



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

195 Phillips Park Drive  
South Williamsport PA 17702

# Newsletter

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Winter 2010/2011

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

## WINE & DESSERT TASTING EVENT

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER DR. BETH MCMAHON

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Historic Acacia Club at the Scottish Rite

348 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Enjoy an afternoon filled with local wines, delicious desserts, and a special presentation, “Stressed is Desserts Spelled Backwards,” by Dr. Beth McMahon. Local artisans and vendors will showcase their wares and provide a variety of fabulous door prizes. Free wine glass included with admission!

**Tickets \$20 per person**

*All Proceeds to Benefit LAPS*

For more information and to purchase tickets, please call 570-327-8707 or visit us online at [www.LapsShelter.org](http://www.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 & 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.

### LAPS Board of Directors

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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 Nancy Cohick's Birthday.

- Jackie Carson
- Joanne Cromley

In Memory of Merrell Darling.

- Steven & Janice Liddic

In Honor of Maryanne Rossello.

- Holly Bogart

In Honor of Hattie Jolin's Birthday.

- Joanne Cromley
- Jackie Carson
- Nancy Cohick

In Memory of Carole Praster.

- Jackie Carson

In Memory of Jasper.

- David Kelchner

In Honor of Sabrina Louise's 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- Ellen Houser & Ray Masters

In Honor of all LAPS Volunteers, especially those I work with on Wednesday morning: Nancy C, Joanne, Hattie & Susan.

- Jackie Carson

In Memory of Shadow.

- Harold & Janet Stugart

In Memory of Kiki.

- Lois Catherman

In Memory of Richard Lewis.

- Karen Lewis Young

In Honor of Flo Snyder.

- Anne Fox

In Memory of Ellen Weber.

- Rhea Bennett

In Memory of William Markusky.

- Cindae Wilson

In Honor of our kitties: Timmy, Jesse, Mad Max & Miss Newbie.

- Mary Jane & Jimmy Baier

In Loving Memory of our beloved Golden Retriever, Jake. We miss you so very much!

- Mommy Tiffany, Daddy Matt & All Your Furry Siblings

In Loving Memory of our beloved Golden Retriever, M&M. We miss you so very much!

- Elisa, Jeremy & Jayden Beaver

In Honor of Ernie Wheeland's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

- David & Claire Maurer

In Fond Memory of our friend John Archer.

- LaVera & Bill Gehron

In Memory of Libby & Otto.

- Tricia Ulmer
- Tracy Haas

In Memory of Ruth Ann Wall.

- Peggy Shaffer
- Skip & Barb Hall

In Memory of Grace Barbour.

- Joyce & Thomas Smith

In Memory of our beloved Bandit, our best friend and constant companion. We love and miss you so much!

- Bruce & Kim Hoffer

In Honor of Jackie Carson's Birthday.

- Nancy Cohick

In Honor of Doris Gephart.

- Kelley Soeling

In Honor of Daniel Mosso.

- Patricia Bailey

In Memory of Jennifer Snyder's best friend.

- Susan Sauers

## FAREWELL

If you recall from our last newsletter, 2010 didn't start out very well for LAPS volunteers. Unfortunately, it didn't end well either. Five more of our beloved residents crossed the Rainbow Bridge by year's end and one resident has crossed the Rainbow Bridge so far in 2011. Godspeed, our furry friends.

### ♥ Sabiene ♥

Sabiene was a feisty gal who was owner-surrendered. She saw to it that everyone did things on HER terms! Sabiene was in end stage kidney failure and was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on September 20, 2010. She was approximately 15 years old.



### ♥ Tanner ♥

Tanner was a handsome guy who was owner-surrendered. He was extremely polite and didn't make a bother of himself. Unfortunately, Tanner tested positive for Feline Leukemia, however, he was lucky enough to live with a foster family who loved him dearly. As with most Feline Leukemia Positive cats, this disease took its toll on Tanner and he was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on November 12, 2010. He was barely 3 years old. A HUGE thank you to Tanner's foster family for the love and care they provided him!



### ♥ Ginger ♥

Ginger was another one of our feisty residents that made sure things were done on HER terms! She came to LAPS after her owner passed away. Unfortunately, she, too, was in end stage kidney failure and had to be assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on November 17, 2010. She was 15 years old.



### ♥ Feather ♥

Feather was a petite and gorgeous girl who came back to LAPS after her owner moved and couldn't take her. Feather developed numerous health issues, the final one being bleeding tumors located near her pancreas. Feather was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on November 22, 2010. She was 16 years old.



