

PAWS TO REFLECT...

CDHS Newsletter - November 2007

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For the Love of Animals Lottery

Our annual Lottery is here. Tickets are on sale now at local vet clinics, pet stores, and at the shelter. Tickets are \$10 each, and give you 32 chances to win. This is one of our most important fund raisers, as all money raised is to support our spay and neuter fund.



- . **32 Chances to win**
- . **\$22,000 in Prizes**
- . **\$2,000 Early Bird**
- . **\$5,000 Grand Prize!!!**

**Great Stocking
Stuffers for the
animal lovers on
your list!**



We have made a couple of exciting changes to this years lottery. Tickets may now be purchased over the phone on Visa or MasterCard (2 ticket minimum); we will mail your tickets to you.

Also, you will receive a free lottery ticket with the renewal of your family Cambridge & District Humane Society 2008 Membership before December 10th! (Full renewal details pg.8)

Draw Dates and Prizes JANUARY 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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BONUS DRAW \$2,000 Early Bird Draw December 15, 2007

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A Note From Our Director



What do you get for the pet who has everything?

Have you started your holiday shopping yet? Have you given any thought to what you are going to get your pet this year? I recently came across an informal Internet survey that found 36 percent of pet owners feel guilty about not buying enough gifts for their pets during the holiday season. What's more, one in 10 have returned holiday gifts because our pets did not like them, while a whopping 52 percent said they felt guilty about ignoring pets during the holidays. Does this sound like you? I count myself in this group especially this year as I plan to be enjoying a very southern vacation. My concern will be for my four legged friends who are always well cared for at the Humane Society.

Deciding what to get your pet for the holidays can almost be as difficult as figuring out what your mother-in-law would like in the way of a gift. (You know, she has everything and claims she doesn't really care what you buy, but then looks disappointed if you fail to get the right thing.)

Over the years, I have had the same thoughts as most of you, on what they would like. In the past, we have bought everything from custom made dog coats to designer food bowls, beds, treats, grooming supplies (definitely not well received), plus more toys than I care to re-

member. I don't know who is happier the four legged friend or myself for having wrapped and strategically placed under the tree so they were "surprised" come Christmas morning.

I must admit, having done this for so many years, I am beginning to run out of ideas, at least for my dogs. The cats always love a new catnip toy, and while I am away over the holiday season there will be no one screaming at them to be careful with their new toys, they will be able to chase and climb to their hearts content. Hopefully the house will be intact when I return.

In preparation for this year's shopping, I am considering a Cambridge and District Humane Society Lottery ticket for each of my four legged friends. Should they win, they will be able to help many animals in our shelter and perhaps then have some extra monies to go to the Pet Stores and pick out their choice of a toy or bed etc.

So, in closing, if you are like me and undecided on that special gift for either a human friend or family pet, please consider how many animals who are not so fortunate, could be helped with a \$10.00 lottery ticket. Children especially like these tickets, as they seem to be very aware of the need to care for four legged friends. Sharing a ticket with a particular animal is always great fun.

That each of you may enjoy the Christmas Season with family and friends in a safe and happy atmosphere is my wish and prayer for you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie L. Deeken

The Importance of Microchipping

Microchipping is the implanting of a small microchip under the skin of your pet as a permanent form of identification. The chip is about the size of a grain of rice, and takes only seconds to implant.



This chip allows pounds, shelters and vet clinics access to your pets' special one of a kind identification number. This number is found using a scanner which sends a radio signal through the animals skin to read the chip.

Your animals microchip number is stored in a central database with your contact information, as well as your vet clinic.



Once your pet is microchipped it is very important that you keep all information in the database up to date so that your animal may always arrive home safely. Please contact your veterinarian today!

Our Adoption Locations

Our satellite adoption locations have changed names. With the buy out of SuperPet by Petsmart, we now have two Petsmart locations. The Petsmart on Hespeler Road, Cambridge feature our cats 12 months of the year! We also have our cats and kittens available at the Gateway Park Drive location every other month.



We are very excited to announce the addition of Nature's Reflexions Pet Emporium to our adoption team. This new store is located at 8 Queen Street West (Hespeler) Cambridge. Our kittens have a wonderful set up, including a large play area with lots of toys to keep them entertained until their forever home is found. Please stop in and have a look.



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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**
- **Bleach**

Office Supplies

- **Canadian stamps**
- **Photocopy paper**
- **Pens**
- **Glue sticks**
- **Staples Gift Certificates**
- **Canadian Tire Money**
- **Zehrs & Sobeys' Receipts**

Happy Tails (Mojo's Story)



Hi. My name is Mojo and I'm from Louisiana. I was brought to Canada on January 31 because there were too many pets without homes as a result of Hurricane Ka-

trina. My family saw the silly picture of me on the CDHS website and say it was love at first sight. Who wouldn't love me? They came to the shelter and decided I was everything the picture promised and made arrangements to adopt me.

I found a family here in Canada. They love me and I love them. My family thinks I must have been fostered or lived in a good home for awhile because I am house trained and know the basics of obedience. They say I have exceeded their every expectation.

