

# The Scratching Post

Timmins & District Humane Society Monthly Newsletter  
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## ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

- Enzo                    Igor
- Damien                Yoda
- Tootsie                Sheldon
- Cortana                Shep
- Edwin                  Derek
- Christian              Lucy
- Camille                Shaw
- Flanders                Mal
- Pluto                    Chicklet
- China                    Suki
- Elijah                    Raven
- River                    Devina
- Clarke                  Bubbles
- Sam                     Benz
- Sheera                  Nova
- Octavia                Blossom
- Buttercup              Ninja
- Nathaniel
- Bubbles                Poppy

## Great Danes Overcome

Exactly one year ago this month, the Ontario S.P.C.A., through TDHS, received a report of Great Danes that were in distress. These magnificent creatures were found to be so emaciated that they were 30% and 50% below their ideal body condition.

Once out of their home, the gentle giants, a female named Dakota (pictured at right) and a male Zeus (below) flourished under a proper nutritional feeding program.

In days, the Danes began to gain their weight back and today, Dakota has gained more than 40 lbs and Zeus has more than doubled his original weight of 64 lbs.

This past summer, the former owner of these dogs, Renee L'Heureux and Joshua Leonard plead guilty to three charges under the Ontario SPCA Act. The pair, who co-operated throughout the investigation and also surrendered four other dogs are now limited in their pet



ownership to one cat and one dog and will have their ownership monitored both through the Ontario SPCA as well as through mandatory veterinary visits.

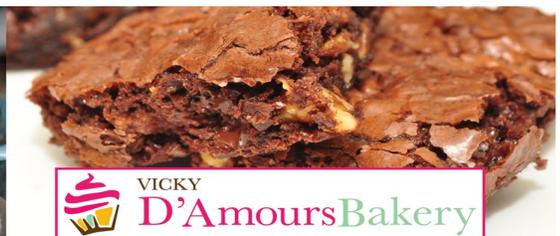
“What these dogs went through is not OK,” said Ontario SPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. “People need to understand they are responsible for their pet’s well-being and will be held accountable otherwise.”

Today Zeus is in his forever home, enjoying life and his new Great Dane brother Marley, while Dakota too is on her own path to happiness. Two months after her arrival at TDHS, Dakota was sent to a Great Dane rescue and the updates received indicate she is happy and healthy, surrounded by other Danes, some of whom have been through similar situations.

We are all better for having met Zeus and Dakota and wish them the best in their future happiness!



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## Ruckus: On the road to recovery



Ruckus happily wags his tail at all the attention he's receiving. Without looking at the shaved leg, no one would think of question what this boy has been through. But it so happens, Ruckus has had to endure quite a lot this past month. Recently the German Shepherd/Labrador mix suffered a serious injury to his leg that his previous owners couldn't afford to fix at their vet. TDHS was later contacted to see if anything could be done to save his life. Following X-rays that showed that Ruckus had suffered a spiral fracture in his right tibia, he was quickly whisked away by a volunteer driver to the University of Guelph for a necessary surgery that would save this boy's limb.

Because Ruckus's injury was so severe, the special surgery needed to take place outside of Timmins. At a cost of thousands of dollars, TDHS is hoping generous residents of Timmins and area will be willing to donate toward his life-saving care. Today, Ruckus is on the road to recovery in a caring foster home. His foster parents say he's an extremely happy and exuberant boy who simply loves to be around people. Once he has fully recovered, Ruckus will be on the look-out for his special forever family that is willing to give him the second chance he deserves. Please contact TDHS if you are interested in donating toward Ruckus' Get Well fund!

## Orphaned kittens get second chance

They've been found on the streets of Timmins. On back roads. In areas seldom frequented by people. Abandoned kittens are nothing new to TDHS, but have been seen in high numbers in recent months.

In a short period of time several of these kittens were brought to the shelter where they were sent to foster homes, often to be bottle fed and receive special care. Without their mamas around, young kittens are more susceptible to illness and need extra care to grow into healthy, young cats.

Members of the public are asked to make sure the kittens are actually without their moms before bringing them to the shelter. If there is a mom cat around, it is asked that the entire family be brought in so everyone can be kept safe and sound.



## Landlord/Tenants: Are you allowed pets in your apartment?



Of the hundreds of animals that come into the shelter, more than 10% are surrendered because their residence does not allow pets. When adopting a pet from TDHS, the application specifically asks for landlord information to ensure pets are allowed.

