



# The Scratching Post

Timmins & District Humane Society Monthly Newsletter  
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## ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

### Butterscotch

- Copper      Rosco
- Java        Jagger
- Kourtney    Bella
- Twiggy     Holister
- Hamburger   Bob
- Lenny       Hendrix
- Ladybug    Marcus
- Frankie     Luka
- Dactyle     Tarzan
- Roloff       Toast
- Rocket      Colson
- Kenai       Donut
- Dorothy     Zeus
- Holly        Kato
- Maevre     Tucker
- Toby         Binx
- Puff         Bebit
- Kiki          Ozzy
- Chip         Dipp
- Gravy        Twinkle

## iAdopt for the holidays!



from TDHS found their forever homes during the campaign.

“We’ve been seeing a record number of animals find their forever homes during this year’s campaign,” said TDHS Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker, Krystle Fletcher. “For the past two months, we’ve had a reduced adoption fee for cats, which has definitely helped.”

Until December 31, 2016, you can follow along to learn which TDHS animals have found their forever homes and peruse the happy adoption stories and photos. There is also a chance to win some great prizes!

All adoptable animals can be found on either our Facebook page or website. If you believe the time is right for you and your family to adopt, please come visit us at 620 Mahoney Road, Timmins, Ontario. For more information on the iAdopt campaign, visit [www.iadopt.ca](http://www.iadopt.ca).

To date, more than 2,500 animals have found forever homes province-wide!

For the second year in a row the Timmins and District Humane Society is taking part in the OSPCA’s iAdopt for the Holidays campaign.

Almost 40 pets have been adopted from TDHS as part of the campaign in November alone.

iAdopt is a two-month-long adoption drive that is hosted by humane societies and OSPCA branches across the province. The goal is to not only find homes for a record-

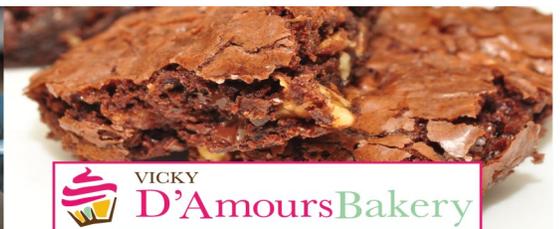
breaking number of animals, but also to raise awareness of the meaningfulness of adoption, especially during the holiday season, when no one should be without a loving home and proper care.

“Our experience with iAdopt has been very positive,” said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. “It’s a fun way for animal lovers to follow our animals’ journeys from shelter to homes during the holiday season.”

Last year, nearly 70 animals



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# TDHS Does Santa Claus Parade



The staff and volunteers at the Timmins and District Humane Society were more than happy to participate in the 2016 Timmins Santa Claus Parade!

This year, we decided there was a direct link between what is done at the shelter and the message Charlie Brown gives in his Christmas special.

Just as Charlie Brown found a little tree that needed a home, every day, TDHS staff and volunteers care for

animals in need of forever families.

Just like Charlie's tree blossomed with a little love, so do the animals awaiting someone to take them home and love them.

"So much time and effort goes into our parade entries every year," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain, who along with OSPCA Agent and Animal Control Officer Danielle LeBlanc, spearheads the project every year. "The staff give so much of their free time to help bring our ideas to life."

The parade is not only an opportunity for the Humane Society to put itself out there, but also the chance to show off some of their adoptable animals. This year, in addition to walking adoptable dogs, we included pictures of the cats who are also awaiting their forever homes.

"We'll take any chance we can to put ourselves out there and maybe introduce a few people to who we are and what we do," said Danielle. "It was great to see so many people reacting to our float and saying hi to the dogs who walked by them."

A big thank you goes out to both friends and family who also ensured this year's entry was finished in time. A special thank you to Poly Fusion for once again lending us the space to put everything together.

We are certainly looking forward to continuing this wonderful tradition next year!

## Good or Bad Idea—Pets as Presents?



Their tiny faces are irresistible. Their little paws reach out to you and it's easy to forget that the puppy or kitten in front of you will one day grow to a full sized dog or cat. Often at this time of year, people come in looking to adopt the greatest Christmas present ever. Their kids have been asking for a puppy or they saw the little kittens in need of homes. Their hearts are in the right place, and we are

always happy to see people go to their local shelters when looking for a pet, but there are also downsides to making a pet a gift.

While there are times where pets given as gifts have remained in a loving, forever family, there are also times where the novelty of the present wears off and the responsibility kicks in. Parents realize children aren't as helpful with caring for the new pet or the animal may take a lot more time to adjust to their new environment.

"Christmas can be a wonderful time to get a pet as they bring a lot of joy to their new family," said Timmins and District Humane Society Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker, Krystle Fletcher. "We just ask that people make sure they've thought about the long-term commitment they are making when adopting a pet.

