

## PAWS Board Members

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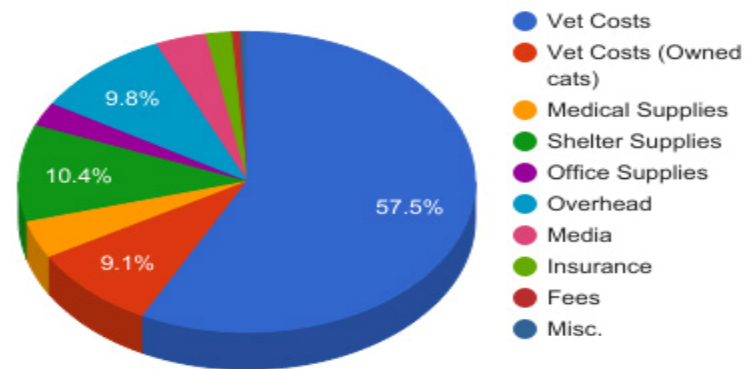
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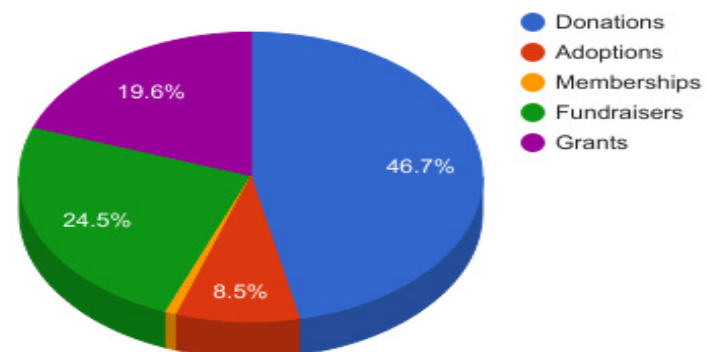
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### PAWS Total Expenses for 2016 = \$27,147



### PAWS Total Revenue for 2016 = \$35,799



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**PAWS**  
Animal Welfare Society, Inc.



## PAWS helped the following homeless cats in 2016:

### SHELTER ACTIVITY:

At shelter as of Jan. 1, 2016 - 12

Cats taken into shelter - 117

Placed in foster care - 19

Spayed/neutered - 57

Already spayed/neutered - 38

Given medical care beyond the basics - 20

Adopted - 96

Adopted through other shelter - 5

Returned to owner - 6

Returned to colony - 8

Euthanized - 2

Died - 1

At shelter as of Dec. 31, 2016 - 10

In foster care as of Dec. 31, 2016 - 1

### THE CATS RECEIVED CAME FROM:

Clair, Canada - 4

Eagle Lake - 5

Fort Kent - 29

Frenchville - -6

Grand Isle - 4

Lille - 5

Madawaska - 31

New Sweden - 1

St. Agatha - 2

St. David - 3

St. Francis - 19

Wallagrass - 7

Winterville - 1

### SUPPORT OF OWNED CATS

#### LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER:

World Spay Day Clinic sponsored by FKAH - 28

Spay/neuter clinics sponsored by PAWS - 47

# of cats at spayed/neutered at clinics - 75

# of cats spayed/neutered with vouchers - 44

# of cats whose owners received financial assistance from PAWS for spay/neuter - 5 or medical care - 13



2016



Jean Cobb  
Treasurer

## 2016 in Review...

Our first full year at Valley Cat Haven was a year of putting the finishing touches on our new facility, evaluating the effectiveness of our new space and discovering what needed improvement.

The finishing touches included adding top soil and flower beds in the front of our building and around our sign and planting trees around the parameter of the property which will act as a windbreak in future years. The trees were donated to us by Irving Woodlands. Paul and Jason Nadeau planted them in the Spring and Connie Michaud and Matt Stubbs tended to them throughout the summer. It was a very

challenging team effort.

In evaluating our effectiveness, we determined that our capacity is just right based upon the number of volunteers we have to care for the cats and to run the operation. Also, we determined that our overhead fits well with our budget. However, smoother workflow, greater storage, more space for the cats to roam and for visitors would be preferable. Also, we discovered that our isolation room is not located in a good place.

As a result, we have decided to expand our shelter in 2017. We are in the process now of determining how this will be done. We are very excited about this next phase of our growth from 2007 when two women trapped a couple of cats to our having a shelter that fully meets our needs in 2017.



Leah Parent

## What's Happening at PAWS...

PAWS is looking forward to some positive changes this spring/summer. We are planning to expand the shelter on the east side. It will allow us to put in a better ventilation system, for better heating and cooling, a better isolation room when new cats come in and a space for office work. This will also allow for more room so we can remove some kennels and allow more cats to roam freely at one time. New this March PAWS will host a Wine Social and Silent Auction at Swamp

Buck. There will be the Paws Yard Sale on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 6:30 pm at the KC Hall again this year. This will help raise money towards the expansion of the Valley Cat Haven. Please contact Kathleen Hafford at 231-0119 or Sue Voisine at 436-1777 to donate items toward the yard sale. Please make sure your items are boxed up. Also all items should be clean and smoke free.

## DONATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS WELCOMED!!!

Each year PAWS spends approximately \$25,000 to maintain its current service. Through fundraising and donations, we are able to continue helping homeless and owned cats. Please help us out by using the following coupon or donating through PayPal on our website: <http://www.ourvalleypaws.org/membership.html>

Please complete this form to make a donation or to become a member of PAWS. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter via e-mail and will have the right to vote at our annual meetings in May. Also, they will be receive a membership card via regular mail.

