



PAW TALES



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Fiscal Year 22-23 Metrics

Total Donations - \$33,707.64

Total Fundraising Income - \$19,641.18

Fundraising Expenses - \$666.72

Interest Earned - \$6.91

Program Expenses - \$55,668.34

~\$52,546.71 was for vet bills for 311 animals in rescue.

~\$3,121.63 was a donation to MoCo Mutts Rescue Center for their annual building & liability insurance.

Other Expenses - \$2,432.77

(webhosting, state and federal fees, PayPal/Venmo fees, office supplies, shipping/postage, misc. expenses, etc.)



WAYS YOU CAN HELP...

- Participate in our in-person events.
- Join our Facebook fundraising group - [Helping Paws Animal Network Spectacular Facebook Fundraising | Facebook](#)
- Link your Kroger Plus Card to Helping Paws Animal Network (Harriman, TN). Simply go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and complete the easy form. No fuel points or coupons are sacrificed.
- In Memory Of... In lieu of flowers, donate to a cause they believe will honor their loved one who has passed (pet or person). As a special tribute, please consider purchasing a memorial certificate in any amount to recognize a precious loved one. [Helping Paws Donation Page](#)
- Link your eBay account to HPAN in their charity list to contribute to HPAN upon checkout!
- Benevity and Frontstream have corporate match-giving platforms! If you have a spouse that works for an employer participating in employee/corporate giving, they can donate to us this way. Helping Paws Animal Network can accept donations (and matching funds) on both of these platforms!

Whichever way you choose to help, we are grateful!

2023 HPAN Fundraisers

In 2023, we had multiple fundraisers which yielded \$19,641.18. We appreciate everyone who supported our sales with Norwex, Tastefully Simple, Java Momma, Facebook auctions, live sales, and the 9th annual Cutest Pet Photo Contest and Calendar Sale.

These are just a few of the 311 animals we were able to help in 2023 because of your generous support!



For additional information on animals supported by HPAN funds, follow our blog:
🐾 <https://helpingpaws37830.wordpress.com/> 🐾

Congratulations to the 2023 Cutest Pet Contest Winners



Little Miss Lexi, submitted by Tammy Click, was named the cutest pet of 2023 with 888 votes. Childs' Pack, submitted by Sabrina Childs, came in second with 500 votes and Kinzy and Kayli, submitted by Karin Jessen, were third with 300 votes. This was a very successful fundraiser for 2023. Bringing in \$2,560 in votes and \$1,487.37 from calendar sales.



Meet Our Newest Board Members....

Ashley Letson

I have always had a heart for animals in need. While I've never formally worked for or volunteered with a rescue organization, I have cared for and found placements for multiple stray and feral cats on my own over the years. Through those experiences I became familiar with the lack of resources in the animal rescue field, and have a desire to do more to help fill the gaps. One of my goals is to be able to foster cats through a rescue in the future; but until then, I do whatever I can to support the organizations who are providing these much needed services in our community.



Dawn White



I work as a technical proposal writer and editor for ORAU. I currently reside in Loudon, Tennessee, with my husband and three beloved pups—Willow, a wise nine-year-old Newfie-Retriever mix; Franklin, a sly seven-year-old Boston Terrier; and the newest addition, a spirited one-year-old Chihuahua named Carl. I spend my free time gardening, paddleboarding, attending community events, exploring outdoor attractions with friends and family, and taking my dogs for early morning walks.



DIY Cat Shelters

by Ashley Letson

Have you ever wondered how you can help community cats in your neighborhood during the colder months? Consider making some DIY winter cat shelters! These are fairly inexpensive and easy to make.

You will need the following:

- A larger plastic storage bin (about 30 gallon size)
- A smaller plastic storage bin (about 20 gallon size) to fit inside the larger one. Alternatively you could use a Styrofoam cooler.
- Straw (not hay)
- Box cutter

Steps:

1. Cut a hole about 5 ½ to 6 inches in diameter (a few inches up from the bottom) in each of the bins so that they line up with each other. TIP: the plastic is easier to cut if you heat it up with a hair dryer before cutting.
2. Put down a layer of straw in the bottom of the outer bin, then place the smaller one inside the larger one.
3. Stuff straw in the spaces between the bins for insulation. Put plenty of straw inside of the inner bin for bedding, and then put the lid on the smaller bin and spread some more straw over the top. Then place the lid on the outer bin.
4. Avoid placing the shelter directly on the cold ground. Raise it a couple inches off the ground using a wood pallet, bricks, or other material.

Some important things to keep in mind when constructing the shelter:



Start with a 30 gallon tote for one to two cats



Cut 5 1/2" diameter hole in tote



Insert Styrofoam cooler and cut hole in Styrofoam to match tote



Add straw



Add Styrofoam lid



Add tote lid—finished!

- Strong insulation – needed to trap body heat. Always use straw! Not hay, blankets, or towels as those all retain moisture. They also absorb body heat and will make the cat colder.

- Minimal air space – a smaller interior area means that less heat is needed to keep the cats warm. Two small shelters are better than one large one.

- Have the entrance face a wall so that larger animals such as raccoons cannot get in.

- Consider weighing the shelter down. It's easiest to just put a couple of bricks or a paver on the top.

Merch Swap, Boutique & PURSE BINGO

Saturday, February 3, 2024 12pm - 3pm

Robertsville Baptist Church, 251 Robertsville Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Merch Swap* Entry Fee: \$10.00 per person
Includes: Lunch of chili or soup, bread/crackers, and a drink.
Desserts will be priced separately.

* Bring up to five articles of new/like new clothing or accessories to swap.

Purse Bingo: \$25 per person
Includes: One hour of games for name brand handbags,
exciting door prizes, and other surprises!

All proceeds from this event will support HPAN's mission of assisting local non-profit animal rescue organizations with their vet bills.

Thank you Corner

"Thank you so much!"

~Karin, Tennessee Valley Golden Retriever Rescue

"YAY! This has helped us tremendously! Thank you so much!"

~Amanda, Crazy for K9s Rescue

"THANK YOU GUYS! THANKS BEYOND WORDS!"

~Kimmey, Loudon County Friends of Animals

"xoxoxoxo Thank you!"

~Patricia, Friends of Campbell County, TN Animals

"Thank you! Thank YOU! THANK YOU!!!"

~Annette, Almost Home Animal Rescue

"You guys are awesome! Thank you so much!"

~Melia, Slumdog Rescue Crew

"Thank you for your help."

~DeTreuse, Humane Society of Roane County

"Thank you for your kind attention to our needs."

~Becky, Best Friends Sanctuary of Jamestown

"Thank you for helping us! We really appreciate it!"

~Susan, Maryville/Alcoa Animal Rescue Center

"Thank you so much!"

~Ashley, Knox Vintage Pet Project



DID YOU KNOW THAT OLIVE OIL IS NOT ONLY GOOD FOR YOU, BUT IT'S ALSO GOOD FOR YOUR DOG?

The benefits of olive oil are endless. Just a half a teaspoon in dog food twice per day:

- Boosts immune defense
- Improves energy
- Makes a soft, silky coat
- Aids in digestion
- Adds lubricant to joints
- Helps in cognitive development

A few drops of olive oil on a cotton swab also kill ear mites when used regularly. Always keep a bottle handy for you and your dog!

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