



Animal Writes



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Protection of Animals in Wakefield Society, Inc.



PAWS Supports and Protects Police K-9

When PAWS founder, Esther Nowell, heard about Wakefield's new police dog, she immediately thought of his safety. To her chagrin, the budget did not include protective gear for the dog. She immediately got to work researching bullet proof vests for dogs.

Now, thanks to PAWS, Leo, the Belgian Shepherd who is Wakefield's latest police recruit, will be outfitted in style with a protective vest. This vest is designed to protect against threats by bullets and also to protect against threats by knives and other sharp items.

Currently PAWS is working with the Wakefield Police Department and Mass Vest-A-Dog to select the best available

vest to meet Leo's needs.

Leo will be working with Officer Brett Rossicone in search and rescue situations and is also being trained to search for illegal narcotics. His new vest is lightweight and has a streamlined design without straps or buckles to become tangled or snagged in the field and also to make it difficult for an assailant to grab.

PAWS is dedicated to helping Wakefield's new K-9 dog to do his job while remaining as safe as possible.

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Raffle to Benefit our Homeless Pets

Drawing at Reading Family and Friends Day

Come visit the PAWS booth on June 21 at the Reading Family Day. Take a chance on one of the fabulous baskets filled with awesome items and gift certificates.

Tickets are on sale now for \$1 each, 12 for \$10 or 25 for \$20. To purchase your tickets, see one of our volunteers, call our Response Line at 781.246.6111, or come to our booth in at the Reading Family & Friends Day on June 21. The following is a description of the gift baskets to be raffled in June. All proceeds will be used to PAWS care for the needy animals in our communities.

Fun & Relaxation Gift Basket (Value over \$500)

- One month membership to Boston Sports Club (\$125 value)
- Fitness evaluation (\$50.00 value)
- One-hour training session (\$90.00 value)
- One-hour massage gift certificate
- Dunkin Donuts giftcard ...and more

Cat Gift Basket (Value over \$225)

- Drinkwell fountain
- PETCO gift card
- All Pet Groomer gift certificate
- Cat Sack
- Meow Town furry pet bed
- Cat self groomer
- Variety of cat toys
- ...and more



Congratulations to Ted Murphy and Marie Dalton, winners of the Father's Day and Dog Gift Baskets at the Wakefield Festival!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008

Join us on a

Casino Cruise

to benefit the PAWS Pets!

For more information and to reserve your tickets, call us at 781.246.6111



Special Cats for special People



Do you have plenty of time to play with dangly toys and roll balls?

Are you brave enough for a few scratches?

Do you like a nice warm kitty body next to you at night?

How about Carla and Chester?

Carla is a sweet girl who loves to play with her brother Chester, good friend Henri, and the other cats in her foster home.

Chester is a gorgeous fluffy tiger who clearly has some Maine Coon genes! He loves to sleep with his sister Carla and race around his foster home with his best girlfriend Vicky. He has recently started cleaning the face of the senior female cat in his foster home.

Both Carla and Chester are adorable with their cute crossed eyes. But since their eyes don't work as well as they should, they can be easily spooked by quick movements, new environments and unfamiliar people.

Chester and Carla are each looking for a special person who is willing to help them adjust to a forever home. Your soothing voice and consistent love will be rewarded with Carla's sweet meows.

You will find it fascinating to help them adapt to limited vision. Toys with bells and chirps thrown down the hallway are endless fun. But Carla, especially, needs the sound to guide her hunt! You will have the fun of watching her love for other cats too. Carla's friendship with Henri is remarkable—they walk side by side as if he's taken on the role of her seeing eye dog!

What about Emu?

Emu is mostly a white cat but on the top of his head and the length of his tail, he's all tiger! And he seems to think he's a fierce tiger when he gets playing!

Emu has an adorable, teddy-bear face, but he can be a naughty little boy. He has a tendency to play rough, pouncing on feet or grabbing at hands.

Emu loves to play with fishing pole toys and anything he can wrestle and tumble with. He also chases the other animals in his foster home, including the dog! He is a bundle of energy, and completely fearless.

Emu's foster family is helping him to play with toys, not hands. Only a year old, he is very curious and quickly learning what his new family expects. For all his tough guy behavior, he can be sweet and loving.

We would consider adopting him out to an experienced cat person who is willing and able to work on his behavior. Your life will never be dull with Emu around!



Do you love to watch cats at play with each other?

Are you the kind of person who doesn't keep valuable knick knacks around?

Do you have the patience to work allow these visually impaired cats to learn about your home, one room at a time?

Would your cat like to show Carla and Chester around their new home? Could you be the special person to give them a family of her very own?

COME TO OUR ADOPTION HOURS

Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday, 11am to 2pm
PETCO, Commerce Way, Woburn

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 10am to 1pm
VCA Wakefield AH 19 Main St. Wakefield

Meet some of our Adoption Counselors and adoptable pets. Pick up an application or information about pet care.

PAWS to the Rescue

My Way or the Highway

My way or the highway is literally the theme for the following story.

Last summer while she and her husband were driving southbound on a Massachusetts highway, something peculiar caught Sandy and Adam's eyes. They could not believe what they saw. On the median strip between the southbound and northbound highways was something that appeared to be a pile of fur. Because the rush hour traffic was backed up and moving slowly, Sandy was able to get a better look as their car approached it.

What they saw, to their surprise and dismay, were four tiny kittens huddled in a frightened mass of eyes and fur, in the middle of the grassy strip. Adam pulled over onto the strip, while Sandy jumped on her cell phone and called her mom.

