



ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

Black Jack

Boi Kindle

Hugo Boss

Buttons Blue

Crazy Eights

Solitaire Uno

Sparkles

Janet Rummy

Bronson

Thelma Louise

Tortilla

Gerry Splif

Bailey

Bruno Buzz

Constance

Linux Poker

Johnny

Lava Zeek

Quinoa

Dobby Pudge

Ginger

Kyle Nikko

CJ

Cash Frankie

The Scratching Post

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TDHS to host open house



The Timmins and District Humane Society is once again opening up its doors to the public through an open house in hopes of making animal adoption more accessible.

While end of the year adoption numbers were higher than normal, thanks to both an adoption promotion and the annual iAdopt campaign, the hype seems to have diminished going into the new year.

While the holiday season always seems to bring higher adoption numbers, regardless of the time of year, animals continue to come through the shelter doors in need of forever homes.

"We recognize that people work throughout the week and we're hoping that those people will take the opportunity to come out on a Saturday to see who we have available for

adoption," said Shelter Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher.

While applications will not be approved that day, those who attend will have the opportunity to view all the animals, fill out applications as well as meet with staff and volunteers to learn about ways they, too, can get involved.

Only those with pre-approved applications will be able to leave with a pet the day of the open house.

In addition to animal viewing, there will be refreshments on hand, the chance to win some prizes and learn more about what the Timmins and District Humane Society does.

"Here's a real chance to meet the people who work here," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "We'll have management, agents, animal control officers, veterinary technicians and animal care workers who can give people better insight as to what we do here every day."

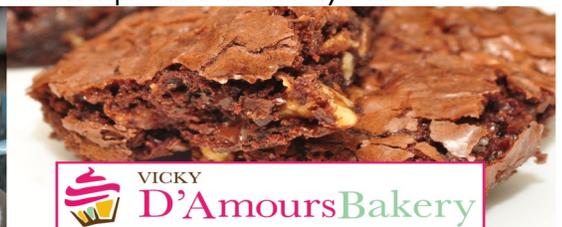
Comparable to other shelters in the province, Timmins has some of the lowest adoptions numbers, with animals often having to be transferred out to partnering shelters in other cities where they have a better chance at finding a forever home.

"In the end, while we are so grateful to have such great partnerships, ideally we would like to save our local animals the additional stress of moving to yet another new place before finding their forever homes," said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. "We look forward to meeting many local animal lovers at this event!"

The open house takes place on Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 620 Mahoney Road.



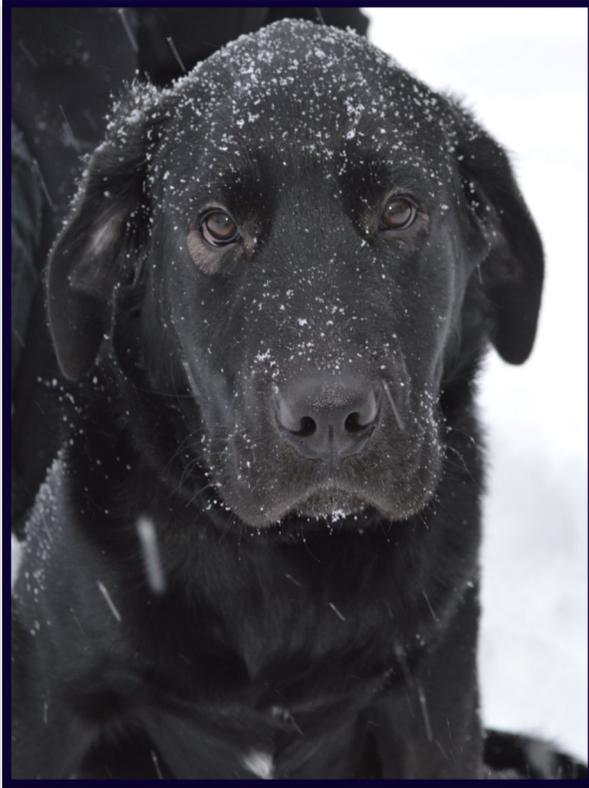
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Success: Little boy Blue



At just a few months old, little Blue has already gone through more pain and discomfort than other dogs 3x his age! Blue, a 4-month-old black Labrador came to the Timmins and District Humane Society through a cruelty investigation after he had fractured his leg having jumped from the box of a moving pick up truck. It was determined that surgery was needed to repair the very badly fractured femoral head of one of his back legs.

"Blue's case is a classic example of why dogs should not be transported loose in the back of a truck," said Ontario SPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "The Ontario SPCA Act's Standards of Care requires that animals are transported in a manner that ensures its physical safety and general welfare."

Blue's surgery was performed shortly after he arrived at TDHS, and he came through in true puppy fashion, acting as though nothing had happened. His recovery will take several weeks of restricted exercise as he continues to build up the muscle he lost during the weeks he was injured; however, we are happy to announce that just one week after his surgery, Blue was adopted into a loving, forever home.

"We're so happy that Blue will be able to continue his recovery safely and comfortably in his new home," said Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher.

Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution towards basic and emergency care at TDHS is urged to contact the shelter at 705-264-1816.

