

Leavenworth **Animal Welfare Society**

LAWS Newsletter

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2019 Retrospective

by Don Brown, Director of LAWS

We have grown as an organization over the years, but especially in the last two or three years. I think since LAWS has helped so many people, and so many animals that we have strong credibility in the community, through the Spay-Neuter Program, through the Save Animals from Euthanasia Program,



LAWS Pet Food Pantry (PFP)

by Maria E. Cox, LAWS Member and Volunteer

LAWS Pet Food Pantry (PFP) was started in 2016 by Carol Turner, long time LAWS Volunteer and Don Brown, President of LAWS, after finding Tori and Hank starved and on death's door in an alley in <u>— cont'd on p.9.</u>



The Numbers

14,500 dogs & cats spayed-neutered over the last 10 years!

250 dogs and cats rescued in 2019!

"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being."

Abraham Lincoln

by Carol Turner

Meet Rudy, a sweet natured, 5 month old pit bull mix puppy that wound up at animal control with a limp. AC took him to Dog & Cat clinic and x-rays were taken. It was determined Rudy's shoulder was dislocated and his elbow was shattered, due to the alleged abuse & cruelty. Thank goodness a witness

The Story of Rudy

to the alleged abuse & cruelty came forward, so Animal Control and LAWS could finally help this dog. Dog & Cat Clinic recommended Rudy be taken to Blue Pearl asap so that an orthopedic surgeon could fix the elbow.

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LAWS relies solely on donations!

We receive zero funding from any government agency. We'd like to be able to help the next injured pet that arrives at Animal Control. Please donate.



LAWS will neuter Rudy when the time is appropriate. The surgery cost was \$3615. Folks, that's our biggest expenditure so far this year, and quite possibly ever.

The Story of Lola



Text from Erin Mikkelson, Lola's owner, to LAWS this past December. Lola was adopted in 2005. Lola happily lived to be 15 and one-half years old.

I wanted to reach out to you and Anne to let you know that Lola was laid to rest on Saturday after 15 1/2 years. We grew up together. She saw me get married, she got to meet all three of my babies and was so very loved. Her back legs bothered her in the last few years, but with pain meds she was able to get around just fine until the end. She was an absolutely amazing dog who will always be a part of me. I am so thankful to you both for choosing me as her mom!

I am having a very hard time handling the sadness and thought maybe if I went back to the beginning and reached out to you guys I might find some peace. I want you to know that what you do matters SO MUCH!

Kylie, 'Pit Bull Ambassador'

Yea, they have all one breath, so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. —Ecclesiastes

By Carol Turner

LAWS received a wonderful letter we'd like to share from a previous adopter. To Whom it May Concern:

A little over thirteen (13) years ago (May 2006), LAWS volunteers introduced us to a little black puppy. She had come from humble origins; someone had surrendered a pregnant pit bull mix to Leavenworth Animal Control and she was subsequently rescued by LAWS. This little black puppy was one of her offspring, and we adopted her and named her "Kylie." We introduced Kylie into a pack that had an older brother Mickey (Vizsla) and an older sister

Lacey (Labrador, rescue from Independence).

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Hamburger Mary's

Hamburger Mary's restaurant held several fundraiser events for LAWS during the year featuring—yes, you heard it right— Drag Queen Charity Bingo and Raffle! Hamburger Mary's is located at 3700 Broadway in Midtown

Kansas City.





You think those dogs will not be in heaven! I tell you they will be there long before any of us! —
Robert Louis Stevenson

Lost pet checklist

Lost pets are in great danger, especially in the cold Kansas winter.

LAWS volunteers often receive calls from people whose dogs and cats have crawled under a fence, slipped out the door, scaled a wall, or oozed through a window. The trick to finding a lost pooch or kitty is to do the following:

- If you live in the City of Leavenworth, visit Animal Control to see if they have your pet, and to alert them to be on the lookout.
- If you live in the County, call the County Sheriff.
- Network: let your neighbors know so they can keep an eye out.
- Call LAWS and LCHS
 (Leavenworth County Humane
 Society)to see if they can help.
- Put a Lost Pet ad in the Leavenworth Times. It's free.

PLEASE make a personal visit to the Leavenworth Animal Shelter if your pet is missing.

