

# T.A.I.L.S. TALK

A Publication of The Animals' Island League Shelter,  
stewards of Grosse Ile Animal Shelter

## Shelter Wish List:

- Iams dry cat food
- Any canned cat food
- Any canned KITTEN food
- Clay-based kitty litter
- 18" & 20" choke chains
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Simple Green cleaner
- Paper Towels

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

### Weekly:

**Outside Pooper Scoopers** to pick up after our canine friends. The grounds and outside kennels must be cleaned up 1 or 2 times a week, depending on the number of dogs we have.

### Monthly:

Cleaning the shelter lobby, including restocking adoption kits and items for sale.

### Quarterly:

Folding and labeling of newsletter.

### One-Time:

**Seamstress** to cut large blankets down to cage size and restitch the edges.

**Painter** to repaint the woodwork and posts on the inside dog kennel area.

**Painter** to wirebrush and spray paint some of the cat cages.

**Carpenter/construction person** to install vents/covers over the openings under the soffits of the roof.

**Construction person** to install corrugated fiberglass roofing over outside dog kennels.

*If you can help us with any of these needs, please call the Shelter at 692-9688 and leave a message for Sandy.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



As you can see by our newly formatted newsletter, T.A.I.L.S. and the volunteers of the shelter have been extremely busy during the summer. More importantly, our efforts are focused on generating more revenue to care for the homeless animals of Grosse Ile as well as related shelter expenses. Besides funding, T.A.I.L.S. is in dire need of board members and volunteers to help achieve its mission. The commitment of a board member is simple...a love for animals and a monthly commitment of one to two hours. If you have any interest in becoming a board member or becoming more involved with T.A.I.L.S., please contact me at 734-675-6288.

Finally, please support our fundraisers that are coming up this fall and are mentioned in this newsletter in greater detail — T.A.I.L.S. Trot, Christmas Card Sale and T-shirt Sale. We are looking for a greater turnout for these events and look forward to a successful fall season.

Thank you for your continued support of T.A.I.L.S. If you have yet to renew your membership, please do so as we would like to put you on our active membership role (see back page of this newsletter.)

*Kurt M. Kobiljak, Esq.*

*T.A.I.L.S. Board of Directors President*

## ANIMAL ADVICE

*Lora Schaller, Animal Control Officer*



Our Shelter is a wonderful place. We are often told by people who visit us that the "animals don't want to leave." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Every one of our animals housed at the Shelter should have a good and loving home. I believe that most of them came from what would be considered just that. So, why then, is it unusual for lost cats to be claimed by their owners? For every dog that is sheltered, we care for usually twenty or more cats. Many of them come in as "strays." If they are strays, why are they friendly, clean, declawed, and sterilized?

There was much opposition from our cat owners regarding a change in the local ordinance requiring cats to be licensed. Cats are now required to remain on their owner's property and not run at large, the same as what has always been required of dogs. Licensing identifies your pet, if lost, and requires vaccinating for rabies. Responsible cat ownership includes these three things: sterilizing, confining and licensing. It also means looking for your cat if lost.

Please check the Shelter if your cat is missing. Sadly, if your cat is not there, provide us with a picture and description of your missing pet. Some lost cats have been claimed months after being lost. And, remember, strays are only held 5 days before being available for adoption. (We also sterilize all mature cats before adopting them in to new homes.)

Stop by and meet all of our boarders. You may also just find a wonderful, new friend...

### Grosse Ile Animal Shelter

Located on Centennial Farm, 3rd & Bellevue, Grosse Ile, MI, 48138

734-692-9688 (e-mail: [accshaller@hotmail.com](mailto:accshaller@hotmail.com))

Open Monday - Friday, 10 - 11 AM & 2-3 PM, Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM, or by appointment

**Thank You for  
your Gifts...**

**For the homeless animals, from...**

Alicia Barraco, Natalie Rote and Sarah Stein. (From a lemonade sale & donations from their friends!)

Mrs. Anna Crivella  
Diamond Motors  
Mr. Fred Hoffman  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Rutkowski  
Ms. Kay Vanriper  
Ms. Judith Clinton

**In memory of a beloved pet, from...**

Mrs. Dottie Wendell  
Mr. Frank Suchan

**In honor of his fellow volunteers, Harry Johnson, top dog walker, presented the Shelter with a maple tree to shade the dog kennels. Harry recently moved to Peshigo, MI.**

And, a very **special thank you** to Fritz & Gayle Overesch and friends for all your efforts in making the annual "Overesch Yard Olympics" a success for the benefit of Grosse Ile Animal Shelter.