My boy is almost ten and he loves to wrestle, tug, run, and play with me. He also loves my kisses. He walks me every day after school (or that time of day during the summer). I am usually really good but squirrels drive me nuts. Sometimes when I see a squirrel (or think I know where one is) I pull away from my boy and chase those pesky little crea-

tures. I get a good run those times and so does my boy, trying to catch me. My boy is going to take me to obedience school to learn how to help me obey him better for those times the squirrels are soooo tempting. It's my boy's job to make sure I have food and water, too. He even slips me treats when mom and dad aren't paying attention.

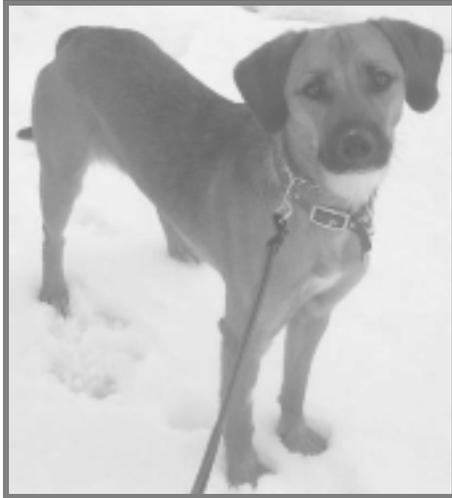
Mom and dad love me too. They each take me for a walk every day – one in the morning one at night. Usually once a week – sometimes more – they take me to Dogford Park. That's an off-leash park where I get to run and play with other dogs. I love going there. So far no other dog has been able to catch me when I run. Chase is my ABSOLUTE favourite game. I'll poke the other dogs until they chase me – then I run.

My family has taken me on two trips to Thunder Bay. I don't mind traveling. They seatbelt me in to my spot



and I just lie down until it's time to get out. I've got to watch my boy play hockey on Lake Superior in March. This summer he swam at the same spot. I've shown my family that I can swim but they realize I don't like to. I've ridden in a motorboat, traveled on the ChiCheemaun, and hiked into canyons and gorges. I like joining my family on outings.

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MOJO

At home I like to be close to my family. I stand beside them for a rub and then sneak onto their lap. They seem to think I'm a bit big to be a lap dog but I curl myself up as small as I can so they will let me stay and cuddle. Loving should be my middle name – I like to give and receive it.

While I hope other animals don't need to stay at the CDHS, I'm glad they were there for me. The CDHS helped me find a loving family to adopt. I went back to the CDHS a couple weeks ago for a visit. Everyone was excited to see me and gave me treats. It was nice to see those loving people again. My family is so thankful I was brought to Canada and connected with them through the CDHS. They hope every other family who is adopted by animals from the CDHS is half as lucky as they are and that the animals are as content as I am.

Love, Mojo



Animal Protection Services Update



Thank you to the staff and residents of Fairview Mennonite home for inviting Oscar and myself to their Halloween Harvest get together. Once again, we had a "thrilling" good time.

It has been a very busy year for cruelty calls, averaging roughly 30 calls a month. In the courts:

One lady was found guilty but the judge allowed her to keep the 16 cats and 3 dogs – with regular visits from an investigator to ensure proper care.

One man did not show up for his court date for abandoning two cats in his townhouse and causing them to die of starvation – a bench warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Another man is currently at trial for beating his dog with a bamboo stick then shooting it with a bb gun – I will update on the outcome of this case in the next newsletter.

We have a woman coming up for trial in December that left a cat in a carrier submerged in several inches of water in the tub as punishment for knocking a candle over. The cat sat festering in it's own urine and feces for days, until he had urine burns on his underbelly and stained skin and fur up his sides.

Our four-year battle with a local puppy mill has taken a major setback – the second owner of the animals has now passed away and the crown attorney has asked for a stay. I will update you when I know more. The good news is that the remaining family members claim they are getting out of the breeding business; they are selling off all the dogs.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Tracy Laraway

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 web-
site 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 featured
every Tuesday morn-
ing at 11am on Day-
time, on Rogers
Television Cable 20.

DOG JOKES

(Q)What does a dog call his father?

(A)Paw

(Q)What kind of dog likes baths?

(A)A Shampoodle

(Q)What do you get when you cross a dog and a phone?

(A)A Golden Receiver

(Q)What's more amazing than a talking dog?

(A)A Spelling Bee

(Q)Where should you never take a dog?

(A)A Flea Market

(Q)Why don't dogs make good dancers?

(A)Because they have two left feet

(Q)What type of art does a dog like to practice on glass?

(A)Nose Printing

Animal Info. Corner

How Our Pets Can Reduce Our Stresses and Anxieties

Animals and our pets can be a great way to reduce our every day stresses and anxieties. It is not easy to deal with our fears and anxieties, however, spending time with animals can makes us feel better. Here is a list of ways of how animals can help us to better cope with our fears, anxieties, and stresses.

