

PAWS TO REFLECT...

CDHS Newsletter - March 2008

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Bowl-a-Rama

Victoria Saunders will host the 6th annual Bowl-a-Rama on Sunday, April 27th 2008, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Dickson Bowl on Ainslie Street in Cambridge. Victoria invites all animal-



loving girls and boys aged five to thirteen to join her in collecting pledges to help the animals.

All bowlers are asked to collect a minimum of \$45.00 each in pledges. Participants will enjoy an afternoon of cosmic bowling, pizza, pop, prizes and fun with friends, with all proceeds once again going to the Cambridge and District Humane Society.

Last year, through the generosity of her many sponsors and the hard work of dozens of enthusiastic young bowlers, Victoria raised over \$7,500 which created a 5 year total of more

than \$30,500 to help the animals in the shelter. The dedication and commitment of this determined young 12 year old is certainly an inspiration to children across our community and Victoria is, once again this year, reaching out to her peers to make this years' Bowl-a-Rama an even greater success.

For further info: 519-249-0670

www.bowlingforanimals.ca

Victoria@bowlingforanimals.ca



· **April 27, 2008**

· **1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

· **Dickson Bowl**

· **Ages 5-13**

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A Note From Our Director



A New Year has arrived and hopefully spring. The older I get the more my bones rattle in these long winter months. DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEARS' RESOLUTION? If you have not may I encourage a new one?

This past year was not a very good year financially for the Cambridge and District Humane Society. We have assisted so many animals from many areas in Ontario and in the United States in finding new homes, and that means, unfortunately, we have drained our coffers. That does not mean we will stop helping; it means we have to find more ways to tap into more resources for financial aid. The Cambridge and District Humane Society has a very committed staff, and we try to provide the best of care to all animals that require the extras. Every animal we prepare for adoption is examined carefully for everything from lumps and bumps to fleas and mites, and, just like the other professionals, sometimes we miss things; however we will always attempt to correct a problem, if we can. My heart breaks each time we have to say that fix will require more than we can afford, and may require the animal to be in pain too long.

However there are some problems we should be able to fix, and another has jumped up at us many fold in the last few months – CRUELTY

National public opinion surveys show that an overwhelming majority of the public support stronger animal abuse laws and improved enforcement. 87 percent say animal

cruelty laws should be expanded to include all animals and not just dogs, cats and other common household pets. 71 percent favour making animal abuse a felony or a more serious offense, and, finally, 81 percent favour strengthening the enforcement of animal cruelty laws.

There are many experts who have linked the Human/Animal abuse syndrome and the Cambridge and District Humane Society does feel this is a fact. We work closely with many human services agencies. It is our wish to help animals, help other agencies, help people, and help the public see our organization as a vital part of the community. It's an important part of any humane organization's mission to solve much larger issues of respect for all life – including human life. We need to get back to the roots, recognizing that many social movements – including child protection and domestic violence prevention – were in fact, an outgrowth of the animal protection movement.

The Cambridge and District Humane Society is involved in animal care, and we view ourselves as part of the team that fosters empathy and compassion, and responds to violence and abuse. On many recent occasions, our investigator has seen signs of child neglect as well as animal abuse, and we believe we have a good working relationship with Family and Children services to advise them, and we trust their investigators advise us, if there are animals in the home that need our help.

Animal abuse/neglect often occurs in plain view. Sometimes concerned citizens or animal cruelty investigators discover animal abuse before they discover child abuse or domestic violence lurking behind those closed doors. Laws governing any animal abuse and child

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abuse investigations and interventions differ, and this means sometimes our agents may enter a home when social service workers cannot. Working as a team may be the only way human services agencies can learn of some cases of child and elder abuse or neglect.

As the director of The Cambridge and District Humane Society, may I never again read a report from our agent that states, "This is the hardest part of my job, to give this animal back to someone whom I feel has lost the right and privilege to have one. It rips my heart out, I feel as though I have failed."

Our agent has not failed - the government and our leaders have failed by not giving us the tools needed to do our job better. Canada has failed to put in place tougher cruelty laws, and we need your help.

The Cambridge and District Humane Society has many committed animal lovers -if each and every one would be so kind as to write his/her member of parliament to have our cruelty laws changed, or send a donation of any amount to our shelter to show you care as much as we do about the animals, we could help those who cannot speak for themselves or continue our quest with the government. We would and could win. This would be a 2008 New Years' Resolution fulfilled. Your reward? - will be that wagging tail or fantastic lick from those that you have helped and who know you care.

Sincerely,

Bonnie L. Deekon

Elephant Waltz 2008



Have you had the opportunity to join us for our annual Elephant Waltz? Please put on your dancing shoes, and get ready to join us for our black tie dinner and dancing gala!

We start with cocktails and you will have a chance to look over our wonderful silent and Chinese auction items. We then move outdoors to watch the elephants enjoy their feast! The African Lion Safari staff also have other exotic animals available for your viewing pleasure. You will then enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner. Your night continues with an exciting live auction, and of course, dancing! All proceeds from the evening are used to care for the stray and unwanted animals in our shelter.

