



The Scratching Post

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ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

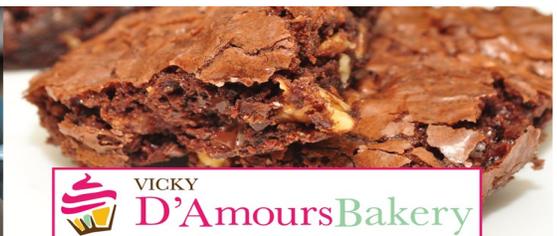
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- Lunchbox
- Searge Beaver
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- Athena Woody
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- Wade Nora
- Harlotte
- Robin Joy
- Nimeko Bullseye
- Can-Am
- Hamm Ruckus
- Rupert
- Kodiak Avery
- Shepherd
- O'Malley Grey
- Burke
- Karev Amity
- Kepner Missy

“Be My Hero” campaign kick off



There are many different versions of heroes in the world. TDHS is asking you to be a hero to the number of pets that come through the shelter's doors every year. The new Be My Hero campaign aims to raise funds for specific animals in need of care above and beyond what is required on a daily basis. As a charitable foundation, TDHS has to rely on the generosity of the public when it comes to the care of the animals. When an animal requires more than just food and a warm place to sleep, it becomes even more important to have the funds needed to provide that care. The new campaign will allow people to donate specifically toward animals like Sam, a cat who was discovered to have a heart condition and who will require medication for the rest of his life. Or little Zoe, who has a yet-to-be diagnosed skin condition that will require time and medication to treat. On top of the specific needs of these animals,

TDHS ensures that pets adopted out to their forever homes receive deworm medication, vaccines and a spay/neuter surgery, which is covered in the cost of the adoption fee. “I love this campaign because it highlights the individual journeys of some of the very special and deserving animals who enter our doors,” said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. “These are animals that staff would love to provide second chances to with community support.” The campaign puts faces to the stories and makes the struggle of these pets all too real. Those interested in donating are asked to keep their eyes on the TDHS website and the TDHS Facebook page to view the animals currently in need of support. “Once people have an opportunity to read a medical story and match it to a precious face,” said Alicia, “I have no doubt that they’ll be agreeing with us that yes, these pets absolutely deserve a second chance.”



Student project educates on proper dog houses



The students in Timmins High and Vocational School's shop classes are learning about more than just the tools of the trade—they are also getting a lesson in animal welfare. Cory Malo, Matthew Mason, and Steven Adams in Barry Trebilcock's woodworking class recently built three dog houses that meet the standards of what is expected under the Ontario SPCA Act. The houses are properly insulated, raised off the ground and are built of materials that will last through Northern Ontario winters. The dog houses, which cost several hundreds

of dollars in materials, will be available through an online auction from now until midnight on Friday, March 11th. The dog houses are currently on display at the Hollinger Park Skating Rink.

"We're always glad to partner with schools and are thrilled that TH&VS approached us with this neat idea for a fundraiser," said Alicia Santamaria, Shelter Manager. In an ideal world, pups of all shapes and sizes would find themselves snuggled up in a warm house with their families throughout the winter; however, there are some brave pups out there who relish playing in the snow and cold. For those guys, the Ontario SPCA's Standards of Care requires owners to provide their dog with proper shelter. This includes an elevated, secure shelter that is insulated, that is large enough for the dog to sit, stand, lay down and turn around, but not so large that it is difficult to warm up with body heat. The shelter also needs to include proper bedding, with straw being the recommended material.

"Any dog left out for long periods of time, regardless of the time of year, needs to have a proper shelter," said Ontario SPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. Anyone interested in placing a bid on either of the three dog houses may call TDHS at 705-264-1816 or visit Facebook.com/TdhsAuctions.

Petcube to offer engaging experience to animal lovers



The Timmins & District Humane Society is excited to be offering pet lovers a chance to interact with TDHS' adoptable pets from the comfort of their own home! TDHS recently acquired a Petcube — a camera that allows those who have downloaded the app to watch animals in the shelter in real time. It even has a nifty laser

pointer feature that app users can manipulate with their smartphones to play with the shelter cats!

"We're hoping people will enjoy watching and playing with our friendly animals, especially people who are unable to visit the shelter regularly," said Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher. "In the end, maybe they'll find a pet that they really enjoy and would like to adopt."

The app is available to all iOS and Android devices.

Those interested can simply follow these directions:

1. Download the free Petcube app (App Store or Google Play Store).
2. Create an account through Facebook or sign up through email.
3. Create a profile and search 'Timmins and District Humane Society'.
4. Start playing with our available cats and kittens!

The Petcube is not only available to shelters; homeowners are also able to purchase the camera to keep an eye on or play with their fur-babies while away from home. Visit www.petcube.com for more information.

We hope that everyone will take a second to explore this new fun and exciting feature that TDHS has to offer!

Looking for forever homes...

