



Paw Prints



The Humane Society of Durham Region Newsletter Dec Jan Feb 09/10



Pet Pics *All Pets Are Welcome!* **with Santa!**

When: November 28-29
December 5-6
December 12-13
10am-4pm

Where: Vandermeer
Garden Centre
(Baseline Rd &
Lakeridge Rd 5)



Price: \$10.50

Includes: Framed 4x6 portraits of your pet with Santa, taken by professional photographer Ian Goodall.
Also available: Several photo packages, individual larger photos, or Christmas cards.

All the proceeds go to the animals in our care

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS
for 2009**

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In Loving Memory

December 17, 2008 - *In loving memory...Always in our thoughts.*

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Each newsletter costs us
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We can now provide this to you
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Durham Region



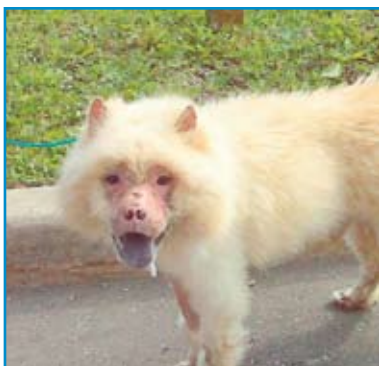
BEST WISHES

Although it is early in the season, this will be our last newsletter prior to Christmas. We thank you all so much for your support during this past year, during the good times and some very sad times.

On behalf of our shelter staff, the board members, and all of our animals at the shelter, I wish you a happy and healthy

Christmas Season and all the best in 2010. Karin Martens - President HSDR

Sadly, on Friday, October 2nd, Phoenix, the badly neglected chow that we rescued in August, lost his battle with cancer.



Thank you to everyone who cared!

His last 1-1/2 months of life were filled with sunshine, treats, walks and above all, immeasurable love. He cuddled into his foster parent's arms in bed like a "little teddy bear"! They loved him dearly and he loved them! We promised Phoenix, when his life was no longer comfortable we would gently put this little soul to sleep. The last week of September, he stopped eating; even his treats didn't entice him. His weight dropped rapidly. He lost the will to live. When he closed his eyes for the final time, he was surrounded and held by those who loved him ... he went to sleep knowing love to his last breath. One of the many cards we received for Phoenix read: *"If I grow old and ill and a cure is not to be, Turn not away from me but hold me gently while skilled hands ease my way, And with my last breath I take, I will always know my fate was ever safest in your hands!"*

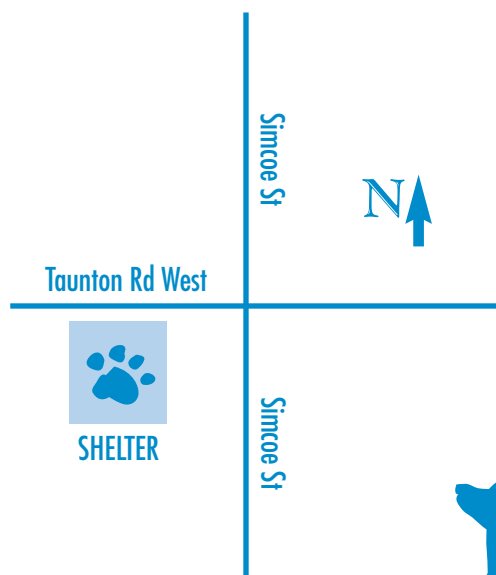
Our Temporary Location

Address

79 Taunton Road West,
Unit 1,
Oshawa, L1G 7B4
(905) 433-2022

Shelter Hours

Mon : 11am - 5pm
Tues : 11am - 6pm
Wed : 11am - 5pm
Thurs : 11am - 6pm
Fri : 11am - 5pm
Sat & Sun: 10am - 4pm



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“PHOENIX RISING” UPDATE

On Wednesday, October 21st, we had our kickoff for our fundraising campaign to raise \$1.5 million to build our new shelter! The event was held at the Oshawa Centre and was well attended by the press and the public. People were able to see drawings of our future building and meet with Peter Archer, our architect. Coldwell-Banker Realty (Whitby) presented us with a cheque for \$5,000.00 as well as the Oshawa Centre with a cheque for just over \$5,000.00 Just think, 300 donations of \$5,000.00 will give us our total of \$1.5 million. Surely in all of Durham Region and elsewhere, there are 300 (actually 298 now) businesses, individuals, service clubs or professionals who can make this happen! This is a crisis and we need you now!!

Every act of kindness, big or small, will mean a world of difference for decades to come for our animals in need! Buy a brick, make a monetary donation, sell chocolates for us, have a toonie drive ... there are a multitude of ways you can help us!

Remember, while we are doing this campaign, we still need to take care of the animals that are in our keeping now! We have a double-edged sword but we can do this!! Let's work together; let's be a community; let's build a shelter!!!

