

# PAWS TO REFLECT...

CDHS Newsletter - October 2009

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## For the Love of Animals... Lottery!



### Our annual Lottery is here!

This is one of our most important fund raisers — all funds raised support our spay and neuter fund. Help make this a success!

Tickets are now available for the low price of \$10 each.

**Each \$10 ticket can win 32 times! There are only 7,000 tickets.**

Buy tickets at [local vet clinics](#), [pet stores](#), or at the shelter. Call the shelter to purchase 3 or more tickets with VISA, MasterCard, or AMEX.



There are 2 ways you can help make this a success and help more animals:

- **Buy tickets** — they make great stocking stuffers!
- **Help us sell tickets** — get friends and colleagues involved! Suggest areas we could promote our tickets.

### \$22,000 in Prizes

Draw Dates and Prizes JANUARY 2010						
Early Bird Draws: November 30, 2009 and December 21, 2009!						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					\$500 <sup>1</sup>	\$500 <sup>2</sup>
\$500 <sup>3</sup>	\$500 <sup>4</sup>	\$500 <sup>5</sup>	\$500 <sup>6</sup>	\$500 <sup>7</sup>	\$500 <sup>8</sup>	\$500 <sup>9</sup>
\$500 <sup>10</sup>	\$500 <sup>11</sup>	\$500 <sup>12</sup>	\$500 <sup>13</sup>	\$500 <sup>14</sup>	\$500 <sup>15</sup>	\$500 <sup>16</sup>
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\$5,000 <sup>31</sup> GRAND PRIZE						

**Two Early  
Bird Draws  
for \$1,000  
each!**

**\$5,000  
Grand  
Prize!**

**\$500 Prize  
each day!**

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# Our Board of Directors

**President:**

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**Past President:**

**Glenda Winsler**

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**Jim Anderson**

**Brian Butcher**

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**Doug Windsor**

## A Note From Our Director



Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. It seems like yesterday we were looking forward to summer and now fall is here. Maybe I am just getting older, but time seems to pass so quickly.

This has been a difficult year with the economy in a slump. Of course, with many persons losing their jobs, the worst happens, as people decide to rid themselves of their four legged friends. We have found most people do not have a strategic plan when it comes to their friends. In other words, if they had their pet vaccinated, spayed or neutered in good times, they may have been able to cope during the bad times. Instead, not prepared, the first items they part with are their pets. We have requests to take unneutered/ unspayed animals that are over 5 years of age. Not only would these four legged friends be terrified to move, they will also sit as adopters look for puppies or kittens. However, I hope you will take the time to read "Percy's Story," written by one of our adopters.

The shelter has been the recipient of many gifts of food, toys and blankets, as well as "birthday" monies from so many young people. I guess the statement "a little child shall lead the way" is so true.

They gave up their pleasures for the animals.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we began our "For the Love of Animals Christmas Lottery" with 7,000 tickets to sell. With your help, we would really like to shore up our Spay/Neuter programs. Our shelter has spent in excess of \$100,000.00 to the end of August on spay/neutering, animal medicines, and veterinary care, and it is our hope that we can sell every ticket in our lottery this year, so we can continue to help as many animals as possible.

When you receive this newsletter, with much thanks to Julie Gil for preparing it, we will have announced the first ever 2010 Calendar for our shelter. Many persons have helped move this endeavour forward: John Mitchell for his amazing photography, Rick Warner of MI Calendar, and Greg Durocher of Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. They are available at the shelter and of course they are available on line, for those of you who wish to order one. Please help make this calendar a viable entity for the shelter.

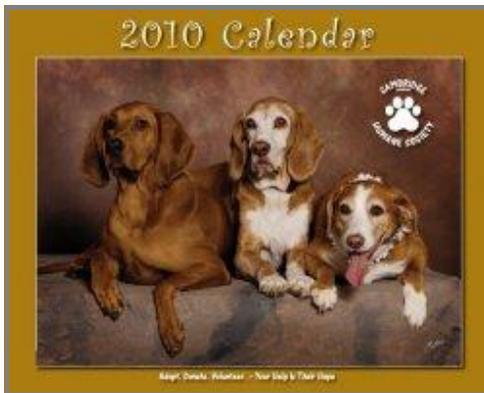
When you think of a special gift for a loved one this year, think of helping the animals too -- this becomes a win-win for all of us.

Help make this year the best ever for the animals in our community.

