

Peterborough Humane Society

Peterborough's Leader in Animal Welfare



PAWS FOR A THOUGHT

Winter 2015

A message from Judy O'Brien, our Executive Director

I have only had the privilege of working in Peterborough since the beginning of the summer, but I have already seen how much this community loves animals. When we sent out an appeal to the community for funds to help save 'Amazing Grace' (See page 2) I was completely taken back by the out pouring of support.

In all my years working in animal welfare, the quick response from the Peterborough community to help Grace was unbelievable I am honored to have witnessed.

From the funds donated to help save Grace, we have been able to help two other young animals in our shelter, Mika, a Lab pup who needed surgery and Harley, a Pomeranian Chihuahua cross with a broken leg get the care and treatment they needed. Our shelter is able to provide lifesaving care to sick or injured animals because of the heartfelt generosity of this community. Without people like you, we would not be able to do the things we do.

For those who cannot speak for themselves, like Grace, thank you for supporting the Peterborough Humane Society.

Judy O'Brien

2015 Dog Licenses Now Available

Purchase your new license in person,
by mail, online or by phone at the
Peterborough Humane Society and receive
a fantastic coupon sheet and
rewards card for local businesses.



Success Story

Community steps up to help Grace get her surgery

The Peterborough Humane Society would like to thank the community for their incredible support and donations made to help Grace get the surgery she needed.

On Friday, December 12, we sent out a press release about Grace, an 8 month old Chinese Shar Pei mix, who was brought into the shelter as a stray from Selwyn Township. When Grace arrived we scheduled an appointment with a local vet clinic and it was determined that she had a serious skin condition which caused her to lose her fur and develop thickened red areas over her entire body.

She was soon diagnosed with a mange condition called Demodicosis. The mange is caused by a mite, which occurs naturally in the hair follicles of most dogs, and almost never causes problems. However, in certain situations, such as impaired immune system, intense stress, or malnutrition, the mites can reproduce rapidly, causing debilitating symptoms in sensitive dogs.

We have been treating Grace for two months and the mange has cleared up wonderfully. With the inflammation in Grace's face now subdued, it became apparent she also suffers from entropion - a very uncomfortable condition which causes the eyelids to curl inwards, causing significant irritation to the surface of the eye. If not addressed, entropion can lead to more serious eye problems later in life. The only way to correct this issue is through surgery, and that surgery costs upwards of \$1,000.

Within minutes of sending the press release to the local media, asking for community support, we saw the first donation come in. We were absolutely amazed and could not believe how quickly people were responding. By the end of the day we had already raised a few hundred dollars.



But the story does not stop there. Over the weekend the donations kept pouring in with people visiting the shelter wanting to help Grace. We were truly taken back by the support.

When we arrived to the office on Monday, we discovered that even more people had made their donation online. There were donations ranging from \$5 to \$500. On top of that, during the afternoon a woman came to the shelter to make an anonymous donation of \$1,000 in support of Grace. When it is all said and done we raised close to \$10,000 to help pay for Grace's surgery.

So, now the question is, what do we do with all the extra funds?

All of the extra money raised will go directly into the Milo Fund. The Milo Fund was set up in honour of a young terrier, who had been badly injured before he came into our care. This fund was established to help other animals in need of life-saving medical attention. One hundred percent of every charitable donation made to the Milo Fund is used solely for life-saving medical care.

On Tuesday, December, 16th, Grace went in for her surgery and it was a success. We are happy to report that she is doing well and resting at her foster home.

Through the amazing support of the community we were able to help Grace, an animal in desperate need, and even more, we can now provide life-saving surgery for many more animals who come through our door. We are so grateful to be part of a community who shares the same love and compassion for animals as we do.

Thank you from everyone at the Peterborough Humane Society and from those who cannot speak for themselves.