Wish List

- Gas Cards
- Large Garbage Bins on Wheels
- Large White Boards and Cork Boards
- Dog or Cat Encyclopedias
- Batteries AA, AAA - 9V
- Large and Medium Rain Coats
- File Folders
- Photocopy Paper
- Note Books
- Pens, Pencils, Tape, Liquid Paper
- Label stickers
- Kitten Formula "KMR"
- Kitten baby Bottles
- Dog Muzzles S-M-L
- Dog Coats S-M-L-XL
- Cat and Dog leashes, collars, choke chains and harness
- Cat And Dog toys
- Small Metal Litter Boxes
- Small metal food and water bowls
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter
- Yesterdays News Litter
- Cat Beds
- Cat Trees
- Lysol Spray or Wipes
- Large Garbage Bags
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Pine sol
- Bleach
- Industrial Mop Buckets and Mops
- Brooms and Dust Pans
- Spray Bottles
- First Aid Kits
- Strong, durable ladder
- Pine Shavings
- Aspen Shavings

SHELTER NUMBERS

An update for everyone as to the number of animals we currently have in our care. They include **67 cats and kittens in the shelter, 31 cats and kittens in foster care; 2 dogs at the shelter, 19 dogs in foster, including a litter of puppies being bottle fed because their mother is too weak to care for them; 8 rabbits, 3 guinea pigs; 2 rats, one hamster and 2 budgies.** As soon as we have one or two adoptions, more animals are brought in by our inspector, because of abuse, abandonment or neglect. So, as we start our fundraising campaign to build a new shelter, we are still responsible to care for all of these four and two legged waifs who need us!!



NEW HSDR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Karin Martens – President
Claire Nicklin – Vice President
Caroline Chaplow – Treasurer
Linda Tutchener – Secretary
June Castahna – Director

Melissa Godley – Director
Barb Kritsch – Director
Bill Lane – Director
Dr. Makowal – Director
Joan Robins – Director
Shelly Selby – Director

CHOCOLATES FOR SALE

We will be selling milk and dark chocolate bars for \$2.00 each. They are made by Purdy's (a Canadian company) and you can sample their products at their store at the Oshawa Centre. If anyone is will to help us to sell these at their stores, businesses or schools, please call Ruby Richards at (905) 433-2022 extension 4. Every dollar makes a difference to an animal in need!

DOGGIE BANDANAS

We have beautiful Christmas doggie bandanas in small, medium and large sizes. They have been made specifically for us by M. Kirkwood (Bentley's Mom) and are absolutely gorgeous and unique. They cost \$5.00 each and several designs are available.

If you would be interested in more information about them, contact Karin at (905) 433-2022 extension 5. These will be wonderful as gifts for the dog lover or for your own pet to look ever so festive!

All proceeds for our animals.



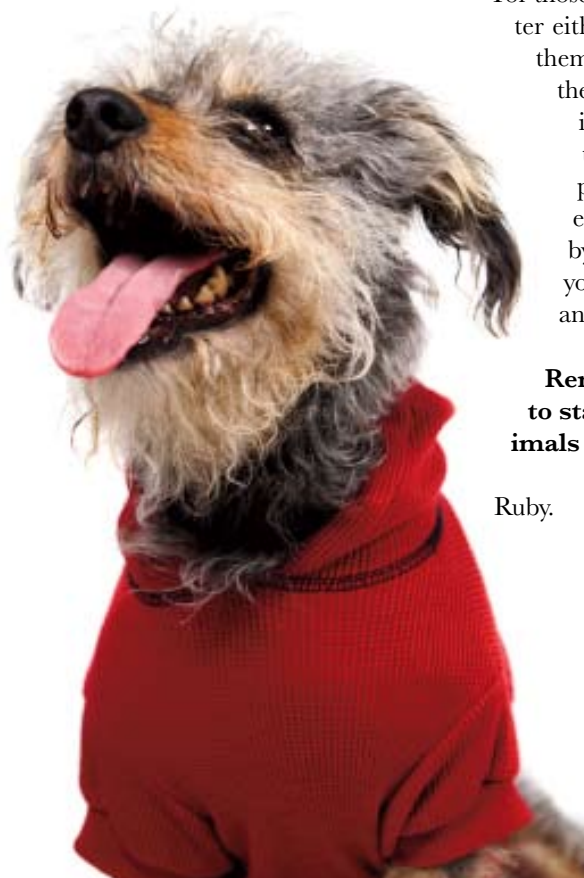
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A Message from “Dear Ruby” Pets and Winter Weather

It will soon be the time of year when we get many calls for animals being left out in the cold when the temperature drops below the freezing point. **We get calls of dogs without shelter, left outside when the wind chill hits the -30's. At this temperature an animal could freeze to death in a very short time.** It is imperative that everyone know how important it is to give your animal the proper form of shelter when it is outside. If you have an outdoor dog you are required by law to have a properly insulated doghouse that is raised above the ground and that has a flap that protects against the wind. You are required to have this whether the dog uses it or not, and regardless of the breed.

When temperatures start to plummet we recommend bringing your animals inside the house until the weather warms up, regardless if they have a shelter or not. Even with a shelter an animal can freeze to death or suffer frostbite if left outside when the temperature drops too low.