"Boy, you guys are good! Janie was found last evening."







We told you to hang onto your whiskers - we weren't kitten ya! LAWS has helped yet another cat in desperate need of surgery. Oreo is one of four injured cats who required an amputation, paid by LAWS. Thanks to Piper Heritage Veterinary Clinic for staying after hours to perform a necessary leg amputation on this poor kitty. Another kitty amputee is Mellow, whose picture is on the first page.



LAWS has helped
spay-neuter over
14,500 cats and
dogs in 10 years.
Just imagine . . .
how many more
homeless, suffering
animals there might
be without LAWS?

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PUTT for PAWS



by Carol Turner

THANK YOU to Trails West Golf Course and all the Teams that turned out for the annual LAWS PUTT for PAWS tournament! And another big THANK YOU to our hole sponsors!!! Everyone enjoyed breakfast and raffle prizes before the shotgun start. What a great morning and the rain stopped just in time. LAWS Volunteers worked their tails off for this and deserve a HUGE thanks as well.

LEAVENWORTH ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Did you know the LAWS Pet Food Pantry gives away 18,000 lbs of pet food a year to those in need?



Whenever you observe an animal closely, you feel as if a human being sitting inside were making fun of you.



Gypsy Aces

These men came representing a group that we at Leavenworth Animal Welfare Society (LAWS) are honored to be associated with. For the eighth consecutive year, the Gypsy Aces motorcycle club held a benefit ride to raise money to help the pets in our community. This year they presented LAWS with the proceeds of the Gypsy Aces Poker Run.... Well over \$1000.. We appreciate them and their commitment to the community and the pets.

IHOP fundraiser

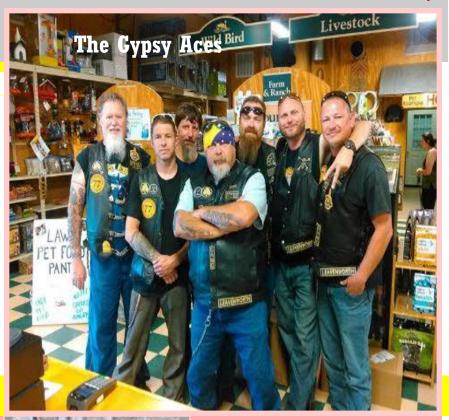
This year's IHOP fundraiser will be on April 30th, 4pm to 10pm.

LAWS will have a table in the IHOP lobby where T-shirts and memberships are available, and donations to LAWS can be made. IHOP donates 10% of the gross take to LAWS.

Spay-Ghetti Dinner

The Annual Spay-Ghetti
Dinner is the largest fundraiser of the year for LAWS. This
year's 2020 event was a big success
on Sunday, March 1, held at Luigi's
Italian Restaurant.

Guests had the opportunity to win raffle prizes and participate in a silent auction, where beautiful handcrafted items were on display. The Golden Rule should apply to the whole animal kingdom
— Thomas Hardy.





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Salute to Ann Divine

Anne Divine, a long-term member and ex-President of LAWS, has moved
 this past fall from Leavenworth to her new home in Minnesota to be with
 her family.

Leading LAWS for many years, Anne not only headed the management team but also was deeply involved in organizing activities, arranging rescues for pets in need, and volunteering for the many other duties that have been necessary to make LAWS successful. Anne helped with spayneuter as the primary mission of LAWS, understanding that a key challenge for pet welfare is the issue of more dogs and cats than homes available to adopt. The long hours Anne devoted to LAWS for so many years, helping animals in need of medical care, food, fosters, rescues and adoptions directly contributed to improving life and welfare for many of the thousands of dogs and cats in Leavenworth.



This pack was inseparable. I doubt that you hear very many puppy parents following up and letting you know whatever happened with those adoptions.

Well, on Thursday, July 25, 2019, we laid Kylie to rest; the rest of her pack had predeceased her by several years.