Tickets are on sale now, and they sell out fast so call us soon!

Saturday, April 19, 2008.

African Lion Safari

Mombasa Restaurant

Individual Tickets = \$140

Corporate Table (8) = \$1,120

To reserve your tickets or for further information please call the Humane Society at (519) 623-7722.

OUR STAFF

Executive

Director

Bonnie L. Deekon

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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 & Sobey's Receipts**

Happy Tails (Teddy's Story)

The greatest gifts come when you aren't expecting them. Sadly, last year we said good bye to our most treasured pet Chance, a golden retriever. Chance gave us almost 13 years of unconditional love, warmth and comfort when we needed it. We know he can never be replaced.

As a stay-at-home mom, when the kids returned to school the house seemed so empty and so quiet. In time we were all able to adjust, and our teary stories turned to silly remembrances of our "wonder dog". I knew our hearts were healing but, still we as a family weren't quite complete.

I wasn't looking, I wasn't really thinking about another pet when one day totally out of the blue, I looked at the CDHS site, and there staring back at me was a set of beautiful brown eyes, along with a furry face and a chubby body of fluff to complete him. Teddy was his name, and I was "almost" in love.

Quickly I e-mailed his photo to my husband and called back with questions. Not once was the word "no" mentioned! We agreed to go and "look". I patiently waited all day for my 3 girls to come home from school. We headed over to Cambridge. On the way I talked of our adventure and wondered what their feel-

ings were, if they were ready to welcome a new dog into our home. Silly question!

We arrived at the Cambridge Humane Society hearing the echoes of dogs barking (a beautiful sound) though the halls. We were escorted to the dogs and started to be told a little about each one, when my oldest turned and there sitting in a small crate, a ball of fluff with dark brown eyes sat staring back at us. Teddy was handed to us to hold and have a closer look at. He melted our hearts; Dad soon arrived to put the final stamp of approval on him. After some time, questions and paper work Teddy was officially ours.

A trip to purchase a new crate and food and a toy or 3 was on our list before bringing him home. We looked for just the "right" toys.



Sir Fletcher Theodore

On Jan 18th Teddy, who is now known as Sir Fletcher Theodore, had come home. The first day and night gave us gentle reminders of a puppy's life...we had forgotten. The first hour we had him home he must have put 30 miles on his legs going through the

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house, and then he discovered himself in the mirror! He was crazy, and I thought the kids were going to pass out they laughed so hard. He even went and got his toy and dropped it in front of the mirror and growled. He was, and still is, a silly nut! He likes to help shovel the snow, and is pretty good at dragging the vacuum hose around too! Almost like a 4 legged Molly Maid!

Many thanks to your amazing staff for answering all our questions and letting us look "just one more time".

He has brought smiles and giggles to all of us, even banker faced dad! We walk him and praise him, we spoil him too...he makes our family complete!

Sincerely,
Kevin, Barb, Jenn, Jill, Hunter and Fletcher Moffatt



For The Love of Animals Lottery Winners

Date	Ticket#	Name	City	Prize
Dec. 15	3648	Dave Spurgeon	Cambridge	\$2,000
Jan. 1	3371	Jason Hickey	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 2	3600	Denine Abalit	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 3	2766	Denise Boland	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 4	6107	Wayne Uebele	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 5	6260	Bud/Donna McLeod	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 6	0481	Gary Zubrickas	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 7	6571	Dean Hackwell	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 8	6351	Kenneth Burgess	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 9	1890	Diane Gilbert	Fergus	\$500
Jan. 10	4643	Connie Fach	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 11	6206	Gary McKeown	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 12	0411	Fran Berube	Kitchener	\$500
Jan. 13	4941	William Collison	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 14	4484	The Baird Family	Welland	\$500
Jan. 15	6521	Shannon Nicholson	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 16	0722	Stella Peters	Kitchener	\$500
Jan. 17	4546	John Hall	Branchton	\$500
Jan. 18	3698	Gail Swan	Ayr	\$500
Jan. 19	3197	Ryan Stettner	Kitchener	\$500
Jan. 20	3198	Krysta Astins	Guelph	\$500
Jan. 21	6363	A. MacDonald	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 22	6523	Kathryn Kiefer	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 23	5569	Irene Drabik	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 24	2535	Kyle Parry	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 25	4256	Mary McGinnis	Waterloo	\$500
Jan. 26	1610	John Beaudoin Sr.	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 27	6645	Doris Smith	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 28	1858	Maria Cisneros	Guelph	\$500
Jan. 29	6266	John McLeod	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 30	6510	Jean Haddock	Cambridge	\$500
Jan. 31	4939	Ann Wallace	Ayr	\$5,000

Congratulations to all winners, and thank you to all supporters of this year's lottery. Our profit this year was the highest ever! We raised approximately \$30,000 for our spay and neuter program! See you next year!

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 **11 on Daytime,**
on **Rogers Television**
Cable 20.

DOG JOKES

(Q)What do you get if you cross a Sheepdog with a rose?

(A)A Collie-Flower!

(Q)What do you get when you cross a Spitz and a Chow-Chow?

