

PAWS TO REFLECT...

CDHS Newsletter - October 2008

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Amazing support from Tragic Break-In

Thursday August 21, was not a typical morning at the Cambridge & District Humane Society. Staff arrived to the shelter to discover that thieves had smashed in the front door and stolen two donation containers. Cats in the front adoption were frightened from the alarm which created a chaotic environment for all animals. Fortunately due to the incredible support from Cambridge citizens a fantastic amount of donations were made enabling us to install video cameras and we are recovering. On behalf of Oscar and his four-legged friends a **SINCERE THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS!!**

Lottery Time is Quickly Approaching

Our annual Lottery will be here before you know it! Sales begin October 1st, and tickets will be available at local pet stores, vet clinics, and at the shelter. We desperately need volunteer ticket sellers. Please stop into the shelter after October 1st to help us sell.

Tickets will sell for \$10 each and offer you 32 chances to win. This is one of our most important fundraisers. All money raised is for our spay and neuter fund.

Prize	Amount
1st Prize	\$5,000
2nd Prize	\$2,000
3rd Prize	\$1,000
4th Prize	\$500
5th Prize	\$250
6th Prize	\$100
7th Prize	\$50
8th Prize	\$25
9th Prize	\$10
10th Prize	\$5
11th Prize	\$2
12th Prize	\$1

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A Note From Our Director

IT'S NOT ABOUT LOVE, IT'S ABOUT
RESPECT.

I believe in the power of faith and compassion. As someone who works in the animal field, I often hear the words "How can you care so much about animals and the environment when there are so many people suffering?" This gives me pause and so I wonder: Is the ability to care for humans as well as non-humans unattainable? I hurt deeply when I learn of people who suffer, those unfortunate souls who are desolate, hungry saddened, friendless and victimized. My heart breaks for those who dare not speak up for themselves.

But my spirit shatters for the animals that try to make their way in the world and are met with indifference, interference and competition. My compassion for the animals in the world does not take away from my compassion for the people. Compassion is not a substance that must be divided and parceled out, it is massive, it is universal, and it is both proud and humble.

I believe that you do not have to love to show respect. My compassion for the animals of the world is not born of love. Indeed, I find it challenging to find a morsel of love in my heart for a tarantula, though I know there are those who do so easily. Compassion is born of respect for the animals to be who they are. If my cat kills a mouse, I don't love her in that terrible moment but I respect that the hunter in her was too powerful for her to overcome. She wants to be a

lovely pussycat, she really does, but the brave tiger in her sees the mouse and, well, here we are.

Its difficult, too to love the Orca when I see video footage of his torture of a helpless seal. It is hard to love a snake when he preys upon a fluffy, innocent bunny. So I believe with all my heart that love is not necessary for compassion. Bunny huggers notwithstanding, it's not about love, it's about respect.

Natives knew this many years ago. Even as they slaughtered animals out of necessity, they did so with reverence. They had faith that each life had a purpose, a destiny, a worth. A wise Indian chief once said, "Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things connect."

His words astound me! How did he know this so very long ago before the advent of "new-age books", without the help of Greenpeace and Ralph Nader? How is it possible that he understood that concept more than a century ago.

And so, I believe that when we show compassion to anyone, be it a field mouse or a fallen dignitary, we make the world a better place in which all of us can thrive. I believe it doesn't begin with love, it begins with respect. That is what we need to impart to all those persons we speak to regarding humane activities. This is what I truly believe is right and good. *i*

Sincerely,

Bonnie L. Deekon

In Memory of Karen Avelar



They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel.



The CDHS lost a special young woman this summer.

“Karen Avelar”

Karen and her husband, Julius, were always available to help with our fundraisers. Karen will sincerely be missed by the staff, animals, and friends of CDHS.

