

# The Scratching Post

Timmins & District Humane Society Monthly Newsletter  
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## ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

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| Yang  | Sage   |
| Turbo | Baloo  |
| Rifle | Khandy |
| Wash  | Bunny  |
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## The faces of TDHS!



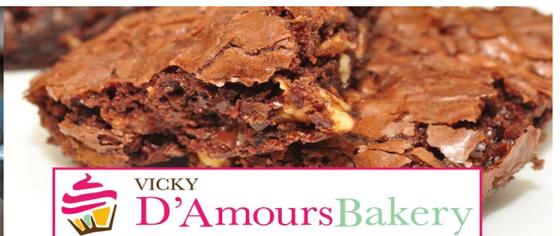
Over the years, animals have come and gone from the Timmins and District Humane Society, moving on to find their second chance at life. We've been lucky enough to be able to capture these animals' sweet demeanors, loving expressions, and goofy smiles.

A short walk through the shelter will show you just a portion of these animals, and often the numerous days they have spent waiting for their forever homes. "It's nice to be reminded of the special cases and long-term residents who have come and gone over the years," said Shelter Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher. TDHS is now offering the chance for adoptive owners to have their pets displayed on the Happy Tails wall! For a minimum donation of \$25 per pet and a quick visit to the shelter, your pet's photo will be taken and placed on the wall for all to see. It's an opportunity for these special pets to have their stories told and to show the world how beautiful and

special shelter pets are.

As seen in the photos here of handsome Thunder and precious Jewel, each picture will include your pet's name, the number of days they spent in shelter and the date they were rescued into their forever home. The photos will then be placed around the shelter for the foreseeable future. Every family will also receive a digital copy of their photo. Now's your chance to show off your fur baby!

Those interested may contact us to book an appointment to have their pet's photograph taken at the shelter. Newly adopted animals will have their pictures taken upon adoption (time permitting); otherwise, alternate arrangements will be made. Prints will be ordered once we reach a certain number of photographed pets. All proceeds from the photos will go toward the continued care of the animals at the Timmins & District Humane Society still looking for their forever homes.



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# Update: A forever home for Ruckus!



After waiting patiently for more than two months, sweet Ruckus finally found his forever home!

Ruckus came into Timmins and District Humane Society in early November 2015 having suffered an injury that his previous owners could not afford to have fixed. An x-ray showed that

Ruckus, a 9-month-old German Shepherd/Labrador type dog had suffered a spiral fracture of his right tibia. It was a very serious injury that would require an immediate trip to the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph where specialists would insert a plate to help the leg heal.

The surgery cost TDHS approximately \$5,000 and Ruckus became the first face of the Be My Hero Campaign, which aims to help cover the extra costs needed by animals that come into THDS' care.

Very little funds have been raised to date and those looking to contribute can still do so.

"I'd like to remind residents that 100% of money donated through the Be My Hero campaign stays in Timmins." said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. "Everything we do here at TDHS, we do for affected animals in our area. You

would not believe how often we run into very special cases like Ruckus'."

After spending some time recovering in a foster home, Ruckus was back at TDHS and ready to face the world. Patiently, he waited to find a family that would give him a second chance.

A week went by. Then a month. Followed by another.

Many dogs were transferred to other shelters during Ruckus' tenure, but TDHS staff had become extra fond of our happy-go-lucky, energetic and lovable Ruck and were convinced someone in Timmins would open up their heart and home to him.

Finally came Taylor and Jonah.

It's only been a few weeks since Ruckus finally went home, but from the way his new family speaks of him, it's like he's been there all along.

"It's amazing how well he just fits in with us," Taylor told staff during a recent follow-up appointment. Success!

## Pet Emergency Preparedness

When an emergency strikes, it isn't just the human family members that require supplies to keep safe. Whether you're facing a snow storm, flood, or torrential downpour, it's important to have emergency kits ready to hold down the fort. This includes a kit for our furry family members as well. Ensuring that everything is prepared and ready to go not only reduces stress on your family, but it will also

reduce your pet's stress and anxiety, as they will have everything they need.

The Timmins & District Humane Society and the Ontario SPCA have put together a list of items to think about when considering putting your emergency pet kit together.

These items include, but are not limited to:

- A 72-hr supply of food and water
- Bowls
- Blankets
- Toys
- Leashes/Harnesses
- Litter/pans/scoops
- Pet carriers/kennels

Other items that should be included are a copy of your pet's medical records and veterinarian information, medications, a first aid kit, as well as current information on your pet, including feeding schedules, medical concerns and an undated photo in case your pet becomes lost.

"Environmental emergencies can be quite stressful for pets," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "It can not only take them out of their comfort zone, but it can also expose them to unfamiliar sights and sounds."

In the case of an evacuation from your home, be sure to have a list of hotels and boarding facilities that allow pets and/or places that will accept your pet until it's safe to go home.

But even before all this is done, families are encouraged to create a family emergency plan so that all members of the family know what their roles are and where everyone should meet up in case of an emergency.

Pets are part of the family and taking these few extra measures will ensure that everyone weathers the storm safe and sound!

A complete kit list can be found by visiting [www.ontariospca.ca](http://www.ontariospca.ca).



