

# PAWS TO REFLECT...

CDHS Newsletter - August 2007

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## Lottery Time is Quickly Approaching!

Our annual Lottery will be here before you know it! Sales begin October 1, 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 1<sup>st</sup> to sign out books of tickets.

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

- **32 Chances to win**
- **\$22,000 in Prizes**
- **\$2,000 Early Bird**



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



## Oscar's a Teenager!

This year I am turning 13! My party will be held at the shelter on Saturday, August 11, 2007, from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Please stop in to wish me a happy birthday, have a piece of cake, and visit with all my furry friends. Although I love the odd gift for myself, I would also like some gifts to share. My feline friends really need cat and kitten dry and canned food. Hope to see you then!

**Love: Oscar**



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## A Note From Our Director



What would our world be like without animals, especially those that have become close friends - our pets?

Many of us can't imagine our lives without a furry friend climbing onto our lap - indeed, pets enhance our outlook on life itself! How many times have you come home exhausted from a hard day at work to find your best animal friend at the door to greet you with tail wagging? Now, that's a definite mood elevator!

Pets are really important for children: caring for a cat, dog or guinea pig teaches the lessons of responsibility, patience, loyalty, and love.

This was brought to mind most explicitly when I returned home from vacation this past week. Three magical dogs and six amazing cats greeted me with much enthusiasm; oh, it was wonderful and I couldn't imagine it any other way. I believe pets are woven into the fabric of our existence - they are playful, delightful and loving.

The first six months of 2007 have presented many challenges to our Humane Society. It is so important that we have the right balance of animals for those persons looking to adopt. We have assisted dogs from Cambridge and the surrounding areas as well as many from Timmins and the USA. On Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>, we had only 3 dogs available for adoption but we had more than 80 cats. Our dogs are older and will require a very

special family to assist them, especially Chinook and Princess. If you are someone who watches our website, you will know Chinook's story. We have a wonderful spay/neuter program that works only because of our veterinarians, however, we still have cats and kittens galore. Doctors are diagnosing newborn children with allergies and many families have to part with their furry friends. Seniors moving to nursing homes or apartments often have to leave their furry friends behind, and often their families do not know the veterinarian that had cared for the pet.

At the shelter, the hardest ones we have to deal with are the uncaring persons who drop pets on our doorstep at night or who appear at the door with a statement "I got this dog from a farm a year ago and have not had time to train her so she is biting my kids. Either take her or I will let her go." Sometimes, landlords bring animals that have been abandoned in a vacated rented home or apartment; we know nothing about any of these animals. Cambridge is privileged to have a fantastic group of young ladies working in the shelter. Not only do they care for the animals, but they work so hard to raise monies for the work carried out, with Bingo, The Elephant Waltz, Poochie Power Walk, Oscar's Birthday, the garage sale and any other way they can think of. Unfortunately, we can only do so much. We need your help. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? Remember that we are a charity and receive no monies from government or the municipality. We need you!

*Bonnie L. Deekon*

## Poochie Power Walk

This was our most successful Poochie Power Walk yet, raising over \$13,000 for our animals and being the most fun we have ever had!



The walk itself was great, with a new route taking our supporters and four legged friends along the river. The weather was beautiful, which kept people hanging around all day. We enjoyed games, vendors, bbq, and our newly added large bouncer for the kids.



It is definitely quickly becoming an event that people keep talking about, and one not to be missed. Thanks to all our fund raisers and attendees. See you next year!

## Elephant Waltz



Once again this years' elephant waltz was SOLD OUT! There were lots of familiar faces, and also some new ones. The night was a huge success, raising \$30,000 for our shelter. Between dinner, dancing, and bidding on great auction items, great fun was had by all.



The elephants put on a wonderful display for us while they enjoyed their fresh fruit and veggies! We hope to see you all again next year. Don't forget to book your table early!

