

Paws+Claws



Press

Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Hackensack, MN

A Summer to Celebrate

From Lakeland TV and WCCO to
Rick Springfield and Moondance...



Paws+Claws has had a busy
and successful summer!

Cheers to 500!

Just in time for our two year anniversary, Paws+Claws celebrated our 500th adoption. That is 500 cats and dogs who have found their forever homes since we opened. Five hundred lives saved; five hundred families completed. Paws+Claws dogs are making their way across the country -- some of our pups have found their forever homes in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and even Nebraska! When a beautiful German Shorthair Pointer came in to Paws+Claws, we got calls from all over the country, even out on the East Coast. Our name and our mission is being spread far and wide. People are sharing our Facebook posts, telling their friends, traveling the country, walking their dogs, and cuddling their cats. We have had more than 500 adoptions, and we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!



Pictured Right: Adoption #500 (and 501 and 502)



These photos are of some of the many adoptions we have had this summer.

Top Row L-R:
Athena, Luca, and Obi

Bottom Row L-R:
Ruby, Noel, and Fredrika





Michael's Experiences in Africa

Michael Lutterman, Operations Assistant and Animal Support staff member at Paws+Claws, recently had the opportunity to travel to Africa to gain experience working in veterinary medicine. Here is what he had to say about it:

This past summer I was given the amazing opportunity to go abroad to South Africa and work alongside the most incredible wildlife veterinarian, Dr. Dup DuPlessis. My three weeks there flew by in the blink of an eye, I honestly could not have had a better time. From the accommodations to the field work that we were doing, it really felt like I belonged.

When people think of South Africa or Africa in general, they tend to imagine these grasslands that are rolling for miles on end with tall grasses and animals grazing wherever, but my experience was not this, especially in the Limpopo Province. Everything there was owned, whether it be private or public, no animal was truly wild, and because everything was fenced in, it was our job to sedate the animals to move them from farm to farm in order to ensure a healthy gene pool, as the animals are unable to emigrate themselves. While much of the work was relocating certain species. We also saw quite a few trauma cases being that it was rut season for the antelope species. These cases varied quite a bit, some of them we had been too late and had to determine the cause of death for insurance purposes, but others like an older male Sprinbok we were able to assess the damage and determine the right course of action.

I was extremely lucky to have been apart of such a once in a lifetime experience, being able to be so close with some of the world's most dangerous animals was truly incredible, but also frightening at times. There was one point where an adult sable bull, who's horns were around four feet in length and extremely sharp came charging the bakkie (South Africa's better version of a truck) and tore the front bumper off! Mo-



ments like these had me scared for my life but the experience wouldn't have been the same without it.

While we did do difficult work there, we also got to play on the weekends. These weekend activities included things such as safaris, bike rides through the African Bush, or tracking down leopards with your camp mother, Dominique.

Everything about this trip was incredibly surreal, but I can't imagine it would have been this amazing without the people involved, Thank you Dr. Dup, Dominique, and Theresa for making the trip home so incredibly difficult! If you ever get the chance to visit South Africa, I highly recommend it, I'm sure it'll have the same impact on you.

Michael Lutterman
Operations Assistant
UMD Student

More pictures from Michael's time in Africa can be found on Page 8.

In The News

Lakeland TV - Saturday, July 13:

A couple weeks prior to the 13th, we had gotten a call from a reporter at Lakeland TV saying that Paws+Claws had been selected to be featured as part of their "In Business:" segment on their nightly news. They would be sending a reporter to Paws+Claws to take a tour of our facility and document some of the day-to-day activities that happen here. That Saturday ended up being the perfect day for them to come: Michael was giving his Experiences in Africa presentation and Ally, our Operations Assistant and volunteer coordinator, was doing a volunteer training event. The reporter captured the essence of what Paws+Claws is through her tour of the building and her interviews with a few of our staff, including: Coretta Czycalla, Executive Director; Misty Hoopman, CVT, Director of Operations; Kaitlyn Yutrzecka, Marketing Specialist; Ally Garbe, Operations Assistant; and Michael Lutterman, Operations Assistant and Animal Support.