# Looking for forever homes...

## CLIFFORD

Clifford is a relatively new resident to the TDHS. A sweet, large boy who eagerly awaits all the pets he can get, Clifford is looking for a forever home that will love him for the rest of his days. Currently part of the Be My Hero campaign, this handsome man recently had to undergo dental surgery, a common procedure for a boy his age. At 7-yrs-old, it may be more difficult for Clifford to find his forever home, but staff are confident someone out there will fall victim to his charm.

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and others like him  
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## TOBY

At the tender age of 9, Toby wants nothing more than to live out his golden years with a family. True to his breed, Toby has had to endure multiple surgeries in his lifetime for swallowing foreign objects. Because of this, our sweet senior boy would require a special kind of home that makes sure to keep all those enticing objects out of his reach. With his sweet personality and eager-to-please attitude, we hope Toby will find that family very soon.

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# Be My Hero: K9 Parvovirus



Fundraising efforts at TDHS are always ongoing. There always seems to be a greater need, an animal that requires

extra care. This month we focus on Canine Parvovirus.

Every year, TDHS sees as many as a dozen cases of parvo, a potentially fatal virus if left untreated. Affecting the unvaccinated, and mostly younger dogs, parvo causes severe symptoms of diarrhea and vomiting. Dogs will stop eating and drinking and become very lethargic as the virus progresses. Unfortunately, parvo can progress quickly, and in a matter of days, your pup's life could be hanging in the balance.

TDHS has always worked tirelessly to save these pups and have successfully treated dozens of dogs over the past few years.

At first thought of as a mostly Spring

time illness, parvo has proven that it's a year-round disease. The last four cases

have occurred during winter months.

In addition to several weeks worth of medications and even intravenous fluids that help the body fight the virus, much staff time is logged even after hours to ensure these pups recover. All of this totals approximately \$750.00 per case. Those interested in donating toward the care of parvo puppies can do so by contacting the shelter at 705-264-1816 or by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz>. Please remember to indicate that you're interested in donating toward parvo care. A tax receipt will be issued. Let's keep saving lives, like the one pictured here.

Please donate if you can.

# How you can help!

## Happy Tails: Brothers from another mother



Looking at Jiggers (left) and Guru (right) you'd think the two Husky type dogs were picked up as pups from the same litter! Never would you guess that these two handsome boys found themselves at the Timmins and District Humane Society just months apart, only to be adopted into the same loving, forever home. First it was Guru, who came in as a 4-year-old known as Big Daddy in February 2014, rescued from a Northern Ontario First Nation community. He was only at the shelter one day before he was taken into his forever home. "We decided the two dogs we already had just

didn't leave enough fur flying around the house," joked new mum Nicole. "Guru had some quirks, and slowly came out of his shell. Bonding with him has been an extremely rewarding experience." Just two months later, 7-month-old Jiggers (then known as Rocket) was found wandering the streets of Timmins. Looking strikingly like Guru, who had settled in with his brother Timber and sister Lush, Jiggers was quickly snatched up and joined the family. Now the four-dog home is complete and the boys spend a lot of time outdoors, running and playing regardless of the season. It's a well-known fact that Husky type dogs, and especially those already full grown, are more difficult to find homes for. TDHS is always thankful to meet welcoming and loving pet owners like Nicole and her family. Guru continues to be zen-like, while Jiggers has become a complete cuddle-bug. But despite these differences, the two have become inseparable! "Now, we definitely have enough fur flying around the house," Nicole said. "Thanks TDHS, for all the amazing work you do!"

- 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.

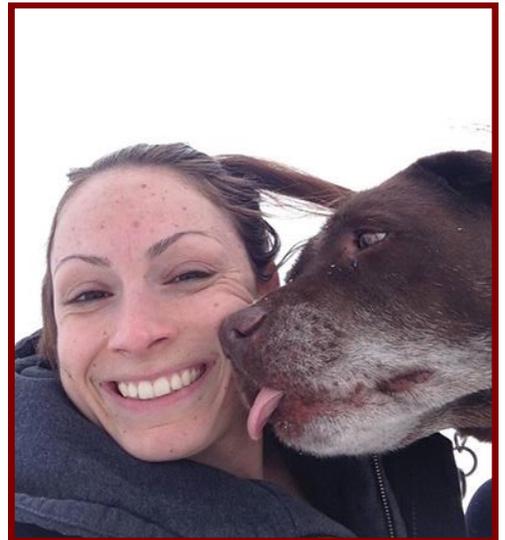
Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 705-264-1816 to learn how you can get involved!

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Marie Charlebois

This month's featured volunteer is nothing short of amazing! Marie Charlebois began as a volunteer for the Ottawa Humane Society in 2008. Since moving back to Timmins, she decided to continue her charitable work at TDHS. Marie helps by walking the dogs and also assists in cat areas — socializing them and giving them some playtime in addition to feeding and cleaning. Marie's got so much passion for animals, in fact, all of her pets have always been rescues. Marie has a particular soft spot for the senior cats

and dogs — they simply tug at her heart and she can't help but give them some extra attention! Her most memorable moment as a volunteer was playing a role in the adoption of a previously scared dog who came from a puppy mill and lived the first three years of his life caged up. Marie encourages those interested in becoming a TDHS volunteer to do it! "It's a joy to get to work with these animals and give them some love while they wait for their new families!" Thank you so much, Marie, for all you do!



While getting some fresh air, Marie also gets kisses from TDHS' adoptable senior boy, Toby! Evidently TDHS animals love sweet Marie just as much as she loves them!

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