton, Lexie Yerger, Megan Weber, Molly McQuillen, Julia Sauers, Maddy Swarthout, Joclin Johnson, McKinsey Sauers, Emily Hennigan, Anna Nevill, Sydney Bachman, and Lilly Storms. The girls got to spend time visiting with our resident kitties, who really enjoyed the company. LAPS thanks you for your donations and visit!

Birthday Parties Benefit LAPS

Three children recently celebrated their birthdays and asked their friends and family to bring gifts to benefit the residents of LAPS.

- Spencer Krauss, son of Debrah & Eric Krauss, celebrated his 6th birthday
- Bella Crossen, daughter of John & Jenny Crossen, celebrated her 6th birthday.
- Malaena Hampton, daughter of Mark & Melissa Hampton, celebrated her 9th birthday.



Spencer Krauss, middle row seated at center, celebrated his 6th birthday at Trout Pond Park with his family & friends.

Storm's Story

Contributed by Linda Poulton, LAPS Supporter

While enjoying a Sunday morning walk, my walking partner and I saw a sick looking kitten in the alley behind Haywood's Restaurant in Muncy. My husband and I went back with the car about an hour later and couldn't find him. The next day, while out walking - about four blocks from his original location - I found him sitting on the front porch steps of our friend's home. After giving a short chase, we were able to snag him. His eyes and nose were running and full of nasty-looking gunk...so we called our vet and asked them to have a look. He was diagnosed with a severe upper respiratory infection; since we had two other cats in the house, we had to put him in "quarantine"...so we built a temporary pen in our garage.

Patti Barclay came to our rescue and helped me with his twice daily doses of antibiotics and eye medications. We had to be very careful and diligent with hand and clothes washing so we did not infect our other cats. Storm's pen had a window screen affixed to it so he was able to enjoy the outdoors from inside his pen. He watched the birds, the gardener and even got to see a house being demolished on a neighboring lot. The Pepper Street walkers met him and greeted him as they walked down the street so he became quite popular.

While conquering his respiratory infection we had him tested for feline leukemia and the initial test results came back positive. A more extensive test was given and that, too, was positive. This meant he could not live in a home with other cats. While we had intended to bring him into our home, other developments had occurred since he "found" me. Two other kittens had been thrown from a car window about a mile away from our home and after a day, we were able to trap them and bring them home. When tested, they were negative so they came into the house and began acclimating. Now we knew Storm had to be placed elsewhere, so the search began! The folks at Twin Hills Veterinary Hospital and Patti were wonderful...offering support and direction as we pursued compassionate owners for this beautiful survivor with the odds against him. Patti and all the others who helped us nurse him to health were captivated by Storm's charm and affection and his personality continued to blossom.

Finally, a cat-loving couple (Richard & June) stepped forward and, over Thanksgiving, Storm went off to Connecticut to his new home. He has a new veterinary office relationship established and they have also been very responsive to Storm's special needs. With care and attention, Storm can have a normal cat life. And, like here, he has charmed his new owners and all that he meets.

June writes: "After the initial "spraying" of the entire household with a subsequent visit to the vet's for antibiotics, and then back to the vet's for his neutering, and then more antibiotics and eye medicine (I suppose as a result of the anesthesia), he is now victorious and the household pretty much runs to his wishes!

He has become the stairwell terror and has his own 100 foot ball of twine that is unraveled daily/wrapped around everything he can find and then re-wound by Richard so he can do it again tomorrow; has a 30 foot leash so he can explore much more of the outdoors; enjoys a "fake" outdoor area built on our closed-in porch so he can wander among June's plants when the weather is inclement; loves the sound of Richard's hammer, power drill and staple gun; even has June describing him as the "perfect kitten, handsome, warm, adorable".

The "downside" is he is so demanding that Richard must hold him for his mid-morning and afternoon naps so Richard's productivity is way down. Storm also gets up at 6 am and screams for breakfast and his twine romp! And then there's the "can't go away" thing where Richard uses Storm and "his condition" as an excuse to stay homebound. Storm, of course, is medicine-free right now, so go figure!"



ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP PAY FOR VET CARE

Most of us are by no means rich. If you find yourself in a dire financial situation and your cat (or other pet) needs care, there are some organizations that help pay for veterinary bills or give you credit cards specifically for veterinary bills:

American Animal Hospital Association www.aahahelpingpets.org

The heartbreak happens all too often – a pet owner is unable to afford treatment and their sick or injured companion animal pays the price. If the owner is elderly, disabled or on a fixed income, the cost of care may be too much of a stretch for their pocketbook. Perhaps they have been victimized by crime, property loss or a job layoff and are experiencing a temporary financial hardship – making it too difficult to afford pet care. And some animals, brought to clinics by Good Samaritans, don't have an owner to pay for treatment. Whatever the situation, the fact remains the same: When sick or injured animals are unable to receive veterinary care, they suffer. Through the AAHA Helping Pets Fund, veterinary care is possible for sick or injured pets even if they have been abandoned or if their owner is experiencing financial hardship.

Angels4Animals www.Angels4Animals.org

Angels4Animals, a non-profit organization and a program of Inner Voice Community Services, has a mission to serve as the guardian angel of animals whose caretakers find themselves in difficult financial situations. At Angels4Animals we believe that animal owners should not have to say goodbye to the animals that they love. Our work is accomplished in conjunction with veterinary clinics across the country, eager to assist as many animals, and their owners, as possible. Our services range from financial aid to complete treatment to those pets and pet owners in need.

