

# The Scoop

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**Helping Paws Pet Haven & Adoption Center**  
**Fourth Quarter 2009**

*"A Hope for Orphaned Cats & Kittens"*

## Happy Holidays from Raulph!

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Our mission is to provide a safe haven for orphaned, neglected, & abused felines. Educate the community in responsible pet ownership, & work towards a time when all animals have a safe & loving home.

Hi there! I hope you are all having a warm & fuzzy holiday season. I am so excited to open my gift basket. It is filled with treats, homegrown cat nip, food, and toys of all sorts. I hear she also made some for her dog friends that she filled with chew bones, food, greenies, and toys. We are the luckiest animals on the planet! Im sure if you wanted to pick some up for your own animals you could give her a call at 468-2292 or stop in at Village Animal Hospital. I hear they only run \$13! I want to take a moment and thank



all of you who donated since the last newsletter:

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Joanne & Roger Montgomery. Because of you we were able to raise a total of \$2770.00 & spay & neuter over 38 kitties this fall! You guys ROCK! I sure hope you enjoy this edition. It is full of goodies plus it has 2 new pages! -Raulph

## Paw Pointers

Its Christmas time! Time for snow, presents, in-laws, & cookies!! Fortunatly for cats, they don't have to deal with the icky snow or in-laws, but we can provide them with love, presents, and some tasty Liver Cookies! Mmmm! All you need is: 1/2 C dry milk, 1/2 C wheat germ, 1 tsp honey, and 1 jar of liver baby food.

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Next, combine the dry milk and wheat germ and drizzle them with honey. Add the jar of liver baby food and stir. When everything is well mixed, form the mixture into tiny bite size balls and place them on a well greased cookie sheet.

Take a fork and gently flatten each of the balls.

Finally, bake the cookies for 8-10 minutes.

When they are finished, the consistency will be fudgy.

Store in a small jar or freeze if keeping more than a few days. Happy Holidays!

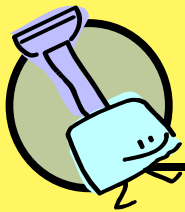


### **A Hearty Welcome to Our New & Renewing Members**

Mike & Ann Bonifas & family; Marian Clark; Joan Dusendschon; Joanna Fanning; Helen Huff; Kathy Imler; Kittie Keiffer; Lida & Steve Lysexzko & family; Elaine McConnell; Karlita Scher; Christine Troxell; & Amy Tuttle

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## Upcoming Events:

### Today!

*Holiday gift baskets are still available for \$13! Stop by Village Animal Hospital or call Dawn at 468-2292 to place your order! All proceeds go towards our medical needs at Village Animal Hospital.*

**Sat, Dec 19  
1:00-4:00 pm**

*Christmas at the Center - Come wish the kitty's a Merry Christmas! There will be cookies, punch, & gifts for all who attend!*

**Sat, Jan 16**  
*Election of the new officers at our first board meeting of 2010*

Please give us a call if you have questions or would like to help with any of the fundraisers!

## 2009 Golden Pooper Scooper Award

Most organizations have special awards that are given to special people within their organization. At Helping Paws our most prestigious award is given out at our Annual Banquet, and is called the Golden Pooper Scooper Award. It sounds like we honor the person who scoops the most poop...but, it really honors the volunteer who has gone above & beyond for the good of the cats. In the past, the honor has gone to Mary Lou Overman, Judy DeLuca, Janet Long, Helen Danielson, Leah



Hunter, and Glenda Wamsley.

This year, the VIP was David Vogelman. Due to his hard work at the garage sales, bake sales, and other Helping Paws fundraisers, he has helped to raise over \$4000.00 for the kit-kats. Thank you, David, for all the good you do, in such a humble way.

We would also like to offer a high-paw to our new volunteer: Brian Armstrong!