WCCO - Friday, August 9:

It had been known for a few weeks that WCCO would be sending Frank Vascellaro and Chris Shaffer to Hackensack as part of their Goin' to the Lake series. They put it out on Facebook and asked everyone which stops they thought Frank and Chris had to make. Among the suggestions for Udom's, Big Dipper, Lucette's, and the lake, many were thrown in the mix for Paws+Claws. About a week before they were due to be in town, WCCO contacted Betty Thomas and said they would send a production team to record at Paws+Claws. At that point, Frank and Chris would not be joining us. With a little adjusting of the schedule, WCCO got it figured out to have Frank and Chris there too. We would get a mention on air during the segment, as well as a longer clip posted on WCCO's Facebook page. Betty and Coretta Czycalla walked them through the facility, showing them the ins-and-outs of our adoption, boarding, and animal care wings. Frank and Chris got to meet the kittens that we had named Frank, Shaffer, and Amelia in their honor. They were also able to see a surgery being performed by our vet Dr. Steve Ekholm and his daughter Annika Arrowwood, meet board member Jean Ballenthin and many of our staff, and see many volunteers helping out around the building.



Both of these experiences were great opportunities for our facility to get recognized by a much larger population than we have reached before. If you would like to watch these clips, the links can be found either on our Facebook page: Paws and Claws Rescue & Resort or on our website: www.pawsandclawsrr.org under the "Important Links" tab.





Above:
 Back Row L-R: Michael Lutterman,
 Coretta Czycalla, Frank Vascellaro,
 Betty Thomas, Dr. Steve Ekholm,
 Annika Underwood, Judy Deibel, Mary
 Marthaler
 Front Row L-R: Jean Bellenthin, Kaitlyn
 Yutrzenka (with Harley), Ally Garbe



Above:
 Coretta Czycalla and Betty Thomas meet Frank
 Vascellaro and Chris Shaffer
 Right: Paws+Claws kittens named after the WCCO
 team. In order L-R: Amelia, Shaffer, and Frank



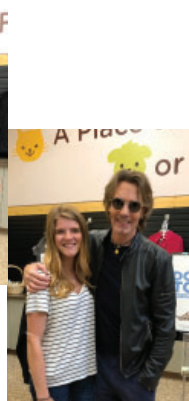
Rick Springfield

Rocked Paws+Claws



On Friday, July 19th, while in the area for Moondance Jam, Rick Springfield made a stop in to Paws+Claws. Him, his tour manager Matty Spindel, and Craig Gilbertson of Moondance Jam took a walk through the building and interacted with many of our shelter pets. It was great to see how much Rick genuinely cared for the animals, spending time playing with them and loving up on them. Not only that, but he was extremely gracious about taking pictures with each of our staff members, as well as leaving a sizable donation for Paws+Claws. All-in-all, Rick spent about an hour with us.

Up until about 18 hours before Rick walked through our doors, we had no idea he was coming. Our Executive Director, Coretta Czycalla, had emailed his publicity team out in Los Angeles on Thursday night. She explained who she was, and asked if Rick would like to stop in before his show. They emailed back quickly, saying that Rick would love to stop in. While they were here, Craig Gilbertson even gave the staff eight weekend passes to Moondance! It was such a great day for Paws+Claws, for so many reasons.



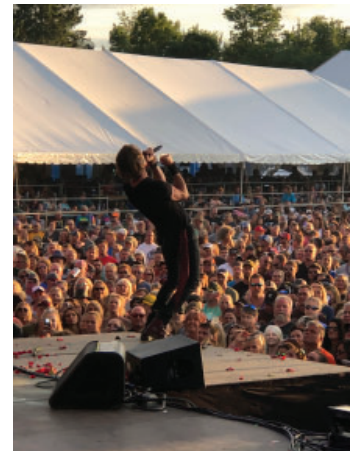


Moondance Jam Meet and Greet

Shortly after Rick Springfield, Matty Spindel, and Craig Gilbertson left Paws+Claws, Executive Director Coretta Czycalla got a phone call. It was Craig Gilbertson on the other end, telling her that he had talked to Rick, and they had decided to set up a second meet-and-greet backstage at Moondance for Rick's fans, and this time the proceeds would benefit Paws+Claws. The first ten people to donate \$100 to Paws+Claws would get a chance to take a photo with Rick -- and they wanted two Paws+Claws staff to be there for it.