When taking your dog for a walk, remember they are not bundled up like you. They feel the cold and don't have boots to protect their feet. In the extremely cold weather, take short walks only. Keep the fur between the pads of your dogs paws trimmed, as this area collects salt and sand from the roads and can cause soreness. Your groomer can do this for you for a small fee. If you have a shorthaired dog, invest in a coat for the animal. They love wearing them and it does keep them warm. Find one that covers the chest area, as it is important to keep the internal organs warm. If you knit, crochet or sew, the internet has all kinds of free patterns to download for dog coats.



For those of you who have cats, don't forget them in the winter either. It is an especially dangerous time of year for them. There is a lot of antifreeze around and cats love the sweet taste. Unfortunately, once they ingest it there is not much that can be done to save the animal, as the poison is usually fatal. Also, cats seek warm places for shelter. One of the warmest is near a car engine. Too many are killed and maimed each year by being caught in a fan belt of a car. Before you start your car, please bang on the hood to scare away any animals that may have crawled inside for warmth.

Remember, if it is too cold for you or your kids to stay outside too long, it is too cold for your animals also.

Ruby.





WEDDING CARDS

Instead of giving out favours or small gifts to the guests, why not consider a donation to the Humane Society of Durham Region instead. One of our members, Sharon Zinner has designed beautiful cards that in place of a wedding favour, a donation has been made to the shelter. Each card is professionally hand made and they are really lovely with a small cut out paw in the corner and soft blue ribbon across the tent card. Or we have a flat card, again with a white card on blue background. If anyone is interested in more information, please call Karin at 905-433-2022.



BUY A BRICK!

For \$100, you can buy a brick for the new shelter. Buy a brick for a pet, in memory of a loved one, an individual, a classroom etc. Simply fill out the form below and it will be displayed in some amazing manner in the new shelter.

We will still be continuing with our Gift of Life and Project Duke donations. Also, we are gratefully accepting larger corporate, group or individual donations as well. We are currently designing new displays to showcase our donors.

BUY A BRICK!

Number of Bricks _____ Each Brick \$100

Inscription (10 words or less please)

Payment by Cheque or Visa is gratefully accepted:

Please make cheque to HUMANE SOCIETY OF DURHAM REGION

And mail or drop off to:

79 Taunton Road West, Unit 1, Oshawa, L1G 7B4

(905) 433-2022

VISA Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Charitable Business # 13256 2984 RR0001



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CAN THE ANIMALS IN DURHAM REGION COUNT ON YOU?

There's a lonely cat... Tonight. She's quietly resting in a clean cage. She has the best of medical and loving care – all from generous volunteers and staff. No more shivering in the night cold. No more hunger pangs. No more of that cold, hollow, empty feeling of fear and futility. She's purring sounds of gratitude and thankfulness to man.

There's another lonely pet... a loving dog... Tonight. He's quietly sitting on a dirty patch of ground at a smelly stone building. His home, his best friend, his all... are gone. And soon can be his life. Ahead are the shakes. Convulsions. A final gasp... peace.

Both are loving pets, one we got to in time. The other desperately needs a life line... to pull him out of his own hell. We ask you as a corporate sponsor for the kindness and understanding to help us reach the second pet in time.

The Humane Society of Durham Region continues to do everything possible to find loving and caring homes for each abandoned and unwanted pet in our area. **The Humane Society relies solely on donations from the public and money raised through fundraising events and adoptions.** The Humane Society does not euthanize for length of stay. Our animals live in our care until they are adopted.

But that's just part of the story. Your help is even more urgent with the destruction of the Humane Society of Durham Region's home on December 17, 2008 in Oshawa. At least 130 animals perished in the blazing inferno.

Our shelter literally went up in smoke. The only home some of our wonderful pets and animals have ever had, gone in one single unfortunate December night. We must find a new haven urgently for our precious pets and friends. We have purchased land at the southeast corner of Wentworth St and William Smith Drive off Thickson Road, south of Hwy 401 in Whitby. But we need \$1.5 million to build our new Humane Society on this land. This shelter will help guarantee the safety and well being of pets in Durham Region for many decades to come.

Your support is critical.

There are several different Sponsor Programs available. \$5,000 - \$14,999 - 1 PAW, \$15,000 - \$29,000 - 2 PAWS, \$30,000 - \$49,000 - 3 PAWS, \$50,000 - \$99,000 - 4 PAWS, \$100,000 + - 5 PAWS.

Through the Humane Society of Durham Region Building Fund "Phoenix Rising", even small gifts combine to do great things.

As a sponsor, you'll be showing your concern for the community, in connection with a situation that, at one time or another, will affect over 53% of all pets in Durham Region. Abandonment, neglect, and abuse of pets is understandably of great concern to a great many people. Also, (rather than organizational overhead) the Humane Society of Durham Region has an excellent track record in terms of appropriate use of funds for caring of these precious pets and education.



Before HSDR care and After HSDR care... they need us, now we need YOU!



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Before HSDR care



and After HSDR care...



they need us, now we need YOU!

To summarize, you have an opportunity to...