## Baby, Its Cold Outside: A Plea for Help

It can be very cold outside during the winter and if you have ever been in a building that did not have heat, it can feel even colder. Unfortunately, at our Adoption Center we are living on "borrowed time" with our 40-year-old furnace. We have had it serviced for the past 3 years, however, each year the furnace man just shakes his head in disbelief that it is still running. We realize that 2009 has not been the most thriving economy year but, we need to put our paws out again. A new furnace would cost \$5,200. If you have any spare change, please send it before the sub-zero temperatures hit. Your donation is tax deductible and we can certainly send you a receipt. Please, help us...help them!



### Shopping List

If you can not donate money, but would still like to help, here are a few items of which we find ourselves in need:

- 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- Bleach
- Any Kind of Canned Cat Food
- 7" Paper or Styrofoam Plates
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Mr Clean & Lysol
- Chicken & Gravy Baby Food
- 1st Class Stamps
- Cat Toys
- Cat Treats
- Scratching Posts
- Cat beds
- Colorful Flannel Pillowcases, Flannel Sheets, and Comforters
- Any Kind of Kitty Litter
- Garage Sale Items
- Okidata C3400n Printer Ink

## Cat Tails...

This issue we are featuring 3 special kitties that need your love.

Meet Mag. Mag is a wonderful long haired tiger. She is spayed and about 6 1/2 years old. She came to HPPH about 2 1/2 years ago



very pregnant. The next day she gave birth to 6 bouncing kittens. All have been adopted, now it's time for mother to find her forever home. She would make a great companion for a retired couple or single person. She is laid back and enjoys lots of attention.



Meet Molly. Molly is great black and white gal. She's spayed and about 5 1/2 years old. She

was brought in as a stray. Now she is looking for that special home of her own. She gets along well with other cats and would make a wonderful addition to any family.

### Meet Snowball.



If you have always wanted a pure white feline of your very own...then you must stop by the

Adoption Center to meet our little 8-month old Snowball. She has one of the sweetest personalities that a kitty could have. She curls-up into a ball when she is napping and she looks just like a snowball. She does have one eye missing, but, that never stops her from playing with all her toys and buddies. She deserves a very special home to call her own...would that be your home? Please stop by and visit with her today.



## Letter from the President

What a delight it has been serving as the President of such a *worth-while* organization for the past 4 years. Yes, I was there from the 1st DAY of the formation of Helping Paws and I hope to still be volunteering until I'm 80! Those joyful moments when time stands still as you are watching 3 little kittens playing with a milk ring; or holding a 10 year old feline on your lap as

their purr-box is singing you a melody; or when you are giving medicine and they didn't like the taste so they give it right back at you; or the wonderful volunteers who have your same passion for the orphaned kitties and you each share a funny story about one of the little munckins; or standing on the street corners begging for money so the kitties can be sheltered and fed; or going thru all your closets to make sure you can donate something for the big garage sales....yes, Helping Paws really has made a difference in the lives of over 2,000 felines in the past 7 years and in the hearts of each visitor; each volunteer; each adoptee; each Board member; and with each of the Officers. I thank you for allowing me the pleasure of serving you as the President of this "PURR-FECT" organization. May you each one join in on all the FUN and FUR in the FUTURE!!!

- BETSY A. BILYEW -  
Out-going President



### Did you know???

Every cat's nose pad, or nose leather, has unique characteristics. Just as no two humans have the same fingerprints, it's a fact that no two feline noseprints are ever alike.



## Annual Banquet a Success!

Our 2009 Annual banquet was well attended by our faithful feline supporters. It was held at the Masonic Temple in Huntington, on October 24th. Joan Gardave, an active volunteer, was our MC for the evening. Our guest speakers were Dr. Lauren Kruse DVM, and her assistant Annette Thompson who educated us on several of the common diseases our furry-friends can contact. We were also entertained by the humorous David & Dianna Dean with an interactive cat skit. There were lots of really neat items, which had been donated to Helping Paws for the Silent Auction. Over \$1,200.00 was raised for the Kit-Kat's. The Kit-Kats were extremely thankful to each of you who attended the banquet, to all the wonderful sponsors and individuals who donated items for the silent auction, to all the people who bought the items, and especially to all the dedicated volunteers who worked hard to make the event happen! We all will look forward to our 8th Annual banquet next October.



