

"TRUSTEE'S CORNER"

Dear Friends,
 We hope to find all our loyal supporters well and starting to enjoy the warm weather!

The Onyx & Breezy Foundation would like to welcome our new medical advisor and board member Dr. Paul Sedlacek from The Animal Clinic of Morris Plains in Morris Plains, NJ. We would also like to welcome our new National Spokesperson Gabrielle Carteris who is the President of SAG-AFTRA. Welcome to both!!!

As always, the foundation is busy trying to raise funds in many ways. Street fairs have started, we had a successful 2nd annual "I Walk to Remember" and a 10th annual sold out raffle. These fundraising events allow us to continue to save countless precious babies. None of this could happen without supporters like you!

Even though we do not thank you every day, we are saving as many lives as we can every day. So once again THANK YOU!!!

Enjoy your summer, be safe, be well and please...

"REMEMBER THE JOY THEY BRING"

With Love,
 Wanda and Mark
 Trustees



100% of every dollar we raise continues to go towards helping animals in the following ways...

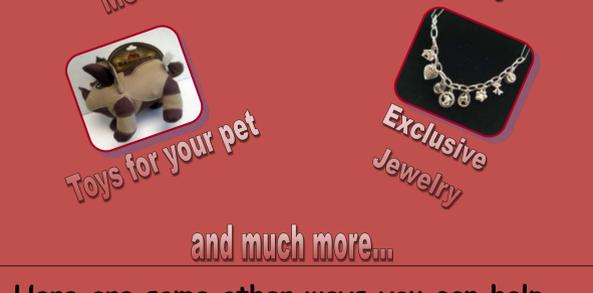
- Spay and neuter programs
- Rescue of animals from kill shelters
- Food, medicine and supplies
 - Cancer Research
- Medicine and equipment for military and police canines
 - Equipment for medical facilities
 - Puppy mill rescues and disaster relief
- Shelters, rescues, foster groups and sanctuaries
- Pets of individuals where medical hardship is present
- Helping the service dogs of veterans suffering from PTSD
- Other endeavors that benefit the welfare of animals

Some of our recent fund raising events...

2nd Annual "I Walk to Remember"



Street Fairs



10th Annual Raffle

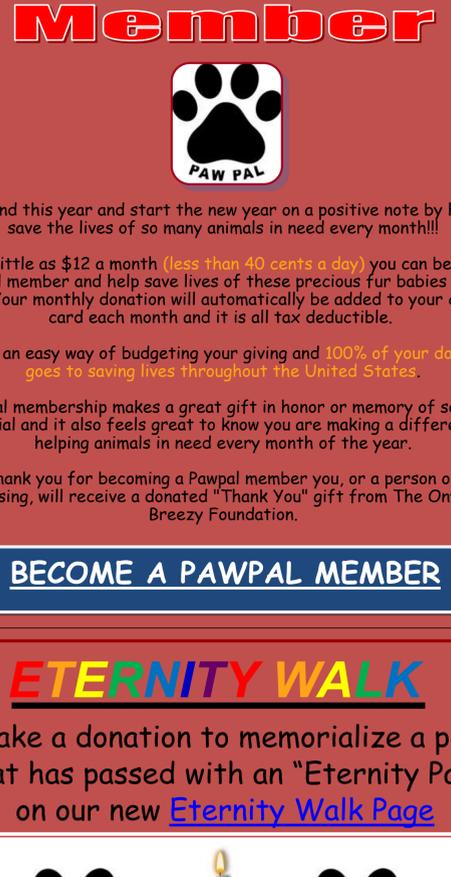


Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our foundation through our many fundraising events! Without you, none of what we do would be possible!

How you can help us raise funds every day...

Visit The Onyx & Breezy Store for all of your shopping needs!

Check back often! NEW Items being added!



and much more...

Here are some other ways you can help...

Make a General Donation to The Onyx & Breezy Foundation

All Administrative expenses of the Foundation are paid for the foundation through donations from the Shefts Family. Fundraising expenses are paid for the foundation through donations from the Shefts and other corporate/individual sponsors. Therefore, every dollar donated goes directly to helping animals in need reach tomorrow. Every dollar puts us one dollar closer to saving a life!

NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!!!