Coretta and Kaitlyn Yutrzenka were met at the front gate by Craig's wife who brought them backstage. They got them set up in a tent with the Paws+Claws sign and had the donors line up. They moved down the line and had Coretta and Kaitlyn in all of the pictures. After the meet and greet, Matty Spindel went up to Coretta and Kaitlyn and asked if they would be staying for the concert. When they said yes, he asked if they were watching it from the side of the stage. When they found out that was an option, of course they couldn't turn it down!

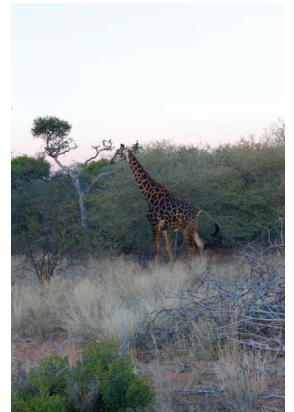
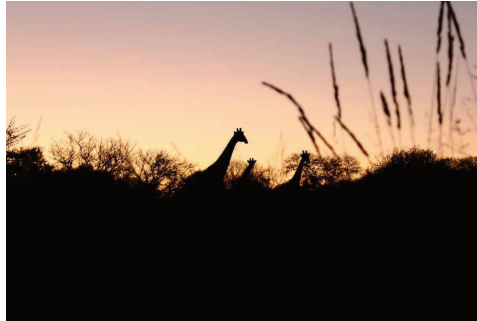
Craig Gilbertson came into Paws+Claws a couple days later to drop off the proceeds from the meet and greet and to take a photo with our staff. Thank you so much to Kathy Bieloh and the whole Moondance team for making this opportunity possible!



Michael's Experiences in Africa






Continued: A Tour of South Africa through Pictures

Paws+Claws is so honored to have Michael as a part of our team. We were lucky enough to have him give two presentations to the public upon his return to the states. His video from these presentations can be found at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBgbF93UZdM&feature=share>



Pet Health and Safety Reminders

Fall 2019

-  Please be mindful as we get into fall and into the beginning of winter. Temperatures will be starting to drop significantly at night. Make sure your pet has sufficient warmth and shelter.
-  It is best to continue using flea & tick and heartworm preventatives year round. You won't be out of the routine once spring comes and this way your pets will always be covered.
-  As Halloween approaches, be concious of whether your pet has access to chocolate, raisins, or other toxic treats.
-  Be cautious of rodenticides and cold weather poisons.*
-  Keep school supplies out of paws' reach - some items may cause gastrontestinal blockage if ingested.*

*Tips provided by ASPCA. Go to <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/autumn-safety-tips> for more



Andy Turned 15!

Shelter Ambassador Andy had a good summer. He got loved by everyone that came in to Paws+Claws, he got to meet Rick Springfield, and he turned 15. On August 29th, to celebrate his birthday, we threw him a birthday party. We posted on Facebook, got donations of cake from SuperOne Foods in Walker, ice cream from Big Dipper in Hackensack, and balloons from TJ's Floral & Gifts, and asked everyone to join us. We are so grateful for the people that were able to make it for the event. A special thanks from Andy to everyone who brought him a birthday present or wished him well!

Exterior Updates in the Works

Our building may already be state of the art, but Paws+Claws is not all about the building. We want to create the best possible experience we can for everyone (both human and animal) who comes to us. That being said, multiple projects are in the works for how we can make the best use of the space on our property.

- A flag pole is being placed at the front corner of our parking lot. It will be made into a veterans' memorial, with landscaping and lighting.
- Paws+Claws is participating in a prairie restoration project. The grass area across the parking lot from our front door will be filled with native pollinating plants.
- Walking trails are being developed through the front of the property. These trails will wind through the pollinating plants, and signs will be posted throughout describing the different varieties of plants and providing community education.
- The back kennels will be expanded and kennel turf will be laid down. These expansions will be beneficial for both our shelter and our boarding pets.



Above:
Front of the property, where the walking trails and prairie restoration projects are happening.

Left:
Veterans' memorial and flag pole location.

Boarding at Paws+Claws

Boarding and Doggy Daycare is open for pick up and drop off Monday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Our state of the art facility features environmentally controlled spaces, a range of boarding options, professional staff, and great programming to ensure your dogs and cats have a high quality boarding experience.

Thank you for supporting Paws+Claws. The proceeds from Boarding and Doggy Daycare go towards supporting all of our shelter pets and finding them their forever homes.

