

PAWS TO REFLECT...

CDHS Newsletter - December 2008

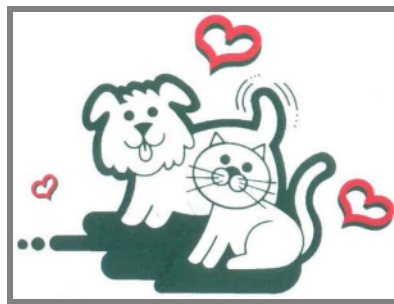
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For the Love of Animals Lottery

Its the time to get your annual lottery ticket "For the Love of Animals Lottery". Tickets are on sale at local vet clinics, pet stores, and at the shelter. They 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. If you purchase 3 or more tickets you are welcome to pay for your ticket at the shelter using debit, Visa, or MasterCard. Tickets are selling and the deadline is quickly approaching so make sure you purchase your lucky ticket today!!!!

- **\$22,000 in Prizes**
- **\$500 drawn each day**
- **in January 2009**
- **\$2,000 Early Bird**
- **\$5,000 Grand Prize!!!**



Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Draw Dates and Prizes JANUARY 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				\$500 ¹	\$500 ²	\$500 ³
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BONUS DRAW \$2,000 Early Bird Draw December 19, 2008

\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE



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OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A Note From Our Director

The year is fast drawing to a close and it has been extremely challenging for the shelter.

It seems we have not had a slow time in cats or kittens this year. Many times during the year, Krista and Michelle are waiting for cages to place new kittens or cats. Often times we must double up with some mothers taking extra kittens that had been abandoned. We are also finding many animals placed overnight in our parking lot or under cars waiting for staff to see them. Probably the hardest find – one morning was a dresser drawer in the rain between our paper bins with two moms and their litters. It was raining very hard but the moms did not leave their babies unlike the person who had dumped them. Why are humans so cruel? These two moms stayed with their babies in the same drawer and then moved into the same cage with the little ones – they all got along well. Luckily they have now found forever homes.

The dog concerns are still many, and we have continued our travels to help in northern Ontario and in the state of Ohio. Financial troubles in many areas have showcased in shelters with overloads of animals while people continue to struggle to find living quarters for themselves and their families. There is never a day that goes by when we don't receive an email asking for our help-Some too far to travel. The citizens of Cambridge and Waterloo region have continued to assist in forever homes for these wonderful new friends

2008 will be a milestone for our Shelter with our mortgage finally finished. It has taken us 11 years and much work on the part of so many. Unfortunately, we are beginning to burst at the seams, should

we go up? Is there another option? We are not certain, but we will have to think about this very soon, providing the economy improves for all.

The recent break in and subsequently the fires in our paper bins brought us many new donors to help either with money, food or paper donations.-Thank you so much. We now have a video surveillance system watching outside at all times and things have been quieter.

The bottom line is that there are plenty of adult animals at the shelter, each with their own story of disappointment and betrayal. Maybe their past owners thought they were too big or no longer "cute." Maybe they wandered outside and got lost, and their owners didn't bother to go looking for them. Maybe their owners moved and didn't take them along. What ever the reason, they're at the shelter because they're no longer wanted. But there are plenty of good reasons to adopt them.

Sure, puppies and kittens are cute and can make wonderful pets. Older animals, though, may be more appropriate for You.

Won't you consider opening your heart and home this Christmas and giving them a second chance? Somebody needs to! Let's get them all to their forever homes for the Holiday.

May we also take a moment to Wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, not only from our staff, Oscar and our board members but especially from all of those warm, fuzzy noses we enjoy each and every day.

*Sincerely,
Bonnie L. Deekon*

Our Adoption Locations

Cat Adoption Centers:

- Petsmart: 170 Gateway Park
519-650-9786
- Petsmart: 600 Hespeler Road
519-621-9696
- Pet Emporium: 8 Queen St. W.
519-658-0382



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Cambridge & District Humane Society receives no government funding. We also do not receive any money from the Ontario Society for Protection of Animals. We sincerely hope if you decide to help animals this season or in the coming year you will donate to your **LOCAL** Humane Society and then we are able to assist more animals in our community.

Pet Pics with Santa Claus

Have your pet's picture taken with Santa Claus at Petsmart on Gateway Dr. or Hespeler Rd. in Cambridge.



December 6th & 7th 11AM - 4PM
December 13th & 14th 11AM - 4PM
December 20th & 21st 11AM - 4PM

\$9.95/ per picture with pet perks card (FRAME INCLUDED IN COST) or \$10.00 without pet perks card.

\$5.00 of every photo package will be donated to local adoption partners.



