

Tell your cat and dog-loving friends about Maine's **Tax Check Off!**



Because there aren't enough homes for all of them...

Maine's state tax form (Schedule CP) now has a

Companion Animal Sterilization Fund

\$5 \$10 \$25 Other \$ _____

the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund will be used to save lives by:

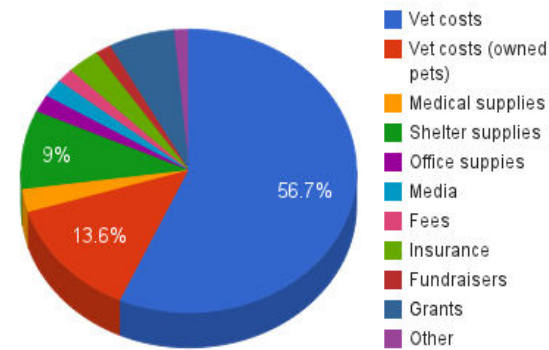
- Spaying/Neutering Cats and Dogs
- Preventing Unwanted Litters
- Lowering Shelter Intakes
- Lowering Shelter Euthanasias
- Reducing the Number of Feral cats
- Reducing Dog Bites

For more information Call **HELP FIX ME!** now at: **1.800.367.1317**

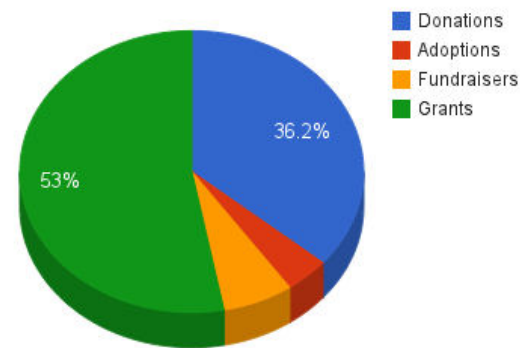
Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
Animal Welfare Program
LOW-INCOME SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

Don't forget Maine's spay/neuter tax check-off when you file your Maine taxes. Look on Schedule CP.

PAWS Total Expenses for 2013 = \$15,955



PAWS Total Revenue for 2013 = \$27,358



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Animal Welfare Society, Inc.



With your help, in the last year, PAWS has helped:

SHELTER CATS:

- # taken into shelter - 75
- # spayed/neutered/vaccinated - 68
- # given add'l medical care - 24
- # adopted - 48 ~ # relocated - 4
- # who died - 5
- # returned to owner - 4
- # adopted via other shelters - 9
- # still at the shelter - 5

The above cats came from:

- Canada - 1
- Eagle Lake - 8
- Fort Kent - 34
- Frenchville - 8
- Grand Isle - 2
- Madawaska - 7
- New Sweden - 1
- St. Agatha - 3
- St. Francis - 3
- Soldier Pond - 1
- Van Buren - 6
- Winterville - 1

COMMUNITY SUPPORT ~

OWNED PETS:

We helped **60** owned cats either by providing funds towards s/n, other medical costs, transporting to other shelters or finding new homes. That makes a total of 135 cats that we helped directly. Also, we provided information to **20** callers needing HFM vouchers.



Winston

Sadie

Message from the President...

PAWS had a banner year in 2013! In addition to spaying and neutering more homeless and owned pets, we launched a highly successful Facebook page, enhanced our posters and website, improved upon the newsletter that was first published in 2012 and we received four grants that greatly increased our capacity to provide spay/neuter services to the cats in the St. John Valley communities. We are very appreciative of the Valley's generosity in many facets from newspaper ads, steadfast monetary donations and donated shelter supplies. Please consider volunteering in some capacity to help our cats in need.



Connie Michaud
President

Unsung Heroes...

