

# PAWS TO REFLECT...

CDHS Newsletter - May 2010

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## POOCHIE POWER WALK 2010

This years' walk-a-thon will be held **Saturday, June 19th at Riverside Park.** Everyone is invited for all day family fun! Please join us with or without a four-legged friend. The day starts off with a 2km walk and refreshments for humans and their canine friends. Participants are then invited to rest up, watch a dog agility demonstration, and have a BBQ lunch. [Click here for further information and a printable pledge sheet.](#)



**Saturday, June 19, 2010**  
**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
Riverside Park (King St., Preston)

Registration at 10:30 AM  
Group Photo at 11:00 AM  
Walk begins at 11:15 AM  
Dog Demonstration and Contests at Noon  
Raffle Draws at 1:00 PM

### Top 3 fundraiser Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** 2 hour paintball party (up to 30 people)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Kodak 8.2MP camera & HP Compact photo printer  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** 6 passes to the CNE & 2 passes to Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

Sun or Rain the Walk must go on! **All proceeds from the Poochie Power Walk go directly to care for the animals in our shelter.** The funds raised assist with our spay and neuter program, medical supplies, and our education program. We thank all of our walkers and pledgers in advance for their continued support.



We look forward to seeing you and your four legged friends at this year's walk!

- \* **BBQ**
- \* Games for pets and people
- \* **Vendors' booths**
- \* Gravy flavoured Dog Sno-Cones
- \* **Pet Photos - \$10**
- \* **Agility Demos**
- \* **Contests and Raffles**

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# Our Board of Directors

**President:**  
**Lesley Love**

**Vice President:**  
**Rick Bennett**

**Treasurer:**  
**Rob Duncan**

**Secretary:**  
**Katherine Hughes**

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**Glenda Winsor**

**Directors:**  
**Jim Anderson**

**Brian Butcher**

**Ted McCollum**

**Shelagh Wakely**

## A Note From Our Director



It is beginning to look a lot like Spring...trees, flowers and gardens have started to take on life and so has the kitten population at our shelter. It seemed to be slow in starting, however it is now in full bloom.

Staff is busy caring for moms and their kittens and of course, every so often a stray kitten gets added to a mom. We have been most fortunate in having moms accept a new life that was not theirs and treating them all the same. If only humans could work that way too.

**Thousands of healthy animals are killed every day in North America.** The majority of these are healthy animals who possess wonderful dispositions. This atrocity is occurring because the supply of adoptable dogs and cats far exceeds the demand of responsible people who are seeking to provide good, caring homes for companion animals.

**How can you improve the situation?** Having your canine and feline family members neutered or spayed is one way to assist. Another important part of the solution involves adopting animals from the shelter and of course educating others as to the wonderful animals waiting in shelters for good homes.

There are **many myths** associated with adopting animals from shelters including:

**Shelter animals have behavioural problems** Most animals in shelters are there due to their previous guardians' ignorance or indifference. Most often these animals are friendly. Some of them will exhibit minor behavioural problems due to the stressful atmosphere they are in.

**Shelter animals are older and not trainable** Shelter animals respond well to good, effective and humane techniques. When training companion animals it is important to be consistent, patient and understanding.

**Shelter animals are inferior** Purebred animals are not superior to animals of mixed breeding. And, due to mass breeding, purebred dogs are becoming commonplace in pounds and shelters.

Besides the obvious benefits of saving an animal's life and being rewarded with a loving companion, there are numerous other benefits associated with providing a good home to an animal in need. For example, **the cost of adopting an animal from a shelter is inexpensive** compared to buying one from a breeder or pet store and you are helping, instead of not contributing to the overpopulation problem. There are also many benefits with adopting mature dogs and cats including avoiding the demanding stages of raising a puppy or a kitten. **Adopting older animals means that you will have a good idea of the animal's temperament** and you will know size, hair coat, etc. Mature animals are often house trained (although some mistakes will likely occur at first) and may even have some basic training.

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Adopted animals can be good company for other companion animals – provided they get along.

**There are few experiences as rewarding as adopting a companion animal in need.** It is a big responsibility but a worthwhile one that results in a special relationship between a wonderful animal and their human guardians.

**FINALLY – a personal note of thanks** to each and everyone for your kindness and cards during my long illness and now hopefully recovery. After thirty odd days in two hospitals and so many surgeons and nurses as well as home care, it seems like it is over. What I learned most is that family and friends are so important, and two yellow roses coming in one day to the hospital meant the world to me when I was so down and out. So again, to the staff and board of the shelter and to all of you, MANY THANKS.

*Bonnie L. Deekon*

## Crafts for Critters



Come out and enjoy a **fun morning of stamping presented by Stamp Stadium.** Cost: \$40, includes 8 projects (3 cards, 4 tags and a fun package), a stamp set and a \$10 donation to the Cambridge & District Humane Society. There will also be door prizes, snacks, raffle items and LOTS of fun! **Saturday June 5th** at Homewood Suites by Hilton, **10am-1pm.** To register please call 519-277-6973 or e-mail: [stampstadium@sympatico.ca](mailto:stampstadium@sympatico.ca).

