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A Profitable Bake Sale

One of the PAW Society's regular fund-raising events was held April 25th, 2026. This was the Spring Bake Sale. Interestingly, the weather that day was not all that different from that that helped make last year's Autumn Bake Sale a success. Cool temperatures with sunny skies bring out a lot of shoppers, and many of them came to the Centre Village Mall and stopped at the Bake Sale.

Though the total revenue brought in was less than the previous sale, we did not have merchandise on offer this time, which contributed in the past, and the necessary event insurance took a tenth of the revenue.

Even so, the total profit neared a thousand dollars: **\$940!** That's no small figure.

Monica Baczuk, co-ordinating the sale for the first time, stated that the amount of donated baking was generous.

"Even though the mall was quieter than I had expected, we managed to sell most of it."

The community response was, as always, generous. There appeared to be a steady passage of shoppers throughout the day.

As always, PAW is grateful to those who volunteered in many capacities for the sale, starting with the bakers. The donations of baked goods were many, as Monica noted, and its variety was great. There really was something for everyone.

Audrey Audette, PAW treasurer, stated, "We had a great day," and expressed gratitude to "everyone who made the sale run smoothly".

Indeed, one of the elements that was so impressive about the sale was its organization. Most of those staffing the tables had worked sales before; experience and efficiency made everything look and run easy.

PAW would like to thank all those who made the sale possible: the bakers, the volunteers who organized and staffed the event, those who interacted with the public. As with all our successful fund-raisers, this was a collaborative effort. The Society also thanks its supporters, those who bought the pastries and breads and cookies. PAW is able to do what it does because of such people. Thank you!



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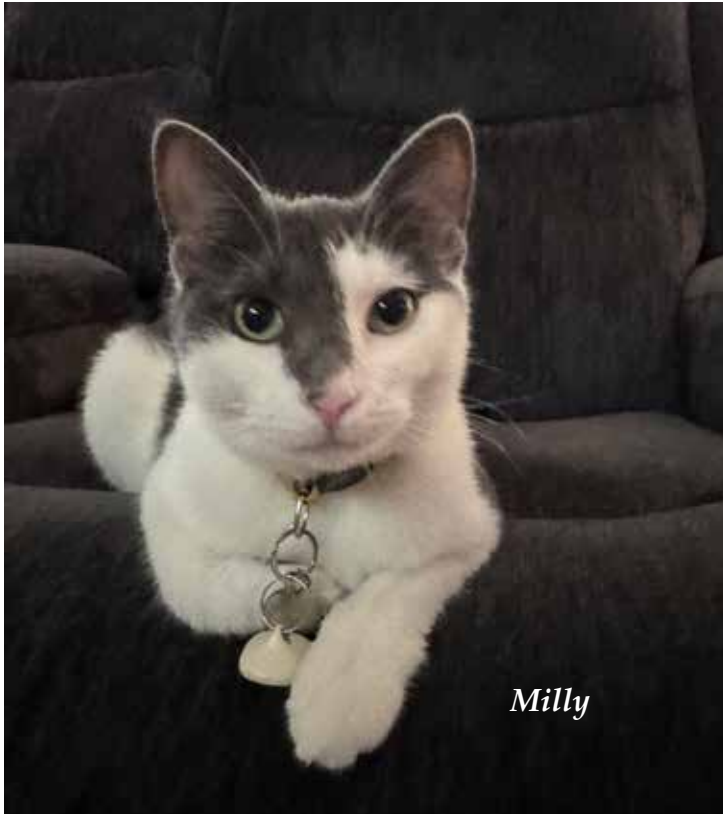
The Milly Effect

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It was just in December of 2025 that Evie, formerly Valkyrie, was adopted by Erica and Chris (as reported in *PAWPrints* No. 173). She and the resident feline, Kimi, became friends, though Evie's relationship with the dog Rijker was a work in progress.

But Kimi was not well, and after a distressing series of ups and downs, he died, in February. Kimi was Erica and Chris's daughter's cat, and they left it "100 per cent" up to Ember, their daughter, as to whether she wanted to bring in another cat sooner or later. It was decided to adopt a "new little companion" sooner. And though Ember had not wanted a kitten at first, she determined eventually to find one.

Enter Talya, soon to become Milly.



Milly

Because of the multi-animal - and multi-species - household, the arrangements were complicated. The "up-hill battle would be with Evie", Erica stated, since she is "annoyed at anything that wasn't human." But she had bonded with Kimi, and the latter's illness, which took him back and forth from home to hospital, left Evie with stress cystitis. Kimi's death was hard on her, and



Rijker and Milly

now she would have to adjust again.

Therefore, since it was thought that Evie would be a tough proposition, the first concern would be that Milly accept Rijker. He too was hurt by the loss of Kimi, who had been his friend. Rijker, Erica said, "was depressed."