Boarding Options



STANDARD
4' x 6' space
10 Standard Kennels Available



DELUXE
4' x 8' space
16 Deluxe Kennels Available



SUITE
6' X 8' space
5 Suites Available



CAT BOARDING
4 Kennels Available

REQUIRED VACCINATIONS

DOGS:

Rabies
Distemper
Bordetella
Canine Influenza

CATS:

Rabies
Feline Distemper
FeLV/FIV Test

Physical copy of vaccinations required before pet can board.

Vaccination records can be emailed to
info@pawsandclawsrr.org

DOGGY DAYCARE

Fees:

Half Day (up to four hours):
\$16/pet
Full Day (four hours and up):
\$19/pet

A Half Day daycare fee of \$16/pet also applies to boarding pick-ups after 12 p.m. on the scheduled day of check-out.

Please call Paws+Claws at 218-675-7297 or visit us online at www.pawsandclawsrr.org for pricing and boarding information.

Discounts offered for boarding stays of 30 days or more.

Gertie

Many of you have heard Gertie's story and donated to her medical fund. For those who do not know her story: We received a call in early June saying a dog had been left at Powers Township Hall; we arrived there to find her dragging her hind end. Upon a veterinary examination, we found out she had advanced, untreated arthritis, untreated ehrlichia and lyme disease, and had been shot twice -- buck shot was scattered across her left side and there was a pellet in her left front shoulder.

After a lot of TLC and being placed in a foster home (foster mom, Lisa, pictured right), we are happy to say that Gertie has greatly improved. She now has increased independence thanks to a cart. With her mobility, she has found her youthfulness again -- along with her competitive side -- often chasing down her foster sister to try and get to the bone first when they play fetch.

She is doing much better than she was, but sweet Gertie still has a long road ahead of her. She is still on a couple different medications and likely will be for the rest of her life. We are thankful to her foster family for taking her in and loving her, and so thankful to all of you for your continued support of her care.



Volunteer at Paws+Claws

While Paws+Claws would not be able to operate without our amazing staff, it takes people like you to keep us running!

Paws+Claws offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities for people who want to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals. Our volunteers help in whatever aspect of our work they prefer -- everything from answering phones to walking dogs to doing laundry. Even an hour here and there is extremely helpful!

If you would like to join our ranks of volunteers, please complete the form below. We require that all of our volunteers go through volunteer training which typically occurs on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. This is an open-enrollment event, which means there is no sign-up required. Once you have gone through volunteer training, you are free to come as much or as little as you would like -- we have no minimum hour requirement. Whatever works for you!

We look forward to working with you! You make a difference.

*Must be 12 or older to volunteer with an adult or 16 or older to volunteer on your own.

Donate to Paws+Claws

Paws+Claws is here because there is a need in this community for the services that we provide. Paws+Claws can only provide these services with the help of people like you.

You are all so supportive, which makes it possible for us to function from day to day. Whether it is sharing a Facebook post, coming in to volunteer, donating supplies, or contributing a financial donation, each one of these actions helps to keep us running and fulfilling the need.

Financial contributions are used to provide animal care and supplies, keep the building and its systems operating efficiently, create educational opportunities, and help to develop our environment as a way to draw people in, but also give back to the planet and the community.

Our exterior updates discussed on Page 9 will be beneficial in many ways. By creating those spaces and promoting that type of environment, Paws+Claws will be able to bring more people in who want to be a part of the P+C community and support the work we do. In turn, this will all go back to supporting our shelter pets and our mission.

Do you want to be a part of it?

Shelter Wish List:

- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Sponges/Scrubbies
- Buckets
- Spray Bottles
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Scent Free Laundry Soap
- Dawn (R) Dish Soap
- Windex (R)
- Funnels/Spatulas
- Hand Sanitizer
- Anti-bacterail Soap
- Lint Rollers
- Bath Towels/Blankets
- Dog/Cat Beds
- Dog/Cat Food
- Dog/Cat Treats
- Dog/Cat Toys
- Heavy Duty Dog Toys
- Canned Pumpkin
- CheeseWiz(R)/Peanut Butter
- Coconut Oil
- Leashes/Collars
- Zip Bags (all sizes)
- 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- Office Supplies
- Postage Stamps

Name: _____ Payment Options:
Address: _____ Cash
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Check - Make checks payable to Paws+Claws
Phone: _____ Rescue & Resort
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Please make my gift: _____ Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
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Donor Signature: _____

Please tear off bottom half of slip and mail to the address below.

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