



The Scratching Post

Timmins & District Humane Society Monthly Newsletter
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ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

- Flick Angel
- Bailey
- Gavin Dutch
- Parry
- Otis Pearl
- Siamese
- Brooks Dunn
- Charlee
- Nigel Letty
- Catalina
- Cherie Khloe
- Kendall
- Kylie Nemo
- Toothless
- Bentley Bruce
- Shylo
- Maverick Gerry

CAR/DOGGY WASH A SUCCESS

The Timmins and District Humane Society's 2nd Annual Car and Doggy Wash was once again a huge success! On June 25, 2016, with Mother Nature shining down, dozens of car and pet owners came to support the area animals in need.

The event, once again held in partnership with Imery's Talc and KIA of Timmins, ensured that thousands of dollars was able to be raised for the unwanted, lost and neglected pets in the Timmins area. For every dollar raised, Imery's Talc matched the amount for a



grand total of \$6,000. "It's great that so many people continue to come out and

support us, and we couldn't have done it without KIA and Imery's" said shelter Assistant Manager Krystle Fletcher. "This is still a relatively new fundraiser for us, so we really hope to see it continue to grow."

All proceeds from the event went to providing both basic and emergency care to the animals currently waiting to be adopted at the shelter.

Throughout the day everything from Huskies to Boxers to Bulldogs got pampered, while vehicles were left sparkling and bellies filled at the BBQ.

DAKOTA CROSSES RAINBOW BRIDGE



It is with the heaviest of hearts that on July 8, 2016, the staff at TDHS said goodbye to one of its long-time residents. Dakota came to the shelter in April, having lived his life at the end of a chain. Immediately, he

showed himself to be a loving, sweet dog - eager to love and be loved.

When Dakota came to us, he was so severely matted that we had no other choice but to shave off his beautiful husky coat. In doing so, it was discovered that Dakota had been of a victim of historical gun shot wounds.

Sadly, it was recently determined that Dakota was suffering from canine lupus. The disease quickly ravaged his body, leaving him in severe pain. Despite various attempts to manage his pain, he no

longer could run among other dogs, no longer could he play and no longer would he bounce in happiness when someone approached his kennel.

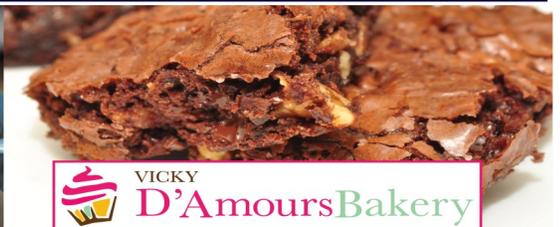
It was not an easy decision to let our Dakota go. It was a real joy and honor to be part of helping him finally become the true dog he was never given the opportunity to be.

Dakota peacefully passed over Rainbow Bridge surrounded by the family he had come to know as his own.

Rest well, dear Dakota.



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A Home for Shylo



everyone—be it humans, dogs or cats,” said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. “She has so much life left to live and love left to give, so we tried our best to support her during her stay at the shelter.”

Shylo was put up for adoption with the understanding that if no one was interested in adopting her, she would simply live out her days at the shelter with staff as her forever family.

“Because of the medical issues Shylo was experiencing, along with her being a senior, we didn’t know if someone would come forward to adopt her,” said Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher.

But people always seem to surprise us and on July 29, 2016, Shylo left the building to begin her new life with her forever family!

“It’s not easy to see her go, but for Shylo we couldn’t ask for better,” Krystle said. “We are very happy for her!”

It was with mixed emotions that the staff and volunteers of the Timmins and District Humane Society said goodbye to our girl Shylo.

Back in May of this year, Shylo came into the shelter as a stray. It was quickly discovered that she had already had several homes, and now at the tender age of 10 years, she was suffering from incontinence and mobility issues.

Her beautiful face and sweet personality instantly made her a favourite among staff.

“Sweet Shylo is so easy-going. She gets along great with

Often times, when senior dogs are surrendered to us or come to the shelter as strays, staff are extra taken by them and the idea of euthanizing them simply because they are older is not an option. After all, senior dogs deserve homes, too.

Under special circumstances, some of these senior dogs become shelter dogs, living out their days receiving the medical care they need and all the love they deserve by staff and volunteers at TDHS.

We wish Shylo all the best with her new adventure and are thrilled that we could play a small role in her new life.

ONTARIO SPCA: Major Case Management



A few weeks ago, the staff at the Timmins and District Humane Society received a special visit from two members of the Ontario SPCA’s Major Case Management Team. Inspector Nicole Driscoll of North Bay and

Inspector Natalie Rizzuti from the Muskoka region made the trip to Timmins to explain what exactly the MCM team does, the calls they have attended and what tools are available to agents across the province when they are facing what can be referred to as a “major case”.

