



### The goal of Lake Haven is to:

- Provide temporary shelter for homeless cats and dogs.
- Ensure that at time of entry to **Lake Haven**, animal receives needed medical care.
- Place animals in responsible and loving homes.
- Educate pet owners and the public to proper animal care and the urgent need to spay and neuter their pets.



## LAKE HAVEN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2007



Founded by Cheryl McCloud, **Lake Haven** is a volunteer, non-profit organization (501c3), dedicated to the care and adoption of homeless and/or injured dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies. **Lake Haven** is currently established as an independent, private shelter.

### A NEW BEGINNING FOR LAKE HAVEN

This was the year that Lake Haven chose to begin the "Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program that has been a life-long dream of its director and founder, Cheryl McCloud. "I've always wanted to initiate a program to benefit animals, a program that could sustain itself. Newaygo County Commissioners agreed with the components of our program and have jumped on board in supporting the success of this program by approving a monetary grant to Lake Haven.

To date, Lake Haven has spayed/neutered 65 animals. Credit must go to the veterinarians that are

assisting with the program: Dr. Sam Cialto of White Cloud, Dr. Lepley of Howard City, Dr. Gilbert of Pleasant View Pet Hospital of Big Rapids, and C-SNIP of Grand Rapids.

Lake Haven hopes to spay/neuter a minimum of 200 animals per year in addition to the 1,600+ animals a year that we place into adoptive homes.

We are doing our best to educate and actively participate in the slowing of the rate of companion animal over-

population. Simply put, there are not enough homes for the numbers of animals born today.



According to the American Humane organization, only 25% of dogs and 24% of cats entering

animal shelters are ever adopted, with 56% of dogs and 71% of cats euthanized. The HSUS estimates 3-4 MILLION cats and dogs are euthanized every year in the U.S.

Tremendous as the problem of pet overpopulation is, it can be solved if each of us takes just one small step, starting with not allowing our animals to breed.

Please spread the word of the importance of spay/neuter to family, friends, and neighbors. Education is the key, as many are not aware of the existence of the pet overpopulation problem.



### TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR PET SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS

Here are some tips for keeping your pets out of danger during the holiday season. **AVOID Holiday Food Items That Could Cause Problems For Your Pet**

- Alcoholic beverages
- Chocolate (baker's, semi-sweet, milk chocolate)
- Coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate covered espresso beans)
- Moldy or spoiled foods
- Onions, onion powder
- Fatty foods
- Salt
- Yeast dough

#### PLANTS

- **Lilies** that may be found in holiday flower arrangements could be deadly to your cat. Many types of lily, such as Tiger, Asian, Japanese Show, Easter, Stargazer, and the Casa Blanca, can cause kidney failure in cats.
- **Poinsettias** are generally over-rated in toxicity. If ingested, poinsettias can be irritating to the mouth and stomach, and may cause mild vomiting or nausea.
- **Mistletoe** has the potential to cause cardiovascular problems. However, mistletoe ingestion usually only causes gastrointestinal upset.
- **Holly** ingestion could cause vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, and lethargy.



#### HAZARDS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

- **Christmas tree water** may contain fertilizers, which, if ingested, can cause stomach upset. Stagnant tree water can be breeding grounds for bacteria, which can also lead to vomiting, nausea, and diarrhea, if ingested.
- **Electric cords**- Avoid animal exposure to electric cords. If they were chewed, they could electrocute your pet. Cover up or hide electric cords, never let your pet chew on them.
- **Ribbons or tinsel** can get caught up in the intestines and cause intestinal obstruction.
- **Batteries** contain corrosives. If ingested they can cause ulceration to the mouth, tongue, and the rest of the gastrointestinal tract.
- **Glass ornaments** can cut the tissues of the gastrointestinal tract if ingested.

#### MEDICATIONS

**Keep** all prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs out of the reach of your pets, preferably in closed cabinets. Pain killers, cold medicines, anti-cancer, drugs, anti-depressants, vitamins, and diet pills are common examples of human medication that could be potentially lethal even in small dosages. One regular-strength ibuprofen tablet (200mg) can cause stomach ulcers in a 10-pound dog. Remind holiday guests to store their medications safely as well. During the holidays, many veterinary clinics have limited office hours. In some cases, pet owners try to medicate their animals without their veterinarian's advice. **Never** give your animal any medications unless under the directions of veterinarian. Many medications that are used safely in humans can be deadly when used inappropriately. Less than one regular strength acetaminophen tablet (325mg) can be dangerous to a cat weighing 7lbs. **ALWAYS Be Prepared !!!!**



