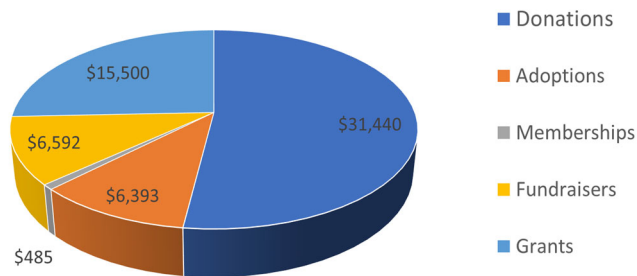
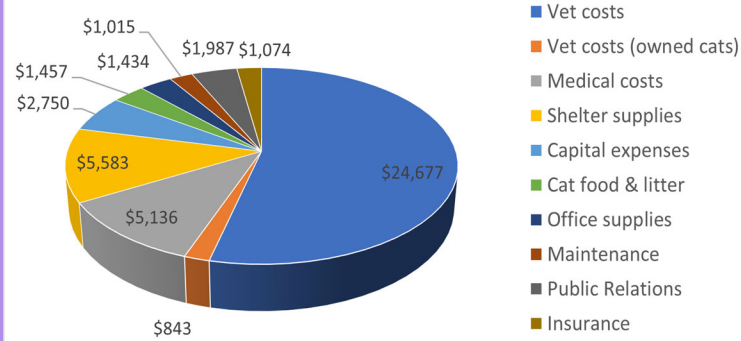


PAWS Total Revenue for 2022 = \$60,410



PAWS Total Expenses for 2022 = \$45,956



Ferals didn't ask to be homeless,
they're just trying to survive
If you can't help them,
at least don't hurt them



860,000 cats are euthanized each year due to overcrowded shelters

These numbers could drop significantly by
getting pets spayed or neutered. Doing so can
prevent unwanted litters and abandoned cats.
Help fight against overpopulation,
schedule your pet today.

*Low income households qualify
for assistance with the cost.
Call 207-231-5257 for more information



DONATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS WELCOMED!!!

Each year PAWS spends approximately \$40,000 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>

Complete this form to make a donation or to become a member of PAWS. Members will have the right to vote at our annual meetings in May. Also, members will 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!

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PAWS helped the following homeless cats in 2022:

SHELTER ACTIVITY:

At shelter as of Jan.1, 2022 - 9
In foster care - 4
Cats taken into shelter - 110
Spayed/neutered - 45
Extra medical care (x-rays, dentistry, etc.) - 23
Adopted - 80
Transferred to other shelters - 14
Returned to owner - 4
Euthanized - 7
Died - 0
At shelter as of Dec.31, 2022 - 13
In foster care - 3

CATS CAME FROM:

Allagash- 1	Madawaska - 25
Bangor - 1	Presque Isle - 1
Caribou - 1	St. David - 2
Eagle Lake - 6	St. Francis - 4
Fort Kent - 20	St. John - 8
Frenchville - 7	Sinclair - 1
Grand Isle - 14	Van Buren - 3
Lille - 5	Wade - 3
	Wallagrass - 1

SUPPORT OF OWNED CATS:

of cats s/n through PAWS S/N program - 97
of cats s/n directly from PAWS - 3
of cat owners that received financial assistance from PAWS for emergency medical care - 4

Total of owned cats helped by PAWS - 104



Helping Mainers with Spay/Neuter
For over 20 years.



2022 in review...

2022 was a banner year for Paws Animal Welfare Society, Inc. We were able to take 110 cats into our shelter, Valley Cat Haven, and provide spay/neuter assistance to an additional 97 cats. As a result, 207 cats now have healthier and happier lives and we have prevented hundreds of kittens from being born.

Our success each year is due to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and your support. Your support included a 29% increase in monetary donations in 2022 compared to 2021 and many donations of shelter supplies which kept our expenses for cat food and litter very low. Plus, the monthly raffle fundraiser that we began in 2020 continues to provide us with a steady income thanks to the many people who participate in the raffle and include additional donations.

We applied for and received two grants last year, one that will enable us to continue to fund the spay/neuter clinics for low income cat owners and the other to help us with spay/neuter and additional medical expenses for the cats at the shelter. We were able to upgrade our facility last year by purchasing new kennels for our isolation room, adding a ceiling fan to our isolation room and replacing our washer and dryer with commercial machines. Also, we replaced our aging sign with a more durable and attractive sign that can be seen from Frenchville Road.

Looking ahead to this year...

2023 is the year of our 15th anniversary! In February, 2008 a few people led by the late Priscilla Daigle joined forces to form an organization that would address the suffering and premature deaths of large numbers of homeless cats in the St. John Valley. The only assets we had were our passion and determination. We are extremely gratified by the results of our efforts and the support we have received from countless individuals and organizations from within and outside our communities. In spite of our success, the need to help unwanted cats and the people who help them will not go away so we must do everything possible to continue this vital work. We plan to celebrate our 15th anniversary this summer. We hope you will be able to join us! ~Jean Cobb

I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior. ~Hippolyte Taine

In Memory



Dimples



Roxie



Sabrina



Sophie



Jagger



Valentino

Rags to Riches

Jasper came to us in late September of 2021 from St. Francis. Her owner had left her outside because she was skiddish and he had a newborn in the house. He called us because he did not want to leave her outside when the weather got colder. She was about a year old at the time.

She made it quite clear that she was not fond of human affection and was far from ready to accept it. We took our time with her, respected her space and were very patient. We tried to associate human contact with comfort, food and fun whenever possible. Our main goal was to make her feel comfortable being with people. Our constant efforts were surely not for nothing, but we came to a point where she was not moving any further in her progress. Jasper was never aggressive in her behaviors but we did know that it would take someone extremely patient.



