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Upcoming events!

**Saturday May 17th  
10am—4pm**

**A Bark Heard  
Around the World**

**Yates County Fair-  
grounds  
Penn Yan, NY**

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# Paws & Effect

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## Upcoming Plans and Events

### **A Bark Heard Around The World**

Puppy Mill Rescue and the Beverly Animal Shelter are planning an exciting event on Saturday May 17, 2008 at the Yates County Fairgrounds in Penn Yan NY from 10am - 4 pm.

The event will include informational booths, vendors, rescue groups from New York State and beyond, and guest speakers.

This year the speakers will include Franklin McMillan, DVM, a veterinarian and Ms. Kelly Ohrtman, Puppy Mill Campaign Specialist from the Best Friends Sanctuary in Utah. Dr. McMillan is the author of "Mental Health and Well-Being in Animals" and "Unlocking the Animal Mind".

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us in the fight against animal abuse.

### **3rd Annual Fund Raiser**

A big "Thank You" goes out to everyone who joined us on Sunday, March 30th for our 3rd Annual Open House and Animal Groups Fund Raiser.

A great time was had by all. The 50/50 raffle was won by Ann Losurdo. The quilt was won by Maggie Smith.

The Silent Auction was a great success. The girl Scout Troup # 708 sold cookies and donated a portion to all the animal groups. A representative from the Merrick food company gave away free food and discussed nutrition.

Each Group that attended was awarded with a check for \$279.00.

Thank You again to our friends who joined us to support all the animal groups who help animals in need.

### **Thank You**

I would like to thank every one who has sent cards, flowers, and kind words for my mother, June.

The outpouring of love for "Grandma June" truly lifted our spirits.

The donations to Paws Across Oswego County in her memory have been amazing. She would be so proud to know she is still helping the animals she loved so much.

She will forever be a part of all of us here. We will all miss her smile in the morning and her kind words that keep us going all day. She will always be with us in spirit and if there is one lesson my mother taught everyone, it would be to be kind to everyone you meet.

Thank You

*Sincerely,  
Margie*

## Training Classes

### **Dog Behavior / Obedience Classes**

We are currently taking reservations for the class starting on Monday, April 28th. The entire 2008 schedule of classes is listed on Page 2. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings. Each class is seven weeks in length and runs from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Cost of a class is \$100.00 plus tax. Registration

and proof of vaccination is required. All dogs over the age of 8 months must be spayed or neutered to attend. If you'd like more information, call 343-0001.



### **Dog Game Night**

#### **Learn to Play! Play to Learn!**

Dog Game Night is every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. No registration is required, but we ask that you call the day of the class to let us know you are coming since the game selection for the evening is based on the number of people attending. For more information, 343-0001.

# Do You Have a Barker???



There are a variety of reasons why dogs bark. Common types of barking include:

- ◆ Excited Play Alert Barking
- ◆ Fearful Alarm Barking
- ◆ Dominance barking
- ◆ Territorial Barking
- ◆ Boredom Barking
- ◆ Learned Barking

Knowing what is motivating the barking is important. The treatment plans for barking varies based on the type of barking your dog is exhibiting. In all cases, the following guidelines can be used to desensitize your dog to whatever is causing the barking:

- ◆ Determine your dog's threshold for barking. Is

the dog calm at 20 feet away from a stranger, but barks at 10 feet? Do cats drive him crazy even at 50 feet?

- ◆ Start rewarding your dog for quiet behavior beyond the threshold. Then slowly decrease the distance between your dog and the stimulus while increasing the rewards for calm behavior.
- ◆ When your dog is barking, lure or redirect him away from what is causing the barking. The dog should be lured away, not pulled away. Move far enough away so the dog can control himself. Then wait at least two seconds after the barking has

stopped and reward your dog for his quiet behavior. When rewarding your dog, make sure he is focused on you and not the object that caused his barking.