"Long after the holidays are over, that animal will still need a loving family to care for it."

For those wanting to add a furry family member this holiday season and who are comfortable with the lifelong commitment, adoption applications can be found at [www.timminshumanesociety.ca](http://www.timminshumanesociety.ca) or by visiting 620 Mahoney Road in Timmins. Please keep in mind that the application process can take up to three business days.

# Looking for Forever Homes...

## PANINI

Panini is one of the shelter's longest residents, having come in as a kitten born in the wild. Unfortunately, Panini is still a little nervous in new places and with new people; however, once you have gained her trust, she is the most affectionate, cuddly, purr-monster you have ever met! She loves nothing more than to relax in the arms of the person she trusts. Despite her beautiful appearance, due of her shyness, Panini is often overlooked. We hope that a special family out there will come meet Panini and see if they can offer her the calming, loving home she deserves.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz>



## DUSTER

Meet Duster! This handsome man has been awaiting his forever home for a few weeks now. Duster's been surrendered by his previous family because they were moving and could not take him along. Duster unfortunately falls into the difficult-to-adopt group given his age and colour. At 7-years-old and being an all-black dog, the staff at TDHS are worried Duster will fall under the Big Black Dog category, historically known to be the category of least adopted dogs in the shelter world. With that being said, staff also know that Duster's sweet disposition and amazing personality will outshine any misconceptions and get this awesome dog his forever home.

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## Community ROCKS: Pet Pics this Month



Already, the holiday season is upon us and the Timmins and District Humane Society is gearing up for its biggest Christmas fundraiser!

On December 3-4 and December 10-11, at the Timmins Family YMCA, furry families are encouraged to come out and get a wonderful holiday memento while helping the Humane Society staff and volunteers continue to do what they do.

For a minimum donation of \$10, participants will receive a CD with several photos of their pooches, kitties and other pets with Santa.

"This fundraiser not only helps us with the funds we need to care for the animals who come into the

shelter," said TDHS Manager Alicia Santamaria, "but it's also a great holiday memento or makes a great Christmas card photo!"

People can opt to have just their pet's pictures taken or jump in for a full family Christmas photo.

On each day, the event will take place between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. at 376 Poplar Avenue in Timmins in the YMCA's gymnasium.

Those who do come out should expect other pets to be in the gym and need to take any precautions necessary if their pet is not good with others.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

# How you can help!

## Happy Tails: Saving Yunni



**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!

**Contact Us**  
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Last year, a young Rottweiler came into the Timmins and District Humane Society as a stray, found wandering in the Northern wilderness. While she grabbed attention with her beautiful looks, the young dog's behaviour toward other dogs made staff question whether or not she could be adopted out. What this sweet girl needed was a dedicated home, one willing to work with her on her interaction with other animals. And at the 11th hour, that's exactly what she found! Now named Yunni, her new mama admits she's a work in progress. She continues to get used

to the luxuries of her new life; however, has been thrown a curve ball that has made adjustment a little more difficult. Not long after she left the shelter, some of Yunni's aggression issues suddenly had a reason behind them. At only 1-year-old, Yunni was diagnosed with grade 4 hip dysplasia, the most severe grade and in both hips. Through consultations with her Orthopedic surgery team, it was deemed that Yunni was a perfect candidate for a complete replacement of her left hip. The surgery took place earlier this fall, but unfortunately, things did not go as planned and a second surgery was required. The total cost for this surgery was into the thousands, and her new mama Andrea has been feverishly helping with fundraising efforts for both Yunni and other animals at TDHS. Today, Yunni is coming along in her six weeks of recovery. While she has continued to heal, her activity is still restricted and she continues to work on her behavioural issues. A quick look at Yunni's very own Facebook page shows her to be a gentle giant with people, patiently posing for photos while dressed to the nines! Follow Yunni's journey on Facebook or visit [www.youcaring.com](http://www.youcaring.com) and search Yunni. Donations to her care are also being accepted at TDHS at 620 Mahoney Road in Timmins.

## TDHS Fundraiser: Bake Sale



With the Christmas season upon us, the Timmins and District Humane Society is giving you all the reasons to delve into your favourite sweet

treats!  
For one day only, TDHS' famous bake sale is taking place at the Porcupine Mall on Saturday, December 17. Assorted baked goods and other treats will be up for grabs, which are presented on beautiful glass platters and are included in your purchase. The event begins at 11 a.m. and will go on until all the yummy deserts are sold. Let us help you get ready for the holidays and fill your home, and belly, with delicious deserts while supporting a worthy cause. Anyone interested in donating some of their own holiday baking to this event for the good of Timmins animals may contact TDHS for details.

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