We want to give mental hugs to the people who contribute dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies to the PAWS boxes found at local businesses. PAWS volunteers depend on your donations to spay/neuter and vaccinate cats, provide cats with additional medical care when needed and to buy food, litter and other supplies for the shelter. Thanks go to supporting businesses - Circle K, John's Thriftway, China Garden, and Gas n' Go in Fort Kent and the Sugar Shack in St. Francis. One big "thank you", also, to the patrons of Shop n' Save in Madawaska who put donations of food and litter in our donation box in the entrance to the store. Article by Priscilla Daigle



Priscilla Daigle
Vice President



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IF YOU FEED ME WET CAT FOOD...



Adopt a Pet Vanity License Plate...

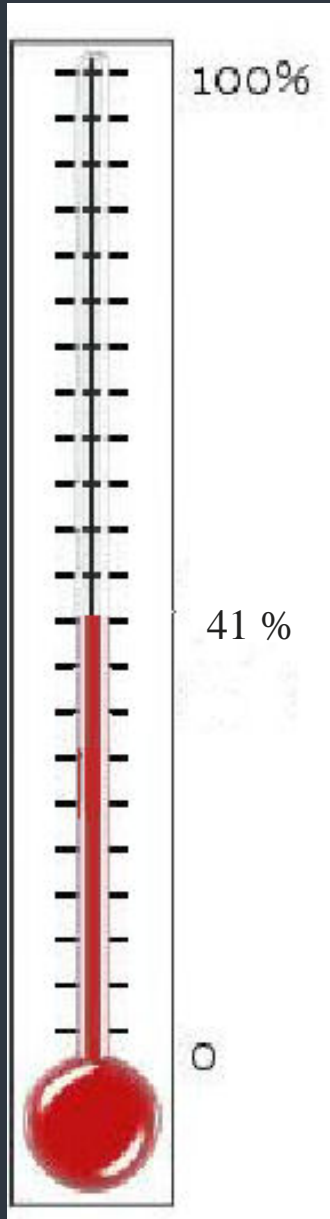
You can purchase an Adopt a Pet license plate whenever and wherever you register your car. Ten dollars from each new and renewal plate goes to the Maine Animal Welfare Program and is spent on animal abuse investigations and on the State's spay/neuter program.



ourvalleypaws.org



Building Fund



Recycle Your Shoes To Benefit PAWS

Shoe box recycling collects used shoes in specific Drop Box locations, and they send them to developing countries all over the world to help people who are in need of shoes. Forty pounds of shoes earns \$20 for PAWS.

Look for the Drop Box locations at:
Home Solutions & Shoes to Boot in Fort Kent



A New Shelter for PAWS...



Jean Cobb
Treasurer

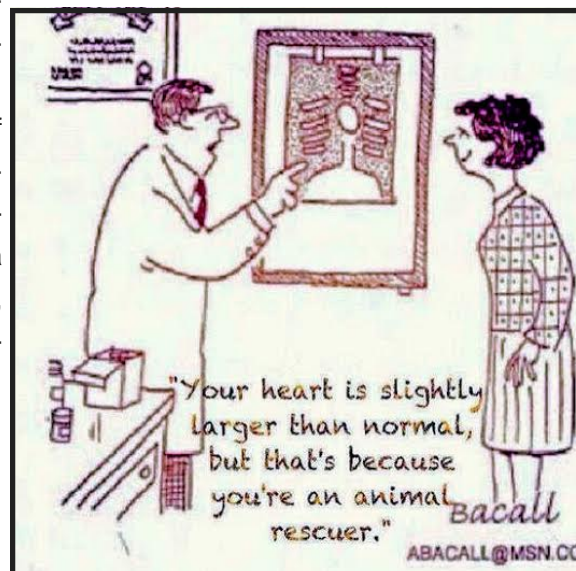
Last year we successfully increased our ability to reach people in the Valley communities through social media and increased our capacity to spay/neuter more cats in the Valley by obtaining grants. This year we want to reach another milestone by realizing our long-term goal of