But this letter isn't about what

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But this letter isn't about what ultimately happened to her, it is about the life she led and more importantly the lives she touched. All as a result of a LAWS volunteer that rescued an unwanted pregnant pit bull from the

shelter. We want you to know that while you may not receive appreciation for your efforts, that what you do changes the world. As a pit bull (mix), we understood that it was important that Kylie be well socialized. She went everywhere, and for her everywhere was a new ad-

..... venture that she relished. Kylie wasn't just any pitbull; Kylie grew into an ambassador. She had a gift; everywhere she went she shared her vivacious love of life, blue sky, and sunshine. On your worst day, an interaction with Kylie made you smile; on your best day, an interaction with Kylie raised the elation. Everyone she interacted with received that gift. We all interact with dogs, most are soon forgotten. Kylie was memorable. And more important, Kylie changed people. I wish to share a couple of examples; there are many to choose from and none are more memorable than the others. 1) The farm/camp we used to take our other dogs to (Mickey and Lacey) before we adopted Kylie when we went on vacation. The owner was very particular, referrals only and meeting the owners and dogs before she would accept them at camp. When we first



When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport;
When the tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity.

— George Bernard Shaw

> met, she was adamant," l don't need someone introducing a pit bull into my mix." When we first showed up with three(3) dogs (instead of two [2]), she gave me the evil side-eye but said nothing. When we picked Kylie up after vacation, the owner told us, "I took Kylie everywhere because I didn't want her in the general population; she is the best dog you have and I do not want to give her back. I call her 'my little pittie' and I am going to miss her." Kylie was a Pit Bull Ambassador, and she changed attitudes. As a young (and well socialized) Pit Bull, we took her to the Lees Summit St. Patrick's DayParade. One of the police officers came to us and asked sternly, "what are you doing

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We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.— Emmanuel Kant

Kylie, cont'd

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with THAT dog here?" My calm answer was, "enjoying the weather, the parade, and please notice that she has current vaccination and Lees Summit license prominently displayed on her collar." He established patrol adjacent to us and made it quite clear that he was watching us closely.

As Kylie interacted with children and parents alike, and not just interacted as well socialized but shared her gift of sunshine and vivacious love of life. she changed him and his attitude. Even though there is no formal designation, Kylie was a Pit Bull Ambassador, and she changed people.3) Kylie was a fixture at the Saturday Lees Summit Farmers' Market; this is her 14th year. Vendors rarely remember my name, but every vendor remembers Kylie. And Kylie knows every vendor .There are other dogs, but Kylie was a celebrity posing with selfies that the vendors would post on their websites. And they always look forward to seeing her every Saturday, and the beginning of every new season.

Kylie rarely misses a Saturday

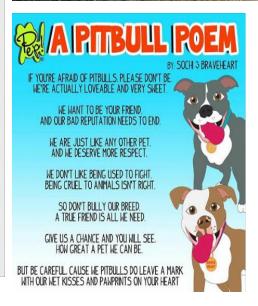


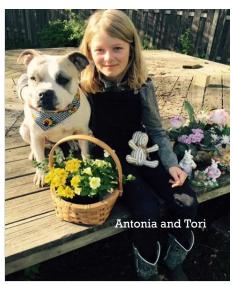


morning appearance, even when one trip around the parking lot was her entire amount of exercise for the day.

And not just the Farmer's Market, but other venues downtown Lees Summit such as Poppy's Ice Cream, American Garage, Red Door, and others; she was known to many vendors, shop owners, andpatrons.4l And she wasn't just a Lees Summit Ambassador, this past winter we spent four (4) months on work assignment in Tallahassee. She spent the whole winter hiking, enjoying the weather (Kylie hated cold); every day was a new adventure to explore at Cascade Park, St. Mark's Trail, Miccosukee Greenway Trail, Lake

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downtown Leavenworth. Tori and Hank were probably littermates and Tori had just had a litter of puppies. No pups were ever found, and no one ever came forward knowing anything about the dogs.

With Hank and Tori in mind a pet food pantry was established in Leavenworth to help those needing a hand to feed their pets so no animal would go hungry.

Every month LAWS volunteers and young future volunteers come together on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month to get dry and canned pet food ready for handout at 1 pm to 3 pm or till we run out of food. Distribution is inside the HOPE Shelter, which is closed to any adoptions at that time. Those in line for food need to give some information at the desk, and a card is filled out with name, address, how many/size of the dogs and/or cats and if they have been spayed or neutered. This is where LAWS volunteers can talk with that person the importance of spay or neutering the animal. Also offer any help to trap feral cats to get them spay/neuter and then release them back out so colonies will not grow.

