



# Paw Prints

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## Message from the President by Elizabeth Canty

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Happy Summer! It sure has been a hot one! We have been so busy with kittens this year, that the newsletter didn't get out last month as planned. We are still continuing to struggle with large numbers of unwanted kittens, both from owned and un-owned cats. If you know someone that owns a cat that is not altered, please encourage them to get it done ASAP. If they have financial issues, perhaps we can recommend low cost clinics in the Chicago area.

Have you ever driven down the street and seen cats scurry to hide, or maybe you have even seen them in your own neighborhood? There is a more common type of cat inhabiting our neighborhoods these days—Feral, or wild, cats. These cats originated with the tame house cat. When unwanted litters were born, the owners just turned them loose because they couldn't find any other alternative. Over generations, the cats become truly wild. Many people feel sorry for them, but the cats don't know any different. They don't want you to catch them and tame them. They are happy outside as long as they have food, water, and shelter. The biggest concern is the rate at which cats can multiply. One pair of cats, left unaltered for 9 years, can result in over 11 million cats, and that is a conservative estimate.

What can you do to help? The best thing to do is trap them, alter them, and return them to their environment. This is referred to as TNR—trap, neuter, return. Feral cats live in colonies and have their own hierarchy of interaction. There is detailed information available on Alley Cat Allies website—[www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org).

Treasured Friends has a limited number of traps and on occasion we have been able to help catch and alter feral cats. It is ideal if you can get a group of neighbors to work together to help stop the population from growing.

### Words from Wowzer!

#### A Walk on the Wild Side

There's a person in Chesterton that has a houseful of critters. A dog greet visitors at the door and baby raccoons are crying to remind someone its time to eat. He also has two fox kits who were orphaned when their mother was run over. They were found in the road by a farmer. They get meat twice a day and will be taught to hunt.

Russ Harper spends most of his time caring for wild animals that are in need of help. He considers himself fortunate to be able to do it. Harper is a state certified wildlife rehabilitator. He was trained by a local veterinarian and continues to learn and observe with him. He also has a permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to keep wildlife in his home.

In his role as a rehabber, Harper cares for injured, sick or orphaned animals until they are strong enough to be released into the wild. With his training and DNR



## Treasured Memories and Honorariums

Geraldine Colvin	Tough Guy	IN HONOR OF:	
Ann Dorton	Marty & Fluffy	Geraldine Colvin	Pookey
Tim & Terri Crockett	Joe & Dottie Crockett	Ann Dorton	Smokey
Gerald Le Donne	Grace Le Donne	Matt Dudzik	Alex, Patches & Tyson
Keith Johnson	Linda C. Johnson	Lupe Hamernik	Seth (Peanut Butter)
Anna Nowak	Molly	Geoff & Tammy Jania	Zuki 06-606
Melody Pavlis	Sugar & Ashie	Viky Korowski	My greyhounds & my four kitties
Karen Ravick	Yeba & Kato (my beloved cats)	Mary Lawlor	Lucy (Whitney)
Ann Sanow	Mutzy	Shawn & Jamie Mahoney	Charlie (adopted 3/2006)
Paul Wojtena	Nancy Warren	Jamie Parker & Phillip Serros	Jimmie & Codie
		Nicole Pelc	Teddy (adopted)
		And Be Kind to Animals Week	

### Wowzer, cont

-contacts he is able to choose a location with adequate food and water, and not overpopulated with a species.

According to Harper, "Saving wildlife is compassionate and often needed. Sometimes animals have not been abandoned but the mother has just gone in search of food. Sometimes, the babies will simply wander, and it makes it hard on the animals when they are taken before the mother can find them."

Harper and other volunteers share and care at the Moraine Ridge Wildlife Rehab Center in Valparaiso where a six room structure for animals is being built. Until then, volunteers rehabilitate animals in homes, barns and yards to be released when ready. Volunteer rehabbers are always welcome. Those interested may e-mail [mr-wildlife@mrwildliferehab.org](mailto:mr-wildlife@mrwildliferehab.org) or visit the website at [www.mrwildliferehab.org](http://www.mrwildliferehab.org).

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### Every Weekend

Treasured Friends can be found almost every weekend, Saturday and Sunday, at Highland PetCo. Located at 10235 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland, Indiana. We are there from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Telephone 219-924-9219.

Many of our animals will be out and about and ready to meet their new families!

