

The Furry Flyer



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Volunteer Spotlight

Nolan Rahm, 16, is a P.A.W.S. junior volunteer with big ambitions. A member of the Boy Scouts Troop 644 since first grade, Nolan is using his Eagle Scout community project to benefit P.A.W.S. He has developed plans to build a 900-square foot storage facility on the shelter's property which will provide much-needed space for supplies, donations and will lead to more space for the animals.

Starting in 2018, Nolan has worked tirelessly with vendors and the local government to get the materials, labor and clearances to make this project happen. Coordinating the effort has taken 300 emails and countless hours of discussing and negotiating.

Community businesses have stepped up to donate their time and resources, after Nolan's inquiry. Danley's is providing building material, construction services and stone work. Ozinga is discounting the concrete. Wolseley is providing pipes. Peace of Mind is re-organizing the whole shelter. Trela is donating interior insulation. Canino Electric contributed \$500. Vision is designing a sign. The Home Depot is contributing dry

wall. The Moving Concierge donated 20 industrial shelving units for the facility. Special thanks to these businesses for their selfless giving!

Nolan first met with the mayor, Building & Planning Commission and City Council in early 2019, but it wasn't easy to get all the city/county approvals needed. The property had to be re-zoned, and plans were redrawn four times. When the project stalled in late 2018, Nolan met with Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison and Mayor Vandenberg to get the project back on track. It worked! The final permits and approvals were issued late this spring.

Weather-permitting, the ground breaking for construction is scheduled for early fall.

P.A.W.S. is truly grateful for Nolan's hard work and commitment to our mission. His parents, Bradley and Nancy, and sister Hannah have been supportive of his project and are also very involved in volunteering at the shelter.



Nolan's Eagle Scout project helps P.A.W.S.

P.A.W.S. Celebrates 45 Life-Saving Years

On May 31, P.A.W.S. threw a gala to remember. The Sapphire Soirée took place at the elegant Georgios Banquets with 200 attendees, including volunteers, donors, supporters and former adopters.

The night's entertainment included dinner, drinks, a raffle, photo booth, pet fashion show, a live and silent auction, and live music by the band Echo Five. Special guest Chris Zorich, former player of the Chicago Bears, emceed the event.

Donations poured in, totaling \$15,000, a huge tribute that symbolizes all that P.A.W.S. has accomplished—through volunteers and donors like you—over the last 45 years.



Emcee and celebrity guest Chris Zorich (right) shakes hands with P.A.W.S. volunteer and board member Matt Warner (left) at the Sapphire Soirée.



Healthline

Dogs Have Emotions, Studies Find

Does your dog actually feel love for you? Yes, according to some researchers.* Using MRI scans and behavioral experiments, studies have found that dogs share some of the same emotion-producing brain structures, neurotransmitters and hormones (e.g., oxytocin, dopamine) as their human counterparts. Humans develop more emotional range as they age, and dogs are believed to have the emotional equivalent of a 2-year-old child. The range attributed to dogs includes love/affection, shyness, joy, anger, fear and disgust. Complex emotions like pride, guilt and contempt are beyond their capacity. There is still some debate among scholars on this topic and more research is warranted, but many dog owners can attest to witnessing their own animal's emotions.

At P.A.W.S. we care for animals holistically. Just recently a dog came to us that was depressed. Brandi, a 7-year-old American bulldog mix, was given up to the shelter when her owners (of the last 5 years) got a new puppy. Brandi refused to eat, lost 20 lbs. and had to be hand fed. She was medicated with antidepressants and given extra attention from the volunteers to lift her spirits.

Finally, after 5 months in the shelter, Brandi was adopted by a loving family, which was the exact cure she needed for her distraught emotions.



Brandi looking happy after being adopted.

*Coren, Stanley. "Which Emotions Do Dogs Actually Experience?" *Psychology Today*. Mar 14, 2013.

Did You Know?

P.A.W.S. has an **Animal Therapy Program** run by volunteers that brings shelter dogs and cats to visit nursing homes, facilities for the mentally challenged and homes with children affected by autism and Cerebral Palsy. They visit each home three times per year.

