

# PAW PRINTS

E-Newsletter of Helping Paws Animal Shelter  
March 2015

## Hog Wild for Paws

(Pictured left to right with the new dryer are: Ravelle Schwab, Treasurer of HP, Roger Krause, Membership Officer for McHenry H.O.G. and Don DeLordo, Chairman of the McHenry H.O.G. Charity Ride )

Last September 2014, the McHenry H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) held a charity motorcycle ride for Helping Paws and the Neighbors Food Pantry of Wonderlake. Over 65 riders braved fall weather to participate in a 100 mile ride through the beautiful back roads of McHenry County. The goal of the fundraiser was to raise money to replace the 25 year old industrial dryer the shelter had gotten in used condition many years ago.

In December 2014, Helping Paws was presented with a check for \$2,600 during the annual H.O.G. meeting at Woodstock Harley-Davidson. Additionally, Roger and Debby Krause, who are also Helping Paws Volunteers as well as H.O.G. members, donated an additional \$400 to cover the remainder of the cost and installation of the new dryer.

On order since December the new dryer was finally installed last month by Laundry Concepts. It was just in the nick of time, as the old dryer's motor had given up a few days earlier. Again, we cannot thank the McHenry H.O.G. group enough for coordinating this event and raising the money for the new dryer. Helping Paws relies on donations and fundraising events like these to operate the shelter.

## Art for the Paws Fundraiser



Make a \$25 tax deductible donation and receive an original piece of artwork while supporting Helping Paws. Art for the Paws is a new fundraiser, where 300 small canvases were collected by artists in the community and 256 were completed and returned to Helping Paws to become part of a custom 16x4 foot mural. This mural will

be displayed from April 1-15 at the Woodstock Public Library and then on April 18 from 6-9 pm at a reception at Mixin Mingle, 124 Cass St. in Woodstock. For the \$25 donation, you can receive a piece of the mosaic with all the proceeds benefitting Helping Paws. To see the pieces that will make up the mosaic go to: <http://www.facebook.com/ArtforthePaws> to make your donation for one of these unique pieces of art go to: <https://fs30.formsite.com/HelpingPaws/ArtforthePawsDonation/index.html>

## Get Your Hero On

Run, Walk and Show your support by REGISTERING NOW!  
McHenry County Human Race  
5K Walk/Run  
APRIL 26, 2015



Be a "SUPERHERO" for a homeless pet by running or walking for Helping Paws. Simply select **Helping Paws Animal Shelter** as YOUR charitable organization when you register. Your registration fees will then go to us. You can also help the shelter win additional prize money. Last year, we received an additional \$600 as the winner of the Covidian Trophy for most participants. So get your

superman/woman cape out of mothballs and be a part of one of the largest community events that supports charities in the McHenry County area.

The race will be held at McHenry County College this year, 8900 US Rte. 14 in Crystal Lake. Helping Paws and other vendors will be inside the building with our booth and a place to take a team photo.

So, Register today at <http://www.mchumanrace.org>

## It's Money Madness Raffle Time!



You have FOUR CHANCES TO WIN

**1st prize \$1,000 Cash**  
**2nd prize \$ 500 Cash**  
**3rd prize \$ 250 Cash**  
**4th prize \$ 100 Cash**

1 Ticket is \$5.00, 5 Tickets are \$15 or 10 Tickets are \$25.00. For tickets visit the Helping Paws website at <http://www.helpingpaws.net> and send in



**Featured Pet**  
Ritzzy - 10 month old  
Female DSH

She was found as a stray kitten at 6 weeks old with her siblings. They were taken to an animal control facility then Helping Paws took them because they had no one to foster them. We put them in a foster home for some love and care. Beautiful, sweet and playful girl ready to start her life with someone special.

## Benefit Flower Sale to Begin!



Now that Spring is in the air it's time to think about flowers! Our annual Flower Sale is just starting. Forms are being mailed to anyone who purchased flowers in the last few years. If you are new to our sale and would like to order flowers watch for details next week on our website and FB page.

