

# Animal Tails



**Friday, September 28th**  
**6-10 p.m.**  
**Ella Sharp Museum**  
**\$50 per person**

**EVENING INCLUDES:**

- Dinner provided by Mat's Café
  - 2 drink tickets
  - Music by Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies
  - Silent Auction featuring unique items and experiences such as:
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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### One Animal at a Time

#### VACCINE CLINIC

Our first vaccine clinic was offered this summer at the King Community Center. The event not only provided a much needed service to many underserved animals in our community, it also was an opportunity to educate pet owners about the need for preventable veterinary care to protect both the health of pets and their families. Information was also distributed about CHS's low cost spay and neuter programs along with other useful pet ownership information including a list of local veterinarians. The next clinic has been scheduled for September 15 at the King Community Center. Please call 517/787-7387.



#### JACKSON CAT PROJECT

Last year, 1,550 of the cats and kittens housed at the Jackson County Animal Shelter were euthanized due to overcrowding. In an effort to control the overwhelming and ever-growing cat population within our county, a group of veterinary professionals and community members have formed the Jackson Cat Project. The group provided 70 free cat spays/neuters on July 14th at Cascades Humane Society and the Jackson County Animal Shelter. This effort will result in 1,000 fewer births over the next 3 years in Jackson County. Watch our website for updates on future events.

## DEAR FRIENDS OF CHS

**With the summer heat finally behind us, I hope the fall finds you and your pets well and happy.**



I try to say “thank you” as often as possible to the many people like you who make Cascades Humane Society a good place for people and pets. Today, I’d like to single out a very special group of people who make CHS such a first rate organization, our volunteers.

Without our volunteers, our dogs might not get walks every day, which not only keep them happier and healthier, but also more adoptable. It would be

difficult to give cats as much handling and time outside their cages – and the love we give our feline friends also makes them more adoptable.

Without our volunteers, we wouldn’t have foster homes for the many pets not ready for adoption for health or age-related reasons.

Without our volunteers, we’d have trouble staffing events ranging from adoption promotions that help pets find homes faster to our signature events which bring in much-needed funding for the animals in our care.

Without our volunteers, we wouldn’t be able to maintain our beautiful grounds and gardens.

Without our volunteers, there would be no Cascades Humane Society as you know it.

Every day I see CHS volunteers walking dogs, cleaning cages, cuddling cats and helping out in

so many ways. And every day, their diligence and joy inspires me and the rest of the Cascades Humane Society staff to work a little harder and appreciate our jobs a little more. So if you have a moment, the next time you see a CHS volunteer making the life of an adoptable dog or cat a little happier, please let them know how much you appreciate them, too.

Warmest regards,

Debra Carmody  
Executive Director

P. S. If you’d like to become a CHS volunteer, please contact our volunteer coordinator Joyce Gross at 517-787-7387 x 30 or [jgross@chspets.org](mailto:jgross@chspets.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**9/28**

**Howl & Meow at the Moon**

Fall fundraising event at the Ella Sharp Museum

**10/28**

**Howl & Prowl**

Halloween costume contest and trick or treat event for kids and dogs at CHS

**11/10, 11, 17 & 18**

**Santa Paws**

Annual holiday event to have your pet’s photo taken with Santa. Please watch our website for more details on times and location.

**2/9/13**

**Paws & Claws Expo**

Annual event that focuses on all things “animal” to benefit Cascades Humane Society held at American 1 Events Center at the Jackson County Fairgrounds

# Retire-Adopt-Action!

**My expectations about retiring went something like this: sleep in, plenty of chair time with TV and books, naps - you get the picture. I was, however, convinced by exuberant Humane Society fans that my life would not be complete until I added a cat.**

It had been some 25 years since gentle old Camille had been in my life; rather the type I had in mind as we entered Cascade Humane Society. The friend who accompanied me gravitated straight to kittens where every kind and size played, ate or snoozed. What we left with was a little tiger they had named Cindy Lou who was a real playgirl – on the move all the time.

Nothing has changed since except me. Sleeping in? Not! It is 5:00 am, for food, drink, treats and porch time. There is no getting away from the paw that pokes me on the shoulder as she speaks quite loudly in my ear, then yammers at me all the way to getting the day started. Since cats' playtime is dawn and dusk, you get the picture that toys are involved in the early hour as well as at night.

It is continuous, since she will only drink from the bathroom faucet, you can see how that puts me in action; leaving the house requires treats and strategies to make the get-away with a little less guilt. The list is endless since this now 3-year-old has charmed every friend, relative, and delivery man; talking away, getting belly rubs and kudos for her charming ways.

My buddy follows me everywhere in constant conversation. There's not a chance I won't be on the move daily with Cindy Lou as my fitness coach. Retirement would be so "ho hum" without this little talking tiger dynamo.



Ila J. Smith & Cindy Lou



Cascades Humane Society

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## Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Saturday, Noon – 6 p.m.  
Sunday – Monday, Closed

## Our Mission

Connecting animals in need with people who care.

## Our Vision

A community in which all pets have loving homes and are treated with compassion and respect.

Cascades Humane Society is an independent 501(c)3 organization. CHS relies primarily on the generosity of individuals, foundations, corporations and special events to support our services and programs. CHS receives no funding from federal, state or county government, United Way or other national or state humane organizations.