## 1970s Dinner Show

Celebrity Productions and Brant Valley Presents the **3rd Annual CDHS Fundraiser - Dinner Show.** Featuring music by ABBA, Fleetwood Mac, Elton John, Rod Stewart, Linda Ronstadt, Billy Joel, Barry Manilow, Carole King, John Lennon, Helen Reddy, Tony Orlando, The Carpenters, John Denver, James Taylor, Bee Gees tribute, Disco greats, "surprises", and much, much more!!!

**Saturday, July 31st**

**Brant Valley Golf Course**

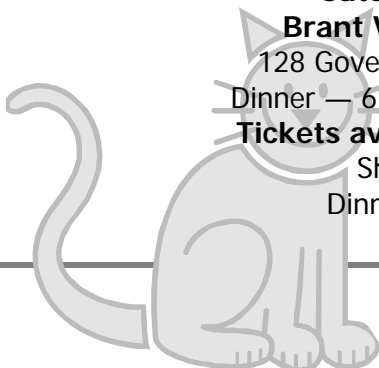
128 Govenors Road, St. George

Dinner — 6:00pm Show — 8:00pm

**Tickets available at the shelter**

Show only - \$20

Dinner & Show - \$40



## Our Staff

**Executive Director:**  
**Bonnie Deekon**

**Office Administrator:**  
**Paula Kells**

**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**

**Kayleigh Furey**

**Karen Normore**

**Linda Kerr**

**Rachal Wiles**

# Wish List

## Animal Supplies

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

## Cleaning Supplies

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- 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



With summer comes hot and humid weather – this year **I have already responded to calls of dogs being left unattended in hot vehicles.** One in particular was a small short haired dog in a car outside of Old Navy. The temperature outside did not seem very high; the sun was shining and there was a nice cool breeze, however when I took the internal car temperature it read 108°F. The owner arrived at her car and when I showed her the temperature reading, she was scared straight. At least, that is my hope.

**We have been successful once again in the courts** – the people responsible for “Maggie” (the black and white shihtzu that was brought in full of an infection which then caused the maggot infestation) were in court April 27, 2010. They both pled guilty to all charges against them, and they each received one year probation, 2 years prohibition, \$500.00 in fines and they are each to pay \$518.90 in restitution to the shelter. They have a year to pay. “Maggie” herself recovered fully and went to her forever home last October. Her new owners state she is doing really well and they love her to pieces.

**I am still hoping someone out there can help me solve the other cases I have outstanding:**

- the cat cut and burned to death in Lincoln park
- the cat that was left to die in a carrier out on Whistlebear
- the puppy cut and left dead in Woodland Park
- the cat that was cut in half on Jacob Street, and
- the cane corso puppy that was thrown from a van on Blair Road

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. I will be pursuing all of these cases to the fullest extent of the law once I know who is responsible for them.

For all dog owners please educate yourselves with the new standards of care, Ontario Regulations 60/09 – it advises that **any dog that is left outdoors must be provided with adequate shelter.** Anyone with any questions as to what is adequate shelter please come in and pick up a brochure from the Cambridge & District Humane Society office, or speak directly with me.

I want to thank everyone who has contacted me with concerns for the animals in our community. **Without your calls I wouldn't know where to start - thank you for being their voice.**

Tracy

## Annual Garage Sale

Once again our wonderful supporters came through for us! With the help of all of your donations of household items **we were able to raise \$6,000** for the animals at the shelter at the annual garage sale in April.

## Bowl-a-Rama

A HUGE thank you goes out to Victoria Saunders for her annual Bowl-a-Rama in support of the Cambridge & District Humane Society. This year was her biggest event, with 114 bowlers raising over \$12,000!!! Thanks Victoria for your dedication!



## Elephant Waltz



Although the night was chilly, the elephants and other animals were still enjoyed by all!

We wish to thank everyone who attended for their generous support of all auctions and fund raising done throughout the evening.

**This year we raised  
\$33,000  
for the animals!**

# See Us Online

Visit us @  
**CambridgeNow.ca!**

**cambridge now!**

Follow us on  
**Twitter!**



Join our  
**Facebook  
Group!**



## 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.

## Keira's Kolumn

I've been very lucky this year as Chris has taken me to visit lots of classes in many different public and separate schools in Cambridge. I've been able to make lots of new friends and visit with old ones.

When we first go into a school we have to check in at the office. That's where I sometimes get my first treats. All the secretaries make a fuss over me but my two favourite schools are Mother Teresa and Our Lady of Fatima — their secretaries always have treats for me hidden in their desks. Yummy!!

As we make our way through the hallway I have the chance to sniff all kinds of smells, especially all those winter boots lined up along the walls. Sometimes, there are even some small treats that kids have accidentally dropped on the floor - easy pickings! However, my favourite thing once inside the classroom is to search under the kids' desks for crackers, crumbs and even pieces of cake. It's amazing what gets dropped on the floor – it's paradise for any dog! Occasionally, if I'm fast enough I have a real feast but most of the time Chris makes me wait until we are leaving before I get a chance to sample those leftovers! Ugh! Does

she realise how painful it is for me to lie there so patiently when I can smell every crumb waiting to be devoured!?