In upcoming editions, we'll discuss the different types of barking and treatments for each type. Like most unwanted behaviors, there are remedies for barking. Most "cures" take time, consistency and a whole lot of patience. If you have specific questions, please feel free to leave me a message at 343-0001 or contact me via email at:

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 Kathy  
 Paws & Effect Dog Trainer



## Mealworms Sale!!

Mealworms are a tasty treat for your reptiles and Hedgehogs! Wild birds love them too.

**50 count container only \$2.00**

2008 Dog Behavior / Obedience Training Schedule			
Class day of week	Start Date	End Date	Additional Comment
Monday	4/28/2008	6/16/2008	No class on 5/26 - Memorial Day
Thursday	5/22/2008	7/3/2008	
Monday	6/23/2008	8/4/2008	
Thursday	7/10/2008	8/21/2008	
Monday	8/11/2008	9/29/2008	No class on 9/1 - Labor Day
Thursday	8/28/2008	10/9/2008	
Monday	10/6/2008	11/17/2008	
Thursday	10/16/2008	12/4/2008	No class on 11/27 - Thanksgiving Day



## Coupon - 1/2 Price for your first Game Night

Tuesday evenings

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Good through 5/31/2008

# Meet the Fosters

Note: We foster dogs through Paws Across Oswego County. They are a not for profit group made up of volunteers who work on donations and fundraisers. If you are interested in meeting any of our fosters, please call the shop to make arrangements.



Mikey

Mikey's blood work came back and he is doing great! We still are not sure of why he have such bad scarring on his back, but he's beautiful just the same.

We are happy to say Mikey is now in his forever home with a wonderful family that just think he's grand!

We are sure he's busy laying upside down on their lap right now.

Looking for a new  
friend? Go to  
[petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com)



## Puppy Mills

That cute little puppy in the pet store is the picture of health. If you could only see the dreadful conditions in which he was produced. Most of the puppies you will find in a pet store are the product of a puppy mill. Anyone who breeds dogs for money will breed many dogs, over and over again, usually in deplorable conditions. Cages are usually stacked one on top of the other, with urine and feces raining down on the ones below. Water, if there is any, is dirty and undrinkable. Food is low quality and there is usually just enough to keep the dogs alive. Dogs eyes are often infected from the acidity of the urine in the air and many have hair matted over their eyes so they can no longer see. Matted fur drenched with waste causes skin infections and oozing sores. The feet of these dogs are often deformed from being on a wire floor of a cage their whole lives.

We have seen this first hand. Two years ago, two days before Christmas members of P.A.O.C. and groomers came together to groom six dogs rescued from a puppy mill in Upstate NY. The dogs, scared by any type of handling, were paralyzed in fear. They stood like statues, their eyes not even moving, staring straight ahead. They all suffered from eye infections, ears infections, and skin infections under their matted coats. The skin on their feet was raw and the smell was indescribable. They had no where to go, so P.A.O.C. agreed to pay for their care and foster them until they were ready for adoption.

The transformation in these dogs was astounding! With love, care and time, they all became loving, sweet animals. They had never played with toys, or seen the outside world. Ever so slowly they started looking at us, then wagging their tails. Play time and training time was a joy for all. We were all amazed at how quickly they learned and how they wanted to please us. After only a few months they were healthy and ready to be adopted. We cried as each one left to go their new forever homes, but we will always remember the miracle of the forgiveness of dogs.

I was so pleased to see that on Friday, April 4th, Oprah had a whole show devoted to puppy mills and shelters. I cried with her as she talked about the treatment of the animals in puppy mills, and how millions of animals are being euthanized in shelters across the US every year due to the lack of homes available. I hope everyone listened to her as she stated that she will never buy another dog again. Adoption is the only option for her.

Because we strongly believe it is wrong to breed more dogs when there are no homes available for the ones we already have, we do not groom, board or train any dogs or cats over 8 months of age that are not spayed or neutered.

If you are looking for a dog or cat to adopt, the best resource is Petfinder.com. The site provides a list of all the adoptable pets in your area. Remember, also, to check the local shelters and organizations in your area. If you need help, we can certainly point you in the right direction.