1. Help a good, worthy cause
2. Gain valuable exposure and publicity
3. Make an everlasting legacy

We have precious pets and friends who need a home today while they wait for adoption. Help make our new home and caring stay for our pets and friends a reality. RUSH your sponsorship contribution with the below sponsorship form to me today. If you have any questions about the best way for your company to participate in the Humane Society of Durham Region Building Fund, please contact me at mellandsmith@sympatico.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Melland-Smith, Fundraising Chair

We Want to Help Close the Gap!

Yes, we agree – the Humane Society of Durham Region’s work is too important to let a funding shortfall derail the building of your much needed new home for the Humane Society after the tragic fire in December last year. Please use our enclosed gift to help close the funding gap and allow the Humane Society of Durham Region to continue its wonderful work in a much needed new home.

We choose to support the Humane Society of Durham Region’s work with a gift of _____

- \$5,000 - \$14,999 - 1 PAW**
- \$15,000 - \$29,000 - 2 PAWS**
- \$30,000 - \$49,000 - 3 PAWS**
- \$50,000 - \$99,000 - 4 PAWS**
- \$100,000 + - 5 PAWS**

Your name _____

Company _____ Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____ Email _____

VISA Number _____ Expiry _____

Direct deopisit is available at any Scotia Bank Attention: Building Fund Trust/Oshawa Main, Account # 80762-01000-13

Please mail this form to:

Attention Phoenix Rising - Humane Society of Durham Region, 79 Taunton Road West, Unit 1, Oshawa, Ontario, L1G 7B4



DONATION NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of naming opportunities available to individuals, corporations, service clubs and foundations.

Cat Group Housing Room	\$20,000	Animal Kitchen	\$5,000
Cat Adoption Room (2)	\$15,000	Cat Intake Room	\$5,000
Small Animal Adoption Room	\$10,000	Individual Dog Run (15)	\$5,000 each
Animal Treatment Room	\$15,000	Laundry Room	\$5,000
Animal Isolation Room	\$10,000	Individual Cat Cages (several available)	\$500 each
Interview Room	\$10,000	Grooming Room	\$10,000
Outdoor Cat Enclosure (3)	\$10,000 each	Outdoor Seating Benches	to be announced
Outdoor Dog Exercise Pen	\$20,000		

\$20,000 donations are named for 15 years. \$10,000 - \$15,000 donations are named for 10 years. Less than \$10,000 donations are named for 5 years. Multiple year donations are also available.

Please use our enclosed gift to help close the funding gap and allow the Humane Society of Durham Region to continue its wonderful work in a much needed new home.

We choose to support the Humane Society of Durham Region's work with a gift of _____

For naming of the _____

Your name _____

Company _____ Address _____

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HAPPY ENDINGS



Just wanted to give you an update on Leela.... she has settled in very well! She loves it here. She can roam around and do what she wants.

At first, she scouted out the place, smelled everything, watched and listened to all the new sounds. She stayed at a distance for a while but not even two hrs in (and two treats later) she was laying straight out on the ottoman in the livingroom on her back, paws up. She has had almost 3 bowls of water so far but she is eating (more food on the floor than in her mouth lol) and she's using the liter box so no worries.

She follows and just 'hangs' around me alot.... if she doesnt follow me she goes where ive been (e.g If I go to the kitchen, she will take my spot when I get back).. Yup, its true, she's a queen!! Its cute! I absolutely love her.. she's so unique.

She's been grooming herself alot (hope thats a sign of comfort) and we've been playing with her new toys which she loves. She's a great hunter too!!

She's actually very much like a dog/ puppy.. she has me laughing at times cause she rolls around on the ground, lays on her back paws up and just stays there for a little while until you get her to move. She's very comfortable and im sooo happy! And she even lets me rub her head and ears (not under her mouth or belly yet, she will in time)

Thanks to all who helped me decide to take her home!

Until next time,
Nicole (& Leela)



Here are some pictures of Orea. As you can see he has fit in nicely with everyone! The first couple are of him doing his bird watching in the dining room window, the others are him having a little cat nip with his new friends! We are all very happy to have him with us. Thank you so much and I hope you are doing well.

All the best,
Erin



Thanks to everyone who helped us find Peel & Cena. We are all having a great time! Dave has renamed Peel as Buster. Both Buster & Cena are amazing boys... We couldn't have asked for a better family. They adjusted very quickly and are just loving it here too! They sleep with us most of the night, follow us around the house and even come running from upstairs to greet us when we come home. It is great to come home to them and enjoy some play time in the evenings. Here are some pictures of them enjoying their new scratching post & relaxing around the house. Cena seems to be the one to find the unusual spots to sleep in.. Like my file folders.