### ♥ Maggie ♥

Maggie came to LAPS when her elderly owner could no longer care for her. She was full of life and energy and was known to beg for seconds, and thirds... Maggie had pancreatic cancer and was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on December 13, 2010. She was 9 years old.



### ♥ Gabby ♥

Gabby came to LAPS after her owner moved and couldn't take her. She was a large and beautiful calico girl. Unfortunately, Gabby had liver cancer and was assisted across the Rainbow Bridge on January 27, 2011. She was 12 years old.



# Ten Commandments for Pet Owners

(Author Unknown)

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want from me. Do not break my spirit with your temper, though I will always forgive you. Your patience will teach me more effectively.
3. Please have me spayed or neutered.
4. Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for your kindness than mine. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I have only you.
5. Speak to me often. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me. Your voice is the sweetest sound I ever hear, as you must know by my enthusiasm whenever I hear your footsteps.
6. Take me in when it's cold and wet. I'm a domestic animal and I am no longer accustomed to the bitter elements. I ask for little more than your gentle hands petting. Keep my bowl filled with water. Feed me good food so I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding. By your side, I stand ready, willing and able to share my life with you, for that is what I live for. I'll never forget how well you've treated me.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
10. When I no longer enjoy good health, please do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. It is not fun for me. Don't make me suffer. Please just see to it that my trusting life is gently taken. When it's time to say goodbye, please be there with me for this difficult journey. Never say you can't bear to watch. Please don't make me face this alone. I've always been there for you. Everything is easier for me when you are there. I will leave this earth knowing with my last breath that my fate was always safest in your hands. I love you.

## **LAPS Hosts Their First Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic**

On Saturday, November 20, 2010, LAPS hosted a reduced-fee feline spay/neuter clinic at the Pennsdale Volunteer Fire Company. The first of its kind in Lycoming County, the clinic provided much needed spay and neuter services to help control the local cat population through a means other than euthanasia. According to the ASPCA, approximately 6 million companion animals enter shelters each year, and more than 3 million of these unwanted pets are euthanized. Shelters throughout America are overcrowded, five out of ten dogs in shelters and seven out of ten cats in shelters are destroyed simply because there is no one to adopt them.

With the help of Matthew J. Murphy, DVM, of Keystone Mobile Veterinary Services of Chambersburg, LAPS was able to offer reduced-fee spays and neuters as well as rabies and distemper vaccines. All procedures were performed in a sterile van owned and operated by Keystone Mobile Veterinary Services.

We're proud to report 75 female cats were spayed and 62 male cats were neutered! That would be a total of 137 cats who are no longer able to add to the already overwhelming cat population. LAPS is hoping to host another clinic this year, so please keep checking our website.

### **Why Spay or Neuter?**

There are millions of healthy cats and kittens put to death each year in U.S. animal shelters because of the reproduction of unaltered cats and a lack of homes for their offspring. Some people don't know this, or they don't recognize that this is related to themselves or their cats.

People put off spaying or neutering due to issues of money, transportation, or time. Some people believe it's more fair to allow the cat to mate "just this once" – or they think a female cat's pregnancy and kittens will be sweet or educational for their human children. Also, some people don't know that:

- Cats can start mating as early as six months.
- Even indoor-only house cats often find ways to get outdoors when the sexual urge hits them. Whether they disappear for good (due to panic, accidents, or enemies) or they return home, kittens are the result.
- An unaltered male cat can father hundreds of kittens a year.
- Statistically speaking, even if a person finds good homes for a litter of kittens, some of the kittens will grow up and produce litters of kittens.
- Spaying a female before her first heat protects her from risks of uterine, ovarian, and mammary cancers.
- Spaying also protects her from the stresses of pregnancy.
- Spaying reduces her frantic interest in the outdoors and reduces the chances that she'll wander far.
- Spaying reduces the chances she'll mark your home with urine when she's in heat.
- Unaltered cats have urges that make them irritable and anxious. They yowl or whine frequently, fight with other cats, and/or destroy objects in the house.
- Neutering a male reduces his risk from numerous health problems.
- Neutering lowers his urge to roam and to fight, and thus lowers chances of disease transmission and injuries.
- Neutering also reduces his tendency to spray in the home.
- Neutering eliminates the powerful odor of adult male cat urine.

## 2010 SHELTER STATISTICS

### Resident Statistics

LAPS is almost always full, and there is an extensive waiting list for incoming cats. Most cats, unless they are a former LAPS resident who needs to be returned, can expect no less than a 6 month wait. We also have a waiting list for kittens to go to Petco located in the Lycoming Crossings Shopping Center near the Lycoming Mall. The wait time for them is a little less severe.