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Milly at rest

PAW still needs volunteers for its Casino Days!
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The Milly Effect *(continued)*

But when Milly arrived, she and Rijker “got along together right away. Milly’s high energy is very good for the dog, and the pair chase each other about, though neither is aggressive.

So much for Rijker: mission accomplished. What about Evie?



*Evie
and Milly*

“Milly has improved things for Evie,” remarked Erica, who has explained that Evie had rather lost her place among the pets with the changes that had occurred. But now, she has gained back her energy. The two cats even share episodes of zoomies at night.

There is even companionship of a more sedentary nature: almost every day Evie enjoys lying in a hammock. After Milly has expended some of her enthusiasm in furious activity, she will jump into the hammock, too. Evie will grumble about it “for a full minute,” before relenting.

And the situation between Evie and Rijker has been bettered. As reported in *PAWPrints* No. 173, Evie usually

claimed the whole house only after Rijker went to bed. Now, she comes out at any time, and doesn’t avoid Rijker as previously. Evie thinks she should be the boss, and when Rijker doesn’t recognize her self-appointed position, she becomes angry at him. She still has her “safe space”, but there is a real improvement; Erica attributes this to Milly.

“There is a ‘big sister aura’ about her,” said Erica.

Though Evie is still given calming supplements, she is better than she had been. And the relationship between Evie and her dad, Chris, remains rock solid. She yowls for him when he is absent, and “can’t get close enough” to him.

Milly, on the other hand, is not as cuddly as was Kimi, who, Erica admits, “was not typical”.

“Adding the kitten was the right move,” Erica commented. Milly is “constantly happy”, with the “tiniest meow”. She has “zero fear, [and is] very healthy.”

That health appears to have spread among the pets of the household. Call it the Milly Effect.



**Can you help at the PAW Book Sale?
See page 4.**

Volunteers Still Needed for PAW's Book Sale

PAW SOCIETY BOOK SALE

Set-up and Start Days

Monday May 25 - 2 pm to 6 pm ~ *need one person*

Tuesday May 26 - 2 pm to 6 pm ~ *need one person*

Sale Days: continue to sort and re-arrange books

Wednesday May 27 - 10 am to 2 pm ~ *need one person*

Wednesday May 27 - 2 pm - 6 pm ~ *need two people (high need)*

Thursday May 28 - 2 pm to 6 pm ~ *need one person*

Friday May 29 - 10 am to 2 pm ~ *need one person*

Friday May 29 - 2 pm to 6 pm ~ *need two people (high need)*

Saturday May 30 - 9 am to 1 pm ~ *need two to three people (high need)*

Saturday May 30 - 1 pm - 3 pm ~ *need three to four people (high need)*

If the shift says 'FULL' or you have to change your shift, please email PAW.

Starting at 2 pm on Saturday May 30, help is needed to box up and (if possible) help deliver left-over books to the Ability Centre at 1610 - 29th Street North (**DRIVERS!**). The last part of the sale doesn't take long, we are efficient!

Also, consider donating books or jigsaw puzzles. Bring them to the site of the sale May 24th to May 26th

Wed. May 27 - Fri. May 29 ^{10 am}
- 6 pm

Sat. May 30 ^{9 am}
- 2 pm

Fish and Game Hut

(9th Ave. & 10th St. South, s.w. corner of Kinsmen Park)

Donations of books accepted at the Hut

May 24 ^{1 pm} - ^{6 pm} and May 25 - 26 ^{10 am}
- 6 pm

VOLUNTEER!

<https://volunteersignup.org/MY7RF>

Another Reminder About the PAW Casino

PAW's participation in the Lethbridge Casino - **June 26th and 27th** - is our most important fund-raiser; and the number of volunteers needed for it is correspondingly large. Volunteers need to fill out a specific form. The form may be obtained in two ways.

- 1) The form on the following page may be printed out.
- 2) The form may be downloaded and printed out from the AGLC website. Click on this link, or copy and paste it into your browser.

<https://aglc.ca/forms/casino-volunteer-worker-application>

Once downloaded, fill out **only** the section titled "Particulars of Volunteer". **Do not** fill in "Key Positions". While each volunteer may have a preference as to the position to fill, this cannot be completed on the form until all volunteers have sent in their applications. The

preferences of volunteers will be accommodated as much as possible.

Once the "Particulars of Volunteer" section is completed, the signed form must be provided to the PAW Executive Board. It may be scanned and emailed (to pawsociety@shaw.ca), mailed (to **P.O. Box 255, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, T1J 3Y5**), or other arrangements may be made by inquiring by email or telephone (**403-328-6700**).

Tell us your choice of position when your application is submitted; also, let us know which day and shift you prefer to work. (There are two shifts each day: 1 - 8 p.m., and 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. **The biggest need continues to be for the 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. shift, both days.**)

Please complete and submit the form to PAW as soon as possible. Feel free to contact the Executive if you have any questions regarding this vital fund-raiser.

Please FILL OUT the appropriate section and SIGN the form on the next page.