**T.A.I.L.S.  
FOUNDERS SOCIETY**

Become a member of T.A.I.L.S. Founders Society on behalf of your beloved animal companion.

For a donation of \$250, you can remember your pet with a framed Pewabic Tile and memorial plaque that will be displayed on the wall of the Animal Shelter lobby.

Please contact Kurt Kobiljak for more information.

# Happy Endings!



**Snoopy** (formerly Gramps) has been contentedly living with Judith Clinton for 2 years. He's getting gray but is still puppylike, and loves his teddy bear!



**Champagne** found a royal home here on Grosse Ile after almost a year at the Shelter. She now rules the household of Anne Gillman and several feline friends.



**Louie** ran the south end of our island for 2 weeks back in May 1998. His running days are over and he's now living like a movie star in southern California with his new family. He even has his own poolside lounge chair and phone!



**Gwen** catches a nap with her new brother, **Angel**. Their main objective in life to is to bring joy to their mom, Julia Vida of Southgate, MI. Julia adopted her first wonderful "cat friend," Angel, in 1996 and came back for another friend, Gwen, two years later.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Choose one or all — \$12/box

(12 cards per box)

Cards will be available in October at the Shelter.



It's a wonderful life!  
Happy Holidays



Have a Merry  
Little Christmas!



'Tis the season!  
Happy Holidays

## Still Waiting for a Happy Ending...

Come to the Shelter and discover the wonderful purr-sonalities of these lovable, young adult boys and girls.

Their happy endings depend on you.



### Meet the Volunteers:

**Sandy Szczepanski** almost single-handedly began the volunteer program at G.I.A.S. Three years ago, she was one of the first two regular volunteers. Since then, she has recruited and trained many others. We consider her to be the backbone of the volunteer staff and are grateful for every moment she gives to our shelter. Her husband, Tom, also is quick to help out when needed. Sandy is a retired 8th grade teacher. She has 3 amazing cats, Roy, Rex, and Sam.



**Geri Heskett** has been giving her time to G.I.A.S. since August of 1998. She faithfully appears on Tuesdays and Thursdays to take care of our animal friends, often with kittie brushes, toys or treats in her hand. She is especially good with our elderly feline boarders, one of whom she took home for special care and now calls her very own "Joy." Geri is retired and we're thrilled that she now considers the animal shelter her "place of work."



MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS



## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Grosse Ile

Animal Shelter

Saturday, Dec. 2nd

Visit loving dogs & cats in need  
of homes for Christmas.

Refreshments and festivities from  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## NEW DESIGN T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS



T-shirts - \$10, Sweatshirts - \$20  
Now available at the Shelter and  
at T.A.I.L.S. Trot, October 14th.

## 4th Annual

## 3k T.A.I.L.S. Trot

## October 14th



T.A.I.L.S. will again sponsor their annual Trot, a fundraiser for the needs of Grosse Ile Animal Shelter. Registration begins at 9 AM at the Shelter; the Trot begins at 9:30 AM. Harvest Day at Centennial Farm is the same day.

Trot in the morning and then stay for Harvest Day festivities!  
It's fun for the whole family!

## STEVIE'S GARDEN



Our Shelter still sadly misses Stevie. In her memory, we look forward to establishing a Memory Garden along the south side of the shelter. This garden will honor our beloved shelter friends who live on in our hearts. Life can sometimes be unkind to the innocent, but we will never forget the love they gave us.



T.A.I.L.S.  
 P.O. Box 396  
 Grosse Ile, MI 48138



**4TH ANNUAL T.A.I.L.S. TROT**  
 Saturday, October 14th

Please send any name or address corrections to Grosse Ile Animal Shelter, 25799 Third St., Grosse Ile, MI., 48138

## Become a T.A.I.L.S. member!

(or renew your membership for this year)

Mission: To establish, operate, and maintain an Island facility for sheltering and care of domesticated, homeless Island pets, to assure that, through our best efforts, no adoptable animal be put to death.

### Membership Levels:

Regular	\$10
Senior/Student	\$ 5
Family	\$35
Patron	\$100
Founding	\$250+

All members receive our T.A.I.L.S. newsletter, previews of upcoming events, and opportunities to volunteer at the Shelter!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level : \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: T.A.I.L.S. and mail to P.O. Box 396, Grosse Ile, MI, 48138.  
 For more information, call Kurt Kobiljak at 675-6288.