



The Scratching Post

Timmins & District Humane Society Monthly Newsletter
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ADOPTED!
These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

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| Velcro | Leila |
| Tamika | |
| Zoe | Toby |
| Ellen | |
| Rocky | Jax |
| Helix | |
| Max | Sketch |
| Dexter | |

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Love animals?
Have some free time?

Contact the Timmins & District Humane Society to find out some of the fun things you can do to help out the animals in need!

Some helpful tasks include:

- Walking dogs
- Socializing with cats
- Helping with cleaning
- Help out at fundraising events!

Call 705-264-1816 to speak with our Volunteer Coordinator.

TIMMINS ROCK SUPPORTS TDHS



Timmins Rock defensemen Kealey Cummings and Nick Hautanen with TDHS Manager Alicia Santamaria and Assistant Manager Krystle Fletcher.

A recent visit to the Timmins & District Humane Society by players from the Timmins Rock Junior "A" hockey team has resulted in some great publicity for the animals in need! In early March, defensemen Kealey Cummings and Nick Hautanen paid a visit to the shelter to get a better idea of what goes on as well as visit some of the animals currently looking for their forever homes.

Both Kealey and Nick have grown up with pets of their own and were surprised by the number of animals that come into the shelter. "This is a great cause," Nick said. "It's important people support what [the staff] do here."

The visit not only ended with a pair of kittens being named after the two (both of whom remain up for adoption!) but also a continued partnership.

Beginning with the final Timmins Rock game of the regular season, the Timmins & District Humane Society has been receiving proceeds from 50/50 draws.

"It was great to have Kealey and Nick out at the shelter to see first-hand the reality Timmins faces in terms of homeless animals," said Shelter Manager, Alicia Santamaria. "This new partnership lets the team help out TDHS animals in a way that they can. It's really nice to see them doing that."

To date, more than \$1,000 has been raised, all of which goes toward the ongoing care of TDHS animals.

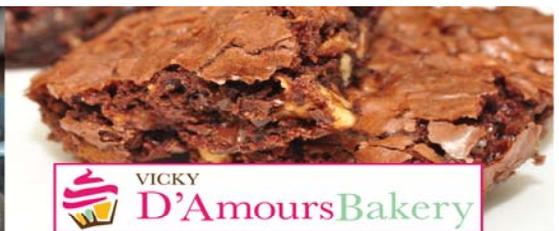
Not only does this unique partnership mean an ongoing flow of much needed funds, it also means getting word about TDHS to a very broad audience of thousands at every game.

As of press time, the Timmins Rock were in the midst of their second round of playoffs, standing 0-2 against Cochrane Crunch.

Thank you so much for your support, Timmins Rock! You can be sure that TDHS staff, volunteers, and animals will be cheering you on!



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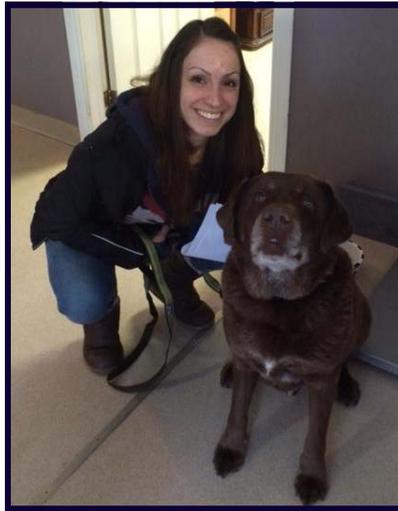
TOBY HAS FOUND A HOME!!!

With his goofy Labrador grin and age-defying energy, Toby will always be remembered with love by the Timmins and District Humane Society staff! But aside from being a handsome, all-around great dog, he'll also be remembered for the length of time he spent with us.

It took exactly 50 days for Toby to find his forever home.

Toby came into the Society surrendered by his previous owner due to a change in the family dynamic. However, he also came with a bit of a chewing issue, having had multiple foreign body surgeries over his nine years.

"Toby wasn't just a difficult adoption because of his age," said Adoption



Worker and TDHS Assistant Manager Krystle Fletcher, "but also because we had to make sure that the home he went to understood that Toby was prone to swallowing everything!"

Enter TDHS volunteer Marie. After weeks of spending time with Toby at the shelter, Marie just wasn't able to resist his charms anymore, so she opted to provide him with the forever home he'd been waiting so long for!

In a recent update, Marie stated that Toby is having the time of his life and she couldn't be happier that they get to spend the rest of his days together! Congratulations, Toby, on your wonderful new life! You deserve it, bud!

OSPCA fights against dog fighting



The Ontario SPCA is looking to the public to voice their anger against dog fighting! A recent case in southern Ontario has brought the decades-old issue of illegal dog fighting back into the spotlight. Dog fighting is a sadistic "contest" in which two dogs—specifically bred, conditioned, and trained to fight—are placed in a pit to fight each other for the spectators' entertainment and gambling. Fights can last one to two hours, ending when one of the dogs will not or cannot continue.

The injuries sustained by these dogs are often severe and even fatal. The American Pit Bull Terrier is the breed most frequently used; their powerful jaws can inflict severe bruising, deep puncture wounds, and broken bones. The death of these dogs comes from blood loss, shock, dehydration, exhaustion, or infection hours or even days after the fight. Other animals are often sacrificed as well including dogs who are used in training and practice sessions.

