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Timmins & District Humane Society Monthly Newsletter

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ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

Roscoe

Charlie Duster

Butterfree

Derek Noel

Squirtle

Tinsel Citrus

Quinoa

Segui Pecan

Shadow

L.E.D. Bodhi

Candy Cane

Blitz Dasher

Ti' Gris

Poutine Rusty

Mashed Potatoes

Rusty

Boudica Marley

Roxy

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Another busy and hectic year has come and gone and Timmins and District Humane Society staff are already prepared for what 2017 has in store!

More than 1,000 cats and dogs came through the doors either as strays, surrenders or through cruelty investigations and more than 300 of them have found homes through local adoptions.

The remainder have either been claimed by owners, transferred to other shelters, or in worst case scenarios faced euthanasia due to serious medical or behavioural conditions.

"At the end of every year we look at our numbers and see how they compare," said TDHS Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher. "There was definitely a much higher intake of animals this year, but our cat adoptions were also more successful this year so that definitely helped."

This past year also saw several cases that will forever stand out to staff. We had Ruckus, who required major surgery to repair a broken leg



and the beautiful huskies who waited so long to find their forever homes.

However, the story of 2016 will definitely be the high number of kittens seen this year. While a high cat population is nothing new, staff and volunteers saw an abundance of kittens, either orphaned or with mama, come in starting in the spring. Hundreds of kittens were surrendered or found hopeless on the streets of Timmins.

"We continue to stress to people the importance of spaying and neutering," Krystle added. "If everyone spayed and neutered their animals, we wouldn't continue seeing these very high numbers."

Heading into the new year, the message remains the same. Those looking to take in a furry family member are asked to consider absolutely everything that goes into caring for a pet before committing to the lifelong decision.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated, volunteered, adopted and supported TDHS this year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2017!



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2016's Happy Tails!



We adopted Dallas (formerly Ruckus) in early January of this year. Ruckus had come into the Timmins and District Humane Society with a badly broken leg and required extensive surgery in order to repair the damage. Though we were concerned about his leg after his surgery, we were fooled as he has so much energy and loves to run! He is the best fit to our little family and has been since day 1. He enjoys spending time on the lake, taking walks at Hersey Lake, going for drives and playing with friends at the local dog park. Dallas expresses his love and gratitude each day with sloppy kisses that we would not trade for anything else! We can not thank the Timmins and District Humane Society enough for allowing this amazing dog to come into our lives. We are ALL so forever grateful.

We brought skinny, little Bert home in May 2016. It took some convincing to get my husband on board with a dog for our family. He didn't grow up with dogs in his life, so I figured Bert and I would be best of friends. Well, I was wrong! Bert immediately attached himself to my husband and hasn't let go! And vice versa. Bert gets to do everything with us: shopping, hunting, fishing, camping, even going for the mail at the South Porcupine Post Office! Bert is always out cutting the grass, shovelling, or working on the trucks with my husband. We spent all summer out at camp, Bert's favourite place, because he gets to be outside most of the day. I think he'd live outside if he could! Now he spends the fall/winter hunting with us. My husband can't even take out his hunting boots without Bert doing his wiggle-butt happy dance! That happy dance also happens if he gets to go to his second favourite place, doggy daycare. He makes many friends (furry and human) everywhere he goes; people love his gentle personality and his giant ears! About a month after we adopted him, we found out that we are expecting our first child. We are so thankful to have him in our family and look forward to all the new adventures ahead.



We adopted Otis (pictured on left) from the Timmins & District Humane Society on July 14, 2016. He was a stray and wasn't at the shelter long before we saw him and fell in love with those big brown eyes! He has been such a playful, cuddly, loving, loyal, and hyperactive dog and an amazing addition to our family. He still deals with a lot of anxiety but we try everyday to help him become more confident and comfortable on our outings. Our boys, Milo & Otis, have become inseparable and are the absolute best of friends. Thank you to the Humane Society for helping us adopt our fur baby. We love him very much!

Ronin (formerly known as Taz) was only a few days into life at the shelter when he was whisked away directly into a loving and forever home! As a four-year-old, large breed, black and tan dog, Ronin could have been a difficult adoption, as statistics show that this type of dog is the most common seen in a shelter environment, and isn't always quickly adopted. Add to that he may look a little silly in his photo as some wounds meant that his head had to be shaved. But that didn't stop one of the staff members at the shelter from falling in love with his intense loyalty and old soul. Ronin has proven to be an amazing dog, getting along with both cats and dogs and loves nothing more than to run and play!