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**6/1/13**

### Paws in the Park

3rd annual walk for the animals at beautiful Cascades Falls Park

**6/29/13**

### Golf for the Animals

Annual golf event at Lakeland Hills Golf Course

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Many employees at CHS started here as volunteers. Here are two recent examples of volunteers who eagerly made the transition from volunteers to Animal Care Associates.



### APRIL CLAWSON

April started volunteering at CHS in November of 2011. April recently graduated from Albion College with a major in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy. She plans to continue her education with a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology. Following a family tradition, she would like to pursue a career in Criminal Justice.

April enjoyed volunteering at CHS because of the deep satisfaction that working with animals brings. She says it helped relieve her stress and cleared her mind after long hours of studying. April feels starting as a volunteer gave her the experience she needed to make the transition to a staff member.

### KAITLYN LAROCQUE

Kaitlyn started volunteering at CHS in October of 2011 and helped with general housekeeping, laundry, cat cuddling and dog walking. Kaitlyn also volunteered at several offsite events, most recently at the Golf for the Animals.

Kaitlyn will be a senior at East Jackson High School in the fall. In her spare time, Kaitlyn enjoys reading, drawing, and listening to music. Kaitlyn does not have any pets of her own, but enjoys the time she is able to spend with the animals at CHS.

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# HAPPY TAILS

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Thank you for adopting from **Cascades Humane Society**.  
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a shelter pet a second chance at life and love!

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**I adopted Brody from Cascades a few years back when he was just 10 weeks old.** He is now three years old and the happiest boy ever. I wanted to thank you all for helping me find what I like to call the “love of my life”. I drove to Jackson with every intention of adopting a dog I saw on your website. She was being seen so you brought me “Sheriff” as he was called then. It was instant love and I left that day with him not realizing I wasn’t rescuing him, he was rescuing me. He is my best friend and I really don’t know where I’d be with out him. Thank you Cascades Humane Society!  
— *Brody's New Mom*

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**Just wanted to give you an update on Buffy.** She is now known as Roary, per my husband’s request. She’s doing absolutely great! We took her to the vet last Monday and found out she is definitely almost blind, almost deaf and has some arthritis but she isn’t in any pain. She’s so well-behaved, hasn’t had any accidents in the house and gets along well with our other doggy, Sinatra. I’m so glad we could give Roary a happy home. She just tugged on my heartstrings so much!  
— *Long time CHS Foster Mom*

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**I have a lot of respect for CHS staff and management and their dedication and thank them for what they do.** Many times they thank me for the time I spend volunteering, but my time and effort is such a small amount compared to what they do that I am humbled. I just appreciate the opportunity to be with the animals and try to make them as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. I am always happy when hard to place animals are adopted. Since I have been a volunteer I am encouraged by the kindness and compassion of those people who adopt special needs animals. It kind of gives you hope in this old world.  
— *Ken Gage, Volunteer*

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**After our family suffered the loss of our Boston Terrier, Klark,** I began keeping an eye out at various shelters for a new pup, mainly because our two daughters were asking daily for a new puppy. That’s when I came across Kayla. She immediately captured my heart being a Boston Terrier, so I quickly inquired and was lucky enough to visit, meet her and bring her home to be a part of our family. Kayla, who we renamed Lula, was an immediate fit into our family. She loves to play, run around the yard, snuggle with everyone in the family, she is such a sweetheart. Our 4 yr old daughter tells her almost everyday “Lula, you are the best dog EVER!” Thank you Cascades Humane Society for helping place Lula into our family. We love her dearly.  
— *Lula's Family*

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# Biggest Loser, Feline Style

**A 2011 nationwide survey found that 55 percent of pet cats—or 47.3 million—are overweight, and about a quarter of those are classified as obese.**



## **Why are cats getting fat? In one word, lifestyle.**

In their mice-eating days, domestic cats had to work really hard for that one little boost of calories. Today's modern housecat, on the other hand, spends most of his day looking for something to do, and too often that becomes parking himself in front of an overly generous kibble bowl. Owners often compound the problem by interpreting their kitty's requests for attention as demands for food and showering him with treats, when what he really needs is a good workout. Follow these guidelines to get your fat feline back to fit and fabulous!

Vet? Check! Ask your veterinarian to create a safe program based on your cat's energy needs and ideal weight for his size. To avoid fatty liver disease and other health problems, make sure your cat is eating enough for a slow weight loss of no more than 3 to 4 ounces a week.

Divide and Conquer! Spread your cat's calorie allotment among three or four small meals to keep his metabolism and energy level up.

Serve the last meal at bedtime so he won't wake you up begging for a midnight snack.

A Truce on Treats! Instead of giving your cat a treat every time your cat meows at you, give him some playtime, a brushing session, or simply a few pets. If you can't resist providing the occasional treat, make your cat

work for it: Toss the morsel across the room or put it in a dispensing toy that he has to bat around.

Purrsonal Trainer! Set aside some time every day to get your kitty off the couch and moving around. You can find a variety of interactive cat toys to keep him entertained. He'll become more active as his weight drops.

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## Give to United Way? Designate CHS!

Even though we are not a United Way agency, you can choose to help homeless, abused and neglected animals in Jackson County by designating your United Way or State/Federal Combined Campaign donation to Cascades Humane Society. Check with your United Way coordinator or call CHS to find out how.



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