CareCredit www.carecredit.com

A credit card company for health care, including veterinary care. CareCredit, the leader in patient/client financing, has helped more than 3 million patients/clients get the treatment or procedures they needed and wanted. With a comprehensive range of plan options, for treatment or procedure fees from \$1 to over \$25,000, we offer a plan and a low monthly payment to fit comfortably into almost every budget.

Cats in Crisis www.catsincrisis.org

Cats in Crisis Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and humane organizations care for cats with chronic or emergency medical conditions through financial and fundraising assistance.

Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance (FVEAP) www.fveap.org

The NEED & The HELP: Seniors, people with disabilities, people who have lost their job, Good Samaritans who rescue a cat or kitten – any of these folks may need financial assistance to save a beloved companion. The Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides financial assistance to cat and kitten guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companions when life-threatening illness or injury strikes.

Help-A-Pet www.help-a-pet.org

Our efforts focus on serving the elderly, the disabled and the working poor. For lonely seniors, physically/mentally challenged individuals and children of working parents, pets represent much more than a diversion.

IMOM www.imom.org

Mission Statement: Helping people help pets. To better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals. We are dedicated to insure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged. (Note: IMOM has a special fund for diabetic cats.)

Shakespeare Animal Fund www.shakespeareanimalfund.com

Anyone can apply for funds, but SAF offers assistance primarily to those on fixed incomes or with annual incomes below \$35,000. Exceptions are made depending on circumstances. It is always a one-time grant.

The Pet Fund www.thepetfund.com

The Pet Fund is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit association that provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need urgent veterinary care. Often animals are put down or suffer needlessly because their owners cannot afford expensive surgery or emergency vet visits. Companion animal owners must often make the difficult decision to put an animal down or neglect urgent medical needs because of the costs involved. The purpose of the Pet Fund is to work towards a future where decisions about companion animal medical care need never be made on the basis of cost.

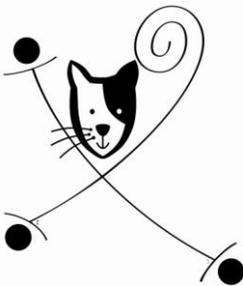
2008 RESIDENT STATISTICS

Last year was an awesome year for both LAPS and its residents. Our intake and adoption success rates were phenomenal. This was due to our increase in media coverage as well as the arrival of Petco at the Lycoming Crossings Shopping Center near the Lycoming Mall. Petco allows LAPS to take cats/kittens to the store where they are available for adoption.

- 86 cats/kittens were accepted into LAPS.
- 91 cats/kittens were adopted, 19 of these were adopted at Petco.
- 10 cats/kittens were returned, 5 of these have since been adopted again.
- 5 cats crossed The Rainbow Bridge.

Our current shelter population is 85 cats/kittens with 10 of those cats/kittens in foster care due to various reasons. LAPS is always looking for foster homes for our special needs cats. If you are interested in fostering a special needs cat, please contact the shelter.

NEW LAPS SHIRTS AVAILABLE



Lori Wannop, creator of the new LAPS logo, also provided LAPS with a new illustration for our T-shirts and sweatshirts. Pictured left, this illustration will be centered about four inches square on the front of the shirts and the new LAPS logo will be on the back. Both youth and adult T-shirts and sweatshirts are available in a variety of sizes and colors and can be purchased at any LAPS event, by calling 570-327-8707 or emailing LapsShelter@windstream.net.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT LAPS

Saturday, May 9:

West Branch School Fair – 755 Moore Avenue, Williamsport
Noon – 5 pm

D.A.R.E. Street Fair – Broad Street, Montoursville
9 am – 4 pm

Wednesday, May 27:

Pizza Hut “Fun”draiser – 1729 East Third Street, Williamsport (Coupon below)
4 pm – 9 pm (20% of pre-tax sales are donated to LAPS.)

Saturday, May 30

Open House – Lewisburg Veterinary Hospital, 829 Fairground Road, Lewisburg
10 am – 2 pm

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



My Name is _____ Date: **May 27, 2009**

I support the: **Lycoming Animal Protection Society**

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



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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
Laundry Detergent
Dish Detergent
Antibacterial Hand Soap
Copy Paper
Tall (kitchen) Garbage Bags
First Class & Post Card Postage Stamps
Cat Food (dry & canned)
Dried Catnip
Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Giant, Target)
Scoopable Cat Litter
Brooms

Purrs & Head Bonks to:

Loyalsock Animal Hospital, the shelter vet.

Snyder's Country Pet Food, Montoursville & **Pet Platoon**, Lewisburg for food donations.

Brushstrokes, Lewisburg, for organizing a fundraiser.

Chris Fry, Bucknell University, for organizing a fund drive.

Bob Beiter/Beiter's Home Center for cutting us a break on our Edenpure heater.

Jamie Johnson at **Lamar Advertising**, **Dana Borick & John Leeser** at the **Sun-Gazette**, **Sharon Dapp** at the **East Lycoming Shopper** and **Larry Andrews & Jeffrey Allen Federowicz** at **Webb Weekly** for continued media support.

Dennis Chestnut/C&C Tree Services for helping with the yard sale.

First Ward Fire Company for the use of their hall for our yard sale.

Karen Baron for the catnip pillows.

Our Volunteers and Supporters who make it all possible!