## Our Staff

*Executive*

*Director*

**Bonnie Deekon**

*Office*

*Administrator*

**Wendy Dolson**

*Kennel Master*

**Krista Morgan**

*Agent*

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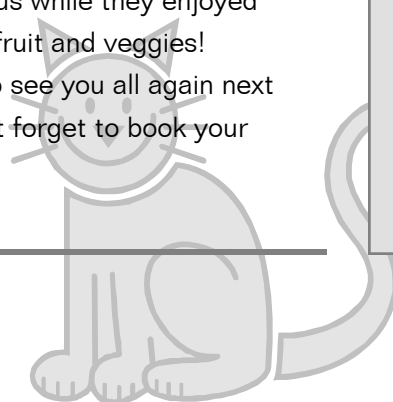
**Linda Kerr**

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**Laura Wolfe**



# 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

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

# APS Update



Cruelty complaints are increasing in Cambridge, ranging from abandoned and neglected animals, to animals being left outside without adequate shelter or water.

The summer months have been particularly busy with people leaving animals unattended in their vehicles. The following are a few key facts regarding this issue:

- Many pets die each year as a result of being left in a parked car during warm weather.
- Temperatures inside a parked car, even with the windows open and in the shade, can rapidly reach very dangerous levels, even on a relatively mild summer day.
- A dog's normal body temperature is about 39 degrees Celsius or 102 degrees Fahrenheit. Because of a limited ability to sweat, even a short time in a hot environment can be life threatening.
- A dog can withstand a body temperature of 41 degrees Celsius or 106 degrees Fahrenheit for only a short time before suffering irreparable brain damage or even death.

I visited the highland games this past month, and had an information booth set up to promote education on this and other animal cruelty issues. Thank you to all who stopped by to visit, make a donation, and show their support.

Tracy Laraway

# Animal "Fun-atics" Summer Camp

As July comes to an end, sadly does our summer camp program. This year was only our second year running the summer program, and the first year for the camp to run for week-long sessions. We had a very successful summer. The children were so enthusiastic, caring and were always asking to help out around the shelter. Our days quickly filled up with



educational lessons, animal crafts such as dog bandanas, dog biscuits, dog signs, etc., swimming at the YMCA, and many visits with our "ani-pals". Adopting

"ani-pals" was definitely a highlight for the campers. Each camper chose to "adopt", only for the week, one of the animals that were up for adoption in the shelter. It was their task to help socialize this particular animal, make him or her some gifts, and in turn help them get adopted.



Thank you to all campers and counselors for making our summer program a success. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Jen Fieder

# Happy Tails (Chinook's Story)

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Chinook. I had a pretty rough start at life and I really didn't know how things were going to turn out for me. My original owners left me tied outside all winter long and rarely ever gave me food or water. My ears were frostbitten and my spirit was broken.



## Chinook

After being taken from my original home I spent the next few years in foster care and in shelters. It was pretty depressing at times watching all of my friends begin their new lives while I was just passed by. Everyone tried to keep my spirits up but as each day and each family passed, I took a turn for the worst. I didn't want to eat and I just curled up in a ball in my



## & Tanya

cage. When I was transferred to the Cambridge Humane Society, I met a wonderful group of ladies. They really helped me out of my slump and made me feel good about myself again. Although the ladies at the shelter love all animals and treat them with the utmost respect, I heard I was their favorite. They knew I needed some extra TLC, and that's exactly what I got. I loved them all, but I had a special friend named Tanya. Tanya would sit outside with me on her breaks and we would chat about everything. We would imagine my new home together and she promised me that I would be happy again. She took me for walks and we played for hours. She taught me how to sit and how to shake a paw. We had a really special bond and I am so thankful for her and all the staff at the shelter. After 4 long months, I have finally found a new family. I have moved to New Hamburg, and it's great. I was still in shock this morning when I woke up in my new bed and I was home!

Love, Chinook 

## 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](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.

# Dog Facts

- *The oldest dog that has been reliably documented was an Australian cattle-dog named Bluey. He was put to sleep at the age of 29 years and 5 months!*
- *The worlds heaviest as well as longest dog ever recorded was an Old English Mastiff named Zorba. In 1989, Zorba weighed 343 lbs. and was 8 feet 3 inches long from nose to tail!*
- *A dog's sense of smell is about 1000 times better than a person's.*
- *Big dogs have larger litters than smaller dogs, but smaller dogs generally live much longer than larger dogs.*
- *A dog's heart beats between 70 and 120 times a minute, compared with a human heart which beats 70 to 80 times a minute.*
- *25% percent of dogs are brown*

## Vet's Corner

### Adult Weight Management for Dogs and Cats

Obesity is one of the most common nutritional medical disorders affecting companion animals, with approximately 24-40% of pets being classified as overweight. Obesity is defined as an increase of over 20% above the optimum body weight. Reasons for this include a more confined and sedentary lifestyle for pets, availability of highly-palatable, energy dense pet foods and treats, and a strong human-animal bond which leads to overfeeding and snacking.