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generous to the shelter  
animals!**

Of course, I have to behave myself in the classroom while Chris talks to the kids but sometimes I can have fun with them by taking one of my squeaky toys and squeezing it; that makes the kids laugh a lot. Other times, I get a bit bored and I make a bit of a pest of myself by sitting up and begging for a treat; the kids love when I do that.

I love going into schools because the kids are so generous to the shelter animals. They bring in all kinds of donations such as dog and cat food, paper towels, kitty litter, garbage bags and, of course, treats. Many bring in loonies or toonies or raise funds through raffles, etc. Some of the schools that have made awesome donations to the shelter animals are Clemens Mills PS, Mother Teresa, St Gregs, Parkway PS and Ryerson PS.

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Clemens Mills did a fabulous job collecting more than 1000 pounds of food, etc. and raised more than a \$1000. Way to go kids and teachers! Your efforts are very much appreciated by all the animals.

When Chris talks to the kids she covers all kinds of topics but she always tries to make them realise that having a pet is a huge responsibility. She also makes sure that they know how to approach a dog and what to do when they are approached by a strange dog -- the kids love to practise pretending to be a tree or a rock.

**So far this year we've visited 13 separate schools, 9 public schools.** This means that Chris has talked to more than 5000 students in more than 220 classes

## Tri-City Cycle

We are pleased to announce that **our first fundraiser with Tri-City Cycle was a huge success!** The Spring Clearance Sale at their Southworks Mall Location helped to raise almost \$500 for the animals! Thank you to Randy and his staff for their support. We can't wait for our next fundraiser!

from kindergarten to Grade 8. We've also visited several day care centres, Brownie groups, and five Life Skills classes. And we're not finished yet.

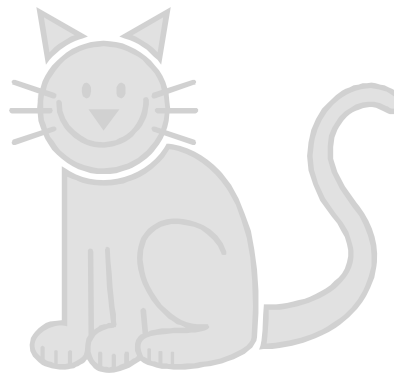
We're going to be very busy from now to the end of June visiting nearly 50 more classes. After that I can relax a little although we're already booked to visit seven summer camps during July. Then, I can begin my summer holidays while looking forward to next year and revisiting all my friends and hopefully visiting some of the Cambridge schools that I haven't had the opportunity to visit so far.



Have a great summer everybody,

Keira and Chris

*P.S. I know I'm a clever dog but I had to have Chris help me with my spelling while I was writing this.*



## Upcoming Events

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### Renew Your Membership for 2010!

Not a member yet?  
Find out about the  
benefits of  
supporting the  
Cambridge  
& District  
Humane Society.

# Shelter Videos

Visit the shelter anytime from your computer!

- [Virtual Shelter Tour](#)
- [Meet the Staff & Animals](#)
- [Colleen & Lucy Play With the Hose!](#)
- [Super Mom](#)
- [Maggie playing with her ball!](#)
- [Josephine Playing](#)
- [Bo Playing!](#)
- [Bo The Coonhound](#)
- [Bubbles Learning New Skills](#)
- [Bubbles progress - Week 2](#)
- [Bubbles Going Home](#)
- [Sedrick the Mastiff Puppy](#)

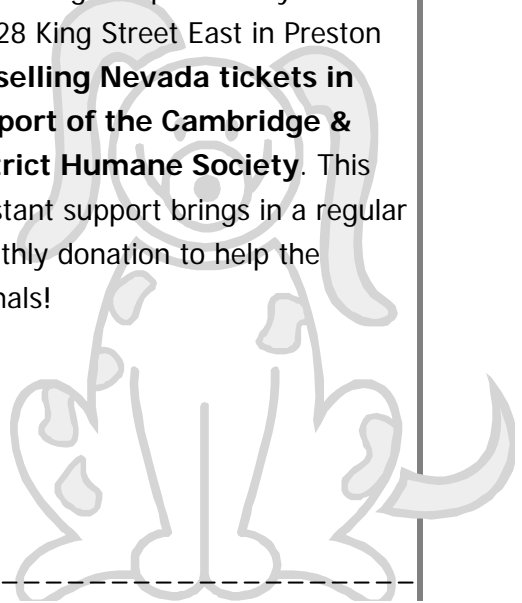


## Dog Boarding

**Travelling without your dog this summer?** We offer dog boarding at the shelter. Our fees are \$15 per day, and we can book up to one month in advance. All boarding dogs must be current on all vaccinations including Bordetella. Please [contact us](#) for further information. (Unfortunately we do not offer cat boarding).

## Nevada Tickets

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



## 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Thank you!*

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