PHS Adoptions

October		November		December		January	
Dogs	12	Dogs	21	Dogs	15	Dogs	16
Cats	15	Cats	20	Puppies	9	Cats	25
Kittens	38	Kittens	38	Cats	26	Kittens	12
Rabbits	2	Rabbits	3	Kittens	18	Rabbits	2
				Rabbits	1	Guinea Pig	1
				Guinea Pig	1	Chinchilla	2

Licensing Your Dog

Why should I license my pet?

Your dog's license tag is its ticket home!

Having a current license and providing accurate contact information will assist us in returning your dog to you in the event it becomes lost.

Please be advised that your dog's license will expire on January 31, 2015. As of February 1, 2015 you may be subject to a fine for contravention of the City Dog Licensing By-law as well as an increased license fee.

City of Peterborough By-Law 192.2.2: Every person who owns a dog which is kept in the City shall pay to the Clerk or his designate an annual license fee for each calendar year.

How can I license my pet?

In Person:

Peterborough Humane Society Office
385 Lansdowne St. E. Peterborough, ON, K9L 2A3
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday

By Mail:

Peterborough Humane Society
385 Lansdowne St. E. Peterborough, ON, K9L 2A3
Please make your cheque payable to:
Peterborough Humane Society

Online:

www.peterboroughhumanesociety.ca using PAYPAL -
A nominal fee applies

By Phone:

Call: 705-745-4722 Ext. 200, 201, 203, 205, 207
If our lines are busy leave your name, number and a brief message.

License Fee	Non-Senior	Senior 65+	Non-Senior	Senior 65+
	Spayed/Neutered		Unaltered	
If renewed by January 31	\$25	\$15	\$50	\$35
If renewed between February 1 and May 31	\$50	\$30	\$75	\$50
If renewed between June 1 and December 31	\$75	\$45	\$100	\$65
New dogs obtained after September 1	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
Replacement of lost tags	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Certified/Service Dog	No charge	No charge	No Charge	No charge



Valentine's Day Furball Gala a Huge Success

On Saturday, February 14th, we held our Valentine's Day Furball Gala at The Venue, in Peterborough, and it was a huge success.

The night featured Canadian Country Music Award Winners Small Town Pistols, a silent and live auction with the fabulous Rob Rusland, a gourmet dinner by The Venue, a mystery diamond raffle, courtesy of Tompkins Jewellers in Lakefield and more.

One of the big highlights of the evening came with the launch of 'Angel in a Dog Suit', a happily-ever-after, wagging dog tale, which takes us on a heart warming yet bumpy journey through the life of one tiny dog 'Ruby', from puppy mill survivor to her love-filled, forever home with the Author Mary Giuffre & Illustrator Paul L. Clark. The book is proudly endorsed by the Ontario SPCA and the Peterborough Humane Society.

Throughout the evening a number of the shelters adopted animals appeared above the stage as part of a special slide show. But what was most exciting was a special guest appearance by the one and only 'Amazing Grace' (see page 2 for Garce's full story).

The Peterborough Humane Society would like to thank all of our sponsors for helping to make the night such a great success; Ontario SPCA, Lett Architects, Peterborough Examiner, Country 105, Nexicom and MicroAge.

We would also like to send out a very special thank you to all of our volunteers. With out you guys, this event would not have been made possible.

Another thank you goes out to all of those who donated to our live and silent auction. We had some amazing items and a lot of people went home happy.

And the final thank goes out to all of those who came out and supported the shelter. It is through events like this that we can continue to help save animals in need.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



Judy O'Brien, Executive Director (centre), with Author Mary Giuffre & Illustrator Paul L. Clark of Angel in a Dog Suit.



Board Member Hope Boehm gets her picture taken and Harley, a puppy who was helped through the Milo Fund.

Annual Open House and Licensing Launch

The Peterborough Humane Society held an Open House and Annual Licensing Launch on Monday, November 3rd. We are happy to announce that 7 cats and 4 dogs were adopted!