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*You're Invited!*

*WHAT:*  
Christmas at the Center

*WHEN:*  
December 19, 2009  
1:00-4:00 pm

*WHERE:*  
7005 Old US 24 East  
Huntington

*Stop by & wish the Kit-Kats a Merry Christmas!*



## Our New Special Needs Cats



Animal abuse and neglect is nothing new for those who work in shelters or

rescue groups. We have had many enter our doors over the years who have had injuries caused by humans.

Unfortunately, this year was no exception. Crash, a four month old kitten, was the first this year. She had probably been thrown from a car. She could not move her right front leg due to severe tendon, ligament and nerve damage. We hoped that in a few weeks it would heal, but it didn't. She gets along great on her three legs. When Francis came in, the long-haired tiger weighed only 7 lbs. You could see his spine and hips, and feel all of his ribs. He came limping out of the woods in Wabash, suffering from a shattered leg from a gunshot. It was an old wound that started to heal. Because of the way it healed on it's own, it's a little shorter than the other front leg, but he does try to use it. Now he weighs a healthy 11.4 lbs. He is a very nice man and enjoys lots of

attention. Chance appeared on the front page of the Huntington Tab after coming to HPPH in August. The tiny 5 week old kitten was found by an employee of a Huntington gas station. She was changing the trash bags at the pumps when she heard him cry. He was wrapped in a bag and covered in pop and coffee. A customer took him home for the night and the next day brought him to HPPH. A couple more hours in the trash can and Chance probably would not be here. It took him a few days to recover and start acting like a kitten. Today he's a little bundle of joy.

Polly was a tiny 6 week old mitten paw kitten when she was found in the ditch along Highway 9 near HPPH. She too, had been thrown from a car. She had road burn around her eyes, forehead, and cheeks. Her upper lip was cut and caught on her upper canine tooth. All of her wounds healed, but a scar on her upper lip. Today she is very playful and full of energy.

Mr. Gump is the most recent injured HPPH resident. The 4 month old gray tabby was found under a dumpster in Ft. Wayne. He couldn't walk. Mr. Gump had been shot and the bb was still in his

spine. In the time that he's been with us, Mr. Gump has regained some feeling in his legs and feet. He can't feel his tail or his lower back & hip areas. Because of the nerve damage we have to express his bladder and he doesn't have control of his bowels. Despite his injuries, he is a ball of fire. He plays, chases the other cats, and acts as if nothing is wrong. Finding him a forever home will not be easy do to the constant care that he needs. He is a very inspiring little man. Animals are amazing in their ability to heal. They can recover from injuries that would keep us down for weeks in days. That doesn't dismiss the fact that these animals were intentionally hurt. Please report animal abuse to the animal control officer in your area or the local police. They can't do it on their own, we have to be their voice.



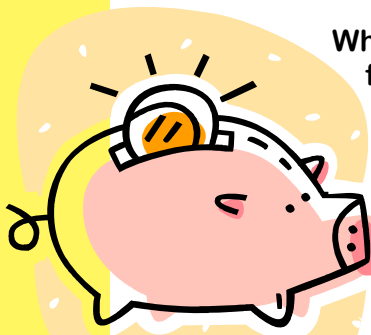
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## FUNraisers!



What a fantastic fall of fun-raisers we have had! From our Annual

Banquet to Pizza Hutt to our always successful garage sales, we have raised over \$5258.64 this fall!

On Monday, November 8th, we held a fun-raiser at the Huntington Pizza Hut waiting tables for "tips-for-our-tots". We waited on over 100 people, which 83 of them did have the delicious buffet that night. We raised over \$250.00 for our tots! We sincerely appreciated all of you who enjoyed the night out at Pizza Hut; Pizza Hut for allowing us to have this fund-raiser; and for all the volunteers who worked their "paws-off" that night.