OUR STAFF

Executive Director

Bonnie L. Deekon

Office Secretary

Carmen Vokey

Kennel Master

Krista Morgan

Kennel Staff

Michelle DaSilva

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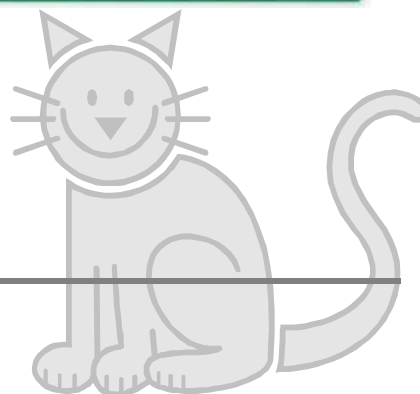
Tracy Laraway

DD Bylaw Officer

Kelly Potts

Humane Educator

Chris Spencer



WISH LIST

Animal Supplies

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

Cleaning Supplies

- **Garbage bags**
- **Bounce Sheets**
- **Bleach**
- **White Paper Towels**

Office Supplies

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

APS Update



Animal Protection Office

It's been a troubling time for investigations having completed several cases where animals have been "dumped or left" with persons considered friends. Unfortunately most people do not know what they are agreeing to and sometimes due to improper care the animals are not looked after properly.

FOUR DOGS HAD TO BE REMOVED FROM THREE DWELLINGS- two were malnourished and extremely thin, before the call was received. Now that they are on a proper feeding regimen, their weight is improving and hopefully they will soon be looking for new homes. The other two removals were younger large puppies being abused and mistreated regularly due in part to frustration on the part of the new owners. According to the owner, the first puppy was destroying the house and tearing the family apart in the threatening call we received "Either come and take this dog or it will be tied to a tree in the country for you to find." The other one was left tied out on a front cement stoop and was being hit for misbehaving – Upon arrival at the shelter these puppies would flinch and cower and shake. We are beginning to notice a change, we can only hope they will begin to trust again and can find new forever homes when the time is right.

TO MY SURPRISE – I was glad to receive an abandoned animal call the other day, maybe constant vigilance has gotten through to some. A recently incarcerated owner asked his lawyer to contact me, as he had left a dog in his apartment three

ply arranged for him to provide his written permission to enter the premises. As soon as we received the approval, we contacted the superintendent of the building, and were allowed in to feed and water, play and give the dog some treats and companionship for a short while, until we were able to be certain the little dog would be properly cared for until his owner returned. This little dog has since been reunited with family and to this man our "THANK YOU," for letting us know.

The above noted incident was somewhat distressing to me, although the owner had the sense to notify us through his lawyer, there had to have been some noise – barking, or crying that someone else should have called us about. Many times we get calls from a neighbour days or weeks after no one has been seen or when they finally can't stand to hear the dog or cat crying at the door anymore. I am not talking about an animal that is just annoying but rather one that could be in harm's way. Call Me, if you think something is wrong, if there is anything I can do I will. Remember they cannot speak for themselves, you must do it for them.

Cold weather tips for your pets: Antifreeze is a deadly attraction to animals, even in very small amounts so please clean it up quickly if you have a spill.

Most urban pets spend the majority of their time indoors, and have no tolerance for cold weather. Do not leave pets outdoors unattended when the temperature gets below freezing, Pets that get chilled could develop hypothermia or even frost bite. Ear tips and noses are especially susceptible to frostbite. Any area that has recently had surgery is another area that could be the cause for concern as well. Never a winter goes by that we don't have a few cats especially that are on the fans of a car and get hurt, please remember to make a noise before turning on your cars, let's try for a safe winter season

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for all our 4 legged friends.

In closing, salt and ice build up between toes so be certain to wipe and clean the paws when you have finished their exercise, and oh yes, give them an extra HUG to say I love you.

Tracy Laraway

Special Thanks

Special thanks this month goes out to some of our younger supporters of the Cambridge & District Humane Society.

- Diana Jeong
- Sarah White
- Claudia Young
- Abby Young
- Alicia Solcz
- Preston High School

Thank you for taking the time to think about the needs of the animals at our shelter and collecting donations for our four legged friends.

The CDHS would also like to thank the Cambridge Highlands Lions for their donations of Kuranda beds for the dogs. They are thrilled to have a comfy bed to sleep on during their stay with us at the shelter. days earlier with no food or water. We sim-



On Christmas Morning, I Wish...

Author Unknown

For every dog searching trash cans for breakfast...
A filled bowl with his name printed in bright letters.