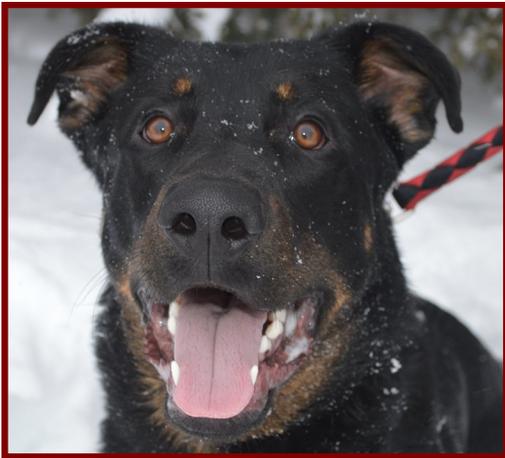
PENELOPE

Meet Penelope! This sweet black beauty is looking for a forever home to call her own. She hasn't had the best start in life, so Penelope is hoping to find a family that is patient and kind to allow her to come out of her shell. She gets along great with other cats, but she is still unsure about this new world around her. Once she knows you, though, you'll never find a sweeter girl than our Penelope!

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<http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz>



BUDDY

Active only begins to describe Buddy! A young pooch who has more than enough energy to spare, Buddy is looking for a forever family that will help him along the road to becoming a great dog. At less than a year old, Buddy still has a lot to learn. At more than 90 pounds, he's a big boy who will require a lot of room to run and a family that can keep up!

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Quilt draw nets more than \$1,000 for animals in need



During these last few months, TDHS staff and volunteers hosted a number of different fundraisers in an effort to bring in money for stray, abused, and neglected animals within our city.

This year, TDHS was honoured to have received a beautiful quilt, handmade and donated by Shirley Sangster. Looking at the craftsmanship of the quilt, it was easy to see that Mrs. Sangster had not only devoted a lot of time to its creation, but also a lot of love.

The quilt went on display for the months of November and December at various locations around Timmins. It was displayed at St. Mary's Gardens during the Unforgettables Holiday Home Tour.

The quilt was also displayed at Logikal Code during all three weekends of TDHS' Pet Photographs with Santa. Finally, the quilt was also displayed at the TDHS Christmas Bake Sale at the Porcupine Mall.

At each location, local supporters had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for their chance to win.

On Saturday, December 19, 2015, the winner was drawn. Congratulations to Lorraine Landers (pictured) — proud winner of the quilt!

All thanks to Mrs. Sangster and to those who purchased tickets in support, over \$1,000 was raised for TDHS animals in need!

How you can help!

Happy Tails: Adoption Update!



Sweet Dallas (left, and previously known as Sheera) snuggles up close to her sister Denver, happy to have found her forever home!
The small Husky/German Shepherd dog came to the Timmins and District Humane Society as a stray back in

November, running the streets of Timmins. However, with an adorable face like that, it didn't take long for her to be scooped up by her new family. In fact, as soon as her holding period as a stray was up, Dallas was swept into her new home.

"Sometimes we have dogs that spend weeks, even months here," said Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher. "It's nice when they don't have to stay here long."

Dallas's new owner Carrie told TDHS that her new pup was a perfect fit right from the start.

"She was quite timid and had some anxieties, which she quickly overcame with positive training and lots of love and attention," Carrie said. "She's still a bit of a wild child, but with two dogs and a big fenced in yard there's no issue getting out all of that extra energy!"

Stories like this one make our day! Email your adoption updates and photos to newsletter@timminshumanesociety.ca

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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Volunteer Spotlight: Steve Bain

At the Timmins & District Humane Society, we get to meet some of the coolest people! In our efforts to gain exposure within the community, we had the pleasure of meeting all the wonderful folks at Moose FM — one of them being radio host, Steve Bain.

Steve helped us out hugely with public events such as our weekly booths at the Downtown Timmins Urban Park, promotional events for our Wag-a-tail-a-thon, and TDHS Open Houses, all in addition to cleaning, dog walking, and creating pet adoption videos! Steve has also invited us into the Moose studio for various fun radio interviews to encourage Timmins residents to volunteer, adopt, and support.

This was our turn to interview Steve . . .

Why did you begin volunteering at TDHS?

I started volunteering at TDHS because I feel that humane societies are an integral part of any community. In Timmins, I was seeing so many posts about lost or surrendered dogs that I knew I wanted to help out in the solution however I could. When I look at my own dog and realize how lucky he is to have a home, I know how important it is to volunteer because the more we help, the better the chances are that more animals will find their lucky homes!

What was your most memorable experience as a TDHS volunteer?

My most memorable experience happened while I was cleaning one of the cat rooms. When I was bending down to pick up a dustpan, one of the cats jumped up onto my shoulder and perched there. I finished the rest of the cleaning with the cat just cuddled up right next to my neck. Makes you realize just how appreciative the animals are to have you there, whether it's cleaning, grooming, or just spending time with them.

What would you say to anyone thinking about beginning as a TDHS volunteer?

If you're thinking about volunteering, just stop by and tour the Humane Society. Once you see the faces of all the animals you'll be helping and see how much love they have to give, you'll want to help out right away. Talk to a member of the Humane Society (they're great!), tell them your schedule and they'll find a way for you to help that works for you! Once you start, you won't want to stop! :)

While Steve recently made the move to begin work at Moose FM's North Bay location, we were sure glad to have all his help while he was here with us in Timmins.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING, STEVE. FEEL FREE TO COME BACK AND VISIT ANYTIME!



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