Special Thanks

A special thanks goes out from CDHS to all the children this summer who held garage sales, car washes, birthday parties, lemonade stands, and various other fundraisers in support of our animals. Also a special thanks to the families whom have made donations in remembrance of past loved ones. All your support helps the CDHS in so many ways. We are continuously amazed at how many people think of the animals not only for special occasions but also in their time of sorrow. **Thank you for all your support!**

Our Satellite Locations

Cat Adoption Centers:

• Petsmart: 170 Gateway Park
in Kitchener - 519-650-9786

• Petsmart: 600 Hespeler Road
in Cambridge - 519-621-9696

• Pet Emporium: 8 Queen St. W.
in Cambridge - 519-658-0382



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WISH LIST

Animal Supplies

- **Good quality canned cat & kitten food**
- **Non-clumping litter**
- **Dog and cat treats**
- **4' nylon leashes**
- **Dog & cat shampoo**
- **Dog & cat toys**

Cleaning Supplies

- **Garbage bags**
- **Laundry soap**
- **Bounce Sheets**
- **SOS Pads**
- **New hand held broom & dust pan**

Office Supplies

- **Canada stamps**
- **Photocopy paper**
- **Staples Gift Certificates**
- **Canadian Tire Money**
- **Zehrs & Sobey's Receipts**

APS Update



The summer is leaving quickly. I am averaging 20 plus cruelty calls a month. Not including all the dogs in hot car calls that continue to come in. Local humane societies average 4-12 calls a week in the summer regarding animals being left in hot cars. It never ceases to amaze of how many people still take dogs in cars everywhere they go, not realizing what the consequences may be to their beloved pets.

CASE IN POINT- September 5th 2008 from the Kitchener Record – Pets left in car, woman arrested. (Story by Kevin Swayze and Greg Mercer)

Police smashed the back window of a car parked behind a hotel yesterday afternoon while trying to save two pets locked inside. They were too late to save one of the animals, a cat, but found a large dog clinging to life and suffering from symptoms of severe heat exhaustion. Within minutes, the pet's owner, a guest at the Waterloo Inn, was led away in handcuffs, and animal cruelty officers were launching an investigation. The dog was rushed to local veterinarian for emergency treatment, the animals condition was considered stable last night. The owner of the pets, whose Toyota corolla was left sitting in the parking lot with a smashed rear window last night, has been interviewed by investigators. Hotel staff said the woman had been a guest at the inn for two nights but had not requested a room on the ground floor where pets are allowed. Several guests at the King street north hotel had noticed the animals in the car and called the police around 1:30pm. Criminal charges are pending. Penalties

upon conviction can be five years in prison and up to \$10,000.00 in fines.

CAMBRIDGE – We recently responded to a call of a dog being left in a hot car at the Cambridge Center – a woman came to the shelter to report her concern. I took the information and location of the car. At the mall, I located the car, checked the animal, walked from the parking lot to the nearest store, had customer service page the owner, (twice) I then returned to the car, all windows were open approx. 4 inches, there was an empty bowl in the back of the car in direct sun, there was minimal shade available inside the black interior. Water was dripping excessively off the dogs tongue and it was pacing around the inside, obviously in distress. I managed to get my arm inside the front window; the purpose was to remove the dog from the car, to allow it to cool down properly in my air conditioned vehicle where it could also have a drink of water while waiting for the owners to return to the car.(smashing a window is always a last resort). While my arm was still inside the window, maneuvering the locking mechanism, the owner appeared. He became verbally abusive, threatening, and belligerent, as often happens when people see me at their cars. His argument was that he was only in the store for 2 minutes. Obviously from the time the report was given at the society and I responded and assessed the dog, went into the mall, paged twice, and returned to the car, it was more than 15 minutes. I informed him how quickly the temperature can rise in a car. He refused to listen. He didn't want to know about the educational flyer I had placed on his windshield, he kept repeating my dog is fine, dog is fine. This was certainly not the first time; we have had to protect the animal from their uneducated owner. I fear it won't be the last!!!!!!!!!!!!