For every dog who slept fitfully last night, chained in a frozen yard...
A soft, warm bed with a person snoring gently nearby.

For every shelter dog, spending Christmas morning in a soiled run...
A forever home, filled with sounds and smells of family.

For every "Christmas" puppy given today...
A tolerant, caring owner who won't abandon you as you grow into a real dog.

For every ailing pet...
Enough money for your owner to pay the bills to make you well.

For every lost dog...
A clear, safe road, and well-marked path, to lead you home.

For every old and tired friend...
A warm fire, and a soft bed, to ease your aches and pains.

and

For every Dog at the Bridge...
A moment when you know that you are remembered today, missed again, and loved forever.

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

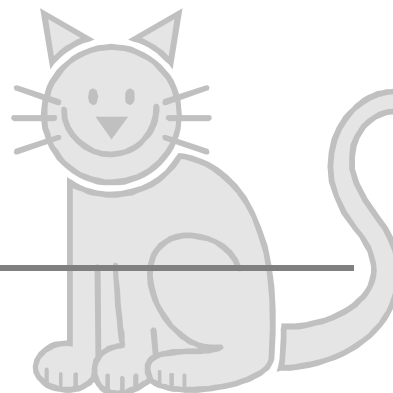
We are located on
the right hand side
across from Zehrs

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.



THIS IS THE HONEST TRUTH!!!!

Two Different Doctors'
Offices

Boy, if this doesn't hit
the nail on the head, I
don't know what does!

Two patients limp into
two different medical
clinics with
The same complaint.
Both have trouble
walking and
Appear to require a hip
replacement.
The FIRST patient is ex-
amined within the
hour,
Is x-rayed the same day
and has a time booked
for surgery the following
week.
The SECOND sees his
family doctor after
waiting 3 weeks
For an appointment,
then waits 8 weeks to
see a specialist,
Then gets an x-ray,
which isn't reviewed for
another week
And finally has his
surgery scheduled for a
month from then.
Why the different treat-
ment for the two
patients?
The FIRST is a Golden
Retriever.
The SECOND is a Senior
Citizen.

**Next time take me
to a vet!**

Animal Info. Corner

Disaster Planning for your Pets

It's always a good idea to have an escape
root and a plan in case of Emergency for
your family. Preplanning for the safety of
your animals can save a lot of grief and
frustration in case of an emergency situa-
tion. Here are a list of items that are great
to pack in case of an emergency for your
pet(s).

Preplanning can save a lot of grief and frustration in case of emergency....

- Pet first-aid kit and guidebook
- 3 to 7 days' worth of canned or
dry food
- Disposable litter trays
- Litter or paper toweling
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags for
clean-up
- Dishes for food and water
- Extra harness and leash
- Blanket or pillow
- Photocopies of medical records
- Recent photo of your pet(s)
- Travelling bag, crate, or carrier
for each pet.

I Rescued a Human Today!!

By Jarnee Gehrke, One Shep
at a Time in North Carolina

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the
corridor peering apprehensively into the
kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I
had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too
exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her
view from a little accident I had in the back
of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I
hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the
shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't
want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that
she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only
have the future to look forward to and want
to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little
kissy sounds at me. I shoved my should
and side of my head up against the bars to
comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my
neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my
paw to assure her that all would be well.
Soon my kennel door opened and her smile
was so bright that I instantly jumped into
her arms. I would promise to keep her safe.
I would promise to always be by her side. I
would promise to do everything I could to
see that radiant smile and sparkle in her
eyes. I was fortunate that she came down
my corridor. So many more are out there
who haven't walked the corridors. So many
more to be saved. At least I could save
one.

I rescued a human today.

Dog days in the shelter



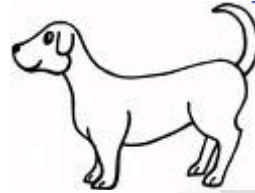
No! I'm housetrained!

Are you housebroken?



I was rescued from a shelter!

Hmphh!
A shelter rescued me!



I'm soooo adoptable!

Yes! But are you treatable?



I may be homeless but I'm not unwanted!



Set up monthly donations or one time donations through our website. Click on the Canada Helps Button!

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: _____

Membership

Becoming a member of our Humane Society has never been so rewarding! With your 2009 membership card you will receive discounts at many local businesses. Your package also includes a CDHS car magnet, 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: _____

GREAT NEWS

Congratulations to Heather & Brandon Hutchinson on their new baby girl MacKenzie born on August 12, 2008!!! Heather is currently on maternity leave.



Congratulations also goes out to Michelle & Darrell DaSilva who were married October 25, 2008!!!