Mavrick is as typical a puppy as you can find! Happy-go-lucky and full of energy, he came into his new owner's life just when she needed him most! Having come into the shelter after being dropped off in the parking lot, Mavrick quickly stole the heart of a shelter staff member who was still healing from the sudden loss of her former dog only a few months earlier. In Mavrick, she saw the similarities to her previous dog; both tended to march to the beat of their own drums! Mavrick lives life completely in the moment, happy with anything thrown his way. Mavrick and his mum have been inseparable ever since she took him home—with daily walks, play dates with other dogs, and adventures whenever the chance presents itself!

Bruin's story is unknown to many at the shelter just as it was unknown for a long time what the future would hold for this sweet and forgiving boy. Having been a part of a large rescue from a Northwestern Ontario community, Bruin (formerly known as Kail) came to the shelter when it became apparent that he wasn't quite ready for adoption due to a host of medical issues (including several bullets found throughout his body). He lived in a foster home for a short time, and in worst case scenario, would have remained a resident shelter dog for his remaining years. But then fate struck. A previous adopter—one who had already taken in a couple of dogs like Bruin—instantly saw potential in him. What began as a trial foster home to help him continue to learn how to be a dog, quickly turned into a permanent place for this sweet and loving boy. He has easily adapted to a life with three other dogs, a cat and a warm, safe place to call his own. Bruin is truly one of the most amazing success stories of 2016!



After seeing so many posts about abandoned litters of kittens being brought in to the Timmins & District Humane Society, James and I visited hoping to adopt two kittens. We instantly fell in love with three feral kittens who had been found together on the street. I immediately asked the staff, "How crazy would it be if we adopted all three?". When TDHS staff responded cheerfully saying, "That would be AMAZING!", our minds were set. Velho, Rizzo & Gremmie came home with us a few days later and instantly hid under the couch. It took some time for them to come around; they were distrustful of the world and fearful of everything. With some forced cuddle time, lots of visits from our friends, and a good dose of patience, they completely transformed. In the morning, they all pile onto the bed hoping for affection and when we come home, they are waiting by the door to greet us. Adopting all three instantly made us crazy cat people, and we don't regret it for a moment!

Little Charlie came into the Timmins and District Humane Society as a very young and lone kitten from an unknown litter. Only two-weeks-old, my feisty little girl showed so much attitude right from the start. I had suffered the loss of my 15-year-old torti just two weeks prior. When we aged Charlie, I took it as a sign. Cleo knew my heart was broken and had sent this tiny little monster to help me heal. She has already shown so much of the same diva-like attitude that Cleo did in her younger days! Charlie pounces through life with no fear of anything and often forces her canine family members to cuddle with her—whether they like it or not! I didn't want another cat so quickly after losing my girl, but life has been nothing but adventure and surprises with Charlie in our lives!



We adopted Tulo (formerly Scooba) in April 2016 and Gigi (formerly Simone) in August 2016. They have become best friends! They are always caught snuggling and chasing each other around the house, not to mention destroying the Christmas tree together. Tulo and Gigi have brought so much laughter and happiness to our household.

When our girl Gigi was a kitten, she fell ill and the Timmins and District Humane Society took such good care of her! She is now a growing, happy kitten following her big bro Tulo everywhere! We are so happy to give them a great forever home. They are the best cats.

Thank you for the great addition to our little family!



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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Looking for forever homes...

MAJOR

Looking for a sweet, chill cat to share your heart and home with? Major is a very laid back boy who gets along great with other cats. He can be shy, but becomes very affectionate once he gets to know you!

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Visit the link below to find out how you can help Rose and Boi and others like them.

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ROSE & BOI

These adorable, German Shepherd pups are looking for forever homes! At just over three months of age, Rose currently weighs in at 19 lbs and her brother 29 lbs. They are calm but playful, love attention, and would make a fantastic addition to any home! Come visit!

Community ROCKS: Holiday Funds!



The Timmins and District Humane Society is so proud to announce that this year's holiday-themed fundraisers raised more than \$5,000 for animals in need!

In December, two weekends of Pet Pics with

Santa were held at the Timmins YMCA where almost 200 pictures were taken and just over \$3,000 was raised through photos, donations, raffles and ornament sales.

"It was amazing to see so many animals come out with their families," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain, who volunteered as photographer for one of the weekends, adding that many who attended were adopted from the shelter. "It's amazing that I once took pictures of these guys to help get them adopted and now I get to take their picture with their forever families!"

The humane society also held its annual bake sale at the Porcupine Mall where supporters scooped up more than \$2,200 worth of yummy deserts in support of the animals at TDHS.

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