During these visits, the residents are encouraged to stroke or hold the animals and interact with them. Animals used for therapy having a calming and uplifting effect and can improve quality of life.

Donation Wishlist

We operate on your generous donations, and we can't thank you enough!

This is what we're most in need of right now:

- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Dog Leashes
(clip leashes preferred; the longer, the better)



Beloved Volunteer Recovers From Serious Car Crash

Emily Buikema, 27, was a passenger in her boyfriend's car when they were hit head-on by a drunk driver on Christmas Day. Since then she has undergone six surgeries for extensive abdominal, leg, vascular and brain injuries. The trauma from the injuries also caused a stroke, impairing the left side of her body.

After 6 months in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities, Emily was finally able to go home in June, where she is still recovering with the help of her supportive family, nurse visits and doctor appointments.

Emily has a passion for helping dogs find their forever homes and has been working with dogs and volunteering at P.A.W.S. since 2012.

Her family has created a Go Fund Me page to help mitigate medical and rehabilitation costs. Everyone at P.A.W.S. is praying for Emily's full recovery.



Emily enjoys training dogs to help them get adopted.

www.gofundme.com/emily-buikemas-fighting-spirit

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Paul Egan

Even though I am President of P.A.W.S., I have been a volunteer at our shelter for a very long time. I would bet that a week doesn't go by that some visitor doesn't say to me, "Oh, I could never volunteer here. I would want to take them all home!" Well, I am here to tell you that you CAN volunteer! Although it's true that we do love them all, reality tells us that we can't take them all. I'm at the shelter almost every day. I've seen thousands of animals come through our doors over the last twenty years. And, although I've often been tempted, I cannot count how many dogs and cats I've passed on over the years. They were all wonderful animals. I'm sure that each would have enriched my life, but in my heart I knew that they were not "the one." Recently, a dog was brought in, and as soon as I looked into his big brown eyes, I knew that he was my new best friend. He rewards me every day with his devotion, and I cannot imagine my life without him. So, what I am trying to say is this: Come to the shelter as often as you can. Volunteer, or just stop in to browse. You probably didn't pick your spouse the first time you went on a date. When you meet "the one," you will know it, and I hope that he or she makes you as happy as my Max makes me. In fact, thousands of other visitors have found their soul mates too.



Paul adopted Max in October.

Be Kind To Animals



and thank you for supporting P.A.W.S.

Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout for these upcoming P.A.W.S. events

Tinley Park Pup-kin Fest in September
Boneyard Bash in October
Bark & Brew in November
and many more.

Minnie Hochwarter Memorial Fund

A life that touches others goes on forever.

The Minnie Hochwarter Fund was created in 2013 by Wayne and Joan Hochwarter in the memory of their beloved dog, Minnie. They sell homemade bandanas throughout the year to benefit the dogs at P.A.W.S. Their donations, and the funds they raise, are used for dogs that need extra medical attention. Over the years, there have been 59 dogs that have received life-saving care from the fund.

In 2019, the following dogs have benefited from the Minnie Hochwarter Fund:



Minnie

Beau



Shae



Martina



Bojangles



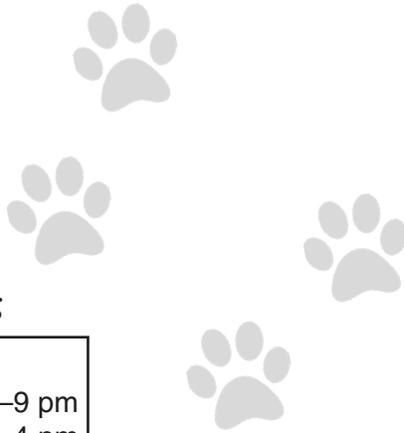
Thank you, Wayne & Joan, for your love and dedication to the dogs at our shelter.





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Please join us! Become a member, and the Furry Flyer will be delivered to your home!

- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$500 Life Membership
- \$50 Family Membership (3 persons, 18 years of age or older, same address)
- \$10 Junior Membership (17 years of age or younger)
- \$15 Senior Membership (62 years of age or older)
- P.A.W.S. Cause (provides medical needs for our adoptable dogs & cats)
- Minnie Hochwarter Memorial Fund (provides extensive medical treatment)

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