# Happy Tails



**Kizzy pictured with her new guardian, Keith ValenCourt**

We first saw Kizzy when Lake Haven was called to a desolate rural trailer to pick up unwanted pups. Kizzy was chained under a boat trailer where she had dug a large hole in which to shelter her pups as best she could. The pups were full of fleas and worms, but were otherwise healthy. Mom, however, was showing her hard life. Completely emaciated, she also suffered from heartworm, and needed eye surgery. After much coaxing, the neglectful owner let Lake Haven take Kizzy, along with the pups. Kizzy was treated for heartworm, received her needed eye surgery at Fremont Animal Hospital. Her pups were adopted and after her recovery, she found her new “forever” home with the ValenCourt family. Keith says Kizzy is the most wonderful friend and companion.

Left at the county shelter when her condition regressed beyond ordinary care, this little dog won our hearts. She received the medical treatment she needed for her skin (flea) problems and is now in her “forever” home with The Conran Family. Her hair is starting to grow back and as you can see, Pixie is loving her new life and family.



**Pixie, when she first came to Lake Haven.**



**Pixie, pictured with her new mom, Tracey Conran**



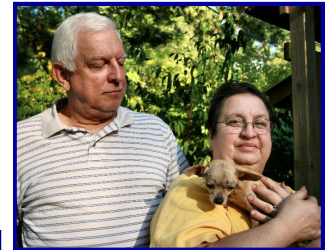
**Missy, at Lake Haven, awaiting surgery**

Missy, a little Jack Russell, found herself at the county shelter ready to give birth. Upon taking her to Fremont Animal Hospital, we found she also had luxating patella in both rear legs. After birthing five pups, she returned to have her legs repaired and went to her new home in Cadillac with Christine Barton. Of course, her pups found happy new “forever” homes also.



**Penny, pictured at Fremont Animal Hospital.**

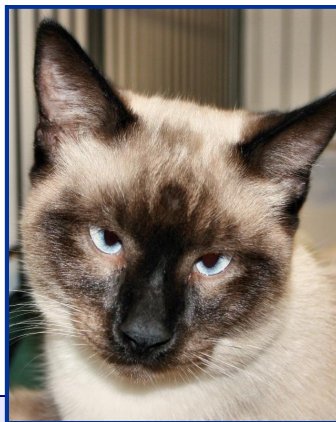
This tiny teacup Chihuahua, named Penny was surrendered after her owners let her deteriorate into an almost irreversible condition. She had hardly any hair left on her tiny frame and had a broken leg that was never treated. The wonderful vets and staff at Fremont Animal Hospital re-



**Penny with her new guardians, Edward and Carol Smith.**

stored her to full health and repaired her leg.

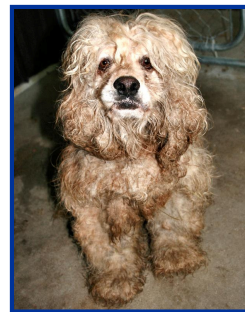
Edward and Carol Smith, compassionate parents of volunteer, Dawn Korsal, fell in love with Penny and have given her a new loving indoor home.



**Seiko, while he awaited his new “forever indoor” home.**

Seiko—saved, from the millions killed every year in shelters. This Siamese was not only exceptionally beautiful, but one of the most loving cats we have ever met. Jel-sema Vet Clinic neutered and declawed him and he was cared for by their wonderful staff until he found his “forever” home, converting his new guardian’s husband into a “cat” man. He said “I never knew a cat could be such a wonderful pet!”

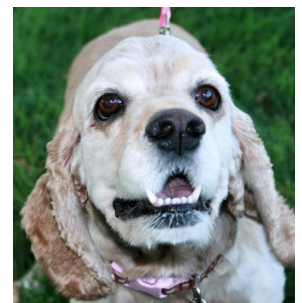
**“Only one in nine cats born will find a home.”**



**Abbey, upon arrival at Lake Haven**

Abbey, an adorable pure-bred Cocker was severely neglected and abandoned by her owners, A trip to the groomers found maggots, broken glass, sticks and other debris in her horribly

matted fur. Infected ears and skin took months to heal while her foster mom, Pat Miller, doted on her. Her new guardians, George and Denise Brown vowed to love and protect her and to give her a wonderful new life.