Our last numbers in November 2019 show:

2,065 Dogs (all sizes) have been fed (now some are returning every month)

3,662 Cats (a lot of colonies) have been fed (and these are returning every month).



The poundage for dry dog food in 2019 is 6,708 lbs. and for canned dog food 1,834 lbs.

Poundage for dry cat food for 2019 was are 8,584 lbs. and for canned cat food 414 lbs.

I'd like to thank the following volunteers for all the help this year and laughter and well-being felt for helping the Leavenworth/Lansing community:

Tonya Hunt (who helped develop the newest system of bagging and cards) and being a great in charge person handling times when I can't be there. Natalie and Cammie Voss, powerhouses in getting things done and keeping a smile on their faces when times get crazy. BaiLee Abbott (a fundraising star in her own right) who keeps things moving. Rosie Abbott (who brought Ethan to help) and they know how to move those bags of food and help those that need help getting it to their cars. Ernie Kovac (who knows some of those people needing help), Lisa Meeker, Julie Moore, Liz and Kenney Barker, Melissa Robertson, Steve Cox (he's definitely the muscle to lift those big bags of dry food) and other LAWS members who have helped when needed. Thanks to both Michelle Avery and Don Brown collecting the donated food and keeping the pantry working.

As the big plan is to have all pets spay/neutered to help with population and health but to help low income or homeless families keep those pets fed and happy and never hope to see another Tori or Hank in years to come.

The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.

—Charles Darwin



Father Christmas Photgraphs









Father Christmas Photos are one of our favorite events because it gives pet owners a chance to make a lasting memory. LAWS volunteer Michelle Avery, shared how much it means since her dog Stanley passed away. "Every year when I get out the Christmas decorations I unpack his photo with Father Christmas and it makes me

Dog Trainer Visits
LAWS Volunteers

By Carol Turner

smile."

LAWS Shelter Volunteers were treated to a presentation with Tracy Martin, MA, CTC, CSAT yesterday! In a nutshell, Tracy is the bomb! Tracy is the ONLY Certified Separation Anxiety trainer in the KC Metro area and is only 1 of 3 Fear Free Certified Professional trainers in the KC area. Tracy broke down dog body language for us as well as many other details like displacement behaviors and gave us new insight to the now debunked dominance theory which sadly,

became so popular a few years ago. We learned yesterday and have new resources to access going forward into this new year! Thank you Tracy for your science-based, non-aversive training techniques. We LOVE that you are 100% positive reinforcement based.







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— Abraham Lincoln

cat are not the better for it.

LAWS Volunteers

LAWS are unpaid volunteers who care about and want to help animals.

Don Brown is the current Director of LAWS. Monthly LAWS meetings are held at Kansas Country Store. owned by Don and his wife Sherry.

Carol Turner is Vice President and is the Volunteer Coordinator at Leaven-

worth Animal Control. Carol also handles Petfinder for both LAWS and Leavenworth Animal Control, and also the LAWS Facebook pages, arranges rescues for pets at LWAC and does rescue transports, not to mention fostering dogs and kittens

for LAWS for almost 20 years. Michelle Avery is long-time volunteer who is the LAWS Treasurer. Michelle volunteers at Animal Control, fosters kittens and is exactly the kind of Treasurer any non-profit organization could wish for: keeping finances in good order and keeping track of donations.

Maria Cox is the Nora LAWS and Archie tary, and also organizes

the successful LAWS Pet Food Pantry food giveway program which runs year-round.

Andrea Mamaux is a long-time member and past Director of LAWS, and works with rescues, transports, helping feral cats and fosters dogs and cats. Diann Stark is a long-time LAWS member who fosters cats and assists with transports.

Pat Haskins and Eva have long been with LAWS. Pat always can be counted on to help with bake sales and crafts for fundraisers, and Eva helps with the feral pet population. Lisa Weakley helps LAWS with fundraising, silent auctions, and wise advise.

Ivana Nolke is a talented athlete and business woman who helps by volunteering in many

> ways, and is the organizer of the PUTT FOR PAWS golf tournament fundraising event. Pat Harrison is a long-time LAWS member and a cat expert. We also want to thank our many other members and volunteers! ***



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the Pet Food Pantry. As a rule, when LAWS gets involved in a program, or with a dog or cat, the story usually has a happy ending. LAWS is consistently helpful and successful in their attempts to help the community and their pets.