#### My Pet is overweight - now what can I do?

The fundamental cause of obesity is excess of caloric intake over energy depletion with the surplus being stored as fat. There are many factors that affect this balance, including age, breed, sex, hormonal abnormalities, as well as external factors such as lifestyle, diet formulation and intake. The risk of certain health problems increases with obesity, as well as an aggravation of existing clinical disease, such as diabetes, arthritis and respiratory disease.

The easiest way to prevent obesity in your pet is to feed a high quality diet in moderation, coupled with regular exercise. There are a number of diets that your veterinarian can recommend to help maintain a healthy weight for your pet. It helps to measure your pet's food to ensure you are feeding the right amount for age and weight. Many pet owners will divide the daily required

intake in half or in third in order to allow multiple daily feedings.

How do I know if my pet is overweight?

Please feel free to visit us for a free weigh-in and weight assessment to let you know if your pet is in a healthy weight range. The easiest way for you to tell if your pet is at a healthy weight is to give them a hug! You should be able to feel the ribs (but not see them), and most pets should have a 'waist-line'.

My pet is overweight - now what can I do?

If your pet is already overweight, you should see your veterinarian to discuss the possibility of underlying disease that could be contributing to your pet's weight problem. We will start with a physical exam and a discussion of your pet to help ensure healthy weight loss. Weight reduction can be achieved by lowering of energy intake, coupled with correction of concurrent medical conditions. Increased exercise is critical, but can be impractical in cats or difficult due to owners' lifestyles. Very often behavioural modification techniques are necessary to eliminate inappropriate behaviour such as begging. For any weight reduction program to be successful, an owner must first acknowledge that a problem exists and then be committed to its correction.

With grossly obese pets, a more severe caloric restriction may be necessary. Diets which have a more severe restriction of calories (25% or greater) must be specially formulated and fortified to avoid nutritional imbalances.

Diet restriction must be introduced cautiously in obese cats as they can often only tolerate moderate caloric restriction. Furthermore, many low calorie/weight reduction diets may be unpalatable to some cats. It is important to ensure that the cat does, in fact, eat the diet when it is first introduced.

As most dogs and cats will eat to meet



their daily caloric requirements, calorie restriction remains the essence of successful weight loss. Although most cases of obesity can be corrected with

proper owner compliance, early pet owner education remains the best preventive measure. Overfeeding puppies and kittens may lead to an increase in the number and size of fat cells and a tendency to being overweight later in life. In puppies, overfeeding may also accelerate the growth rate, which in certain breeds may increase any predisposition to certain skeletal disease. Young pets should be fed an appropriate daily amount of a balanced food with a caloric density that will result in normal growth rate and lean body condition. For most adult pets, avoidance of free choice feeding and poor behavioural habits (e.g. begging), and regular exercise will provide a successful approach to the prevention of obesity. We will happily help you choose the correct diet for your pet – big or small, young or old! We are here to help ensure your pet remains as healthy and happy as possible!

**Animalhospital**



of Cambridge

## Garlic Flavoured Dog Biscuits

- 1 cup uncooked oatmeal
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup cornmeal
- 3 cup whole wheat flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup powdered milk
- 4 cloves garlic, minced (optional)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup margarine
- 1 tsp. bouillon granules
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup meat broth or hot