Thanks again for matching us up with these boys. We couldn't have asked for more lovable & affectionate guys.
Thanks, Rose & Dave



IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE OFFICE

Last year, different businesses in Durham Region helped our animals through various ways over the Christmas season. If your business or office would like to help, some ideas might include:

- A donation box for food, toys, treats, or litter for our animals or supplies (see Wish List) for the shelter
- A Christmas tree decorated with the names of different pets at the shelter and their story – people can choose one from the tree and make a donation for that animal to the Humane Society. This helps bring attention to our various animals for adoption at the shelter as well! We'll notify you as they are adopted.
- You can purchase a supply of treats, litter and toys. Set this up in your business and for a donation, staff and customers can place one of these items under your Christmas tree. Then, these donations and items can be donated through your company to our shelter.
- Dress down days with proceeds for our animals.
- A Christmas tree decorated with several small inexpensive plain ornaments or small pieces or decorated paper hangers. It can be named and decorated as the Humane Society tree and for a small donation, people can sign their name or a pet's name on the ornaments. I'm sure that tree will be fully decorated by the end of the season.

These are just a few of the ideas to help us help our animals. If you're doing something for us, please call us and let us know and we'll put it in our next newsletter, so you've helped. We're always looking for new ideas and you know how much our animals need you! Please call the shelter at 905 433-2022 x5 and leave a message for Karin for more information.

P.S. We're always grateful to accept any donations, monetary or items (i.e. bleach, paper towels, regular cat litter, garbage bags, photocopy paper, pet toys and treats, etc) at the shelter itself as well...



Thank-you!





UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

PET PICS WITH SANTA

Saturday November 28 • Sunday November 29

Saturday December 5 • Sunday December 6

Saturday December 12 • Sunday December 13
10am to 4pm

The event will be held at **Vandermeer Garden Centre on the corner of Baseline & Lakeridge Rd S, near the Whitby-Ajax border.** We were there last year and it was a most beautiful setting, festive and decorated for Christmas. We will offer framed 4x6 portraits of your pet with Santa, taken by Ian Goodall, a professional photographer, for \$10.50. As well, we offer several packages, individual larger photos, or Christmas cards. Baked goods and new crafts are always welcome at our bake sale.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED PLEASE!

If you wish to donate any baked goods for our bakesale at Pet Pics, please bring them to the shelter on any Friday prior to the weekend of Pet Pics or you can bring them directly to Vandermeer Nursery on the Saturday or Sunday. All donations are greatly appreciated.

PLEASE VOTE!

The Aviva Community fund is offering organizations the chance to share part of a \$500,000 prize to help reach their goals. We are asking all of our members, facebook partners and anyone else who wants to help to sign up and vote for us every day. We are asking for enough money to pay for the cost of installing an alarm and sprinkler system in the new shelter.

Tell everyone you know about this cause and have them vote for us.

We need to make this happen. The countdown is on we need over 3000 votes.

Please vote for this idea at <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf3132>

OR visit our website to find the link.

SILENT AUCTION

We have had some wonderful items donated by various ski clubs! What great ideas for gifts or stocking stuffers for the skier in your family or a friend or maybe a neighbour who's always there for you!

If anyone is interested in any of these items, simply mail in your name and phone number with your bid with attention to Karin. This silent auction will be available at Pet Pics with Santa and the closing date will be 4:00 p.m., Sunday December 13, 2009. You can check the latest bid update at Pet Pics or phone (905) 433-2022 extension 5.

1. Dagmar – one 8 hours lift ticket, minimum bid \$25.00
2. Dagmar – one 8 hours lift ticket, minimum bid \$25.00
3. Dagmar – one 8 hours lift ticket, minimum bid \$25.00
4. Lakeridge – Six snow tubing rides, minimum bid \$15.00
5. Skyloft – entire season weekday winter pass (valid Monday to Friday), minimum bid \$150.00
6. Skyloft – entire season weekday winter pass (valid Monday to Friday), minimum bid \$150.00
7. Skyloft – 2009/2010 season, Everyday Family Pass for up to four people (value \$2,000.00), minimum bid \$999.00.

**Have a wonderful winter season and help
our animals at the same time!!**



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MORE UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS!



Radio Pet of the Week

The local radio station **AM 1350 CKDO** and **FM 107.7 CKDO**, which play fabulous oldies music is supporting us by featuring a pet of the week. Every Monday at 4:45pm, Gary Bernardi chats with Ruby, our shelter manager, on air and they focus for a few minutes on a pet of the week from our shelter. Please listen, it's a great station and we love their support!

Shrimp Cocktail Resto-lounge presents
Holiday Fashion Show



Take me home for the holidays!

Sunday, December 13th, 2009 at 12pm
 843 King St. West, Oshawa
 Tickets: \$75 per person
 T. 905-725-7500 web: www.shrimpcocktailcafe.com

  **MELANIE LYNE** *Hanley's Shoe Shoppe of Whitby* 

Proceeds in support of the "Phoenix Rising" fundraising campaign to build a new shelter for the Humane Society of Durham Region

Created by Courtney White

SILENT AUCTION FOR ORIGINAL ARTWORK

SINFUL INFLICTIONS CUSTOM TATTOOS of WHITBY are holding a Silent Auction for original and unique works of "LIVE ART FUSION", (two artists on one canvas). These amazing works of art have been created for this event by incredibly talented local artists. All proceeds will go to Humane Society of Durham Region.

To be held Sun. November 29th 2009 from 1-6pm.

Location: 108 Dundas St W Whitby,

Tel. 905-430-9840.

