



Hello there,

Happy June! Welcome to the first edition of **The PAWS Page**, your one-stop newsletter for organizational updates, tips on animal care, and more.



Featured Story of the Month

During a routine checkup, it was discovered that Louise's beloved shih-tzu Chubby had a large mass on his chest and degraded teeth that required immediate treatment. The \$1300 estimate to remove the mass and complete the dental treatment was far beyond Louise's means on her fixed ODSP income. Knowing Chubby's life depended on getting that treatment, Louise wrote PAWS, pleading for us to help.

We responded with life-saving action. We covered a portion of Chubby's medical bills and found others to help as well. Chubby received the surgery and treatment he needed and is now thriving!

Louise writes, "Chubby and I thank you so much! I am so grateful there are

people out there still willing to help others.”

During the month of June, CanadaHelps is hosting the Great Canadian Giving Challenge. This means that every dollar [donated to PAWS through CanadaHelps](#) is a vote for us to win \$20,000. This would allow us to help another 15 dogs like Chubby, or it could cover:

- 400 rounds of antibiotics to treat life-threatening infections
- 80 spays for female cats, preventing pet surrenders and shelter overpopulation
- 40 preventative dental care treatments to improve or even save a life
- 36 annual veterinary wellness checks

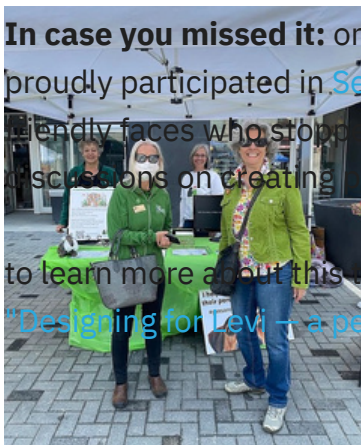
And many more types of animal care!

Every dollar counts! [Donate to PAWS and help us do more for pets and the humans who care for them.](#)

PAWS Updates

PAWS is now a registered charity! We are thrilled to have reached this milestone, and we could not have done it without you. Our volunteers and donors are crucial to our organization, and the amount of hard work and faith everyone has invested to get us to this point is incredible. We look forward to continuing our work to support animals and the humans who love them — with our new charitable status! [Check us out on CanadaHelps.](#)

In case you missed it: on April 23, the PAWS team proudly participated in [Seedy Saturday London!](#) The friendly faces who stopped by our booth joined us for discussions on creating pet-safe backyards — a timely subject as the summer approaches! If you'd like to learn more about this topic, read our blog post ["Designing for Levi — a pet-friendly garden".](#)



Did you know?

Pet ownership has been proven to boost your health! [This CBC article](#) highlights five ways that having a

pet actually improves your health. At PAWS, we've [always been proponents of keeping humans and their animal companions together](#) — that's our whole raison d'être. Pets, they do so much for us!



Want to join a curated network of animal lovers? Interested in giveaways for you and your pets? Then join our Coffee Club! For the monthly price of a coffee, you'll get access to our online community, lunch and learns, and giveaways. All proceeds go towards PAWS and our programs. [Learn more.](#)

Thank you so much for your continued support! PAWS is a volunteer-run charity that has been serving the animal lovers of Southwest Ontario for 10+ years, helping hundreds of people and their beloved animal companions. Our programs offer access to vet care despite housing insecurity, poverty, illness, domestic violence, and other crises.

With your generous support we can do more for pets and their people. You can help by donating or spreading the word — forward our newsletter to a friend, or follow us on social media!

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