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PAWS (*Plumas Animal Welfare Society*)

"Maybe you can't save the WORLD, but you CAN save a little piece of it."

CC Members and Volunteers who are at PAWS every day of the year: (left to right) Marilyn Irish, Kathy Nixon, and Londa Lehman

She's a beautiful eight-month-old calico, a stray abandoned by callous or careless humans. Her life on the streets has been filled with fear, loneliness, and hunger. She's been brought to the animal shelter in a trap by someone who didn't like stray cats on their property. Now she cowers in the back of her cage, her small body shaking with fear...

He's an affectionate gray cat named Smokey. Smokey has lived with the same people for six years. All that time, he's been a loyal and loving companion. Now Smokey's people are moving, but they say they can't take Smokey. So they've brought him to the shelter, telling themselves they had no choice.

They are kittens, born to a cat no one bothered to get fixed. The kittens are a little shy, so no one wants to bother with them, either. They too end up at a shelter, as do countless cats and kittens every year. Nationwide, the figure runs into the millions. What will happen to these beautiful, innocent, loving creatures, victims of human indifference and irresponsibility? The reality is that most will eventually be put to death.

The Plumas Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is a private, non-profit cat rescue organization founded in 1999 by a Plumas County resident concerned with the high euthanasia rate at the county shelter.

With the cooperation of Plumas County Animal Control, we're proud to say that since 1999, PAWS has ended the needless killing of adoptable cats in Plumas County. Annually, PAWS rescues over 400 cats and kittens, most of whom would otherwise face death. PAWS provides medical care as needed, basic immunizations, and ensures that all our cats over 10 weeks of age are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

In June 2001, we opened the CATHOUSE, PAWS' Cat Adoption Center. This facility has allowed us to expand the scope and professionalism of our rescue efforts. In 2002 we began our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP). Through this program we distribute spay/neuter discount certificates to Plumas County residents who would otherwise be unable to afford the cost of this surgery on their own.

PAWS' plans for the future include expanded spay/neuter campaigns, and more humane education programs to promote a community-wide awareness of the deadly consequences of our careless attitudes.

PAWS depends on your donations. We are not part of or funded by any other group or government agency. Your contributions are vital to our survival and are fully tax-deductible.

PAWS is staff entirely by volunteers! Unlike other rescues in the area, PAWS has no salaried employees. We desperately need more volunteers for adoption events, as regular shelter workers, and with administrative tasks.

We have been proud Sponsors of Community Connections since 2011 and are thankful for the help and support we have received from the membership over the years. We can always use additional help...watch for our service requests in the Daily Announcements or stop in for a visit at 2453 E. Main Street in Quincy and let us know how you would like to help.