(A)A Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot.

(Q)What do you get when you cross a Bloodhound and a Labrador?

(A)A Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly.

(Q)What do you get when you cross a Collie and a Malamute?

(A)A Commute, a dog that travels to work.

(Q)What do you get when you cross a Pointer and a Setter?

(A)A Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet.

Poochie Power Walk

Our 2008 Annual Dog Walk-a-Thon will be held Saturday, June 21 at Riverside Park.

The walk begins at 11:00 a.m. and is followed by a day of "doggone" fun, including a BBQ & refreshment stand, silent auction, pet fashion show, information and sale kiosks, dog agility demonstrations, prizes, contests and games for both pets and people.

We were very successful with last year's event and we are hoping to have an even better year. The more money we raise, the more lives that can be saved! All proceeds raised from the event will go directly to the shelter to care for the stray and abandoned animals. In the past year we have helped 2800 animals in our own community, and have continued our rescues and adoptions for many animals in other Ontario and USA shelters. With your support we can continue to help **ALL** animals in need.

Pledge sheets will be available at local vet clinics, pet stores, at the shelter, and a printable form will be available on our website. These will be ready in mid April. If you know of a business that would be interested in having a vendor's booth or in donating items for this event please send them our way. We are always looking for new faces at the walk and fun donations of items for our participants. We are anticipating, with your help and

support, that this year's event will be a huge success.

Please watch our website for further information; or call the shelter.

24 Hour Garage Sale



It's almost time to clean out your closets, dust off that old furniture and fight with the monsters under your bed. That's right it's almost time for the Cambridge & District Humane Society's Annual Garage Sale. Our sale is 100% public donations and all money raised is used to care for the animals in our shelter. We will be accepting donations of good quality items starting April 1, 2008. A huge thank you to Ben Lea Leasing for donating a 53' trailer so we can prepare for the sale. The Sale begins Friday April 25, 2008 at 12 noon and continues straight through the night, ending Saturday April 26, 2008 at 12 noon. If you are interested in helping out with this event please call the shelter and ask to speak with Wendy.

New Partnership



The Cambridge & District Humane Society has recently joined forces with SNAP Cambridge, a local monthly news source. SNAP Cambridge will be featuring an available adoption animal at the shelter each month. They have graciously given us a discounted price in order to assist us with adoptions and with this great opportunity. We are desperately looking for any businesses that may be willing to participate in our new partnership. The article would then feature an animal from the shelter and the logo of the business sponsoring the article. It's a win-win situation, as advertising for both the shelter and the sponsor would be prominent. Anyone interested in sponsoring, please call the shelter.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to SNAP Cambridge for their help and support of the Cambridge & District Humane Society.

Microwave Dog Biscuits

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dry milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cornmeal
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup shortening
- 1 tbsp. bouillon granules
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup plain flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot water



Combine flour, cornmeal, milk, oats and sugar. Cut in shortening. Add egg, bouillon and hot water. Knead 5 minutes.

Roll $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick and cut out into favorite shapes. Microwave at 50% power for 5 to 10 minutes, rotating plate. These don't last long, so make a bunch.

CAT JOKES

(Q)Why don't cats play poker in the jungle?

(A)Too many cheetahs

(Q)Who helped Cinderella's cat go to the ball?

(A)Her Furry Godmother

(Q)What is a cat's favourite party game?

(A)Mews-ical chairs

(Q)What do cats like best on a hot day?

(A)Mice cream

(Q)How do you know when your cat has been using your computer?

(A)When your mouse has teeth marks on it

(Q)What do you get when you cross a chick with an alley cat?

(A)A peeping tom

Our New Website

The Cambridge & District Humane Society would like to invite you to browse our new and improved website. Mason and Yvonne Galganov of Galganov Associates designed and maintained our website since 1997. Over the past 10 years, and presently, ongoing hosting services as well as support and maintenance are provided on a no-fee basis by Galganov and Associates. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of spca.cambridgeweb.net and the wonderful success this site has experienced, they launched this newly designed website on the 25th of February 2008.

Our website serves on average over 1000 visitors every day from over 40 countries around the world, with many of them re-visiting the site. The website continues to show all the animals available for adoption, as well as stories from the animals that have found their new "forever" homes. New features include a time count-down of the animals' stay at the shelter before being adopted. Some of these animals have found new families within a day! A map can be found to assist those visiting the shelter, and you can now recommend one of our animals to a friend or family member via e-mail. This link is especially useful for those that may be helping others find an appropriate animal for their lifestyle.

The staff and animals at the Cambridge & District Humane Society would like to express their gratitude to Galganov and Associates. Without their continued hard work, support and diligence our website would not exist. Please take a minute and browse our new site www.spca.cambridgeweb.net.

My 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: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual General
Meeting**
March 31

Elephant Waltz
April 19

Garage Sale
April 25 & 26

Bowl-a-Rama
April 27

GREAT NEWS

We would like to congratulate Warren Shaw and Kate Jones on the birth of their new baby boy. Aiden Edward was born happy and healthy on January 4, 2008 at home, weighing 8lbs. 6oz.