*Bonnie L. Deekon*

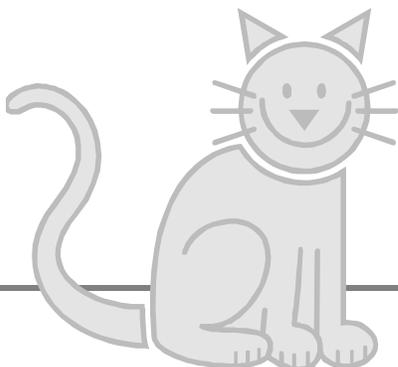
# Our New 2010 Calendar!

Special thanks goes to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, Rick Warner of MiCalendar, and John Mitchell Photography for all being part of the launch of the very first **Cambridge & District Humane Society Calendar 2010**. We are hoping for a very successful year!



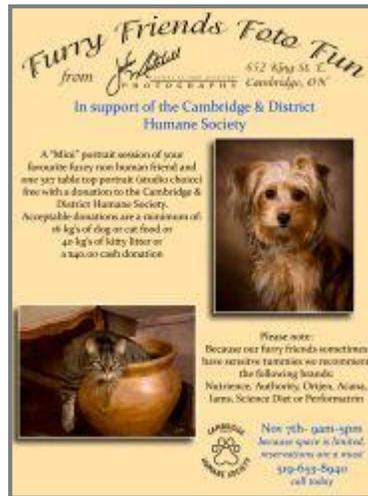
Buy this meaningful calendar, available for sale at the shelter and at John Mitchell Photography (King Street, Preston) for \$20.00. You may also [order on-line](#), or design your own using the calendar builder by [clicking here](#). The proceeds are being donated to the Cambridge and District Humane Society.

The photos appearing in the calendar are taken from last year's "Furry Friends Foto Fun" fundraiser that John Mitchell hosted.



# Furry Friends Foto Fun

**Saturday, November 7th  
9am-5pm**



Have your pet's photo taken by John Mitchell in a "Mini" portrait session, including one 5x7 table top portrait (studio choice) **free with a donation to the Cambridge and District Humane Society**.

Acceptable donations are a minimum of:

- 16 kg's of dog or cat food (high quality)
- 40 kg's of kitty litter
- \$40 cash donation

[Click here](#) to see photos of last year's session. [Book your appointment](#) soon. Your furry friend may appear in the 2011 calendar!

Because space is limited, **reservations are a must!**  
**Call today — 519-653-8940**

## Our Staff

**Executive  
Director:**

**Bonnie Deekon**

**Office  
Administrator:**

**Lori McIntosh**

**Kennel Master:**

**Krista Morgan**

**Agent:**

**Tracy Laraway**

**D. D. Officer:**

**Megan  
Gashgarian**

**Humane  
Educator:**

**Chris Spencer**

**Kennel Staff:  
Michelle DaSilva**

**Cat Bancroft**

**Donna Leslie**

**Darline Egerdee**

**Laura Wolfe**

**Karen Normore**

**Linda Kerr**

# Wish List

## Animal Supplies

- Good quality canned cat & kitten food
- Good quality canned dog & puppy food
- Pet store Gift Certificates
- Non-clumping litter
- 4' nylon leashes
- Dog & cat shampoo
- Dog & cat toys

## Cleaning Supplies

- Garbage bags — small & large
- White paper towels
- SOS pads

## Office Supplies

- Canada stamps
- Staples gift certificates
- Canadian Tire money
- Zehrs receipts
- Toilet paper
- Duracell AA & 9-volt batteries
- Used ink cartridges

# APS Update



There are two ongoing cruelty investigations that we need the public's help with. We have received several tips from members of the public, but have not yet been successful. Please [contact us](#) if you have any information about these cruelty cases.

"Maggie" was brought in to our shelter by a member of the public, who found her stumbling along Rife Avenue in Hespeler. The man thought she may have been hit by a car, as she was having trouble walking. We learned after a quick exam that she was badly matted and her hind end was infested with maggots.

The Cambridge & District Humane Society rushed her to a local veterinary clinic, where she was examined, shaved down and given a bath. The veterinarian had to flush "Maggie" to get the maggots out that had crawled up inside her. "Maggie" was then prescribed medication for pain and infection. Due to the infection she has to have diaper rash cream applied. We thought at one point that her tail may have to be amputated.

As of today, "Maggie" is doing much better, she is healing quite nicely,



she is such a happy and grateful little dog.

We are hoping someone can provide us with information helping to locate an owner of "Maggie".

Our second case involves a plastic cat carrier that was found in a park (Five Oaks) off Roseville Road at Whistle Bear road. The carrier is light grey in colour, with dark green handle and cage door. The sides were taped over with clear packaging tape, and the cage door was closed with twist ties. The cat inside the carrier died a slow, painful, agonizing death. It did not stand a chance of surviving.