Don't forget BARK will be held at the Yates County Fair grounds on May 17th. Come and show your support!

Studies have reported over 8 million animals are euthanized in shelters across the US. PLEASE spay and neuter.

Looking for a new member of the family? Check out [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com)

If you would like to make a donation in memory to Paws Across Oswego County send a picture and tell us about your much missed and loved pet and we will place it in our next newsletter

A female dog spayed before their first heat decreases the chances of breast cancer by 90%

Until there are enough good homes for all the dogs and cats we produce in this country, please do not add one more life. Every time a dog is sold many are euthanized for the lack of homes to place them in.



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**“We have more in store for your best friend.”**

# Meeting new friends

Since my mother's passing, my husband and I have inherited Arthur (a Shih Tzu) and 2 cats. They join our family of two labs and two cats. We realized adjustments to our life and the environment were needed and the slow process of merging the two “families” has begun.

Luckily Arthur and both our dogs and cats all get along. The problem is Mom's cats. Both of Mom's cats were adopted. One was found outside her house and it took her months to get him to come to her. The other cat was adopted from the shelter. Her cats get along fine, but they are not at all fond of our cats.

We moved the two new cats into our spare bedroom with all their belongings, beds, litter box, and toys. We keep the door shut and the other cats have started to introduce themselves under the gap in the door. As of day two, we are not sure what they are saying to each other, but let's just say we know we won't be letting them out of the room any time soon. Meeting this way lets the cats smell each other, vocalize to each other, and get used to each other before meeting face to face.

Arthur, who had always been walked on a leash to “go”, now has a fenced in yard. The stairs to our outside run had a space between the steps too large for Arthur so my husband filled in the gap so Arthur cannot fall through. He also put up a railing so that the big dogs cannot knock him off the side of the steps. We are now working on teaching Arthur to climb the steps. In the meantime, we simply carry him back into the house.

Another issue we are dealing with is feeding times for the dogs. With two labs, who eat fast and a shih tzu who eats slow, we have all had to learn to be more patient.

We are hoping in time Arthur will learn to navigate the steps and the cats will learn to get along. I will keep you updated on our progress.



Coupon - 10% off on our large variety of dog beds.

Good through 4/20/2008

## Grooming Tips

## Anal Glands

Anal gland disease is a common problem in dogs. A dog's anal glands can become impacted, infected, and abscessed. Affected animals may lick the anal area, “scoot” along the floor, or have problems eliminating their bowels.

So you can better understand this problem, we will briefly explain the function and anatomy of this organ. The anal glands are located on either side of the rectum. They are filled with a secretion that helps to allow bowel movements pass easily. They used to be very important organs when dogs in the wild were eating raw meat and bones. The introduction of processed foods has greatly decreased the need for these organs to produce the secretion. Like the appendix in humans, some dogs may need to have the anal glands removed while others live their whole lives with them intact.

Problems with a pet's anal glands include impaction, infections, and abscesses. Problems start when the gland becomes clogged and can no longer secrete the fluid. This is called impaction and it is easy to spot. You will see your dog “scooting” (dragging it's rear end across the floor). Another sign of impaction is excessive chewing around and above the tail area. Impactions are very common and, in most cases, can easily be treated by your veterinarian or groomer.

More serious problems such as infections and abscesses can occur. Bacteria makes it's way into the ducts, and an infection will begin. This is very painful for your pet. If your pet develops an infection or abscess, medical treatment is necessary and they must be treated by your vet. In severe cases, surgery may be needed to remove the infected gland.

Generally impactions come before infection and abscesses. If you see your pet scooting or licking excessively, your vet may suggest having your groomer express the glands when you have your dog groomed. Talking with your veterinarian and groomer will help to catch this problem early and keep your pet happy and healthy. When you bring your dog here for grooming, we will always let you know if we see this problem occurring, or see any change in your pet's health so that you can visit your vet as soon as possible.