



ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

Daphne	Kiko
Jake	Caesar
Callie	Rue
Toby	Mickey
Luna	Dolly
Holly	Booya
Dale	Kevin
Kassie	Bonita
Jessie	Haku
Talia	Duke
Mr. Potato Head	
Timmy	Willy
Sketch	Etch
Daisy	Lenny
Baymax	Storm
Whiskers	Cole
Bella	Elf
Wikipedia	

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HAPPY 2016 from TDHS



Another year has come and gone! It has definitely been an eventful year, filled with ups and downs, happy endings and goodbyes. The TDHS staff were kept very busy this year with adoptions, strays and animals surrendered into our care as well as cruelty cases. Several cases stand out in 2015, including the emaciated Great Danes who eventually became healthy enough to find their forever families to the large rescue of First Nation dogs that resulted in 17 animals being placed in forever homes. In total in 2015, more than 375 dogs came into the care of TDHS through surrenders, strays and cruelty cases. Of this number, 149 were placed into their forever homes, while 90 were transferred to other shelters. Approximately 60% of stray dogs were returned to their families. When it comes to cats, more than 500 came through the shelter doors. Approximately 170 found their forever homes and 47 were transferred to other shelters. A sad reality is

that of the 287 that came in as strays, only 22 were claimed by their owners. As these numbers show, spaying and neutering pets in our city remains highly important for pet population control. At the moment, nearly 50 cats still await their forever home at TDHS.

While it was deemed a successful year in terms of adoptions and finding homes for more than 300 animals, it remains a concern to all who work at TDHS that such a high number of pets still continue to come to the shelter.

"We continue to remind everyone that having a pet is a lifelong commitment," said shelter Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher. "People need to consider all circumstances before deciding to bring a dog or a cat into their family."

When it comes to animal cruelty and neglect, the message remains the same. The past year saw cases that dealt with everything from improper shelter, failure to provide medical care to simply not providing all that the Ontario S.P.C.A. Act requires pet owners to do.

"Having a pet in the family is about more than just loving them," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "They are a privilege, not a right, and pet owners need to make sure they are able to provide for all their needs, including food, medical care and proper housing."

It's a never ending battle against animals left unwanted, unloved and uncared for, but here's to 2016 seeing more animals living in loving forever homes.



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Forever homes in 2015

BENELLI

Benelli originally came to the shelter with his brothers and sisters. Adopted and then returned, Benelli was looking for a patient new owner to provide him with his forever home. Full of spunk and personality, Benelli's mum says he's one to constantly keep you on your toes, but that she wouldn't have it any other way! Congratulations to Benelli for marching to the beat of his own drum and living life to the fullest with his new forever family!



ROXY

Roxy came into TDHS with her puppies (including Benelli). Her lack of trust in people meant she needed a very special family...and that's exactly what she found! What started out as a foster to get Roxy out of the shelter for a bit, turned into a loving home when her foster family just couldn't imagine their lives without her! Today, Roxy shows that with a little bit of love and patience, any dog can find the place it's meant to be. H-O-M-E!



BANKSY

Banksy arrived at TDHS as a stray. He's a little socialite and loves attention. At the same time, he can be a little rebel living up to his name (Banksy is the name of a controversial graffiti artist who creates his art under cover through the night.) At home during playtime, Banksy will give playful bites and he loves to swat and wrestle. He gets along well with his two sisters, poodles Frida and Misty. When he's feeling extra bratty, he'll bolt out of a dark corner and run as fast as he can just to pounce on his sisters lovingly.

"We're happy to have Banksy!" :)



MISTER

It has been more than a year since Mister sauntered through the doors of TDHS as a stray. Shortly after he arrived, Mister was found to have swallowed a toy and was rushed into emergency surgery to have it removed. He recovered well at the shelter, however it took months for this special boy to find his forever home. We are happy to report that Mister (now named Trigger) has happily settled in with his forever family along with his feline friend Danny!



KAIZER

Little Kaizer was one of many kittens who came into the shelter as a stray. Fearful of this new world around him, Kaizer's new owner was drawn to his sweet demeanor after the recent loss of her beloved cat. Now referred to as her "little buddy", this kitty's learned that life is not so scary and is enjoying all that his forever home has to offer.