Any donations are tax deductible.

Donation and/or  Membership [ Lifetime \$150  Family \$25  Student/Senior \$10  Single \$15 ]

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to PAWS and mail to:  
PAWS Animal Welfare Society, Inc.. PO Box 94, Fort Kent Mills, ME 04744

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

## In Memorium

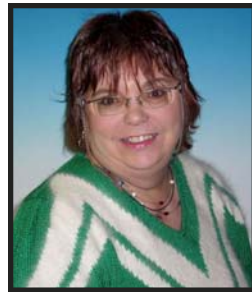


Mr. Frisky  
2008-2015



Smokey  
2008-2015

## 2016 Candids



Connie Michaud

## Message from the President...

Again this past year we have made solid progress in the pursuit of our mission to make a difference in the lives of the St. John Valley cats. We have had another very successful year both in terms of the cats we have taken into our shelter and those that are owned by members of the community as evidenced by the statistics on the cover of this newsletter. Our new shelter, Valley Cat Haven, was opened in May of 2015 so 2016 was our first full year of operation. This first year has enabled us to determine what our overhead costs will be and what improvements might be needed with regard to workflow, capacity, cat care and outreach to the public. In addition to assessing our own operation, we visited the newly opened animal shelter in Edmundston, Refuge Madawaska Shelter, Inc., in October which was informative in terms of moving forward. Vital to our success every year are the dedicated PAWS Board members and other volunteers going that extra mile to accomplish rescuing cats, arranging for spaying and neutering, performing administrative tasks, providing medical treatment, finding fostering and permanent homes. We are very appreciative of the Valley's generosity with regard to volunteering, monetary donations, donated shelter supplies, fundraisers and adoptions of our many deserving and wonderful cats. We hear from people who have adopted our cats over the years; they tell us how much the cats mean to them and the joy they have received from having them which makes us feel very good about what we do and encourages us to continue this important work. If you enjoy being with cats please consider volunteering.



Raffle Winner of Bicycle



Thanking Joanna Becker for 3 Plus Years of Volunteering



Meeting with Liam Hughes, Director of State Animal Welfare Program



CAHS Toast to the Animals



Connie & Matt Tending to Irving Trees



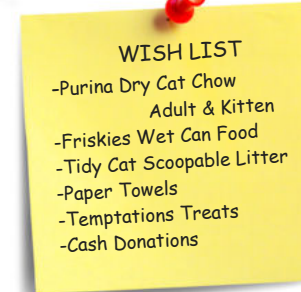
Sophie's Donation to PAWS



PAWS Successful Yard Sale @ KC Hall



Top of Maine Trade Show



PAWS Yard Sale Display

## Many Thanks to our Donors

We have had the good fortune to have had another year of outstanding support from within and outside the St. John Valley. This has resulted in our being able to bring our operation to another level in terms of our rescue efforts this past year. We want to take this opportunity to thank as many of our supporters as possible in this newsletter.

- First thank you to all the individuals who have made monetary or in-kind donations via mail, online, coin boxes and donation jars at our fundraisers.
- Thank you to Dr. Chris Yule and her staff at Fort Kent Animal Hospital and Dr. Victoria Swanson for excellent veterinary support.
- Thank to all the businesses who donated money, put out donation boxes or coin boxes or helped us through fundraisers. A special thank you to the over 40 businesses that contributed prizes for our holiday raffle. We listed them on the back of the tickets. In addition to those businesses, we want to recognize these additional businesses for their support. Town of Eagle Lake, Gas n' Go, China Garden, Sugar Shack, Bald Eagle Store, Bouchard Farms, Nadeau's Lawn Care, and the Fort Kent Girl Scouts Troop #83 / Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).
- Thank you to the following individuals who deserve special mention for their contributions. Hana Simard, Robert Bourgoin, Larysa Locapo, Susan Hall, Sandi Coburn, Sue and Sam Greenlaw, Laura Nickerson and Graham Williams, Paul and Jason Nadeau, Celeste Cobb and Oliver North, Jennifer Belanger, Sue Voisine and Kathy Hafford, and an individual who wishes to remain anonymous.
- Thank you to the families who have lost loved ones and designated PAWS for donations in lieu of flowers.
- Finally, a special thank you to the many adopters who gave loving and forever homes to our cats and kittens.

We have had so much support this past year that we may have missed someone. We hope not, but if so, please know that we are equally grateful for your support. *The PAWS Board*

We want to thank all the people who volunteered at the shelter in 2016. PAWS could not succeed without you!

- Mistie Albert
- Joanna Becker
- Garry Bouchard & family
- Gisele Clark
- Makayla Clough
- Jean Cobb
- Shawnee Ellis
- Randi Gelfmant
- Cameron Grange & family
- Roy Hafford
- Paige Hebert
- Christin Kastl
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- Dustin Nadeau
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- Jeanne Nadeau
- Paula Ouellette & Emily
- Sue Palmer
- Leah Parent
- Chelsea Sadler
- Sophie Saunders
- Matt Stubbs
- Hannah Voisine
- Isaac White'
- Braeden Williams

*"Nature breaks through the eyes of the cat."  
~ Irish Proverb*

*"Of all animals, the cat alone attains to the Contemplative Life" ~ Andrew Lang*