



The Scratching Post

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ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

- Ella Jack
- Jester
- Herc Luka
- Jolene
- Pudge Camo
- Bradley
- Spot Mist
- Leonard
- Emilia Daxter
- Mufasa
- Woody Lilith
- Valentina
- Shrek Dixon
- Autumn

How your donation can save lives!

The Timmins and District Humane Society is giving you, the public, an easier way to get involved and help us save animals.

As a non-profit organization, all the money made through TDHS goes toward the animals that come into our care either as strays, surrenders or through cruelty investigations. The list of items needed is endless—and includes, but is not limited to, daily care, food, medication, emergency surgeries, spay and neuter and vaccines.

None of what the staff and volunteers do would be possible without the very generous donations by the public. Here's a breakdown on how your monthly donation can go a long way, and some of the stories of animals that wouldn't have been cared for if not for donations made.

For a donation of \$10 a month, you can ensure TDHS has the supplies it needs for every day care of the animals at the shelter. Cash's story doesn't include cruelty or neglect. He wasn't mistreated and didn't have a medical problem. But what his story does represent is the hundreds of dogs that are dropped off by their owners every year. In his case, his previous owner couldn't find homes for all the puppies....sometimes they require too much time and

<p>Do you want to make a BIG difference in the lives of shelter pets? DONATE MONTHLY</p>	
<p>Shelter Supplies: \$10/mo Help provide the shelter with tools and supplies necessary to ensure safe and comfortable environments for our animals.</p>	<p>Medical Care: \$20/mo Contribute towards health checks, vaccines, deworming, testing, x-rays, medication, surgeries, and more...</p>
<p>Spay or Neuter: \$50/mo We spay and neuter for health and longevity, to curb aggressive behaviour, to eliminate marking and roaming, and to control the pet population!</p>	<p>Sponsor a Shelter Stay: \$75/mo Help give a shelter pet a second chance through sponsorship.</p>

patience, or someone is allergic. Either way, dogs like Cash make up a large percentage of the animals that make their way into the shelter and still require every day, basic care.

For \$20 a month, your donation could truly save a life! Marvel was a rescue that came from a far Northwestern community that was quickly found to be in need of severe medical care. At only 6-months-old, Marvel's front leg was found to be mangled, caused by an unknown injury left untreated. In addition, his soft, fluffy fur had to be shaved when he was found to be infested with lice. His endearing personality and young age made him a great candidate for surgery, however the only one that would save the young pup's life was a complete leg amputation. Marvel proved himself to be the super hero we always knew him to be. He recovered from his surgery like a champ before moving on

to his forever home.

For \$50 a month, you can help sponsor spay and neuter surgeries. Sweet little Piper came to TDHS several years ago after being removed from a puppy mill—you could see in her sad eyes what a life of filth, overbreeding and lack of care and attention had played on her. Along with health issues due to the lack of care she received, Piper also suffered from pyometra, a serious uterine infection that left untreated can lead to death, but can easily be prevented by a simple spay surgery. Piper's fate was changed the day she came to TDHS. She was able to get spayed and for several years now has lived the very spoiled and loving life with her forever family.

For \$75 per month, you can help sponsor an animal's stay at TDHS. Animals like Scrappy, who gave birth to two puppies and awaited her forever home for months after her puppies left, or Jewel, a sweet calico cat who stayed at TDHS for well over a year waiting for a home end up costing the shelter hundreds of dollars throughout their stay. For more information on how you can help, contact the shelter at 705-264-1816 or visit www.timminshumanesociety and click on the How to Help link.

Thank you for your generosity!

****Details inside on how channelling your inner rock star can help local animals in need!****



Perfect pets, pigs are not!



It's easy for someone to get caught up in the adorableness that is a tiny piglet. And it's easy to find stories plastered all over the internet about how sweet they are, how smart they are, and how they make great pets! It's true they can be sweet and it's certainly true that they are very smart, but far too often we see way too many people enter into a living arrangement with a pig, only to quickly find out it's not exactly what they bargained for.

The biggest misconception is their size. Pigs DO NOT stay small! Even micro pigs get as heavy as 100 lbs. Many pigs (including Peppa, pictured at left taking a snooze after an afternoon of affection and snacks!) over the years have come into the shelter after they've become too large for people to deal with or because they have medical conditions they cannot afford to deal with. Pot bellied pigs for instance are known to grow into 150 lbs animals.

"Just like any animals, people need to understand everything that goes into caring for an animal," said Ontario S.P.C.A. Agent Chelsey Romain. "There are dietary, housing, medical and hoof care issues that people need to think about."

In addition to the animal's welfare, residents of Timmins need to understand that the current bylaw states that pigs are not permitted as pets inside the city limits. Owning one could result in fines being laid.

"Before getting a pig, people need to ensure they are allowed to own one in the city they are living in," said TDHS Animal Control Officer/OSPACA

Agent Danielle LeBlanc. "And they need to make sure they have everything the pig needs to live a happy, healthy life."

Karaoke fundraiser: Sing for a cause!