### Save a Life Adopt a Shelter Pet



### Spay/Neuter

Help us win the war on pet overpopulation by making sure all of your pets are spayed or neutered. We can also assist with trapping, neutering, and returning wild cats to their habitat. Cats can't add, but they sure can multiply!

For information on Neuter Scooter (cats only) please call 866-662-5838.



Bob Tales, the continuing saga of Bob "the wild man"  
by Deb Halsted, Just Because Farm, Wheatfield, IN

Hi guys and gals! Me Bob - The Wild Man - back to fill you in on the end of my days as a stray.

Well you see, it all happened like this, I was out on one of my many walkabouts when I realized I was tired of mousies for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Yeah, I'd catch an occasional bird but they were a lot of work for such a tiny meal. I was in a rut. The same old same old routine was just that, a dull boring routine. I needed a change! There'd been some stuff on the local meowvine about a good farm not too far away so I decided to check it out. If I'd only known what kind of journey I was really undertaking!

In any event, it turns out the farm was way more farther than anyone thought. I was really pretty bushed when I finally got there. It was the middle of winter and almost dark plus it was really way cold. I was having a hard time feeling all my toes and it looked like it was getting ready to snow, too. My fur was pretty thick but even after a lot of shakes to get it fluffed to FIC (full insulating capacity) I was still cold. But I think the kitty gods were with me cuz the very first thing I saw on the farm was a big barn. I snuck inside and even in the dark I could see a lotta good things. There were horses, which meant it would be toasty warm and up overhead was a big hayloft full of, yup you guessed it. Hay.

So I tuned my ESKP (Extra Sensory Kitty Perception) to Super High to check for any signs of danger. Nothing came up on the radar so I found my way up into the hayloft. There wasn't a ladder or even steps so I had to jump from piles of stuff to higher piles of stuff to get up there. I got really warm in a hurry! I climbed up on the highest bale of hay, tuned my ESKP down a little bit and got settled for a nice warm snooze.

Everything always looks better after a good nap, you know!

I woke up to the sound of rattling buckets and stomping feet, not to mention my own growling tummy. I'd had a great power nap and just as in the past my tummy was so empty it was sure it wasn't attached to my mouth anymore. I tried to quiet my tummy and slowly raised my head up, ears flat out in my best stalking mode, and saw the farmer dishing out food. FEEDING TIME!!! My sharp eyes also caught sight of another feline dancing about for food, too. I saw and even heard the kitty crunchies hit the bowl and that was music to these cold and now very hungry ears.

YAHOOOEY!!! I'd hit pay dirt big time. See Bob run! I was down outta that hayloft faster than you can say Felineous Wildeous Manius!

Yeah, that other kitty thought she was tough stuff, but one look from The Wild Man and she backed right away from the food bowl. Took a long time to develop that look but it was worth it!! Anyhow, I started into those crunchies with a vengeance. Yummee!! Nothing mousie flavored in that bowl and that was wonderful.

Suddenly, I heard a voice and was sure it was time for a major chase scene. The voice being the chaser and me being the chase-ee. Wouldn't be the first time so I stuffed my cheeks full of those wonderful crunchies and got my muscles ready for a big sprint.

But just as I was getting ready to jump and run I heard the voice say-

"Well, look at that Miss Dolly. Seems we have a visitor."

It was a nice calm voice and even though my ESKP was on red alert I didn't sense a lick of meanness or wickedness in the voice. The voice told me I was welcomed to stay and eat and didn't make any attempts to move let alone start a chase scene. Geez, talk about weird. Maybe my life was already starting to change?

So I decided to hang around for a while, at least until the bowl of crunchies was gone! My mouth was already stuffed though so I scooted behind some of the barn 'stuff' to finishing chewing. As I was munching I looked around the barn some more and it looked pretty nice. It was big and open and seemed to have plenty of room for another kitty. That was a few years ago, and now I have become a part of the family. Now I get to write about life on the Just Because Farm!

## Cat and Dog Fun Facts

Each day in the US, animal shelters are forced to destroy 30,000 dogs and cats.

The name of the dog on the Cracker Jack box is Bingo.

If a dog tolerates gentle handling between its toes, it probably is suited for children.

Sir Isaac Newton invented the cat door.

All cats are born with blue eyes.

Dogs have 42 teeth, while cats have about 30.