Here are some of the breakdowns:

*Fall Garage Sale*  
**\$2432.14**  
*Annual Banquet*  
**\$2517.50**  
*Pioneer Festival*  
**\$309.00**



## Thank You

As the days fly by and we grow closer to the end of another year, we would like to take a moment and reflect on the past year. We have met new people and lost some that were dear to us, taken in new cats and adopted many into new homes. And to see those cats & kittens thrive and grow into wonderful, loving pets is one of the best feelings in the world. We would like to thank all of you who have helped to make HPPH a success for seven years. From the people who help with fundraisers, clean, or socialize the cats. Those of you who have dropped off supplies, dropped change in the road block buckets or the donation jars we have around town. Some have given items for garage sales, bake sales or endless hours of making catnip toys, and those who have bought those items. The doctors and staff who help keep our cats healthy. And of course the people who have adopted our cats into their families, because that's what it's all about, finding homes. So to all of you, we say thank you. Dawn, Denise & Ralph



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## In the News - Wal-Mart Greeter to CEO

It's always wonderful to hear of success stories, but when it's one of our orphans, it's even more exciting! Many of you have stopped by the Adoption Center and were officially greeted by a large tiger & white cat named Mr. Fluffman. He would always look at you with a twinkle, and give you a huge hug when you picked him up. A volunteer called him our "official Wal-Mart greeter", and we wouldn't be able to adopt him because we couldn't



live without his hugs. Well, the big day came. A special family visited several times and fell in love. After reviewing the situation and application, he found his new home. As you can see, he's the CEO of this family owned business! Don and Rita Sunderman have catered to his every whim, and embroidered him a personalized blanket! We love you, Mr. Fluffman! Thank you Sundermans for all your help!



## 2010 Election of Officers

It's that time again! Every two years we elect our Officers and Board Members for Helping Paws. We are making the slate of nominees to be voted on at our January 16, 2010 Board Meeting. If you'd like to help all of the orphan kitties with your leadership abilities, please send your name or the name of someone you feel would like to serve, and the

position you'd feel most comfortable in to HELPING PAWS, P.O. BOX 5261 HUNTINGTON, IN, by 12/30/09. We only hold 4 quarterly meetings, and possibly one or two special interest meetings per year. Terms are two year commitments. Every organization needs new faces, new ideas, and new committed leaders. Send your name today!



### Thanks to everyone who has donated since the last newsletter

*Nancy Abbott, Carol Shuttleworth Saunders, Gary, Diana & Rebecca Shenefield, Terah Brogan, Helen Fisher, Sandy Fleckenstein, Steve Taylor & Stephanie Overman, Linda Furman, Beth Fisher, Alice Perrine, Nancy Jones & Gerald Welsh, Jean Gernand, Tom Richhart, Val Litchford, Lloyd Zimmerman, Joanne Pyle, Janice Leach, Sheryl DeLuca, Shirla Eisberg, Debbie Bartoo, Jim & Tiffany Craig, JaneAnne Thomas, Marion Schenkel, Shirley Stanley, Joan Songco, Tom Overman, M/M Max Risser, Martha Rogers, Barbara McCarthy, Brenda Abbott, Opal Weir, Shirley Hallman, Faye Cott, Matt & Jessie Harris, Theresa Haneline, Christy Richhart, Lynn Ramsay, Bruce Dewar & Julie Overman, Connie Stanley, Jackie Meyers, Jack & Carol Holland, Wilma Edwards, Ellie Amick, MaryLou Overman, Judy Deluca, Anna Pennington*

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### Memorials:

**Julie Haines**  
*Avid animal lover her entire life*

**Kenny Patch**  
*His daughter, Dr. Lana Patch, could not live in a world without animals.*

**Betsy Decker**  
*Her passion in life was the joy her seven cats brought her.*

**Lyle Boxell**  
*In Loving Memory, from his father Fritz Boxell*

**Kevin Grady**  
*In Loving Memory, from Carol Stolte Spallone & April Mahan*

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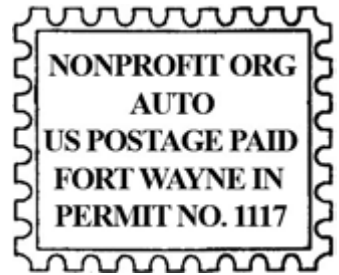
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