...spending time with an animal or pet can help us feel better

Spending time with animals can be a great source of companionship. Whether you have a pet or go to your local shelter, spending time with an animal or pet can help us to feel better. Also many people talk to their pets and this can help us to get their problems out in the open. Animals can be of good company to all of us and can prevent the fear of being alone during our troubles.

Helping animals and other people through community service can be a great way to overcome our anxieties. There are many animals out there who could benefit from your time and talents. Doing something that will help your pet or other animals can give you a source of pride and accomplishment and also can lead to possible friendships with others.

Sitting around and accomplishing nothing will not make things any better whether its dealing with the fear of being alone or something else. Animals can help us to be active and to focus our energies on working with them instead of worrying about things that may or may not happen. This will prevent us from worrying about our current situation.

One of the ways to manage stress is to challenge your negative thinking with positive thoughts. Animals can help us to relax and help us to focus on the good things in our lives. This will help us to focus positively on any situation. Playing with animals can help reduce our fears and anxieties in any situation.

Animals can get our minds off of our problems. A person could do an activity with their pet or other animals that will give them a fresh perspective on things. Spending time with animals will get your mind off of the problem and give you the energy to do other things. Most importantly, playing with animals will give you the self-confidence that you can cope and that you can get through the day.

Remember that there are many ways that animals can reduce the stresses of our every day life, however, they are not a substitute of getting professional help. If your fears and anxieties become overwhelming, then you will need to talk to a counselor.

The next time you feel stressed, spend some time with your pet or other animals and you will be better able to cope with your worries.

By: Stanley Popovich

Dog Biscuits

- 2 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- ½ cup powdered milk
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon wheat germ
- 1 teaspoon beef bouillon granules
- 1/3 cup bacon grease
- 1 egg
- ½ cup ice water



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

In a medium bowl, stir together the whole wheat flour, powdered milk, garlic powder, wheat germ and beef bouillon granules. Stir in the bacon grease and egg. Add ice water 1 tablespoon at a time until dough is wet enough to stick together. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough out to 1/2 inch thickness and cut with cookie cutters. Place biscuits 1 inch apart onto an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the pre-heated oven, until firm. Cool before serving.

Homemade Cat Treats

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- ¼ cup soy flour
- 1 tsp. Catnip*
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup powdered milk
- 1 tbsp. unsulfurated molasses
- 2 tbsp. butter or vegetable oil



* Catnip's strong scent pleases cats. Add to toys, or just sprinkle for them to roll and play in, and even eat. Catnip aids in digestion.

Preheat oven to 350F. Mix dry ingredients together. Add molasses, egg, oil and milk. Roll out flat onto oiled cookie sheet and cut into small, cat bite-sized pieces. Bake for 20 minutes. Let cool and store in tightly sealed container.



CAT JOKES

(Q)What is the cat's all time favourite song?

(A)Three Blind Mice

(Q)What do cats drink from when they are in space?

(A)Flying Saucers

(Q)What happened when the cat ate a ball of wool?

(A)She had mittens

(Q)What do you call a cat that likes to dig in the sand?

(A)Sandy Claws

(Q)What was left after the cat's party was over?

(A)Kitty Litter

(Q)What do you call a cat who eats lemons?

(A)A Sourpuss



My Christmas Gift to the Animals

Enclosed is my support to help the Cambridge & District Humane Society provide care and shelter for the unwanted animals in and around our community.

A receipt will be issued for income tax purposes. Charitable #136828522RR0001

After completing, please detach this form and mail to:

Cambridge & District Humane Society, 1650 Dunbar Road, Cambridge, ON, N1R 8J5

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone #: _____

I wish to donate \$ _____ Cheque _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____

Number: _____ Exp.: _____

Signature: _____

New & Improved Membership

Becoming a member of our Humane Society has never been so rewarding! With your 2008 membership card you will receive discounts at many local businesses. Your package also includes a CDHS car magnet, phone book cover, bandana, colouring book, ruler, pet massager, quarterly newsletter, and much more. So sign up today, and show your support.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Male Female

The annual membership fee is for the period January 1 to December 31.

Please indicate the type of membership you are applying for:

Senior (65+) \$10.00 Adult (18+) \$25.00 *Family \$40.00

If accepted as a member of the Cambridge & District Humane Society I promise, on behalf of myself and all members of my family, that I/we will uphold and abide by the By-laws of the Society.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cheque _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____

Number: _____ Exp.: _____

Signature: _____

*Family memberships renewed before December 10th receive a free "For the Love of Animals Lottery" ticket.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Pics

Petsmart

(Hespeler Road)

Dec. 1,2,8,9,15 & 16

Santa Pics

Petsmart

(Gateway Park Dr.)

Dec. 1,2,8 & 9

Play Bingo to

support the CDHS

at the Cambridge

Bingo Centre

Dec. 5,12,19 & 26

Lottery Draws

Early Bird Draw

December 15-\$2000

Jan. 1-30 - \$500

Grand Prize

Jan. 31 - \$5000

GREAT NEWS

We would like to

congratulate

Michelle Rooney on

her engagement to

Darrell DaSilva.

We wish them all

the best on the

planning of their

upcoming nuptials.