Who's New to PAW

THE TEMPOS: RHAPSODY'S KITTENS

These five were born the night of April 9th/10th, in a PAW foster-home. Four boys and a girl, they are Presto (orange and white boy), Allegro (dilute orange and white boy), Andante (dilute orange boy), Vivace (dilute tortoiseshell girl) and Largo (orange tabby boy). They are growing, and they are learning! They, and their beautiful and devoted mum, Rhapsody, will be available for adoption in July.



**Who was the next to be adopted?
Find out in June's issue of PAWPrints.**

Casino Volunteer Worker Application

This form may be obtained from our website: aglc.ca

Volunteers in key positions only must complete this form. This form must be completed in full.

Please print clearly.

Name of Organization Lethbridge People for Animal Welfare Society			
AGLC ID# (if known) 79629		Date(s) of Casino June 26th and 27th, 2026	
Key Positions: (must be filled by volunteers who are bona fide members of the licensed charity)			
☐ General Manager ☐ Alt General Manager ☐ Banker ☐ Count Room Supervisor ☐ Cashier			
Paid staff of the licensed organization can work, provided:			
a. they are members of the organization as defined by their bylaws			
b. they volunteer their services outside normal working hours			
c. they do not fill the following positions: General Manager, Alternate General Manager, Banker, Count Room Supervisor			
d. no individual shall work more than one position during the licence period of the casino			
e. all personnel shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older			
Particulars of Volunteer			
Legal Last Name		Legal First Name	
Other or Maiden Name		Legal Middle Name	
Place of Birth		Date of Birth (YY/MM/DD)	
Gender		Contact Phone Number	
☐ Male ☐ Non-binary ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to disclose			
Have you ever been charged or convicted of a criminal offence? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
No individual is eligible to work in a casino if charged or convicted, within the last five years of a criminal offence related to narcotics or to acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to offences involving fraud, currency, or gaming and betting or those against the rights of property (such as theft, robbery, forgery), or fire arms and offensive weapons, or an indictable offence for an act of violence against a person. If five years after conviction an individual is still under sentence for such an offence, approval shall not be given under this application until completion of sentence. AGLC may contact police for relevant information about the applicant. If an individual has received a pardon under provisions of the <i>Criminal Records Act</i> , this policy will not apply.			
I certify that the information in this application and any attachments are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement made in this application and any attachments may disqualify me from working at a casino.			
I hereby consent to and authorize AGLC to undertake a criminal record check, with any police agency, to determine my eligibility to be involved in gaming facilities, in accordance with AGLC policies. An applicant may also be required to obtain and provide a criminal record check from a police agency.			
NOTE: Any person enrolled in a Self-Exclusion Program is restricted from volunteering at a casino event.			
Signature		Date	

WE NEED YOUR CAT!

FOR THE PAW SOCIETY'S 2027 CALENDAR

We need cats adopted from PAW to appear in our new calendar, being made now!

It doesn't matter if your felines were adopted yesterday or years ago, if you want to see them in a calendar, *let us know!*

The cost is \$65 (free calendar included), with the pictures taken by **Tanya Plonka, professional photographer.**

Contact PAW by Facebook Messenger, by telephone (403.328.6700) or e-mail (pawsociety@shaw.ca)



Editorial: Calendar (?)

For more than a decade, the PAW Society has produced a calendar for sale to the public. The only interruption in its annual production was during the Covid-19 pandemic; sales of the calendar depend to a great extent on fund-raising events and through local businesses, and both methods were curtailed by the situation.

This year, however, may see another cancellation of a calendar, due not to a rampant disease, but to lack of subjects. The cats included in each calendar are all adopted from the PAW Society; therefore, there is a limit to the number of cats available. Nonetheless, the number of adoptions even in a lean year produces anywhere from ten to twenty possible candidates.

Unfortunately, inquiries among adopters have not so far led to a sufficient number of cats to create a calendar.

It might be thought that there is plenty of time remaining to produce calendar. In fact, the calendar must be available for sale at the latest by September 1st, though we have had it sooner. This allows four months for sales; after all, few will buy a 2027 calendar

once that year has commenced.

As well, it takes time to compose the calendar. The design work depends to a degree on the cats, what they are doing in their pictures, the size and orientation of the pictures, and so on. Thus, time is needed for the actual production work.

This does not include the time required by Tanya Plonka, the professional photographer who very kindly donates her talents to capturing images of the cats for the calendar. The opportunity and logistics of her volunteer work dictate that she be allowed to begin - and finish - it as swiftly as possible.

It may be seen, then, that there isn't much time remaining to ensure a calendar be brought to the public.

If any reader who has adopted a cat from PAW would like to see his beloved feline immortalized in the 2027 calendar, please let us know as soon as possible. The fee is \$65 (which includes a free calendar). Contact PAW by telephone, email, or through Facebook Messenger.

~ James Thorne.

Editor's Note: the staff of PAWPrints welcomes all comments regarding this and past issues, and suggestions for the benefit of future issues.