Our current shelter population is 105 cats/kittens with 9 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, please contact the shelter.

- 133 cats/kittens were accepted into LAPS.
- 127 cats/kittens were adopted, 43 of those were adopted at Petco.
- 13 cats/kittens were returned, 8 of those have since been adopted again.
- 10 cats crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

### Veterinary Expense Statistics

Our total veterinary expenses reached an all-time high in 2010 of \$45,143.97. This would have a lot to do with our aging cat population as well as a few incoming cats who required extensive care: an eye removal, a leg amputation, etc. 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, treated for parasites and any other health issues. All shelter residents are then kept up to date on their vaccines and treated for any health issue(s) that may arise while they are a resident of LAPS.

As a no-kill shelter, we provide housing and care to the cat for an indefinite period of time, perhaps the rest of its life. Some of the cats at LAPS may be hard to place in good homes due to a variety of problems including age, temperament, or chronic disability. As long as a good quality of life including comfort and care can be given to the cat, it has a home at LAPS. Our commitment is to offer the cat proper veterinary care, regular vaccines, a healthy diet, a variety of stimulating activities (grooming, play and exercise) and of course, spaying and neutering. This can be a very costly endeavor but it is our commitment!

LAPS is funded solely by the generosity of our supporters and volunteers. This funding takes place by donations, sponsorships, memberships, and our various fundraising events. We have an awesome group of supporters and volunteers alike, and we can't begin to thank every one of them enough for their dedication and support!

## AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

The winners of the LAPS Christmas Cash Raffle were:

First Prize: Isac Seasholtz  
Second Prize: Ruth Greico  
Third Prize: Tim Zito



Congratulations & Thank You!

## MEET OUR RESIDENTS

Meet some of our wonderful residents currently available for adoption. You may view more of our residents online at [LapsShelter.org](http://LapsShelter.org) or [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com). Or, better yet, stop by the shelter and visit them in person!



### Master Grayson & Esmerelda

Master Grayson & Esmerelda are both lovely older brother & sister kitties surrendered by their elderly owner. Do you have room in your home and your heart to provide these two with love and care for the remainder of their lives? These two would be perfect for an older person!



### Marley

Beautiful Marley arrived at LAPS with her three baby boys. All three boys have since been adopted into their forever homes and now Marley is patiently awaiting hers. If you are a torti-lover, please visit Marley and see just how beautiful she is in person. We think you'll be smitten!



### Jackson

What a character! If you are looking for a little entertainment, look no further. Jackson is a handsome young boy filled with silly antics guaranteed to put a smile on your face. This boy has purrsonality!



### Amber

Beautiful, petite Amber is full-grown but still looks like a kitten. She had a rough start, giving birth to five babies (you won't believe it when you see her size!), three of whom didn't survive. Her two surviving babies have since found a home. Please come visit Amber to see just how lovely she is. We're certain she'll be going home with you!



## HELP SUPPORT LAPS

LAPS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive any federal or state funding. Therefore, we are constantly trying to find ways to help support our organization financially. Below are some of our current fundraisers. **If you wish to purchase Mr. Sticky's or Sheetz coupons, please send a check for the amount due and a self-addressed stamped envelope.** You may purchase T-shirts and mugs at any of our events or stop by the shelter during open hours. We appreciate your support!

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Our new **T-shirts** have arrived! Once again, local artist Cathy Frey has designed artwork for a T-shirt for LAPS. This artwork is based upon three residents from LAPS. These shirts are available in lavender and green in adult sizes Small-2X and white in adult sizes Small-3X. Youth Large is available in lavender and white. These shirts are \$15 each.

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LAPS now has **mugs**. These ceramic mugs are white with our logo and lettering in black with a pink heart. They are \$5 each.

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**Sheetz MTO Coupon.** These coupons are \$4 each and are good for any 6" sub, burger, chicken sandwich, deli sandwich, nachos, salad, wrap, melt, panini, quesadilla, 2 slices of pizza, 2 hot dogs or 1 deli dog, plus any size Fizz City Fountain Drink or self serve brewed coffee. Coupons are valid at all Sheetz locations. No expiration date.

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**Mr. Sticky's Coupon.** These coupons are \$2.50 each and are good for one regular sticky bun. Coupons may be redeemed at the store or concession trailer.

# Easter at LAPS

Help fill each cat's Easter basket

with

Canned food!