Donations of non-perishable foods for a Food Drive are also welcome.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON UPCOMING FUNDRAISING
EVENTS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**

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SHELTER NEWS

LULULEMON YOGA DAY!

On Sunday, October 25th, several yoga groups and Lululemon hosted a yoga morning at the Oshawa Centre. Several people attended and held a yoga session for an hour and raised \$338.00 for "Phoenix Rising". Thank you Richelle Morgan and Lululemon and everyone involved!

WORLD BELLY DANCE DAY

On Saturday, May 9th, Zahra's School World Bellydance Day had a fundraising event. With prizes, raffles and dancing demonstrations, they raised \$665.00 for our animals at the shelter – wags and purrs to June Castanha, owner and choreographer, and everyone who participated or donated items for the events!

COUNTRY DANCE

On Saturday, October 17th, we held our 3rd annual country dance at the Legion Hall on Simcoe Street South in Oshawa. Bill and Stan worked very hard to organize and ensure the evening's success. Everyone had a wonderful evening dancing to the music of Mahogany Ridge who donated their time. There were prizes for all, a silent auction, 50/50 draw and the raffle of a much-coveted guitar. Food and delicious sweets topped off the evening. They raised over \$5,600.00! What a great night – thanks to everyone who helped and donated items!

To all of you who attended, look forward to seeing you all again next year!



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

We need foster parents now more than ever because of our lack of space to house animals. Cats, cats with kittens, occasional dogs...so please if you can for any length of time, we need you.
Please call 905 433-2022 ext 3.

HUMANE EDUCATION

For information or to speak with someone about our Humane Education Programme, please contact Ruby at 905 433-2022 ext 4

OLDIES DANCE

On Saturday, October 24th, Tracy Savage held an Oldies Dance, with proceeds of the evening for our animals. With a DJ playing our favorite oldies, people danced the night away with fond memories of past dances of years ago. I am sure many of us reminisce about the good times at the Get, the Jube, Greenhurst and many other dancehalls! Thank you, Tracy, for helping people enjoy some of those memories again! She raised \$773.00 for the shelter – thanks to everyone who attended or donated to make the evening a success.

p.s. For those of you who enjoy oldies music, tune in to our local radio station CKDO 1580 on your AM dial or 107.7FM – you can listen to the oldies 24 hours a day!

SPINNING WHEEL ALPACAS

In August, Spinning Wheel Alpaca farm in Enniskillen held an open house day! There were exhibits and items made from alpaca wool (remember, these alpacas are not harmed in any way – they are shorn strictly for their wool, they are not killed for food. Alpaca wool is hypoallergenic and makes beautiful sweaters, coats, wraps, toys and mitts etc.) Alpaca are wonderful, social animals, who love to be together. Many, many people attended the day and \$1,000.00 was raised for the Humane Society. It was enjoyable as well as informative – thank you Lindsay for hosting the day. If someone is looking for a special Christmas gift, unique and lasting, visit the Spinning Wheel Alpaca Farm!



Adopt-A-Pet

If you are interested in any of our furry friends, please come down to our shelter and meet them in person. We are located at 79 Taunton Road West, Unit 1, Oshawa. See map and our new shelter hours on Pg 2.



LIL MISSY

A potbelly pig. She is house trained and will scratch at the door to go outside, she loves to snuggle on the couch or under her blankets in bed with her family.

She goes bananas for a belly rubs, she knows her commands: here, sit, stay etc; Lil Missy is not destructive, but she is very lazy. Lil Missy is not a fan of busy atmospheres or large crowd of people. She will tolerate other animals but will need to slowly be introduced to them. She is a DPP not a barn pig, she is a member of the family and chooses to be treated as so!

DPP = Domesticated Potbelly Pig



CASHEW

Pony/Purebred, 25 years 3 months, Female

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ROCK

Hamster/Purebred - Male



RIGGS

Small Male Dog / American Eskimo/Mix - 11 years old



CHARLIE

Charlie was brought to the shelter by a couple of young men. He had contracted Parvovirus and was very ill. They could not afford his vet care. He was surrendered over to the shelter where he spent several days on IV and then was transferred to a foster home to finish his recovery. He has done very well, now fully recovered and looking for a home. He is going to be a big boy who will need someone experienced in caring for large breed dogs. He is energetic and playful. Probably too big and energetic for a home for small children. As we have had to keep him separated from dogs for the past 6 weeks while he recovered, he will need to be resocialized around dogs again.