[CLICK HERE](#) to donate

The Shadow Fund

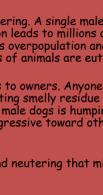


April 2, 2002 - December 23, 2015

The Shadow Fund has been established in memory of our beloved Shadow who almost reached 14 years of age. She was a very special member of our family who brought us such joy every day and will be truly missed. When Shadow was 12 years old, because of our continued diligent medical care, we discovered she needed life saving surgery. This fund will hopefully help other getiatric pets get the medical care needed to extend their already too short lives. To donate to The Shadow Fund, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Please donate with your heart...

The Tuxie Fund

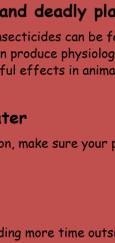


Sept 16, 2004 - Oct 24, 2014

The Tuxie Fund has been established in memory of our beloved Tuxie who we lost to cancer too young. She was the most lovable, sweet, easy going fur baby that gave us such enjoyment and happiness and will be hugely missed. All donations to the Tuxie fund will be used exclusively for cancer related treatments and research. To donate to The Tuxie Fund, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Please donate with your heart...

Become a PAW PAL Member



Let's end this year and start the new year on a positive note by helping save the lives of so many animals in need every month!!!

For as little as \$12 a month (less than 40 cents a day) you can become a Pawpal and help save lives of these precious fur babies every day. Your monthly donation will automatically be added to your credit card each month and it is all tax deductible.

This is an easy way of budgeting your giving and 100% of your donation goes to saving lives throughout the United States.

A Pawpal membership makes a great gift in honor or memory of someone special and it also feels great to know you are making a difference helping animals in need every month of the year.

As a thank you for becoming a Pawpal member you, or a person of your choosing, will receive a donated "Thank You" gift from The Onyx & Breezy Foundation.

BECOME A PAW PAL MEMBER

ETERNITY WALK

Make a donation to memorialize a pet that has passed with an "Eternity Paw" on our new [Eternity Walk Page](#)

Planned Giving

How it works:

- 1) You can provide now for a future gift to The Onyx & Breezy Foundation by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust.
- 2) The Onyx & Breezy Foundation receives the gift and applies it to the purpose(s) you specified.

Benefits:

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change.
- You can direct your bequest to a particular purpose (be sure to check with us to make sure your gift can be used as intended).
- There is no upper limit on the estate tax deduction that can be taken for charitable bequests.
- You know that your gift will benefit the animals tomorrow just as you intend it to today.

For more information:
 Contact us at info@onyxandbreezy.org so that we can assist you through every step of the process.

Why we do what we do...

I wanted to update you with a picture and let you know that Raina is home and resting comfortably after her knee surgery yesterday. She is a very tired girl, but doing very well. We couldn't have gotten her surgery done without your help! Thank you, and thank you Onyx and Breezy, Raina will now be able to live a full happy and healthy life being able to run around now and play at the dog park and go for walks like she's never been able to do before. :) Raina and I thank you sooo much!

Lindsay

Thank you sooooo much! My brother and I very much appreciate the assistance. Skyler does too! This has been such a difficult situation for us, and lots of tears have been shed. Finally, now crying tears of happiness and relief.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! The Onyx and Breezy Foundation has made such a difference in our lives. Please thank the trustees who made this decision. You people are angels, and we are so grateful.

Thank you for helping animals, and their human companions,

Robin

I want to thank you for helping to pay for Mini Bella's surgery. You surely saved her life. She is recovering and doing fine.

Barry

Thank you so much for your help with Lucky, the following is his story...

In November 2016 I noticed a beautiful palomino stallion in the kill pen waiting to be shipped to Mexico for slaughter. Most rescues won't take a stallion, especially one that was older and had some front leg lameness issues but he was tugging at my heart. Fortunately Lucky is a kind, gentle stallion and very easy to handle which made the job much easier. After 30 days in quarantine I moved him to my veterinarian's facility where he would stay until he was gelded (which can be dangerous for an older stallion due to the possibility of heavy bleeding). Lucky for Lucky the gelding procedure went smoothly, he stayed at the vet's for longer than usual in order to insure his safety after the procedure.

Dixie

A Message from our medical advisor...

How Spaying/Neutering Can Guard Your Pet's Health

Your pet, and society in general, can benefit by having your male de-sexed. Spaying is the surgical removal of a female pet's uterus and ovaries, whereas neutering a male pet involves removing the testicles. The procedures are performed in sterile conditions with general anesthesia, and should cause minimum discomfort to your pet.