Survivors of the Titanic included two dogs, a Pekinese belonging to Henry Harper and a Pomeranian belonging to Margaret Hays.

Dalmatian puppies are pure white when they are born and develop their spots as they mature.

The average canned or dry cat meal is the nutritional equivalent of eating five mice.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Every day** in the United States, 10,000 babies are born.

**Every day** in the United States, 40,000 puppies and kittens are born.

**Every time** 1 child is born, 4 puppies and kittens are also born.

### Not just today, but...

**Every** Single Day of  
**Every** Single Week of  
**Every** Single Month of  
**Every** Single Year...

**Please...spay/neuter your pet!!!**



This is Spot the day she came home from the vet. Thanks to the doctors and staff at McAfee Animal Hospital for helping us give her a second chance. It cost almost \$700.00 of our donation money to fix her eye!

### Spot Needs Your Help!

Spot is our featured pet this quarter. She was rescued in Griffith with one of her eyes severely damaged and hanging out of its socket. While many rescue groups would be forced to euthanize an animal in such poor condition, Treasured Friends felt that Spot had such an amazing personality and was caring splendidly for her 3 little kittens, that we would get her immediate care and have another fundraiser later to replace the funds that were used. McAfee Animal Hospital came to our aid, and gave us a discount on the surgery to remove Spot's eye. The injury was caused by blunt trauma, such as would be delivered by a baseball bat or hard kick. Spot has now recovered enough to be spayed and she will be at Petco for adoption very soon. Please send a donation to support Spot's recovery.

## Fostering - The Toughest Job You Will Ever Love by Teri Martin

Treasured Friends takes homeless animals off the streets, from animal shelters, and occasionally from people who can no longer care for their pets. We give them a second chance by placing them in foster homes where they are loved and cared for by some of the nicest people you will ever meet. I consider it the hardest job in our organization. Why do I feel this way? Our fosters give the dog or cat a temporary home, invest time and love in these animals and then have to say good-bye to them. Why do they put themselves through that? Only the fosters can tell you that, but I know from personal experience that it is one of the most gratifying experiences you will have to give the animal that was thrown away or given up a second chance.

Fostering saves millions of cats' and dogs' lives each year by taking them from over crowded kill shelters and off the mean streets. It allows the animal to live in a home environment instead of a cage 24/7. It gives us an idea of how the animal will react to other animals while revealing its personal likes and dislikes so use that information to find it the best home and we can pass that information on to the potential adoptee.

We are always looking for good people to foster our animals. If you are interested in fostering you can call us at (219)934-9193 or fill out an application on line at [www.treasuredfriendsrescue.org](http://www.treasuredfriendsrescue.org). Won't you give it a try?

Saving one cat or dog will not change the world, but it will change the world for that one cat or dog.

Please visit Teri at the Lincoln Center Art and Crafts shows on October 6/7 and November 24/25. The hours are 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, and 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday. Teri will have a wide variety of Treasured Friends merchandise as well as other animal related items that make great gifts.

## Safety First! Source—internet circulation, unknown author

Everyone should take 5 minutes to read this. It may save your life or love one's life. After reading these 9 crucial tips, forward them to someone you care about. It never hurts to be careful in this crazy world we live in.

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do : The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM Toss it away from you.... chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc. DON'T DO THIS!) The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in

on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.

a. If someone is in the car with a gun to your head DO NOT DRIVE OFF, repeat: DO NOT DRIVE OFF! Instead gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your Air Bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat they will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes bail out and run. It is better than having them find your body in a remote location.

To Be Continued Next Issue....

**Wish List**

Iams adult cat food  
ProPlan kitten food  
Purina kitten chow  
Purina dog and puppy chow  
Volunteers are urgently needed to help at PetCo on the weekends. Help is needed on Friday afternoons at 4 PM to set up cages, and Sunday afternoon at 4 PM to take them down.

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Become a Member :  
Annual Dues are \$5  
Send to our P.O. Box  
Come To Our Monthly Meetings:  
The second Friday of the month  
7:00 PM At Jean Shepherd  
Community Center (Dowling Park)  
3031 Mahoney Drive  
Hammond, Indiana

**Upcoming Events:**

Monthly Meetings:  
Friday, September 14  
Lincoln Center Craft Show Oct 6 & 7  
Friday, October 12  
Friday, November 9  
Lincoln Center Craft Show Nov 24&25  
Friday, December 14 (Christmas Party)



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