SKITZ

Guinea Pig/Purebred - Male



MEG

Domestic Medium Hair/Mix Cat
2 years 2 months

**We have
67 cats and kittens
in the shelter, 31 cats and
kittens in foster care; 2 dogs at
the shelter, 19 dogs in foster, in-
cluding a litter of puppies being
bottle fed because their mother
is too weak to care for them; 8
rabbits, 3 guinea pigs; 2 rats, one
hamster
and 2 budgies.**





WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT FUNDRAISING



CHRISTMAS PLANTS AND EVERGREEN'S FUNDRAISER

Vandermeer Nursery (also, the location of our Pet Pics with Santa) has a large selection of beautiful Christmas plants every year. As part of a fundraiser, we will be selling eleven different holiday themed items, including plants and fresh cut greens. These include cyclamen (pink, white, red or purple); poinsettias (white, red, pink, burgundy or jingle bells) garden planters, fresh evergreen wreath, door swag and winter evergreen arrangement. The prices we sell them for will be the same as retail, however, the Humane Society of Durham Region will make a profit from each sale and you, the purchaser, will receive a beautiful plant or arrangement as well as a bonus \$5.00 coupon towards any \$25.00 purchase at Vandermeer, for each item you buy! You will buy your voucher from the Humane Society which will then be redeemable at Vandermeer Nursery. For example, if you wish to purchase a 6" cyclamen plant or 6" poinsettia, you will order and pay us \$8.00. We will then give you a voucher for the plant ordered as well as a \$5.00 coupon. You can then redeem the voucher at Vandermeer nursery and choose the plant of your choice. They have the most gorgeous selection of plants and decorations there... I guarantee you will not be disappointed. It's a Christmas wonderland of plants, ornaments and decorating when you enter the nursery!

Flowers make a great addition to your holiday decorating and are always appreciated as gifts for the holiday season. If you are going to buy Christmas plants, why not help our animals at the same time? What better time to buy than when you bring your pet for Pet Pics with Santa? Perhaps some of you work in an office or business and would be willing to promote this for us as well at your workplace. I would be happy to send you a full colour glossy programme sheet which displays all of the items available for purchase as well as an order form on the back. You have nothing to lose and the animals have everything to gain!

All orders received by November 28th will have their vouchers by November 29th or 30th. All remaining orders received by December 10th will have their vouchers by December 13th. Vouchers are valid until December 24th, 2008 (best selection prior to December 15th). All \$5.00 coupons valid until April 30th, 2009. Please call Karin at 905-433-2022, ext. 5, if you have any questions, wish to pay by cheque or would like a selling sheet for your office. If you would like to place an order, please fill in order sheet (see below) and send to HSDR, 79 Taunton Rd., Unit 1, Oshawa, L1G 7B4 or bring it to the shelter.

Payment will be cash or VISA or with prior approval, by cheque.

Below is a list of product prices, all taxes are included in price.:

Quantity

- _____ Cyclamen – 4.5" pot \$3.50
- _____ Cyclamen – 6" pot \$8.00
- _____ Poinsettia – 6" pot \$8.00
- _____ Double Poinsettia – 8 " pot \$17.00
- _____ Triple Poinsettia – 10" pot \$22.50
- _____ Holiday Garden Planter – 8" with cyclamen or poinsettia and green plants \$20.00
- _____ Holiday Garden Planter – 12" with cyclamen and poinsettia and green plants – \$28.00
- _____ 22" mixed evergreen wreath – \$25.00
- _____ Fresh evergreen door swag – \$15.00
- _____ Fresh evergreen arrangement in basket – \$50.00
- _____ Frosty's Snow Fern 4" Pot - \$12.00
- _____ Bird House Garden - \$20.00

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Expiry Date _____

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Paws For Our Cause

Gift of Life

It has been a tragic few months with horrible cases of abuse. Four wee kittens put in a box and set on fire (all of them perished); Phoenix the chow, multiple animals coming in with extensive limb injuries and so much neglect – some dogs so badly matted they can't even walk properly! Here are but a few:

Jordan – a little Boston terrier, hit by a car and suffered a badly broken leg and injured second one as well as multiple dental injuries. He required 3 months of veterinary care but has finally received a clean bill of health to be adopted.

Diamond – an umbrella cockatoo, 15 years old, who has a prolapse and requires veterinary care. He is a beautiful bird in foster care!

Sassy – an eight year old Australian shepherd, who had to have her ear canal removed. She too is in foster care.

Noel – one of two cats who came to us through terrible abuse of their limbs. Noel required one leg to be amputated but unfortunately his partner was not as lucky and succumbed to his illnesses. Noel will need a loving, caring home when he is feeling better.

Hunter – another cat, 10 months old with a badly broken leg, required extensive surgery with pins and plates inserted.

Eileen – a kitten with a shattered leg, required amputation.

Tucker – a cat with a badly gangrenous tail that required amputation. Unfortunately he died of complications.

Diego – Argentina pup, hit by a car. His leg was shattered and he required pins and plates as well. He has since been adopted.

Charlie – a beautiful five months old American bulldog who came to us with parvo. He is now well and waiting for a home!

Smoky and Cindy – two cats with ulcerations on the corneas of their eyes. They need one more week of treatment and their specialist has said they will be perfectly fine and no lasting effects. You know yourself, how irritating it is to have a grain of sand or an eyelash in your eye! Imagine how sore the ulcerations were ... now, they are pain free and well!

All of these animals are just a few of the many we have helped, with your support. Remember, those who required amputations of limbs will be as well as any four-legged animal. They will play and cuddle and jump and love you!

Thank you to the following people who have generously given to our Gift of Life fund.