**Abbey, just before her adoption to George and Denise Brown.**

## THANKS TO OUR MANY VETERINARY CLINICS

## With Special Thanks To:

Lake Haven would like to thank the many veterinary clinics that participate in our spay/neuter program. We all know how important it is to spay/neuter in order to prevent pet overpopulation and to keep our pets healthy. A big *thank you* to the following clinics and as a “thank you” to them, we ask that you patronize their facilities when possible.

- Animal Medical Center of Wyoming
- Companion Animal Veterinary Clinic in Shelby
- Fremont Animal Hospital, in Fremont
- Jelsema Veterinary Clinic in Hudsonville
- Newaygo Veterinary Clinic
- Howard City Animal Hospital
- Kelley’s Animal Clinic in Walker

- Plymouth Road Animal Clinic in Grand Rapids.
- Schmitt’s Animal Hospital in Walker
- Westwood Hills Animal Hospital in Walker
- Chicago Drive Veterinary Clinic in Jenison
- Georgetown Animal Hospital in Hudsonville
- Jenison Animal Hospital
- Hart Animal Hospital PC
- Ottawa Animal Hospital in Holland
- Rockford Animal Hospital
- South Kent Veterinary Hospitals in Byron Center and Caledonia
- Wyoming Animal Hospital
- Dorr Veterinary Hospital in Dorr
- Pleasant View Animal Clinic in Big Rapids

- Westshore Animal Clinic in Whitehall
- Lowell Veterinary Clinic in Lowell
- Thormapple Veterinary Clinic in Middleville
- Animal Wellness Center of White Cloud
- Byron Center Animal Hospital

We can’t thank the caring veterinarians and staff enough for all they do for us.



Thanks also to the folks at PetSmart in Grandville, who are instrumental in making adoptions happen!

▶ Pat Merrow and Doreen VanderWerp for picking up “surgery” cats and every week and transporting them to PetSmart.

▶ Sue Tol for her dedication in tracking all monies and recording of all income, a very trying task!

▶ Barbara Graves for her generous commitment to our shelter for so many years.

▶ Carol Lurn for her cleaning skills, and transport service.

▶ And thanks to all those who give of their time to foster our orphaned animals and to all volunteers who help out on Saturday Adoption Days at PetSmart.

We couldn’t do it with all of you!

## THANKS TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS~ WE COULDN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

Linda Adams  
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 Becky & Steve Winter  
 Doreen & Kelly VanderWerp  
 Rose & Alex Vanier  
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## Special Thanks To. . . . .

As special thank you to all the many volunteers who give of their time and money to keep us going each day. A special thank you to all the veterinarians without whom we could not perform the miracles we do every day.

A special thank you to Fremont Animal Hospital’s Dr. Russell for his expert help with orthopedics and Dr. Metzger for helping with emergencies. Thanks to

Dr. Kelly Minasian for visiting the shelter regularly. Thank you to Jelsema Vet Clinic and Chicago Drive Vet Clinic in Hudsonville for the kitty condos and for promoting adoptions from their clinics. Thanks also to Dr. Sam Cialto of Animal Wellness Center of White Cloud for spaying/neutering of shelter animals and helping with Lake Haven’s new Spay/Neuter Program.

A special thanks also to all the clinics for all their help with spaying/

neutering of our adopted animals.

With their expert help, along with our foster parents and volunteers, we were able to place 1,670 homeless animals this past year.

We are also thankful to all our donors for their monetary gifts throughout the year. Your donations help feed, house and pay for needed medical services to all the deserving pets, many like those we spoke

of in our “Happy Tails” section in this issue.

There are 1,670 companion animals in happy homes today because of *your kindness, generosity, and caring.*

**“The strength of the team is each individual member...the strength of each member is the team.”**

~Coach Phil Jackson

## What YOU Can Do To Help Solve the Pet Overpopulation Problem.....



There simply aren't enough homes for the number of animals born today. These kittens were fortunate to find their way to Lake Haven, where one of our wonderful vets, Dr. Terry Jelsema, sees to it that they are spayed/neutered before they are adopted.

Each day, 10,000 humans are born in the U.S., and each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals. As a result, every year 4 to 6 million animals are euthanized simply because there are no homes for them. Every puppy/kitten born and adopted equals one less home for a shelter dog or cat who's very life depends upon finding a home. Don't breed or buy—while these wonderful

companions in shelters and rescues die. They are the innocent victims. If you've adopted from Lake Haven or any other shelter, you are well aware of what wonderful companions these animals are.

Only through education will things change. Be a part of the solution! Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. Spaying and neutering really does save lives.

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warmth of friend-  
ship, and the spirit  
of love.*



## Your tribute gift helps save lives!

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