SJV Tech Center Students Building Shelter

having a shelter that will meet all of our needs. We were able to get halfway toward our goal in August of 2009 thanks to the Fort Kent Police Department's generous offer to let us share the building they were using to provide temporary shelter for lost dogs. This helped us immeasurably since we had no place other than our homes and a UMFK office to shelter a few homeless cats until that time. It has served us well but the building cannot meet all our needs. Therefore, when we discovered the two-year project that the junior class at the St. John Valley Tech Center in Frenchville had started, we contacted their instructor, Charles Collin, about the possibility of PAWS purchasing the building they had begun constructing to use as a shelter. As a result, we have been meeting with Charles and his students, now seniors, since the beginning of this school year to design the building to meet our needs. The building will include an isolation area for new arrivals, indoor plumbing, a viewing/play area for the cats, space for a veterinarian to examine the cats and other amenities. The building will still be small, only 250 sq. ft., because we do not have the resources to operate a large shelter. It will be completed by the end of the school year. At that time, we will need to move it to land in Fort Kent. We want to remain close to the downtown area of Fort Kent because most of our volunteers reside in the area and the Town has been very supportive of our work. Although we have been preparing for the day when we will have an official shelter since our founding in 2008 we will still need the support of the people in the Valley communities to meet the additional expenses that upgrading our service will entail. Unless we are fortunate enough to have someone donate some land to us, we will have to purchase it. Plus, there will be the expenses associated with getting the building established. Any assistance people can provide in terms of monetary donations, in-kind donations, volunteering your time, etc. will be greatly appreciated. With your help we will finally have a shelter in the Valley that will serve the cats, our volunteers, adopters and the general public more effectively and proudly.

Article by Jean Cobb



Successful Adoption Fair...

In November, PAWS held an adoption fair in an empty storefront, kindly donated by the Paradis Family. We brought six of our long-time residents and they behaved and charmed our visitors. The adoption fair was a great success with several of our long-time adult cats finding forever homes. As many community members dropped by, we were able to raise much needed funds through the efforts of several of our young volunteers and a raffle. Our small shelter is always in need of donations, and many, unable to adopt, stepped up and brought us supplies. If you would like to assist us in our mission to help the homeless animals, we are always in need of the following shelter supplies; Article by Laura Nickerson



Zeus

- Purina Dry Cat Chow Adult & Kitten
- Friskies Wet Can Food
- Tidy Cat Scoopable Litter
- Paper Towels
- Cat toys & Catnip
- Fellway Diffuser Plug-in Refills
- Cash Donations



Gavin and Ellie Williams Selling Raffle Tickets

Many Thanks to our Donors

We are extremely grateful for all the donations we have received from people in the Valley and beyond. In addition to donations received from individuals via the mail, at our fundraisers and coins placed in the boxes at local businesses we had two schools, the elementary schools in St. Francis and Fort Kent hold very successful fundraisers for us in 2013. Also, we want to thank the following organizations/businesses for their support: the Town of Fort Kent, the Fort Kent Police Dept., Paradis Shop n' Save in Fort Kent and Madawaska, Fiddlehead Focus, Key Bank, TD Bank, NorState FCU, Frank Martin & Sons, Pelletier Ford, Daigle & Houghton and Knights of Columbus. You can help us continue this vital work by sending us a donation by using the following coupon.

DONATIONS WELCOMED!!!

Each year PAWS spends approximately \$15,000 to maintain its current service. Through fundraising and donations, we are able to continue helping cats, dogs and pet owners. Please help us out by using the following coupon or donating through PayPal on our website: <http://www.ourvalleypaws.org>. Your donation is tax deductible. Make check out to PAWS Animal Welfare Society Inc. and mail to PAWS Animal Welfare Society Inc., PO Box 94, Fort Kent Mills, ME 04744

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We want to thank all the people who volunteered at the shelter in 2013.

PAWS could not succeed without you!

- Mistie Albert
- Kennedy Ashby
- Pam Ashby
- Mariah Babin
- Kaitlynn Devoe
- Lisa Devoe
- Carissa Dumont
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- Lisa Pinette
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- Matt Stubbs
- Audrey Tardif
- Braeden Williams

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men"

~St. Francis of Assisi