The dangers of flea collars



Recently, beautiful Lucy was surrendered to the Timmins and District Humane Society after her owner had been trying to get a flea infestation under control. The owner had grown concerned because after having purchased a flea collar, the collar had caused the cat to lose her fur.

At TDHS, there have been many times when an animal has come in wearing a flea collar, but it is the shelter's practice to immediately remove and discard them.

For many years, information has been coming forward warning of the toxicity in some of the products aimed at preventing or treating fleas in our beloved furry family members.

While there are a wide variety of products available at local stores, some of them can cause more harm than good. Products available through your veterinarian are given in a manner that prevents your pet from ingesting the toxic pesticides and are given as a dose based on the size of your pet.

In Lucy's case (pictured), the chemicals associated with the flea collar burned her fur, exposing the red and irritated skin on her neck.

It's well-known that fleas and ticks are unwelcome in anyone's life, infesting pets and living spaces, and that getting rid of them can be no easy task. If fleas or ticks are suspected, pet owners are asked to contact their veterinarians for instruction on the best way to treat and potentially avoid what little Lucy has gone through. Please pass this on!

Looking for forever homes...

EMILIA

Emilia is TDHS' longest term resident having been here for more than 200 days! She came in as a stray and we just can't understand how she hasn't found her forever home yet. In addition to being a rare female, orange tabby, Emilia is sweet and affectionate. Emilia can often be found lounging around the shelter as one of our free-roaming cats.

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<http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz>



JAKE

Meet Jake! This gorgeous boy is the senior resident cat at TDHS and has been awaiting his forever home for a few months now. Surrendered because his previous owners could no longer care for him, Jake started out very shy around new people. He has since come out of his shell and it's now a wonder why no one has scooped him up! Come meet Jake and see if you could provide him with the loving, forever home he has been waiting for!

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Community ROCKS: Goldcorp donates!



Goldcorp Porcupine Gold Mines once again came through for the Timmins and District Humane Society and all the animals it serves with a very generous donation of \$5,000.

Every holiday season, Goldcorp employees are given an opportunity to choose a local charity that they believe should receive this donation. What a nice surprise it was to see a few friendly faces from Goldcorp come through our shelter doors with this great, big cheque!

In the included picture, TDHS Assistant Manager Krystle Fletcher and Manager Alicia Santamaria accept the much appreciated donation from Goldcorp PGM's Sustainability Manager Bryan Neeley.

"Staff and animals of TDHS are so lucky to have Goldcorp and Goldcorp's employees in their corner!" said Alicia. "We shared this picture to our TDHS Facebook page, and in no time, the photo received over 300 likes and dozens of positive comments in response, which just goes to show how proud Timmins residents are of such a kind gesture made by Goldcorp and its employees."

Thanks again so much for this very special honour and support!

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: Storm's adventures



My name is Sto-orm (you sing it as if it was two words), formally known as Bubbles, and the happiest day of my life was

when my human parents adopted me on May 2, 2015. I've been wanting to write an update on myself but have been too busy travelling around the world. The first few months with my new family I went on trips to Sudbury, Toronto and Montreal, but for Christmas I went all the way to Seattle, on a plane, on my mum's lap. IT WAS AWESOME. I wasn't even afraid. I got to meet my oldest human brothers and their own families. Then this Summer I got to go to Lisbon and the south of Portugal for one whole month on vacation and to attend my

brother's wedding. OMG, I went to the beach, to castles, to parks, camping, rode on a train and the bus, but I found out I do not like to swim much. But it's OK, I still like to travel and to fly with my mum and dad. I'm not sure but I think they spoil me, as they keep calling me their little baby. I hear that I'm going to Portugal again next Summer, I can't wait. I love my new family very much, they love and adore me and I am very, very happy. Thank you everyone at the Timmins & District Humane Society for allowing my human parents to adopt me!

Co-op students lend a helping hand



For the past several months, the Timmins and District Humane Society has had several extra helping hands at the shelter!

Several students from local high schools had chosen TDHS to complete their co-op requirements.

This past semester, Bronte, Hailey and Emily have all been an important part of the TDHS team, helping with the day to day tasks of taking care of the animals, as well as learning the ins and outs of what it is like to work at an animal shelter.

"I always knew I was interested in animals," said Hailey. "I prefer the shelter environment because

I enjoy the feeling of helping animals in need." Emily echoed the sentiment stating she has applied to a veterinary technician program in Ottawa.

"The co-op placement at TDHS helped me pinpoint what area of animal care I'd like to do," she said.

For Bronte, the experience told her whether she'd prefer a career with people or with animals. "You learn different things every day,

Bronte said. "For instance, one day I even got to see an owl. I enjoyed getting to know and learn from staff."

The program not only benefits the staff, allowing for more free time to focus on other aspects of animal sheltering, but certainly the animals themselves.

With three extra set of hands around, there is time for a lot more pets, more frequent walks and a whole lot of snuggles!

During their time at the shelter, the girls have also contributed toward the society's social media accounts, chronicling the experiences they've had and the friends they met along the way.

While their placements might be over, Hailey and Emily will always have a part of TDHS with them, as both left having adopted an animal! Bronte said she'll be back to adopt a shelter pet in the future, too.

We wish all three girls the best going forward!

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