In addition to dog fighting, law enforcement often find other laws being broken at these events, including drug trafficking, firearm and weapon laws, as well as illegal gambling.

While not the only breed used, the Pit Bull Terrier is the breed most often seen in fights. However, those who intentionally breed and train these dogs to fight are responsible for much of the negative attention on the breed.

In Ontario, a Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) is in place making ownership and breeding of Pit Bull-type dogs illegal. The OSPCA did not create this law and it is generally enforced through animal control organizations. However, dogs who fall under the BSL taken in by the OSPCA and many humane societies are thoroughly assessed and if adoptable are transported out of province so they may get their second chance.

The following are signs that dog fighting might be occurring: seeing an inordinate number of aggressive dogs being kept in one location, especially multiple dogs who are heavily chained and who seem unsocialized; dogs with scars on their faces, front legs, hind end, and thighs; dog fighting training equipment such as treadmills, which are used to build dogs' endurance, "break sticks" that are used to pry apart the jaws of dogs locked in battle, and tires or "springpoles" (usually a large spring with rope attached to either end) hanging from tree limbs; and/or unusual foot traffic coming and going from a location at odd hours.

If you suspect there is dog fighting happening in your area, contact the Timmins & District Humane Society or the OSPCA hotline at 310-SPCA.

Visit www.ontariospca.ca to learn how you can spread the word about putting an end to dog fighting!

Looking for forever homes...

KYARA

It's come as a surprise to shelter staff that Kyara is still awaiting her forever home! A beautiful girl with a sweet demeanor, Kyara came to TDHS already spayed and declawed, proving that at one time she had someone to care for her. But now she awaits for her forever family to walk through the doors. She eagerly meets visitors arriving at the adoption rooms with her big blue eyes. She's ready to melt your heart.!

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Visit the link below to find out how you can help Kyara and others like her

<http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz>



OZZY

Ozzy was found wandering the streets and is now looking for his paw-fect forever home! He is a big bundle of energy so regular exercise is a must for a cool guy like him. He loves to greet people with a big wagging tail. He would love a forever home who would go to obedience class with him to learn about positive reinforcement. If this sound like the right fit for you and you're looking for a large and in charge guy like Ozzy please contact his friends at the TDHS.

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Be My Hero: Zoe's Care



Skin conditions are not uncommon here at the Timmins and District Humane Society. They come on all breeds of different shapes and sizes and can be very difficult and time consuming to treat.

Months after Zoe came into our care, the veterinary staff and foster mom continue to work hard to find out what is causing the special little Chihuahua's continued skin irritation. Several medications have been tried and several tests conducted to find out the source of the irritation. While there has been a remarkable improvement, Zoe continues on the long road to recovery. As a senior dog having come into the shelter as a stray, it is unknown how long Zoe suffered with such irritating and itchy skin! Anyone who knows the pint-sized pooch, with her comical look (because she is missing most of her teeth, her tongue wags out to the side more often than not) and her sweet demeanor knows that she deserves the chance to live an itch-free life.

The goal is to raise \$200.00 toward Zoe's care. If you would like to help toward the cost of her care, contact the shelter at 705-264-1816 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz> to donate!

And remember to visit our Be My Hero Facebook album to view more animals in need of your help!

How you can help!

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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Happy Tails: Trigger's Happy Ending



The Timmins and District Humane Society recently received a special visit from one of its past residents!

Trigger, who was then known as Gatsby, was one of seven Great Dane pups to be surrendered to TDHS last summer.

Over the past several months, staff have enjoyed

seeing the gentle giants grow, as they came back in with their foster parents for routine visits consisting of weight checks, vaccines, and spay and neuter surgeries. After all that was said and done, the Danes' adoptions were finalized and they each officially began their new lives with their forever families.

Just recently, Trigger's owners, Laryssa and Zac, brought their boy back to visit TDHS staff to show them just how wonderful he's turned out!

"He's a great dog; super chill," Laryssa said. "He watches movies with us and hogs the bed."

Occasionally, Trigger uses his giant size for the good of others, visiting the elderly in the Kirkland Lake area. His height ensures that the older people don't have to bend down for hugs and pets. (The big boy stands about 6'3 on his hind legs, and at 115 lbs, he actually still has some growing up to do!)

Laryssa and Zac describe their pooch as a cat snuggler who loves nothing more than to run and go hunting.

"I have a friend who has a Great Dane and he's always been good with kids," Laryssa said on why she settled on the breed. "That was really important to me."

Congratulations to Trigger on finding his perfect forever home. Come visit again anytime, Trigger!

CommunityROCKS: Cupcake Fundraiser!

We truly have some of the best supporters any non-profit could ask for! What would we do without Vicky D'Amours, Coffee Warehouse, and Pick of the Crop? On the weekend of March 12 & 13, TDHS volunteers took to Coffee Warehouse and Pick of the Crop with dozens of freshly baked Vicky D'Amours vegan cupcakes for sale.

This was Vicky's second annual cupcake fundraiser — one with proceeds going towards animals at TDHS! We think it's safe to say that it was another BIG success since between the two locations, 338 packages of cupcakes were sold for a grand total of over \$3,300 raised. Another \$450 in donations were raised throughout the weekend, not including the \$200 donation Pick of the Crop generously provided us in the end.

Hats off to everyone who made this fundraiser possible! It was fantastic to see everyone eating yummy cupcakes for a great cause. We can't wait to be a part of this fun event again next year!



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