



# The Scratching Post

Timmins & District Humane Society Monthly Newsletter

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## ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

Koda	Major
Calloway	
Diesel	Blue
Phantom	
Timmy	Carl
Dudley	
Phineas	Ferb
Turkey	
Kenai	Alima
Buckles	
Milou	Fred
Wednesday	
Salam	Rocky
Smartie	
Dakota	Froggie

## Puppies, Puppies and more puppies!!!



It's not uncommon for tiny little beings to find their way into the Timmins and District Humane Society in the spring! But instead of the usual batches of baby kittens (which still could start coming), the shelter is seeing an unusually high number of puppies this year.

By the end of April, three young litters were being housed at TDHS waiting to be big enough to find their forever homes.

Early this month, the first of the litters were put up for adoption and the applications came in high numbers.

While successful applicants have been chosen for the current litter up for adoption, there promises to be a few more coming up in the very new future.

"It's difficult to choose families because we get so many great applications," said TDHS Assistant Manager and Adoption Worker Krystle Fletcher. "Adoptions are not done on a first come, first serve basis, but we try very hard as a committee to choose the best family for each dog."

The high population of puppies this spring speaks on several levels.

The first is the need for spay and neuter. In addition to being a healthier option for a dog, saving them from possible life-threatening cancers, it also means that older dogs will not have to spend as much time in shelters.

It's easy to see why people choose to adopt a puppy over an older dog — puppy breath and

sweet cuddles can be pretty irresistible. But as puppies get scooped up within days, sometimes hours, of being up for adoption, the older dogs can be just as sweet and wonderful additions to any family.

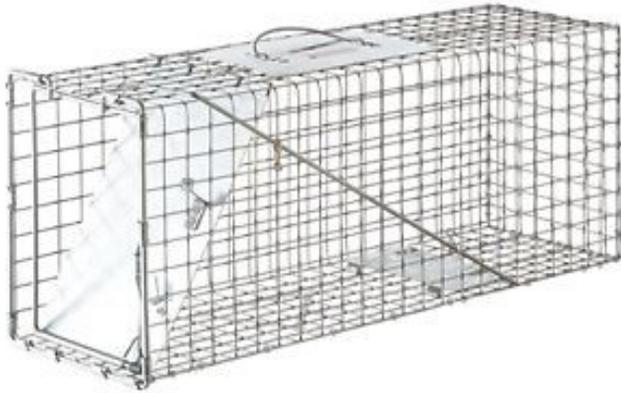
"Older dogs allow families to skip the puppy stage by bringing in a more relaxed companion who may already have some training," said TDHS Manager Alicia Santamaria. "With that being said, we absolutely appreciate seeing any one of our animals leaving the shelter to join a forever family!"

Regardless of which pet you choose to welcome into your heart and home, adopting can be a wonderful, rewarding experience. Those who adopt can be sure they are not only helping the animal they are taking home, but also making room for another to be saved.

Those who were hoping to get a puppy this time around are asked to keep a close eye on both the TDHS Facebook page and website ([www.timminshumanesociety.ca](http://www.timminshumanesociety.ca)) since applications for puppies are typically accepted and processed one week before the puppies are ready to leave the building.



# City Bylaw: Rules for Live Trapping



Come spring, it's a common site in Timmins to see animals running at large. Cats especially that haven't been spayed or neutered can be especially problematic, destroying gardens and leaving their scent around the neighbourhood.

In order to help residents deal with this issue as well as ensure these animals can be kept safe, the Timmins and District Humane Society offers humane live traps. For a deposit of \$50 (returned once the trap is brought back)

people can place the traps in their yards and bring the animals in where their owners can be found or they can be placed for adoption.

With that being said, there are certain guidelines trappers have to follow to ensure the animals are kept safe and uninjured.

Trappers need to ensure the trap they are using is the proper size for the animal. Two sizes are available and people need to be conscious of if they are trying to trap a full sized cat or a kitten.

Trapping can only take place during daylight hours and animals can only remain in the cage for a maximum of 4 hours. Trapped animals should be brought to the humane society as quickly as possible as frightened cats can hurt themselves in the wire cages.

"We understand the nuisance that loose cats can be to people and we appreciate any help the public can give us in getting them off the streets," said Animal Control Officer Danielle LeBlanc. "We just ask that when doing so people keep in mind the health and welfare of that animal."

For more information on acquiring a live trap contact the Humane Society at 705-264-1816.

## The Importance of Grooming your Pet



One of the many issues regarding animal welfare seen by the staff at the Timmins and District Humane Society is poor grooming.

More often than it should, animals, mostly small dogs and long-haired cats, come through the shelter doors bearing painful mats in their fur.

While this could be caused by being loose in poor weather, sometimes it is due to a lack of care provided by the

owner.

Maintaining regular grooming is part of your pet's overall health. While some pets are easy keepers and this may include a simple bath, brush and nail trim, others are a little more high maintenance and require professional grooming or even being shaved to ensure matting does not occur.

