

**Mission Statement:**  
Dedicated to ending the tragedy of homeless and abandoned cats and dogs through spay/neuter, vaccination, adoption, and education programs while promoting a no kill philosophy.



## Holiday Break

Have you ever thought of fostering, but don't want the long-term commitment? Try fostering a lonely homeless animal for the holidays. That gives the regular foster home a break to spend more time with family and gives the animal another home experience to prepare for a future forever home.



## President's Letter

Dear Supporters,

We were very pleased to have had the opportunity for three of our Board members to attend the Adoption Options Seminar November 20th in Pensacola. It was sponsored by Petfinder.com and the Petco Foundation, both are well known organizations. They brought together some of the most popular presentations and speakers in animal welfare. The seminar topics included: marketing your pets online, effective client relations, and social animals and using the media. Our own Petfinder page was shown to the attendees as an example of how things should be done to help find a home for pets! (<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/FL805.html>) The trip was well worth making by learning of so many exciting new ways to help dogs and cats in Bay County.

Our hope for the animals waiting for new homes during the Christmas

holiday is that they are all adopted before Christmas Eve! In case that doesn't happen, we are looking for some kind-hearted people who can give some of our foster homes a short break by taking in a pet for a few days. It would be very helpful for the volunteers who dedicate so much of themselves to make sure hundreds of pets are ready to go to forever homes all year long.

Over the last couple of months our Angel Fund for animals in emergency situations was depleted. Several cats and a couple of dogs required veterinary care to survive. Some had an owner who has become unable to afford veterinary care for the animal they love and are desperate to save the poor helpless creature. Some had no home at the time and needed our help right away. The worst problem we encountered was a homeless mama cat (Daisy) living outside with her four small kittens. We found this mama lying on the ground in terrible

pain with half her back leg missing and the bone sticking out. Our volunteers rushed her to Dr. Barr and her leg was amputated to save her life. If everyone would spay or neuter pets this type of tragedy would not happen as often. Low-cost spay/neuter is available to the public in Panama City at Parkway Animal Hospital or on the beach at Vets Pets through PCB Paws & Claws.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Bobby Roberts and Aldina Deleman for their donations in memory of Tom Higgs. Such a compassionate animal lover will be missed.

Thank you all for your vital donations and have a very safe and Merry Christmas!

Hugs,  
Linda



## FYI: Cats Can Get Skin Cancer Too

Scrappy is a free-roaming neighborhood cat who had chronic scabs on his ears. When the scabs would fall off his poor ears would be raw for a while, then it would start over again. After watching this happen for a while his caretaker was finally able to catch him. She brought him to Dr. Barr to get a diagnosis. Unfortunately Scrappy was diagnosed with skin cancer. His sensitive pink skin and white coat made him more susceptible to the sun's harmful

rays. The tips of his ears bore the brunt of the damage and they had to be removed.

He was given antibiotic injections and watched over carefully for his recovery. He has now been released to his original colony and is doing much better. Hopefully his fight against cancer is not in vain. Scrappy's story teaches us of yet another danger cats face while living outdoors.



Scrappy recovering and healing nicely at his home colony.

**The ANGEL FUND is a dedicated fund created for emergency situations like Daisy's and Scrappy's.**

**Thank you to all who have made the ANGEL FUND possible.**



**We strive to find the best forever homes by:**

- ✓ Matching energy levels
- ✓ Matching specific needs
- ✓ Looking for a connection between the animal and future pet parent
- ✓ Approving only the most compatible matches

## From Neighborhood Dangers to Playhouse Fun

A volunteer called about a badly injured cat in her neighborhood. Another neighbor rescued the cat from a fence, but the leg looked severely damaged and she needed medical attention immediately. Our beloved veterinarian determined that so much of the leg was missing that it had to be amputated. She fared well through the surgery, but had a long road ahead.

Being a feral cat, she was not used to so much human attention. A dedicated cat-lover was her saving grace and offered to

care for her during her recovery. She named her Daisy and after a month of being indoors to build up her strength she was brought to another cat-lover's cat friendly backyard with a playhouse meant just for kitties. During the summer it has an air conditioner and during the winter it has heating pads. This is a wonderful and safe environment for those kitties that just don't do well indoors.

Now Daisy is free to roam and has a safe home base

where she can return to for food and shelter.



Daisy's operation and medical treatment was made possible by the PCB Paws & Claws ANGEL FUND.