Photos (L-R Clockwise) Top left - Executive Director Judy O'Brien interviewed by CHEx TV. Top middle - Our volunteer Cyndy Richards was presented with an appreciation gift from Judy O'Brien. Top right - Thanks Brant Basics for your continuous support and wonderful donation of \$1,500. Bottom right - Board members Dena Hemming and Carrol Lawless and our Executive Director Judy O'Brien with Ernie in front of the Magic 96.7 community cruiser. Bottom middle - Royal Canin, our new food sponsor was at the event giving away great gifts. Bottom left - Our wonderful team!

Did You Know?

Sometimes when we tell people the price of adopting an animal from our shelter we get a raised eyebrow or two. So we wanted to let you know all of the amazing things your animal received that's included in the adoption fee when you adopt from the PHS;

- First Vaccinations
- 6 weeks of pet insurance
- Spay/Neuter
- Microchip Identification
- Free vet visit (with a participating vet)

Adopt A
Friend
Today!



Dogs & Puppies \$345 Cats \$150 Kittens \$190

PHS Donation Gallery



Thanks Madame O'Neill's grade 4/5 French class at St. Catherine's Elementary School. The class raised \$120.36 and collected food and toys for the animals at the shelter. Thank you from all of our furry friends at the Humane Society!



A big thank you to Emma and Sydney from St. Theresa Elementary School's Social Justice Team for their generous donation! Great work girls!



A huge holiday thank you to Emily, Sherry, Kendra and Jessica (with Executive Director Judy O'Brien and Holstein) and all of the nurses at PRHC A2 Rehab for their generous donation of food to the humane society.



A huge thank you from all of us here at PHS to Karen, Aaron, Natalie for the wonderful donation of toys, blankets, treats for kittens and puppies and food. They also made a video that is being sent to a friend in the Bahamas as a Christmas gift.



Thank you Gord, Carlyne and Peterborough This Week for the wonderful donations These donations were made by the readers of Peterborough This Week.



Thanks Boston Pizza for providing the team with such an amazing lunch!

Adoption Highlights



We are so very happy to share that Rosie found her forever home with Joyce. We know you two will have a wonderful time together!



Nanook found her forever home with Dusty (on the right). Nanook will have all the love and attention a lovely dog like her could have. Congratulations!

Staff Spotlight - Amanda Bishop

Amanda has been with the Peterborough Humane Society for 10 years. She has been a kennel attendant, Animal Control Officer, SPCA Agent as well as filling in where ever is needed. Amanda grew up on a mixed farm and has had a life long love for all animals. She joined the PHS because of her love for animals. She has always had pets and still does to this day.

The PHS would like to thank our Pet Satellite Adoption Centres



898 Monaghan Road
Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 5J4
Tel: 705-740-9852
www.petsmart.com



950 Lansdowne Street, West
Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 1Z9
Tel: 705-742-8558
www.pjspet.com



347 Pido Road, Unit #7
Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 6X7
Tel: 705-243-9692
www.theuglypug.ca

PHS at the Santa Claus Parade



Photos (L-R Clockwise) Top left - indi Miskolczy, Enid Hannon, Judy O'Brien, Executive Director, Christine Crocker put the finishing touches on our float. Top right - Amanda Bishop and Judy O'Brien pose for the camera. Bottom right and left- Our amazing float heading down George Street.

Halloween Fun at the PHS



Batman and Robin made a special visit to the Humane Society.



The entire team at PHS came in full costume for Halloween.

Identify Your Pet



"Rufus is well-trained dog and he always comes when called. But if there was ever that instance where he did get away from me - I would want to ensure I'd done everything to help him be returned to our family. Getting Rufus licensed is a no brainer. It's such a modest fee of just \$25 and that money goes back to help provide shelter, food and love for animals at the Peterborough Humane Society. "It's simple. If you're a responsible pet owner, you should have your dog licensed."

Peer Christensen is one of Peterborough's foremost artists and the owner of Christensen Fine Art in downtown Peterborough at the corner of Brock and George Streets. An acclaimed artist whose body of work spans more than 30 years, his contributions to the art world are numerous including exhibits annually at the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition and the Toronto Artist Project, in addition to solo and group shows at the Art Gallery of Peterborough.