LAPS is currently hosting a canned food drive to help fill each cat's Easter basket with canned food. Canned food is used on a daily basis at the shelter and is at a premium. A lot of days, volunteers purchase canned food with their own money. Won't you please help us replenish our supply? Our residents prefer the pate style over the shredded or chunks in gravy. They have no brand preference! Thank you in advance for helping to make this drive a success!

# LAPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March 2011

Saturday, March 12  
8 am – 4 pm

### BOOK SALE

First Ward Fire Co.\*  
(across from Dairy Queen)  
South Williamsport

## May 2011

Sunday, May 1  
1 pm – 4 pm

### WINE & DESSERT TASTING

Historic Acacia Club at the Scottish Rite  
348 Market Street  
Williamsport

## May 2011

LAPS signature arrangement including  
keepsake mug from Rose Wood Flowers.

### MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Order From:  
Rose Wood Flowers  
570-546-2550

## May 2011

Saturday, May 28  
8 am – 4 pm

### YARD SALE

Young Men's Democratic Club  
230 East Street  
Williamsport

## September 2011

Saturday, September 17  
8 am – 4 pm

### BOOK SALE

First Ward Fire Co.\*  
(across from Dairy Queen)  
South Williamsport

## October 2011

Saturday, October 22\*\*  
7 pm – 11 pm

### CASINO NIGHT

Grand Banquet Hall at the Scottish Rite  
348 Market Street  
Williamsport  
\*\*New Date

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!**  
**Watch our website for additional events.**

We are now accepting items for our book and yard sale! Please, only items in good condition will be accepted.

Advance tickets are on sale for both the Wine & Dessert Tasting and Casino Night Events. Call or email the shelter.

\*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.

## LAPS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Casino A Night Huge Success!

A heartfelt thank you to the below businesses and individuals who donated cash, merchandise and/or assistance to help make our Second Annual Casino Night a HUGE success. We are currently accepting items for our Third Annual Casino Night which will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011, in the Grand Banquet Hall at the Scottish Rite in Williamsport. This is the perfect opportunity to donate that Christmas or Birthday gift you have no use for! We will gladly accept any item that is in new or near new condition. Also, if you wish to donate a new item, gift card, cash, or food item, please contact the shelter. If you know of any business that might be interested in sponsoring a table or donating an item, gift card, cash, or food item, please ask them to contact the shelter as well. We appreciate all the help we can get in soliciting for this awesome event!

### Businesses



AAA North Penn  
Adelyn's  
Animal Specialties  
Any Event Party Rental & Sales  
Beiter's Home Center  
Kent A. Bennett & Associates  
Be Fit & Fabulous  
Becker's Photography  
Borders Books  
Bridge Tavern  
Bucknell University  
Burger King  
C & C Tree Service  
Cheri's House of Flowers  
Cindy's Smiling Sammy  
DeWald Chiropractic  
Dick's Bargain Shop  
Elite Feet  
Emery's Woodworking  
Erik's Edibles  
Cindy Fox  
Gustonian Gifts  
Hair by David Vaughn  
Hair by Kristine  
Hoopla's  
Jersey Shore State Bank  
Johnson's Cafe  
Keystone Furniture Galleries  
Leeser's Shoes  
Lycoming Cleaning Co.  
Rick Mahonski Goldsmith  
McBryan Contracting  
Montour Beverage  
Malcolm S. Mussina, Attorney at Law  
Orlando's  
Sam's Club  
Scot's Lo-Cost  
Pompeii-Street Soap Company  
The Print Shoppe

Red Lobster  
Scottish Rite  
Sherman's Shears  
Shop Vac  
Smith & Dotzel Brokerage  
Snyder's Country Pet Food  
Subway  
Susquehanna Trailways  
Sweet Memories  
Target  
TGI Friday's  
Tractor Supply  
Triangle Tavern  
Ultimate Express Car Wash  
Wal-Mart  
White Deer Golf Course  
Cindae Wilson  
Wolyniec Construction

### Individuals

Paul Autodore  
Bonnie Bennett  
Michele Bennett  
Fred & Debbie Berry  
Brandy & Jason Kift  
Megan Dively Lehman  
Cyndi Eck  
Ann Faulk  
Gary & Chris Fry  
Connie Funk  
Nanci Giacomi  
Daphne Herrold  
Rob & Holly Kline  
Bob & Darlene McBryan  
Ellen Montis  
Christine Neidrich  
Dave Roush  
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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  
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** for their continued care of our residents.

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

Our **Anonymous Angel Donor** for your cash donations.

**Petco & Snyder's Country Pet Food** for their recent food donations.

**Bill's Appliance** for donating the washing machine.

Our **Volunteers & Supporters** who make it all possible!