The health benefits of sterilization start with cancer prevention. Removing the reproductive organs eliminates a variety of tumors that can occur in older age. There is a significant reduction in mammary cancer when dogs are spayed. The greatest benefit occurs when the dog is spayed prior to its first heat. Females also lose their vulnerability to uterine infections, which can be serious and even life threatening. Another benefit is safety: Cats and dogs are often driven to roam because of sexual desire, exposing them to various risks, including car accidents. It might be possible to lock up your pet to keep it from roaming, but this can be difficult. Restrained, large male dogs can damage windows, doors and gates if they pick up the scent of a female, and this can cause injuries. By sterilizing your pet, you remove a source of tension and allow it to relax.

A dog can go into heat beginning at five months of age. Each heat cycle lasts about three weeks, during which time she might pass genital blood, lose her appetite, experience grumpiness and have to urinate more often. Cats can go into heat at 4-6 months, with each cycle lasting about a week. Cycles occur every three weeks. You might notice your cat vocalizing, rolling on her back, assuming odd positions and attempting to escape when in heat. If your pet goes into heat before you have a chance to sterilize it, keep it indoors.

There is also a public health aspect to neutering. A single male dog or cat can impregnate many females in the course of a few hours. Overpopulation leads to millions of unwanted animals, which is cruel and unnecessary. Neutering and spaying reduces overpopulation and the misery it causes. Many of these unwanted animals end up as strays. Millions of animals are euthanized every year due to overpopulation.

Having your pet neutered can pay dividends to owners. Anyone who's ever owned an unneutered male cat knows that it can spray urine on walls, creating smelly residue and an unpleasant environment. Another unattractive trait displayed by unneutered male dogs is humping people and furniture. The presence of sex hormones can cause pets to become aggressive toward other animals and/or people, leading to fights and injuries that can be costly.

Several myths have arisen about spaying and neutering that might cause some owners to hesitate. Here are some old wives' tales:

- **Guard dogs:** The myth is that neutering will remove the natural protective instincts of a guard dog. In truth, neutering does not reduce the abilities of a guard dog or watch dog, and it will still protect its territory as aggressively as before.
- **Weight:** Neutering or spaying your pet will not make it lazy and fat. However, not enough exercise and/or too much food will put the pounds on your pet.
- **Psychological scars:** Some folks think that surgical removal of the sex organs leaves their pets with a permanent psychological scar. In fact, the surgery is routine and causes little or no pain. It does no permanent harm, physical or emotional, to your pet. Rather, your pet's psyche will benefit by avoiding sexual anxiety.

Generally, cats and dogs should be spayed/neutered between the ages of around five to six months. Kittens and puppies can be sterilized at a younger age, as early as two months, which is commonly done for shelter and rescue animals. Younger pets may recover quicker than do older ones. Spaying females before four months ensures that they will never go into heat. Pets can be sterilized at any age, although your vet will advise the health of older pets to ensure they can handle anesthesia.

Getting ready for the summer season...

Tips to Keep Your Pets Safe During Summer

The following tips are provided by The Humane Society of the United States:

- **Never Leave your pet in the car**
 In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car when you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. This can mean real trouble for your companion animals left in the car.
 If you do happen to see a pet alone in a car during hot weather, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police department immediately.
- **Don't put your pet in the back of a truck**
 It is very dangerous, and in some states illegal, to drive with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves or is hit by another car. Dogs should ride either in the cab (in a crate or wearing a seat belt harness designed for dogs) or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.
- **Watch out for fertilizers and deadly plants**
 Plant food, fertilizer and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals.
- **Provide plenty of fresh water**
 To avoid pet heat exhaustion, make sure your pets have access to cool, fresh water all day long.
- **Stay bite-free**
 With people and dogs spending more time outside, dog bites are likely to increase in the warmer months. Spaying or neutering your dog reduces the likelihood that he will bite and provides many other health benefits.
- **Keep your pets safe and healthy year-round**
 Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and identification tag. If you are separated from your pet, an ID tag may very well be his or her ticket home.
 Check with your veterinarian to see if your pets should be taking heartworm prevention medication, Heartworm disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal in both dogs and cats. Another warm weather threat is fleas and ticks. Use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter flea and tick products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.

Look out for...

The Onyx & Breezy Foundation 13th Annual Black Tie Gala

"Save The Date"

Saturday, October 21st, 2017

Park Ridge Marriott
Park Ridge, New Jersey

[CLICK HERE for more information about the 13th annual gala](#)

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Wishing you and yours a very happy, safe and healthy summer!!!
From all of us to all of you...
Thank you for all of your generous support!
"Remember the Joy They Bring"

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