Looking for forever homes...

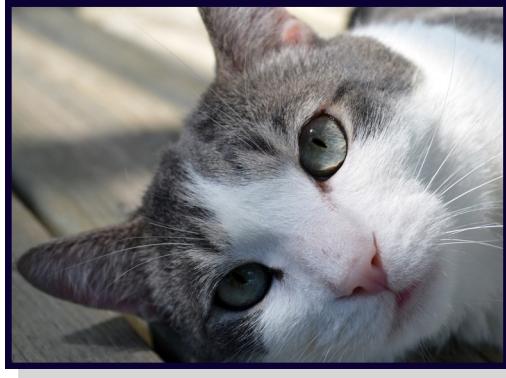
SAM

Sam is currently one of the shelter's longest resident cats, as he approaches his one year anniversary with TDHS. We are searching for a very special and understanding owner for Sam since this boy was recently diagnosed with a heart condition that will require medication for the rest of his life. Staff are confident the right family is out there!

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RUCKUS

Ruckus, a spunky nine-month-old Labrador/German Shepherd came to TDHS with a broken leg. Shortly after Ruckus arrived at the shelter, he was whisked off to the Ontario Vet College at the University of Guelph where a plate, screws, and wire was used to surgically repair a spiral fracture in his right tibia. Ruckus is a super handsome, happy, and lovable boy who is now currently available for adoption at TDHS. Who will give this fellow the life he deserves?

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iAdopt 2015 a success!



Ninja was one of nearly 70 animals who found a forever home during the 2015 iAdopt for the Holidays campaign!

It truly was the season of love and forever homes for many animals at the Timmins and District Humane Society. Just like Ninja (pictured left with his new owner) nearly 70 pets found their forever families during this year's *iAdopt for the Holidays* campaign.

A program spearheaded by the Ontario S.P.C.A. and participated in by SPCAs and Humane Societies around the province, the program is a two month adoption drive beginning on November 1. The goal is to find homes for a record breaking number of animals throughout the holiday season.

But in addition to finding homes, the campaign is also about raising awareness of the true meaning of adopting a pet, the responsibility involved and the commitment it takes to providing a pet with a forever home.

"We want to make sure that these pets not only have a home and love for the holidays, but for the rest of their lives," said shelter Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher. "It was wonderful to see so many animals find their forever families this holiday season."

How you can help!

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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
Kong dog toys
Cat/dog treats
Monetary donations
Gas cards

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

TDHS would like to send out a huge thank you to Goldcorp for stopping by the shelter just before the holidays to present a \$5,000 cheque towards animal care.

Each year during the holidays, Goldcorp presents a lucky non-profit organization with a generous donation. The non-profit organizations are always selected by Goldcorp employees. "This money's coming at a time when we certainly need it." Said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. "What with several emergency surgeries as well as many shelter renos lately, this donation will be put to very good use."

Thank you so much, Goldcorp!

Holiday fundraisers net thousands



It truly was the season of giving as thousands of dollars were raised for animals in need over the Holiday season! Through various fundraisers,

that included the Unforgettables Holiday Home Tour, Pet Pictures with Santa and the annual Christmas Bake Sale, nearly \$10,000 was raised for animals in need at the Timmins and District Humane Society. All proceeds from the events will go toward the continuing care of the animals currently looking for their forever homes. As a non-profit organization, TDHS relies on donations as well as fundraisers such as these to ensure that care can continue to be provided to the hundreds of animals that come through the doors every year.

This not only includes feeding and daily care of the animals, but ensuring medical bills are paid as well as maintenance bills for the shelter itself. In total, Santa Pictures (which also included various raffles and draws) raised \$3,111, the Holiday Home Tour \$4,000, and the Christmas Bake Sale \$2,025. "This year was a great success!" said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. "It really does mean a lot to see our supporters at our events, encouraging staff and volunteers in the selfless work that they do day in and out."

A huge thank you goes out to the volunteers, staff, and businesses involved. We could not have done any of this without you! Stay tuned for more fundraising events that are set to take place throughout 2016!

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