IT IS A FACT – On a warm day, the temperature in a parked car can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit in a matter of minutes...even with the windows partially open.

Taking your pet for a ride may seem like fun, but many pets prefer to spend time with you in the comfort and safety of home. Explore activities that you and your pet share at home and avoid taking risks by leaving your pet in the car. If you must take your pet with you on a car trip, do so safely; cats should ride in pet carriers, and dogs should be secured in a dog harness attached to a seat belt or a proper sized crate. When a pet travels, he/she should wear two id tags...one for a home address and one for a destination address. If you see an animal in a car exhibiting any signs of heat stress, call your local humane society or police department immediately.

IN OTHER NEWS – Say hello to our new Bylaw Enforcement Officer Ms. Kelly Potts. You may have seen Kelly around town investigating the dangerous dog bylaw and running come educational, fundraising booths.

We have been very busy investigating dog bite/attack occurrences. We are trying our best to keep everyone in the city safe from potentially dangerous or dangerous dogs. Any dog that acts in an aggressive manner or actually attacks a person or domestic animal is being investigated and deemed accordingly. It is crucial to us that these attacks are properly reported and investigated for the safety of our city.

To report dog attacks please call Public Works at 519-621-0740. They will take the report and forward it to our office, we will then investigate the complaint.

Tracy Laraway

CDHS Halloween Fundraiser

On Saturday October 18th the Cambridge & District Humane Society will be having a fundraiser in participation with Everyday Dog. The Halloween fundraiser will be held from 2-5 in the afternoon. There will be a silent auction, costume contests for both dogs and owners, and so much more. So come on over to Everyday Dog located at 695 Industrial Rd. Unit #2 in Cambridge and have some fun with us in raising money for the animals at the shelter. Donations of Canadian Tire money and dog toys would be greatly appreciated.



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WHERE YOU CAN FIND US

**We are located at
1650 Dunbar Road in
Cambridge, Ontario.**

**From the 401 - take
Exit 282 - Hwy#24
South**

**Turn left onto
Dunbar Road**

**We are located on the
right hand side across
from Zehrs**

**Phone Number
519-623-SPCA
Fax Number
519-623-9442**

**Please take time to
check out our website
and see all of our
adoption animals:
spca.cambridgeweb.net**

**Or drop us an e-mail
with your questions or
comments:
spca@cambridgeweb.net**

**An animal from the
shelter is also fea-
tured every Tuesday
morning at 11am on
Daytime, on Rogers
Television Cable 20.**

Cheesie Bacon Biscuit Dog Treats

3/4 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 stick margarine, softened
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups regular oats, uncooked
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
2/3 cup wheat germ
1/2 lb. bacon, cooked crisp, drained, and crumbled

Combine flour, soda and salt; mix well and set aside. Cream butter and sugar; beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour mixture, mixing well. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 for 16 minutes. Cool on baking sheet for a minute or so before removing to cooling rack.

Sardine Surprise Cat Treats

2 Flat cans of sardines in oil
2/3 C Cooked rice
1 T Pureed liver (or canned liver cat food)
1/4 C Chopped parsley

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Shape into balls of desired size or simply spoon into cat's dish and serve. These treats may be stored in the refrigerator for up to three days, and may also be frozen.

Cat & Dog Jokes

Q: Why do dogs bury bones in the ground?
A: Because you can't bury them in trees!

Q: Why did the poor dog chase his own tail?
A: He was trying to make both ends meet!

Q: How do cats end a fight?
A: They hiss and make up.

Q: Where does a cat go when it loses its tail?
A: The retail store.

DOG FACTS

Top Ten Most Destructive Dogs

- 1.) Great Dane
- 2.) Chihuahuas
- 3.) Whippets
- 4.) Mastiffs
- 5.) English Settlers
- 6.) Dachshunds
- 7.) Bulldogs
- 8.) Boxer
- 9.) Beagle
- 10.) Basset Hound

The average cost of damage to the owners of Great Danes is approximately \$1340.00. Damage is calculated based on repairs to carpets, chewed sofas, chewed cables, and more.