## A New Adopter Provides Much Needed Veterinary Care

Molly the Maltese and Baby the Shih-Tzu had been passed from home to home during their lifetime. Each home was a loving environment, but much needed medical attention was not provided.

Dogs are just like children and need check-ups at least annually, including dental exams. Baby ended up being 12 years old, not the 6 years we were told, and most of her teeth had to be removed. They had become so rotten it was painful

to eat. She was half the weight she should have been and was deteriorating rapidly. Molly had a



chronic skin allergy common in Maltese's which caused scabbing and bleeding regularly. And they

both had extensive cataracts causing near blindness.

Their story ends happily though. Through Petfinder.com their Guardian Angels came to the rescue. Now they will live out their lives receiving much needed medical attention with a retired mother/daughter duo. Molly and Baby are now living the high life for their retirement!

# Spotlight on Special Needs Kitties

These kitties have been categorized as "Special Needs" because they have been exposed to an FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis) positive cat. They do not have the disease, but there is a 5% chance they could get it. All veterinarians have different opinions on the disease because it is not highly researched. Our veterinarian is recommending that these kitties only be in a home

with other FIP exposed cats so as not to spread the possibility of the disease.



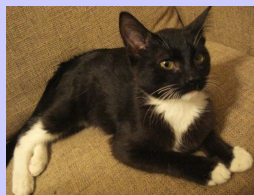
ROCKY is a loving Maine Coon who just wants attention.

The sad part about these 5 kitties predicament is that they are unable to go to the PetSmart Adoption Center where PCB Paws & Claws kitties usually find their new forever homes. So they have been in foster care for over 6 months. They have to stay in a spare bedroom all alone and are so excited when their foster mom comes to pay attention to them. Each and every one of them would make a wonderful addition

to any home if they are given a chance.

Please, if you are interested in meeting any of these kitties call the foster mom directly at 832-3825.

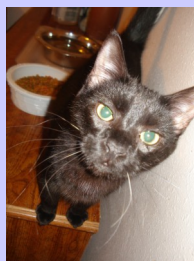
For further information on the disease you can visit <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/fhc/brochures/fip.html>.



SLY is a feisty tuxedo who likes to play but loves attention.



CHARLIE is a beautiful tuxedo with unusual markings and a great personality.



JEDI was all paws as a baby and now is all love and no fight.



GABRIELLE does flips on the couch to get extra petting time.

## Please consider donating and supporting our mission.

Each donor will receive our newsletter and reassurance that their donation will be used strictly for animal welfare. To donate with a credit card online go to <http://pcbpcawsandclaws.org/id5.html>

Yes, I will support the efforts of PCB Paws & Claws, Inc. I have enclosed the following tax deductible donation to help with the continued support of homeless animals.

DONOR: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my business to become a sponsor of PCB Paws & Claws, Inc.

SPONSOR: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am donating to the ANGEL FUND to help with medical emergencies.

ANGEL FUND: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and mail it to:

**Paws & Claws, P.O. Box 7412, PCB, FL 32413**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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The 501c3 charity By-laws and donation categories have been updated. Please feel free to email us if you have any questions regarding the changes. Thank you for your wonderful support in 2009.

We look forward to continuing our work with the animals.

PCB Paws & Claws  
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**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

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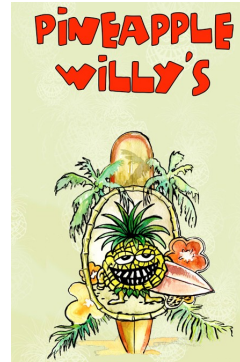
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All the aid we provide to homeless  
animals would not be possible with-  
out our dedicated veterinarians.

**Parkway Animal Hospital 763-8387**

**Vets Pets 233-7800**

## Pet Photos with Santa Claus

Bring your pets to PetSmart for photos with Santa! Cost is \$9.95 (with Pet Perks card) and \$5 of the proceeds are donated to PCB Paws & Claws.



Our volunteers will be taking the photos and meeting you and your pets. So come visit us!

**PetSmart on 23rd St. from 11am-4pm**

**December 12 & 13**

**December 19 & 20**

## Donations Needed:

**FUNDS:** Angel Fund (medical emergencies), Spay/Neuter, medical treatments

**VOLUNTEERS:** PetSmart Adoption Center, foster homes, fundraising, etc.

**SUPPLIES:** Cat Food, Dog Food, Litter, Toys (We can arrange for pick up.)

**LAND/PROPERTY:** Zoned commercial or agricultural on Panama City Beach so we can build a shelter.

**Please call**

**(850)234-6284.**