He loves standard poodles and has owned them all of his life because they are intelligent, loving and fabulous with children. Rufus is his third.

You can purchase your dog's license by visiting the shelter at 385 Lansdowne Street East, by phone, by mail or by our website at www.peterboroughhumanesociety.ca and filling out the on-line form under the Programs and Services tab.

Money raised for Grace helps save the life of a puppy

In December when the Peterborough Humane Society asked the community for their support to help raise funds to pay for Grace's surgery, the 8 month old Chinese Shar Pei, we were overwhelmed by their support. Approximately \$10,000 was raised, more than enough to cover Grace's surgery and the remainder was then placed in the Milo Fund, which was established to help other animals in need of life-saving medical attention.

Recently the Peterborough Humane Society used a portion of that money to help save the life of a three month old puppy.

On Friday, January 21, a three month old black lab named Mika, was surrendered to the Peterborough Humane Society in need of emergency surgery in order to save her life. Mika came into the shelter in serious distress and extremely underweight. She had not been eating and struggling to keep anything down for several weeks. Unfortunately, the owners could not afford the surgery and had exhausted all their options. It was recommended that they surrender Mika to the Peterborough Humane Society where she would be taken care of.

Immediately, Mika was taken to a local veterinary clinic where an exploratory surgery was performed. The surgery was to check for a condition in which the intestines telescope into itself causing gastrointestinal distress and without intervention can be fatal.

Once in surgery it was discovered that Mika did not have the condition in her intestines, but was diagnosed with a severe life-threatening bacterial infection. Mika was very weak and thin, but made it through the surgery. She is now on medication and a special diet to treat her condition and will require on going attention over the next several weeks. She is expected to make a full recovery.

The Peterborough Humane Society would like to thank everyone in the community who donated to Grace and the Milo Fund. It is because of the community's awe-inspiring support and generosity that we were able to help save Mika and give her the life that she deserves and continue to help more animals who come into our care.



Want to help the Peterborough Humane Society?

Ways to support Your Humane Society

- A one time donation
- Milo Fund (to treat sick and injured animals)
- Monthly donation
- Memoriam donation
- Planned giving - bequest, shares or life insurance
- Donation in lieu of a birthday/wedding present
- Support our fundraising events
- Sponsor a dog or cat

What a monthly donation means to the animals?

- \$25** Vaccines for an animal
- \$45** Feeds an animal for one month
- \$100** Medical tests for three cats monthly
- \$150** Spay/neuter surgery for two animals a year
- \$250** Life-saving surgery for an injured animal



Yes, I want to help more animals in our community!

1. I would like to make a one time donation:

Total: \$ _____ THANK YOU!

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Prefer to send cheque: Please send postdated cheques, payable to Peterborough Humane Society.

Credit Card: VISA MC

Name on card: _____ Signature: x _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ / _____ (MM/YR)

2. I would like to make or increase my monthly donation to:

\$5/month \$10/month \$25/month I prefer to give \$_____/month

Monthly total: \$ _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

As a monthly donor I would like to:

Continue with my current payment method at the new amount.

Prefer to send updated cheques: Please send postdated cheques, payable to Peterborough Humane Society.

Change to a Credit Card: VISA MC Process my donation on the 15th or 30th of each month

Name on card: _____ Signature: x _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ / _____ (MM/YR)

To donate online or for more information, visit www.peterboroughhumanesociety.ca

By enrolling in our Pre-Authorized Withdrawal (PAW) Giving Program, you allow the PHS to be there whenever the animals need us, all year long. Your monthly donations add up to a significant gift over the year. You can adjust the amount of your monthly gift at any time with a simple phone call to the PHS office at 705-745-4722 ext. 201 or 207. A year end receipt for your total annual contribution will be sent to you for income tax purposes.

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