D. & C. Hazelton – in honour of a black cat named "Amy Pidgeon"

**D. & G. Lyons
S. Luke**

In honour of Kayleigh Melcher's birthday – D. & G. McRae, C. & V. Francis, T. & J. O'Brien,

S. Rachiele, H. McCallister and D. Korens

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N. Mathuria – in memory of Toby

C., L. & W. Margison – in memory of Caesar

Reg & Karin - in memory of Anna Marie Gross

And to everyone who donated for Phoenix – he was so happy!

With thanks to all of you.

Leave a Lasting Legacy... We need your help now more than ever, with a rebuilding project underway. You can make a difference for decades to come for so many animals. A charitable bequest – name the Humane Society of Durham Region in your will. Reduce the tax payable on your final income tax return.

Life Insurance – donate a new or existing life insurance policy to the Humane Society of Durham Region and receive tax savings.

Gifts – donate securities, mutual funds, stocks, bonds etc and receive substantial tax savings. There are many ways you can help your own financial situation as well as the animals at the Humane Society of Durham Region. Make a difference please.

For information on these and other investment advice, please contact a lawyer or investment advisor who can help you invest in the gift of life.



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Yeast – ruined

bread dough

Medications

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Charitable Donations

Anyone working can have charitable withdrawals from their paycheques to be forwarded directly to the shelter!

There were various fundraising events during the past few months and we want to send our thanks for thinking of us.

- Durham Regional Police and the Toronto Police Association
- Creomundie T-shirts via their website
- Kitknit.ca on line auction for special blend wool
- Pickering Flea Market Corn roast
- Reiki event put on by Debbie Purvis to demonstrate hands on healing
- Circus Garden at the G.M. Centre in August donated over \$1,000.00
- Paws for Pups walkathon in Ajax on November 15, 2009 organized by Leisure and Recreation students of Centennial College
- The Red Hat Ladies, Bowmanville Chapter donated over \$400.00 to honour member
- “Friends of the Animals” donated \$6,000.00
- The Crown & Firkin pub in Whitby
- The Toronto East Club Act
- You are in the Doghouse and Crock a Doodle in Newcastle sold painted ceramics
- The office of the Crown Attorney of Durham Region raffled off two stuffed toys “Barney the Beagle” and “Ginger the Cat”
- ORMTA (Ontario Registered Music Teacher’s Association) held a concert with approximately 55 children performing and raised \$1,000.00
- Global Pet Food Stores
- Dehart Stauffer Insurance Brokers and Gore Mutual Insurance Company
- Present and past employee’s of OPG, Bell & Telus
- Oshawa Golf Club
- St. Paul’s United Church, Ajax (Blessing of the Animals)
- Oshawa West Lion’s Club

As always, the children and teens recognize the plight of our animals and give generously from their hearts:

- Frenchman’s Bay Public School in Pickering
- C. Lojko
- Adelaide McLaughlin Public School from their Café de Sport Fundraiser
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic School from a cupcake sale by the Grade 7 class
- Group of students from Waterloo Lutheran University - MacDonald House
- Howard Park Children’s Centre in Toronto from children’s art class
- Rouge Valley Public School
- As always, “Maddy’s” magnets
- Kayleigh, Meghan, Adelaide and Emma’s birthday gifts
- Rigby House - Trinity College School, Port Hope
- C. Trauzzi and Catie V.D.O.
- Sunset Heights Public School, Oshawa

Thank-you!



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CLASSIFIED PAGE FOR PETS

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If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so. It is simple to do. Just fill in the attached pre-authorized payment form and mail it along with either a blank cheque marked "void" or your **Visa** credit card number and expiry date to: **Humane Society of Durham Region, 79 Taunton Road West, Unit 1, Oshawa, L1G 7B4**

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I hereby authorize the **Humane Society of Durham Region** to arrange automatic donation withdrawals from my bank account or **Visa** credit card on the first day of each month for my monthly pledge for animal care. I understand that I may cancel this authorization at any time with written notice.

Amount \$ _____ Commencing: _____, 2009

Name: _____ Address: _____

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City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Visa Account #: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Make sure your account has chequing privileges!
For credit card donations don't forget your expiry date.

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Yes! I want to help the animals and **become a member of the Humane Society of Durham Region**

Enclosed is my contribution to aid the Humane Society of Durham Region in its efforts to prevent cruelty, neglect and abuse of animals.

I have enclosed my cheque
 Debit my Visa credit card for the amount of \$20 \$30 \$35 \$50 Other _____

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***New Member - with a contribution of \$20.00 (single) or \$30.00 (family) you can become a member of the Humane Society of Durham Region and receive our newsletter for one year

Name: _____ Address: _____

City _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

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Gift of Life

This fund gives animals in our care that require expensive medical treatment a second chance at life, by paying for whatever surgery is necessary.

You can help!

By donating to The "GIFT OF LIFE" Fund you can save animals that might not otherwise have a chance. Although we try to stop it, abuse still happens, and the animals are the innocent silent victims. This abuse usually leaves scars and sometimes damages that only surgery can repair. Without your help, we can't afford to repair all of the damage. You can make the difference! You can give the "GIFT OF LIFE"!

Please fill out this form and mail it along with your donation to help these silent victims.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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