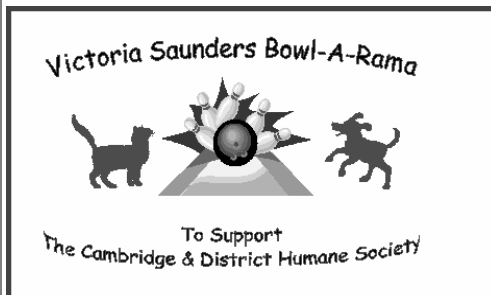
Preheat oven to 325F. Dissolve bouillon in meat broth, while still hot, put some of the broth into a blender with the garlic and blend on high. Pour all broth into large bowl, add margarine & oatmeal & stir. Let sit 5 minutes to cool. Stir in powdered milk, cornmeal & egg. Add flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Knead by hand, adding more flour if needed. Roll on floured surface to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, cut into shapes. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake 50-60 minutes, allow to cool & dry out until hard.

## Cat Facts

- **32% of those who own their own home, also own at least one cat**
- **During her productive life, a female cat could have more than 100 kittens**
- **The oldest cat on record was Puss, from England, who died in 1039 just one day after her 36th birthday**
- **In Great Britain, black cats are thought to bring good luck.**
- **Cats sleep 16 to 18 hours per day.**
- **Besides smelling with their nose, cats can smell with an additional organ called the Jacobson's organ, located in the upper surface of the mouth.**
- **Ten human years translate to about 60 cat years. A one year old cat is similar in age to an 18 year old human.**

## Bowl-A-Rama

Little Miss Cambridge 2006-2007, Victoria Saunders, together with her friends, family and our junior supporters, raised \$7410.65 at this years' Bowl-a-Rama. A big thank you goes out to all of them for their continued dedication, support and amazing fundraising abilities! Their four legged friends send 'paws' and 'wags' as well.



## Garage Sale

The donations began pouring in to the shelter on the first of April. By the time of the sale our wonderful supporters had managed to fill a 53' trailer, (very generously donated by Benlea Leasing Ltd.), as well as two bathrooms, both front offices, and numerous dog runs! In the days leading up to this year's garage sale, the weather reports had us on pins and needles! The day came and so did the rain...but the people still shopped!

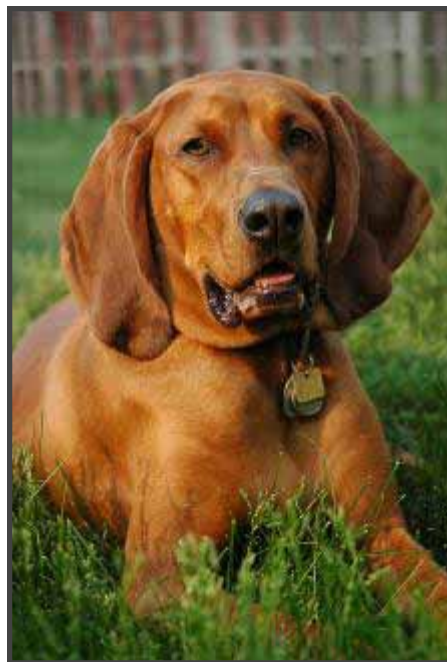
We sold all through the night, right up until we hit the 24 hour sale mark. Although we gratefully raised almost \$5,000 we had a lot of left over items. We were then able to pass these on to other non profit organizations for their upcoming sales.

Please remember us next year when you are doing your spring cleaning!

## Pet Photo Calendar

The Cambridge and District Humane Society's 1st ever pet photo Calendar is still in the works, and we want your pictures! All photo entries will be included in the calendar. The first place photo will be featured on the cover, and the runners-up will be highlighted as the "pet of the month". (Providing we receive enough entries!) The entry fee is only \$15.00 and all proceeds will go towards supporting the Cambridge and District Humane Society's Investigations Department. The contest closing date is yet to be determined, so don't delay, submit your photos today!

## Pickle



For complete rules, and an entry form please visit us at the shelter or on-line at [www.spca.cambridgeweb.net](http://www.spca.cambridgeweb.net).

## Upcoming Events

**Oscar's Birthday**  
**August 11**

**Cat & Kitten**  
**Adopt-a-Thon**  
**September 7-9**

**Lottery Ticket Sales**  
**Begin**  
**October 1**

## Great news

**Congratulations to Heather; one of our staff on her upcoming wedding September 15th. We wish you all the best!**



**Brandon & Heather**