CAT FACTS

Did you know that cats often communicate with humans and other animals by blinking?

A cat that stares and or gives direct eye contact can be an indication that the cat is threatening or threatened by another animal, person, or situation.

Slowly blinking reassures cats that there is no threat. It also shows that the cat is showing recognition towards someone or something.

Try to imitate blinks and winks with your cat and watch how they respond.

Happy Tails

My name is Laura and on October 26, 2007, my boyfriend Joel and I adopted a kitten, who we named Creed, from the CDHS at Petsmart in Cambridge. It was our gift to each other for our 1 year anniversary. For the past few weeks we talked about getting a brother for Creed so he could have a buddy to play with. We frequented the Cambridge SPCA website to check out photos of the available kittens. One kitten that stood out to us was Papa Smurf. Imagine my surprise when I arrived home from work one day last week to discover my boyfriend had decided to surprise me by bringing home Papa Smurf. We now call him Hurley.



Creed tries to be a little dominant, but he definitely gets his exercise chasing after Hurley - and Hurley certainly puts up a good fight! Creed is completely gray while Hurley is gray and white, so they even look a little like brothers. I'm happy to say our family is complete - for now. I wanted to thank the Cambridge Humane Society for all that you do - your efforts to help animals find loving homes has definitely enriched our lives.

Thank You,

Laura, Joel, Creed and Hurley

Happy Tails

August 13th 2008 was a very exciting day for our family. I had been checking the Cambridge Humane Society website for dog frequently and noticed Rusty right away. A poodle mix, 3 years old and well behaved, he sounded exactly what we were looking for.

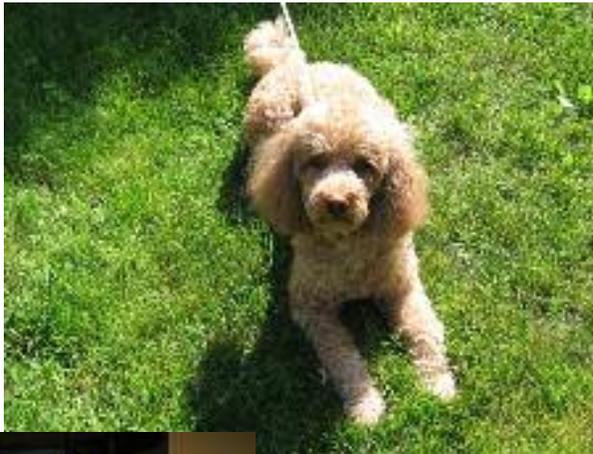
We went to visit him the next day and instantly fell in love. Rusty was very calm and quiet in his pen. We brought him outside to play and the kids said "can we get him", and were extremely excited.

His first week was busy. Rusty explored every inch of his new home. We brought him to the vet for a check-up and to the groomer for a trim so we could see his soulful eyes. Gradually he has come out of his shell and is quite a character!

He has had some adjusting to do in his first few weeks with us. He has learned not to jump on the bed and couch but to sleep on his own pillow and to shake a paw. He loves going for a walk every morning and afternoon. He also enjoys playing ball outside with the kids. He will even lie down and look at the pages of a book when my daughter reads to him.

We feel very lucky to have found such a great dog. Thanks Cambridge Humane Society!

Alan, Deanna, Sarah and Shelby



MORE DOG FACTS

Top Ten Smartest Dog Breeds

- 1.) **Border Collie**
- 2.) **Poodle**
- 3.) **German Shepherd**
- 4.) **Golden Retriever**
- 5.) **Doberman Pinscher**
- 6.) **Shetland Sheepdog**
- 7.) **Labrador Retriever**
- 8.) **The Papillon**
- 9.) **Rottweiler**
- 10.) **Australian Cattle Dog**