Unfortunately a description of the cat is not possible, as there were only bones left (however was confirmed to be a feline by a local veterinarian). Please look at the photograph of the cat carrier. Anyone with information is encouraged to [contact us](#).

Please contact us if you can provide any information about these cruelty cases. You can leave an anonymous message with staff, or on our answering machine after hours at 519-623-7722, or call our cruelty officer directly at 519-242-7225.

# Happy Tails

## The Joys of Adopting a “Senior” Dog

I would like to tell you about my little friend Percy, who came to live with me just over six years ago, when I adopted him from the Cambridge & District Humane Society. I have been negligent in updating you about Percy in the past couple of years, but I wanted to let you know that he continues to do well and just celebrated his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday!

One day in July, 2003, I spotted Percy on the web site of the Cambridge Humane Society. I wasn't looking to adopt a dog, but knew when I saw him I had to have him. I called the Humane Society to verify that Percy was still available for adoption. In my conversation with Bonnie Deekon, Executive Director, we discussed Percy's overall health. At 10 years, he had a heart murmur, needed dentistry and the vet who had examined him, recommended that he be neutered to avoid health problems as he grew older. Having already had five schnauzers, I certainly knew the breed. By the time our conversation ended, I had agreed to adopt Percy and give him a home for his retirement years.

Mention adopting a “senior” dog and people inevitably picture a frail, elderly pet whose senses have dimmed and whose days are numbered. Certainly that evening when I went to pick Percy up, my first impression was that I had definitely adopted an old dog. His coat was sparse, there were cysts on his body and his skin was oily, smelled strong and was covered with big flakes of dandruff. There were abrasions, even open wounds where he had been scratching and he had several missing teeth.

He seemed very quiet and self-contained, kept his head down, avoiding eye contact, and gave the impression of being almost preoccupied and unresponsive. He was a mess!

I took Percy out to the car, put him in the backseat and we headed for home. On the way, he climbed up with his front feet up on the centre console so he could watch over my shoulder to see the road ahead. I glanced back at him and my heart melted. Here was this poor little wreck of a dog, who had suffered so much neglect at the hands of humans, but his eyes were bright and hopeful, looking ahead to a better future.

That evening he lay quietly on a mat, not really showing any signs of “being a happy dog”. I then remembered being told how much Percy loved tennis balls.

The next day I saw a whole new side to Percy when a friend brought over a couple of tennis balls. She tossed the ball to him and it was as if the sun came out. His eyes began to sparkle; he became alert and focused on the game. Suddenly the years melted away and a much younger dog emerged, playing, running, jumping and catching the ball in the air. He played for about a half-hour and the withdrawn, quiet, older dog seemed to have vanished.

No doubt most people think that adopting an older dog means frequent vet visits and high vet bills.

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# See Us Online

Visit us @ [CambridgeNow.ca!](http://CambridgeNow.ca!)

[cambridge now!](http://cambridge now!)

Follow us on [Twitter!](https://twitter.com/CambridgeNow)



Join our [Facebook Group!](https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeDistrictHumaneSociety)



## 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  
519-623-7722  
Fax Number  
519-623-9442

Please take time to  
check out our website  
and see **ALL** of our  
adoption animals:  
[spca.cambridgeweb.net](http://spca.cambridgeweb.net)

Or drop us an e-mail  
with your questions  
or comments:  
[spca@cambridgeweb.net](mailto:spca@cambridgeweb.net)

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

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Certainly given his condition when I brought him home, Percy did require some medical care. He was given antibiotics and began a regimen of special baths. This along with a good quality diet helped to clear up Percy's skin and before long, he looked like a much different dog. Despite routine dentistry, removal of a growth on his foot and periodic treatment for inflammatory bowel disease, Percy's health remains good. The only medications he takes are Pepcid AC, Thyroxin for hypothyroid and Sasha's Blend to keep him free of aches and pains associated with aging.

But Percy is so much more than a cluster of physical ailments.

From the day he came to me, Percy embraced his new life with gusto. He has never done anything half-way, always giving 150 per cent to every task. Percy never sees a toy he doesn't like and every toy has been cherished and played with many times, most until they are in tatters. My two other, much younger dogs would be flopped in a chair sleeping, while Percy continues his joyful and solitary games. Life is to be savoured, not wasted.