The numbers tell the story: LAWS has helped spay-neuter over 14,500 cats and dogs. Just image how many more homeless, suffering animals there might be without spay-neuter?

There are an enormous number of people and organizations to thank, including our donors and supporters. There isn't time to mention them all. For example, Leavenworth Yoga held classes for donations to raise money for LAWS and area youth groups have fundraisers and make dog toys to help animals. There are just so many folks who come to our events such as Spay-Ghetti Dinner to support us with a few dollars and a good heart. Moral support gives us stability in the community, because they know LAWS is helping to support them and their pets.

Leavenworth Animal Control and LAWS are increasing our work together to get dogs and cats in need of adoption to our rescue partners. For example, the city has a person who is helping us to get animals at AC listed on Petfinder and Facebook, which is an important factor in adoptions.

LAWS held several successful fundraising events during the year. Spay-Ghetti Dinner is our largest event. Putt for Paws is a golf tournament fundraiser. Blessing of the Animals is an event that means a lot to me. An Episcopal priest takes a moment with each animal that came to the event to say a short prayer and ask God's blessing for that animal. I've seen some of the people's reactions who are in many cases very moved and feel blessed that their animal has been cared for in such a way spiritually.

We Love To See New Faces and Could Use Your Help and Support!

Join Us For Our Monthly Meetings

2nd Wednesday of every Month 6:00 - 7:00 PM

At Kansas Country Store 728 Cherokee St - Leavenworth







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One does not meet oneself until one catches the reflection from an eye other than human.





Dogs believe they are human.
Cats believe they are God.



Sarlya Nelson, Kiwanis essay winner. Talented Sarlya Nelson won \$100 from Kiwanis for her outstanding essay on the Leavenworth Animal Welfare Society. She generously donated her winnings to LAWS! Sarlya is on left. Don Brown of LAWS on the right.

Rudy, cont'd from p.2.

A LAWS Volunteer rushed Rudy from AC to Blue Pearl on Black Friday. Dr. Reilly performed the surgery to fix the shattered elbow (and sadly scrape away lots of scar tissue) so the puppy could have 1) a functional leg and 2) reduce arthritis as Rudy ages.

Rudy is in a LAWS licensed foster home now for 6-8 weeks recovery and rehab, with leashed potty breaks outside only.

"I am fond of pigs.

Dogs look up to us.

Cats look down on

us. Pigs treat us as
equals."

Sariya Nelson

The deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are our brothers.

- Chief Seattle

In Memoriam — Roger Caras

Remembering our beloved humans and pets

Memorials

Hilda Bakeman
Charlotte Bayer
Jane Carney
Mary Cunning
Chris Darge
Bill Gee
Linda Anne Tumilson Gray

Curtis Haskins Marion "Ann" Kinerney Jack Kroll, Jr. Kelly Lake **Anna Leeper** Aloysius "Al" George List Sharon Magaha **Matt Massoth** Judy Moppin **Anneliese Moreland** Nick Mowery Sherri Parkison **George Potter** William "Billy" Randolf Mary N. Reilly Jennifer Rodriquez Merrell "Tony" Smith **Barbara Wagner**



Pet Memorials

Bailee, dearly missed by Anya & Sophie Lewczenko.

Bandi, beloved pet of Darlene Whicher.

Ben, who touched hearts before he left this world.

Duchess the cat, loved by Kyle Smith & Kara Luginbill

Fifi, a cat with a lot of personality, missed by Rimsie McConiga

In honor of **Honey**, LAWS and MABBR rescue dog, by Brian Krebs

Katie, much loved dog of Diane & Larry Owens

Kit Kat, cherished cat of Kathy Price

Kylie, adopted as a puppy May 2006 from LAWS. Given the best life possible by Kenneth & Gayla Sessa

Lola, adopted from LAWS in 2005 "She was my heart" -Erin Holland

Luke the dog and Raven the cat, loved by Dee Bergman

Macie, loved by Susan & Maggie Wells

Ozzie, adored cat of Roberta Simanowitz

Dear canine companion **Peggy Sue**, loved and missed by Dorothy Wood

Ruby Tuesday, 18 year old beloved pet of Denise & Don Portice

In loving memory of **Stripey Tom**& **Slim Shady**, feline friends of
Kara Luginbill