A person who would understand that it may take awhile for her to be trustworthy in a home of her own.

Fast forward to Saturday, June 25, 2022 when a volunteer went in to socialize and noticed Jasper was hiding in an unusual corner. Her mouth was partially open and she had a tremendous amount of drool hanging from her lower jaw. When she did not accept a treat it was apparent that there was something seriously wrong. This is when the stars were aligning for Jasper. Dr. Swanson already had a scheduled

visit with a few cats the next day, so we added Jasper to the list to be evaluated.

Dr. Swanson made the quick call to suggest that Jasper be brought into emergency care that day. Calls were made and we were all very thankful that a vet in Presque Isle was able to see her on Sunday. Luckily another volunteer was available to drive her there to be evaluated. She was diagnosed with calicivirus, a highly contagious virus. Immediate quarantine of the cats took place. Luckily Jasper was in the smaller room roaming with only a few cats. They were all put in individual kennels and tarps were placed around each of them in hopes to prevent further transmission. It was decided that the shelter would dedicate only one person to care for her and all the other possibly infected cats during this short time in order to prevent a complete outbreak. Due to the sores in her mouth Jasper was not eating on her own, so she had to be fed by a syringe for the time being. Between oral antibiotics, eye drops/nose drops, and syringe feeding, it was definitely a full time job. The biggest question asked was how she was going to accept all of this treatment knowing how little she liked being touched. Jasper must have known she needed help because she was extremely docile and very accepting of all this one on one care. It was a great day for all when she began to eat on her own. Once the quarantine period was over she remained in a kennel for close monitoring. After about a couple weeks Jasper then began to lose patches of fur all over her body. As alarming as this was to see, we were assured that this would get better as her body healed from this crazy virus. In time her fur slowly started to grow and so did her personality. We were thrilled to see her coming to us for some love as we approached her kennel. The constant feedings and necessary medical care forced her into realizing that humans were not so bad after all. Every cloud has a silver lining.

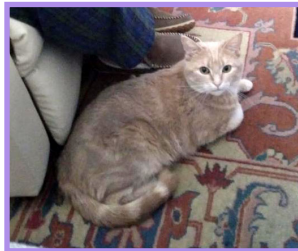
August of 2022 was the day that we had all been waiting for!! This was the day that Jasper was adopted and was given the adorable name Jasmine. She is now loving life in her new home and says she is very grateful to everyone at PAWS for helping her during this journey.

As you can see in the pictures she is enjoying being spoiled. Jasmine has all the love she could ever want and of course all of the very best spots to sleep. We are so happy for her!

~ Vickie Gagnon

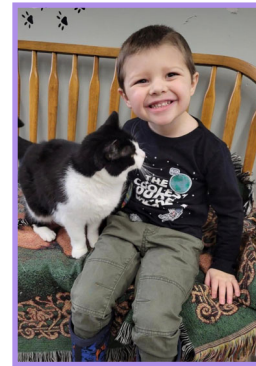


This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to Priscilla Daigle, our founder. In 2008, Pris saw that the number of homeless cats in the St. John Valley was alarming, causing countless cats to suffer and die prematurely. Because an effort was not made by many owners to prevent births and provide proper care for cats, many were trapped and killed by the local authorities as a means of reducing the population. Pris had the compassion, determination and the ability to change this situation and many PAWS volunteers, past and present were honored to join her. Pris died on May 7, 2022.



Budding Volunteers

Dedicated Volunteer Pauline Jandreau likes to bring her grandchildren with her when she spends time at the shelter. Pictured here are Halle with Christine & Rowan with Shopper, they are the children of Chase and Kellie Jandreau. The cats love it when they arrive and they enjoy playing and socializing the cats while they are there. We hope they follow in Pauline's footsteps and become volunteers at Paws someday! ~Connie Ouellette



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. Many businesses and individuals continue to support us each year and we are extremely grateful. We want to take this opportunity to thank as many of them as possible in this newsletter.

- Thank you to all the individuals who have made monetary or in-kind donations via mail, online, coin boxes, redeemable bottles and cans 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 you to all the businesses who held fundraisers or made donations. Special mention goes to Acadia Federal Credit Union, Gas n' Go, an anonymous donor, John's Shurfine, China Garden, Red Devil Roast Coffee Co., Central Building Supply and Fort Kent Animal Hospital for the coin boxes they put out for us every year. Thanks, also, to Caron's Redemption Center, Dave's Redemption Center, Kajais Redemption Center, Girl Scout Troop #50, Northern Neighbor Quilters, Paradis Shop'n Save in Madawaska, Martin's Motel, MBIA Foundation and the Towns of Fort Kent, Madawaska, Wallagrass and Eagle Lake.
- Thank you to these individuals who deserve special mention for outstanding support - H. Durgin, Hana Strnad, Rick Daigle, Robert Bourgoin, Susan Hall, Sandi Coburn, Sue & Sam Greenlaw, Pamela Slattery Thomas, Laura Nickerson, Jeanne Nadeau, Celeste Cobb & Oliver North, Chester and Rachel Bates, Jennifer Klauer, Verna Charette, Kathleen Hafford, Susan Voisine, and Manon Raymond.
- Special thank you to our dedicated volunteers who give excellent care to our cats 24/7.
- 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 and foster parents who gave loving homes to our cats and kittens.

We have had so much support again this 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*

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Gina & Nicolette Martin
Samantha Williams
Kim Ouellette
Pauline Jandreau
Roy Laframboise
Jeannine Ayotte
Karen Boucher &
Mark Pellegrini
Jonathan Doyle &
Teresa Thibeault
Matt Bunce &
Ryan Morris
Brian & Lisa Dubois
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