The Timmins & District
Humane Society

Casey's
grill & bar

Paws-a-looza Karaoke
at
Casey's Bar & Grill

Sponsored by Casey's Bar & Grill
Music provided by DJ Marc Girard
Karaoke hosted by Moe Giroux
(To help local animals at TDHS)

*From Noon until Midnight
on Sat March 25, 2017*

Other activities include:
- 50/50 Draw
- Silent Auction
- Balloon Busting Bonanza
- More fun events TBA!

For more information, call
Timmins Humane Society @ 705-264-1816

It's time to bring out your inner rock star for a good cause! The Timmins and District Humane Society, in partnership with Casey's Bar & Grill, will be hosting its first ever Paws-a-looza Karaoke event!

The 12-hour marathon starts at noon on Saturday, March 25 and runs until midnight. Throughout the event, people will be able to channel their best Madonna and Freddie Mercury, all while raising funds for the animals in the care of the Humane Society.

"The TDHS Fundraising Committee has been working extremely hard to put this event together, and we can't wait to enjoy the evening with friends, family, and community supporters!"

The event was spearheaded by one of the shelter's foster mums, whose own dog has required numerous surgeries and plenty fundraising of her own. Now, they are looking to give back to the other animals that require daily care at TDHS.

The musical showdown will be hosted by Moe Giroux and the day will also include a 50/50 draw, silent auction, balloon busting bonanza and more!!

Tickets are not required to attend; just bring your musical, outgoing self, friends and family and help raise much needed funds to help TDHS animals in need.

Looking for forever homes...

VATANI

Hi there! My name is Vatani and you can see by my picture I have quite a story to tell! I was found wandering the streets of Timmins in the midst of a frigid winter. I lost a lot of weight and the cold air caused extensive frostbite on my ears. I've been waiting at the TDHS for some time now while the girls took care of me and nursed me back to health. Unfortunately, I lost parts of my ears because of the frostbite, but other than that, I am back to my old self and ready to move on to my forever home!

PLEASE SPONSOR ME

Visit the link below to find out how you can help Vatani and others like her.

<http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz>



ROCKY & SKIPPER

Hi there! I'm Rocky (left) and this is my sister Skipper! We are currently in a foster home awaiting our forever home! We've spent our entire 11 years living side by side and we couldn't imagine being separated. I am more outgoing than my sister, but once you've gained our trust (usually with a lot of love and some treats), she will welcome you with an open heart and a wagging tail...and if you're lucky, even a few kisses! We are hoping to find somewhere to spend our golden years.

We love walks and do very well on leash. Being outside is one of our favourite places, but we'll take a warm, comfy couch inside too. We are very well behaved, as we are all grown up, so welcoming us into your heart and home means being able to skip out on all that bratty puppy stuff! We have so much more love to give to our new, and final, forever home. Please don't let us be separated and give us the loving, forever home we have been patiently waiting for. As we are currently spending time in a foster home, please call the shelter ahead of time to let them know you want to see us!

PLEASE SPONSOR US

Visit the link below to find out how you can help Rocky and Skipper and others like them.

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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!

Contact Us:

620 Mahoney Rd.

Timmins, ON

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Phone: 705-264-1816

Fax: 705-264-3870

HAPPY TAILS: Lance's New Lease on Life



they put him outside with the sled dogs, since he was very social with other dogs and he had been an outside dog his entire life. Being so timid, it took months for Lance to approach Karen for snacks or to go for swims. But with time and a lot of patience on their part, he gradually became more comfortable.

"This winter we decided to bring him inside full time. It was good for him to have a transition period being outside with the other dogs," Karen said in a recent update. "Now he is a house dog and hangs out with the retired sled dogs.

As he gets more comfortable with his new surroundings, the typical mischievous husky inside him is starting to shine through."

Lance was the only one of the group to successfully be adopted out of THDS and go on to a loving home. For those who walked alongside the huskies throughout their journey, Lance is more than a success on his own, but represents what could have been for the rest of his pack.

"These dogs were and are so, so special," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain, who dealt with their surrender last year. "Knowing that Lance is thriving really is something to smile about."

With still a ways to go, especially with strangers, Karen couldn't be happier that they brought him home.

"I feel so lucky that he is bonding to me," she said. "He is the sweetest, most gentle dog considering what he has been through. I'm excited to see him continue to get more comfortable in years to come."

Lance's newest chapter began in April last year when he came to TDHS along with 6 of his pack members. The huskies had lived at the end of a chain their entire existence and knew nothing of human affection. The group was littered with health problems, except for Lance, whose biggest issue was if he was going to adapt to life inside. Eagerly, staff thought of Karen and Jacob, who had extensive experience with the breed and sled dogs, which Lance was in one of his previous lives.

"When I first met Lance at the Humane Society, it took about an hour to get close enough to him to pet him," says his new mama Karen. "He has come a long way since then." When Karen and Jacob first brought Lance home,

Community ROCKS: Support from Kidd Operations



Timmins and District Humane Society Manager Alicia Santamaria accepts an \$800 cheque from Kidd Operations—Glencore employee and longtime TDHS volunteer Dan Blanchard. The donation was made possible due to the company's Community Engagement Recognition Program, which recognizes their employees' volunteer efforts in the community. Over the past three years, Kidd Operations-Glencore has donated \$4,000 through this program alone in order to help TDHS better assist local animals in need!

A HUGE thank you to Dan and Kidd Operations for all they've done for our organization!

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