He also loves adventure and the thrill of new places. Nothing is better than a road trip. Rather than settling down for a sleep, he spends the entire time watching over my shoulder to see where we are going or playing with the assortment of toys brought along for the ride. Each trip I bring him a new and special toy to help keep his boundless energy in check during the long miles ahead. Arriving at our destination, his natural curiosity comes to the forefront as he inspects every



nook and cranny. Once when visiting a friend's cottage, I was mortified to find Percy crawling out from under her bed only five minutes after our arrival. A storage space at back with many boxes and bags drew Percy like a magnet. While we were eating lunch, we had to keep checking on him when we'd hear the rattling of bags, and the odd crash of something hitting the ground.

Mealtime continues to be the highlight of Percy's day. He starts campaigning for his meal the minute I walk through the door, even if it's mid-afternoon. We call it the happy dance and his 16-year-old feet are every bit as light skipping through the house as they were six years ago when he arrived and no doubt many years before that as a puppy. As soon as the kibble hits the dish he plants his four feet over the dish and his head never lifts until the food is gone. I've often commented that a tornado could go through the kitchen and Percy wouldn't flinch a muscle.

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Age has slowed Percy's step and his eyesight and hearing are not what they used to be, but the spirit of Percy remains strong and youthful. His determination to live every minute to the fullest and to the best of his ability continues.

**Would I consider it again?**

**Absolutely, without question!**

Two years before Percy's arrival, I was devastated to lose one of my most cherished dogs, Meg, who died at the age of nine from cancer. In a way, Percy's presence has been a comfort, as if a small part of Meg continues on through him. He lives today with his younger canine companions, Wylie and Merry Rose, and their presence helps to keep him youthful.

If the opportunity to adopt another older dog came up, would I consider it again? Absolutely without question! Percy has and continues to bring me joy and I cherish each day I have him.

*Pat*

## Nevada Tickets

King & Eagle Super Variety located at 328 King Street East in Preston are now selling Nevada tickets in support of the Cambridge & District Humane Society. This constant support will bring in a regular monthly donation to help the animals!

**THANK YOU**

## Help the Animals Through the United Way

If you participate in your employer's annual United Way campaign through payroll deduction, you may choose to designate the Cambridge & District Humane Society as the recipient of your charitable contribution, even though the CDHS is not a United Way funded agency.

Simply fill in Part "C" at the bottom of the gift form with the CDHS registered charity number 13682 8522 RR0001.

## In Memory of Oscar



Many of you will have known and loved Oscar, our shelter mascot. Oscar was the furry face of the shelter for a very long time. He welcomed visitors, hosted annual birthday parties in his honour, and was a much loved companion to the staff he worked with everyday. We want to let all of Oscar's friends know that after a tough battle, unfortunately Oscar passed away March 6th, 2009. He will forever be in our hearts and memories.

## Upcoming Events

### 2010 Calendar

Now on sale at  
John Mitchell  
Photography or the  
shelter. Only \$20!

### Furry Friends

#### Foto Fun

Sat. Nov. 7

Make your  
reservation today!  
519-653-8940

### Lottery Draws

Early Bird Draws:  
\$1,000 — Nov. 30  
\$1,000 — Dec. 31

### Play BINGO!

Support the  
Cambridge &  
District Humane  
Society Wednesday  
evening and late  
night sessions in  
December!

### Renew Your Membership for 2010!

Not a member yet?  
[Find out](#) about the  
benefits of support-  
ing the Cambridge &  
District Humane  
Society.

# Shelter Videos

Now you can visit the shelter anytime you are at your computer!

[Our Virtual Tour](#)

[Colleen and Lucy Play with the Hose!](#)

[SuperMom!](#)



**They All  
Deserve a  
Forever  
Home —  
Your Help is  
Their Hope**

**Adopt.  
Donate.  
Volunteer.**

## Lost or Found a Pet?

### How It Works...

We will post lost and found pets on our website, in our special [Lost and Found](#) section. This is a free service, under the following conditions:

- You must provide ample information about the lost or found animal. Name, Breed and a short description, Age, Sex, whether or not the animal is spayed or neutered, (declawed or not for cats), whether the animal is tattooed or microchipped, and any collar, tags or identification they may be wearing. You must also provide the date that the animal was lost/found as well as the street name. You must also send us a digitized photo (.jpg format only).
- You must state in your e-mail that you wish to have this information posted to our Lost and Found page on the website.
- By submitting this information, you give us permission to post your name and phone number and e-mail address on our web site.

Use the [contact page](#) of our website to submit your requests.

## My Gift to the Animals

To help us, help the animals, please use the form below or [donate online](#) through our website.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!*

After completing, please detach this form and mail to:

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