## 2nd Annual Have A Heart for Paws a Success!



We want to thank all the businesses that helped us with this year's "Have a Heart for Paws" fundraiser which ran the entire month of February. Helping us this year were: Nature's Feed, Charlie's Doghouse, Thomas' Tails, Nature's Balance Acupuncture, Dave's Woodstock Music, Read Between the Lynes and Quizno's Woodstock. The Paws were also available at the Shelter.

Collectively \$729 was raised at these businesses from their customers/clients who showed their support. We also received a small box of items donated from Charlie's Doghouse too!

Thank you to everyone who donated money for a Paw in honor of their pet, family member or just for fun.

## Happy Tails

Here are some updates from some of our adopters.

Valorie sent us this photo of Ariel (formerly Tiger Lily) enjoying her new toys.



Kristi shared a picture of Oscar and said that she "found a ball that Oscar can't chew...A Horse ball, he loves it."

with your check to Helping Paws Animal Shelter, 2500 Harding Lane, Woodstock, IL 60098 by May 1st.

Public Drawing will be held at the Shelter on Saturday, May 2nd at 2pm. Winners need not be present, but must be at least 18 years old to participate.

(odds of winning depend on the number of tickets returned to Helping Paws)

## Paws for Applause!

We've got a great group of compassionate kids in our community! Here are some of the young animal-lovers who recently donated wish list items and raised money to help our shelter animals. We're impressed with their efforts to help pets in need. If you would like to make a difference in the daily life of a shelter pet, consider a donation from our wish list. Our most urgent needs at this time are bleach, paper towels, nylon leashes and collars, hard rubber toys like kongs and nylabones.

Thank you for your help!

[www.helpingpaws.net](http://www.helpingpaws.net)

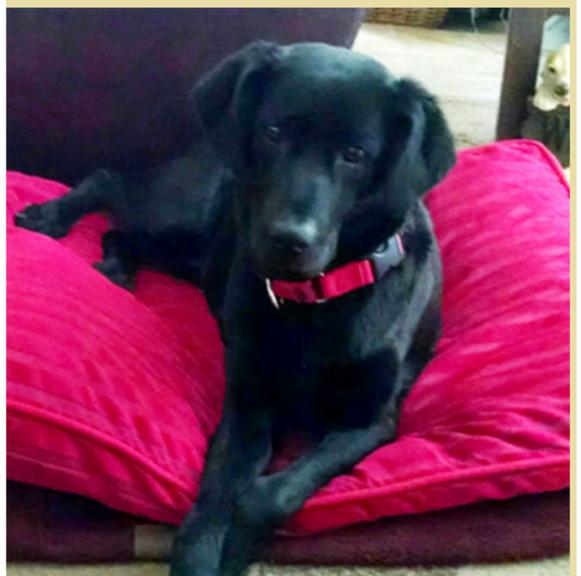
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Samantha shared a picture of Oreo (formerly Sassy) who just turned 14 years old. She adopted her from Helping Paws on May 1, 2001 when she was just 8 weeks old.



Barb wrote "Daisy loves her new red pillow."



Katie sent us pictures of Clyde (formerly Todd) bonding with his sister Delaney.



If you would like to share an update of a former Helping Paws dog or cat either post to our Facebook page or email to [Paws@mc.net](mailto:Paws@mc.net).

### Upcoming Events

**Adoption Event**  
April 4, 2015 11 am - 2 pm  
Nature's Feed, Spring Grove, IL

**Homeward Hound  
Adoption Event**  
April 11, 2015 1 pm - 3 pm  
Camp Bow Wow, McHenry, IL

### Interested in Volunteering?

We are always looking for great volunteers. These are just some of the opportunities (please note that 14/15 years olds must be accompanied by a parent). You must be 18 to walk a dog. Volunteer Applications are available on our website at <http://www.helpingpaws.net>

Cat Room Cleaners (mornings)  
Morning and Afternoon Dog Walkers  
Public Relations/Marketing  
Newsletter Writers  
Offsite Adoption Events  
Fundraising