When Sandy's mom answered her phone, all she could hear was her daughter screaming. She thought her daughter had been in a car crash and her heart was in her mouth. As Sandy explained the situation to her mother, Adam jumped out of

the car onto the grass, scooping up the terrified kittens. A few other passers by offered to help, however, Adam and Sandy had already deposited them in the back seat of their car. They searched the area thoroughly to see if they could find a mother cat but they could not.

These kittens were piled on top of each other. Scared to death in the middle of a busy highway, they were dumped there by heartless humans who could not be bothered to see them properly cared for and adopted out to loving homes. Sandy and Adam brought the four tiny, 4-week-old kittens home to mom, a PAWS volunteer, foster mom, who immediately contacted her fellow PAWS volunteers. The PAWS group sprung into action. They had a vet check out the kittens to make sure that they did not have any injuries or health problems.

Because of the alertness of Sandy and Adam, along with the intervention by PAWS, these rescued animal babies were nurtured and cared for. However, these were the lucky ones. They all found good, loving homes with the help of the PAWS adoption team. This situation could have had a different outcome if Sandy and Adam had not arrived in time to save them. Thank God—and PAWS.

A Letter to PAWS: Arlo is Home!

Thanks to the advice from one of our Response Line volunteers, Arlo, a missing cat finds its way back home. Here is the letter from Arlo's relieved mom. Read on.

Greetings all,

Good news! Arlo is home. He was one street away, stuck in a garage, just as I had hoped.

After three nights and two days, I was beginning to believe I would never see my beautiful friend again. But thanks to our friends at PAWS, who told me about the Mass Animal Coalition, I followed their advice on how to search for a missing pet and did a methodical house-to-house search of the yards where he was last seen, in case he had gone into hiding.

I rang each doorbell and asked folks if I could go into their yards and call for him. (This was more efficient than the very enthusiastic, but somewhat sporadic, search conducted the two days prior by my husband and me with the neighborhood kids.)

I heard a cat meowing so faintly I thought I might be imagining it with all the road noise from Cambridge Street below. But I realized at last (after crawling under bushes and through brambles and dead trees) that it had to be coming from the garage — I had just

talked to the owner who had seen our flyer, but hadn't seen our cat. He was mighty surprised when he opened the door at my request — and a cat bolted up his stairs into the house!

I guess Arlo had been so freaked out by these strangers that he hadn't made his presence known or left when the door opened and closed (he never has liked automatic garage doors — now I know why!!) The guy had no idea the cat was there, although he said they thought they heard a cat outside last night (probably Arlo answering me as I stood on our back deck and whistled for him, his 11pm "last call", for old times sake).

And when I got him out, was he happy to see me? Not that I could tell!! All that cat wanted was to sit outside that garage door and eat grass. I couldn't even interest him in going home! I had to carry him most of the way. And after he got home and ate? All he wanted to do was go back outside!

How do you tell a cat that he's grounded??

Thank you all, for your help and loving support over the last few days. Dick and I really appreciate it.

Arlo is just pissed that it took us so long to come get him. SO hard to get good help these days!



Many Thanks to all our Donors and Supporters

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 Shelley Moeller of Lexington in honor of Ellie Hulse for making house calls to foster homes!
 David Mohla of Wakefield in honor of the many cats that my family has had over the many years.
 Ruth Moser of Wakefield in memory of Cody, beloved pet of Esther Nowell
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Do You Know What Your Pet is Thinking?

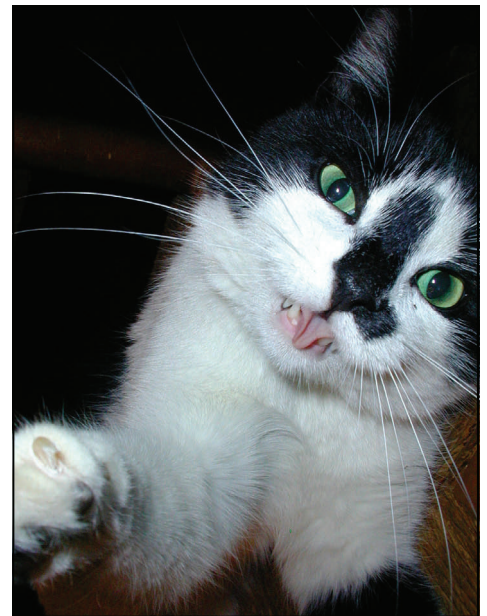
Animal Communicator to do Readings in Reading

Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what your pet is thinking? Well, here is your chance to find out. Stop by the PAWS booth during Reading's Friends and Family Day on Saturday, June 21. Janet Kennedy, M. Ed. LAT, will offer 20-minute sessions at \$25 (cash or check). A majority of this fee will be donated to PAWS to help our homeless pets.

Janet's professional background includes education, reiki, mediumship, and animal communication. *"Having a connection with animals and nature has been a life-long experience for me. Since my childhood I have always been around animals, either in the forest, my house or next-door at my neighbor's barn ... Communication with animals began when I was having behavioral issues with my own cat. I began to research for answers and came upon a workshop put on by world renowned Amelia Kinkade. Upon taking her workshop, she realized my ability and immediately encouraged me to become a professional. I have since made that commitment to the animal kingdom."*

Janet has already helped a number of our PAWS pets, their foster homes, and their new families. If you are interested in resolving a problem with your pet, would like to reconnect with a past pet, or you just want to know what your best friend is thinking, come join us on June 21st. Bring a photo of your pet(s) —please do NOT bring your pet. We will schedule readings on a first-come basis starting at 11 a.m. at the PAWS booth.



For more information about Janet, see her website at www.thefourdirections.net.