This could include any case that has a large number of animals involved or the need for specialized training and/or equipment.

Some of the cases they’ve already been involved with include the removal of more than 50 dogs from an eastern Ontario residence to dealing with recent dog fighting cases and even helping to rescue and re-home 75 dogs from the Whitefish First Nation in Northwestern Ontario.

Currently, the team includes seven inspectors from the OSPCA who have received special training in areas such as forensic identification, photography, livestock, media relations and first aid training. The team also has specialized vehicles to allow with large scale cases and those involving livestock.

Looking for forever homes...

BABY BELL

Anyone looking to add a bit of beauty and love to their life? Meet Baby Bell, a 6-year-old muted calico, who has not adapted very well to life in a shelter. While she tolerates other cats, she does not like anyone too hyper that interferes with her laid back attitude. She also does not do well with dogs. Baby Bell is looking for a special home to love her as she enters her golden years and provide her with the loving, quiet home she has been looking for.

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DAMIEN

Just look at that face! How could anyone resist! Damien is TDHS' oldest canine resident, having been surrendered by his previous owner who could no longer take care of him. But don't let his senior status fool you! Damien has the energy of a dog half his age and can't wait to find a forever home that can keep up! Come meet our Damien and see if you can give him the retirement home he's been waiting for!

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15th Annual Wag-A-Tail-A-Thon

Date: Sat Aug 6th, 2016

Location: Gilles Lake



After



Before

Visit www.timminshumanesociety.myevent.com for more information on details and to donate to help area animals in need!!

How you can help!

Happy Tails: Vera's Recovery



schedule could be accommodated. Vera required seven feedings per day.

The Ontario SPCA put Vera's picture out to the community, hoping to find anyone who might have information about what had happened to this sweet girl.

Under the Ontario SPCA Act, her previous owner could have faced charges if evidence had proved they had allowed her physical condition to deteriorate.

Unfortunately, no one ever came forward. "When we first met Vera, she was very depressed and certainly not your typical boxer,"

said her new adoptive mom Savannah Gaudet, who already had another female boxer with her girlfriend Steph Baronette. "After she regained her strength, her bubbly personality came shining through and we are very lucky to have her in our lives!"

It wasn't long after her arrival that Vera's foster home became her permanent home, with Vera fitting in very well with her sister Booger. Today, Vera weighs in at a whopping 48 lbs. She loves nothing more than to play with Booger and her feline friends.

We may not know where Vera came from or how her story began, but we certainly know how it goes from here. All the best, Vera!

It's hard to believe the happy, little dog with the constant wagging tail was once so skinny that she was on the brink of death.

On May 6, 2016, Vera was dropped off at the Timmins & District Humane Society having been found on the highway by Temagami.

Her condition was shocking, every rib showed, every bone felt under a thin layer of skin. She weighed 25 pounds whereas the average female Boxer weighs between 55-65 pounds.

Peppy and full of love, Vera was immediately taken under the wing of a dedicated staff member who brought Vera home on evenings and weekends so that her specialized feeding

How to donate

The Society is always in need of the following items:

- Clean blankets, sheets, towels
- Industrial garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Canned pet food (cat and dog)
- Kong Dog toys
- Cat/dog treats
- Monetary donations

How to adopt

Viewing hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the shelter or our website to fill out the application and start the adoption process!

How to volunteer

Volunteering means everything from helping clean and walking dogs to hanging out with cats and helping out at fundraising events.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 705-264-1816 to learn how you can get involved!

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Community ROCKS: Urban Park



Since early July, Timmins and District Humane Society staff, volunteers, and animals have been enjoying most Fridays in the downtown area as part of the Timmins Downtown BIA Urban Park!

As things currently stand, TDHS will have a booth set up every Friday during the month of August. As usual, we will be set up in various locations downtown with as many dogs and kittens as we can fit in our van!

"The Urban Park is proving yet again to be a very positive activity for our animals," said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. "Our cats, dogs, and even rats have gotten a lot of exposure over the first couple weeks. We've even had new volunteers sign on because they've been able to see for themselves the importance of the work that goes on at TDHS," Alicia said. The event provides people who may not have the means to get out to the shelter on Mahoney Road with an opportunity to look at adoptable animals. It also gives them a chance to speak to TDHS staff and volunteers about adoption, volunteering, donating and even reporting animal neglect and cruelty.

Already, the event has helped several dogs and kittens find their forever homes, and we can't wait to find out what the Urban Park has in store for TDHS animals during the month of August!

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