The rules to this fall under the Residential Tenancies Act. The law states that "no pets" clauses are invalid and pet owners can only be evicted/forced to find a new home for their pet if the behaviour of their pet has substantially interfered with the reasonable enjoyment of the residents by the landlord or other tenants, the presence of an animal of that species has caused the landlord or another tenant to suffer a serious allergic reaction; or the presence of an animal of that species or breed is inherently

dangerous to the safety of the landlord or the other tenants.

The laws, however, do not protect people before they become tenants, and those honest about their pet ownership can be denied a residence because of it.

With all that being said, the landlord does own the property, and while tenants have certain rights, those thinking about getting a pet should look at all scenarios before making the decision to commit to a pet for its whole life.

# Looking for forever homes...

## CHARLIE

This handsome man is the definition of a good-natured cat. He gets along great with other cats and loves to get attention from his human friends as well. His striking markings and easy-going tabby character makes it surprising that Charlie has had to wait so long for his forever family to come along.

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## WRANGLER

If ever a dog were in need of a second chance, it would be Wrangler. This handsome boy came into the shelter after being struck by a vehicle as he wandered the streets alone. Wrangler was one of the lucky ones, having suffered multiple lacerations, but no broken bones. After a few days of rest, Wrangler was up and about ready to start the journey to his forever home. If you're looking for a handsome, active dude to join your family, come meet Wrangler!

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## Santa Pics to kick off holiday season

The holiday fundraising season at TDHS is underway! We are very pleased to announce that our Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser is back again this season, giving pet owners the chance to have their beloved canine companions and feline friends smile for the camera with the big man himself! "Pet Photos with Santa are always a ton of fun. Staff and volunteers love hosting this event because it's a chance to visit



with some wonderful people and pets. The best part is seeing our previously adopted animals come through the door to smile for the camera!" said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria.

Because for many people pets are considered part of the family, even two-footed family members are encouraged to join the fun for a wonderful holiday-themed family photo!

All pets are welcome to the event but as it can become quite busy, owners are asked to ensure their dogs are leashed and cats contained.

This year, there will be plenty of time to get out and join in the fun. The event takes place on November 28-29, December 5-6 and December 12-13 all from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Logikal Code, which is located at 61 Sixth Avenue in Timmins.

For a \$10 donation, owners will receive a DVD with photos of their pet and all proceeds will go toward caring for the hundreds of animals that come into the shelter every year.

The event helps raise much needed funds to run the day to day operations of the shelter, including providing food and medical care to the animals that come through the doors either as strays, through cruelty investigations or surrendered from their previous owners.

We can't wait! Hope to see you there!

# 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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# Become a Volunteer at TDHS!

Ever think of becoming a volunteer at the Timmins & District Humane Society? Why hold off? The animals would love to see you, so let's get you started!

Volunteers at TDHS are needed year-round (even on weekends and during holidays)! Volunteers help with tasks such as dog walking, socializing cats and kittens, cleaning and tidying up, fundraising events, maintenance duties, sewing, and much, much more.

Some tasks pertain specifically to the animals—such as walking the dogs or brushing the cats—

while other tasks help the animals indirectly—such as tech support or shelter renovations. “There’s never a shortage of tasks around here!” said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. “If there’s anyone out there looking to contribute by putting certain skills to use here at the shelter, I’d love to hear from them.” Anyone interested in starting as a volunteer is encouraged to visit us at the shelter. Start-up paperwork includes an application form and criminal record check completed within the last six months.



Pictured here, Keanna (staff), Dan and Nish (volunteers) show the Moose FM clan what it's like to volunteer at TDHS. Always glad to have extra hands around here!

We're currently in the process of searching for sewers to join our Cat Lady Sewing Club! This sewing club currently consists of about five volunteers who transform extra-large donated comforters into smaller blankets suitable for our dog and cat spaces. For more information about joining our Sewing Club, or starting up as a volunteer in general,

please contact 705-264-1816.

# Holiday Bake Sale

It's time to indulge your sweet tooth guilt-free—cause it's for a good cause!

On December 19, the Timmins & District Humane Society will once again be hosting its annual holiday bake sale with all proceeds going toward the care of the animals at the society. The event, which takes place at the Porcupine Mall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., promises to include plenty of homemade goodies including fudge, cookies, bars, and cupcakes arranged on beautiful glass platters.

“We always appreciate public support for events like this one”, said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. “We encourage everyone to get involved, be it through baking or eating!” It's recommended that anyone interested come



early as every year, the yummy treats sell out quickly. Calories shmalories! TDHS has you covered for your next holiday party!

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