Teri – owned by Eileen Jesmer

Trixie canine companion of Karen & Roy Bell

Zoe, adopted from LAWS and well loved by Mike & Maggie Patterson



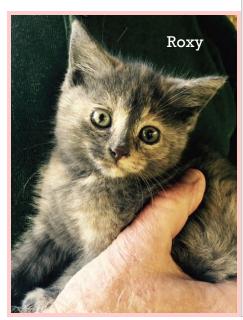
Happy would it be for thousands of people if they could stand at last before the Judgment Seat and say "I have loved as truly and I have lived as decently as my dog." — Harriet Ward Beecher

Memorials, cont'd

Paul Aaron **Tennifer Boston** Edward Bowman Benjamin Carnoali **Betty Ellingwood Dolores Fevurley** Robert 'Bob' Hagan Vivian Jones Gary Sloan

Honorariums

Rena Russell's birthday Martha Schroeder's birthday Lynn Turner's VA



Kylie, cont'd from p.8

Ella, The Edison, PRIDE Festival, Wells Brothers, Midtown Caboose, and many others. Tallahassee is very dog friendly, and everywhere Kylie went she drew a crowd as she shared her vivacious love of life, blue sky, and sunshine.

Animals share with us the privilege of having a soul. - Pythagoras

One of my last memories will be taking her to the park last weekend in the Miata, top down. She had her head out the side, ears back, mouth open and drool trailing out, the look on her face was nothing short of pure bliss just enjoying everything life had to offer. While I was crying because I knew the end was near; watching Kylie those were tears of joy more than they were tears of sadness thinking about my impending loss. Every day, even knowing time was short, was a day worth living in Kylie's world. And she knew; all animals know. While we all die, few truly live. Kylie lived and relished every day. Even with the difficulty she had at the end (laryngeal paralysis made it hard to breathe, but even when she could breathe a nasal adenocarcinoma blocked her nasal passages, the tumor pressure onto her brain introduced seizures, arthritic pain, failing liver, hypothyroidism), every day was worth living to the

Even when she couldn't do very much, she never lost her gift of

fullest.



vivacious love of life. Even when she knew a seizure was coming, she let us know and then focused tOO% of her energy on preparing for the seizure. tf Kylie did something, she did 100%. While I would like to think that someday I will get another pet, and Kylie wouldn't want us to be alone, that I better honor her memory by donating her items so they can be used today. Kylie wouldn't want her stuff to be stored and unused, when there are doggies out there that need these; she wouldn't want her food to go uneaten and her (brand new) bones to go unchewed and unenjoyed, when there are doggies that are hungry and would enjoy these. Her leashes and matching collars (because a Pit Bull Ambassador needs to be stylish.)

I owe LAWS a debt of gratitude for introducing us to Kylie and the just over thirteen (13) years she spent with us; this is a debt I can never repay appropriately. Sincerely, Kenneth & Gayla

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JOIN!

How you can help

Become a member. Membership dues are accepted throughout the year. Pay through PalPal lawspets@gmail.com (include note) or mail to: LAWS, PO Box 498, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

I would like to be	a LAWS member for 2020.	My dues \$	are enclosed.
\$15 Individual	\$30 Family \$50 Pate	on \$100 Benefac	tor \$100 Business
Name / address:			
Email (helps save stamps!			
A donation of \$ is enclosed.			
Please apply to:	Free spay-neuter program	Medical assistance	Rescue
Honorarium/Memorial donation of \$ is enclosed.			
Please complete the information below so your honorarium/memorial can be listed in our newsletter:			
In loving memory of		or in honor of	
Message (if desir	ed)		
If you would like us to send an acknowledgement, please include name / address of recepient. A card will be sent letting that person or family member know that a donation has been made. If a pet, please indicate dog or cat.			
Donations are tax deductible. LAWS is a non-profit 501©(3) organization. EIN #48-1108530.			

Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in."

- Mark Twain

ADOPT LOCALLY

Leavenworth Animal Control is filling up with dogs, cats and older kittens. 2019 S. 3rd Street.





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