"Matted fur on a dog can be very painful, often pulling and can even damage the skin if not dealt with," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "An owner whose dog is found to be neglectfully left with severe matting can find themselves charged under the Ontario SPCA Act for failing to provide proper care."

High maintenance dog breeds often include the smaller breeds, such as Maltese, Shih Tzu, Lhasa Apso and Poodles, but can also include large breed dogs such as the Alaskan Malamute, Great Pyrenees, Collie and Saint Bernard.

It is highly suggested that when people consider adding a pet to their family, they consider the grooming requirements of that breed and whether or not they want a pet that is low or high maintenance when it comes to their coat.

With all that being said, pet owners are reminded that regardless of breed, nails always need to be trimmed, teeth need to be kept bright and white and regular exercise will help ensure your pet is happy and healthy for years to come.

# Looking for forever homes...

## FELIX

Hi there! My name is Felix and I am patiently awaiting my forever home. I am a very shy boy who gets along well with other cats. The girls here at TDHS say there is something special about me and believe that in the right home, with a lot of patience, I will come out of my shell and be a loving fur-ever companion! Please come meet me and see if you can be my forever family.

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Visit the link below to find out how you can help Felix and others like them

<http://tinyurl.com/nrfuhsz>



## GYPSY

Hi, I'm Gypsy! I'm a beautiful 2-year-old black lab/boxer medley. I'm an extremely happy-go-lucky and lovable girl whom you cannot help but fall in love with! I'm a recent mum and am told that I did such a fantastic job raising a lovely little bunch of lads and lassies! Now that my pups have grown up and have all found human mums and dads, I'm ready to fly solo and am so eager to make a fresh start with a family to call my own! I'm hoping for an active family with older children to keep me entertained and who will provide me with lots of love, cuddles, and playtime.

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## Community ROCKS: Cupcake Day



Another successful Vicky D'Amours Cupcake fundraiser has come and gone! Our third annual cupcake fundraiser took place the weekend of April 8 & 9, 2017.

This event was made possible thanks to various contributors. Of course we could not have done this without Vicky D'Amours, one of our long-time volunteers and supporters! Our event partners Pick of the Crop and Pet Valu Hollinger Court played an important part in this fundraiser, too, and we are very thankful they made room for our crew to sell cupcakes in their busy stores. Speaking of our crew, TDHS staff and volunteers were an essential component in making this fundraiser a success! Finally, we were for-

tunate to have had many of our supporters visit us in store to purchase these scrumptious treats. We hope you enjoyed every morsel.

This year was even more special because staff and volunteers were given an opportunity to assist in the Vicky D'Amours kitchen. TDHS personnel got to help out with the frosting, decorating, and packaging of cupcakes and had a ton of fun in the process!

All in all, TDHS sold nearly 200 packages of cupcakes and raised close to \$2,000. These funds will go on to support the special medical cases that continue to enter our doors each and every day. Thank you, one and all!

# How you can help!

## HAPPY TAILS: Diesel's Story



Meet Diesel! This special boy has just become the Timmins and District Humane Society's newest happy tails story!

Recently, this young pup was hit by a car. After discovering the extent of his injuries, he was surrendered to the shelter for an emergency surgery. At only 1.5 years old and with an amazing personality, TDHS staff knew that something had to be done to save this dog's life.

Thanks to a special partnership with the Espanola Animal Hospital, Diesel had a surgery to repair his dislocated hip and is on his way to recovery. He has even already found his forever home!

"Diesel is a very fortunate boy to have had this opportunity thanks to resources available at TDHS and to Dr. PJ at the Espanola Animal Hospital," said TDHS Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. "Diesel was unlucky in the sense that he was struck by a vehicle in the first place, but in a way, his luck was redeemed when he was taken under the wing of the lovely folks at the Espanola clinic." Diesel's new mom says he is doing fantastic in his new home. He greets everyone he meets with a literal smile and loves playtime with his canine and feline brothers.

Speedy recovery and best of luck for the future, Diesel!

### 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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## OSPCA & TDHS Provide Humane Education

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Timmins and District Humane Society are reaching out to the public in an effort to prevent local pets from entering the shelter system.

Through humane education presentations, staff are hoping that they can get the message out about the regulations regarding pet ownership. The presentations will include everything from what the OSPCA's mandate is and how people can help, as well as the city's bylaws regarding pet ownership and how the



Humane Society helps in finding pets their forever homes.

"This is a way for us to be proactive when it comes to animal welfare," said Ontario SPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "Part of what the OSPCA does is educate to ensure people know what is acceptable and what isn't under the Ontario SPCA Act."

Presentations are available to all groups and services and to people of all ages, including service clubs, workplaces, schools and retirement residences. For more information or to book a presentation, please contact TDHS at 705-264-1816.

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