



ADOPTED!

These furry friends recently found their forever homes:

- Doogie Jack
- Thunder
- George Ty
- Laney
- Macey Zeus
- Aristotle
- Scarlet Kyara
- Everest
- Bolt Elliott
- Barium
- Charo Kipp
- Osmium
- Bentley Duke
- Clifford
- Esme Junebug
- Sabrina
- Niva Danny
- Lady
- Larissa Toonie
- Penny

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Operation Find them Homes!

For months, the staff at the Timmins and District Humane Society counted their lucky stars that cat intake numbers seemed to be on the decline.

But then, once spring hit, we have seen a constant stream of adults, young cats, and nursing moms with litters.

This year to date, more than 400 cats have come through the doors of TDHS either as strays, surrenders or through cruelty investigations. Of that number, more than 150 of them have been young kittens.

“Our cat numbers have gotten to the point where we need to reach out to the public for assistance in re-homing these cats,” said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria. “We need to adopt these cats and kittens out as quickly as possible to ensure we have room for the ones who inevitably continue to come through our doors.

Throughout the month of October, TDHS is hoping to offer a little incentive to those thinking about adding a feline friend to their family.

In addition to the reduced fee, \$100 for adults and \$140 for kittens in addition to a \$35 city tag which is required as per the city of Timmins’ bylaw, there is also an early bird incentive for potential adopters. Thanks to an ongoing partnership with Pet Valu in the Hollinger Court, while supplies last, adopters will receive a kitty starter kit, which includes a small bag of litter, a litter box and scoop as well as in store coupons for special wish list items. Adopters also receive six weeks of free pet insurance and a sample bag of food.

Even though 12 adult cats and a litter of 6 kittens were recently transferred to another shelter, staff are still struggling to maintain numbers. The shelter has the capacity to house approximately 45 adult cats and 20 kittens.

“Every space in our shelter has been used to ensure



we can continue to save lives, while also ensuring the cats are happy and healthy and not stressed due to overpopulation,” said Assistant Manager Krystle Fletcher. That being said, adopting a cat isn’t just about saving one life.

“By adopting, you’re not only saving the cat you’re taking home, but you’re also saving the one you made space for at the shelter.”

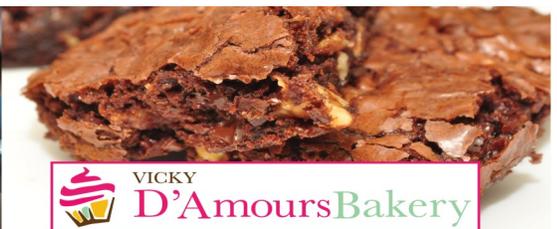
The reduced adoption fees for cats and kittens will continue until the end of October. To try and accommodate adopters more, special by-appointment only viewing will be available beginning September 24, 2016. During these times, applications will not be able to be processed and animals will not be able to leave; however, it will give people the chance to view our animals outside the work week.

“Saving these animals is why we do what we do,” Santamaria said. “At the end of the day, to see these cats come in, receive rehabilitation, and then to see them go into forever homes to be loved for the rest of their lives, that’s what we are all here for.”

Those interested in making an appointment can contact the shelter at 705-264-1816.



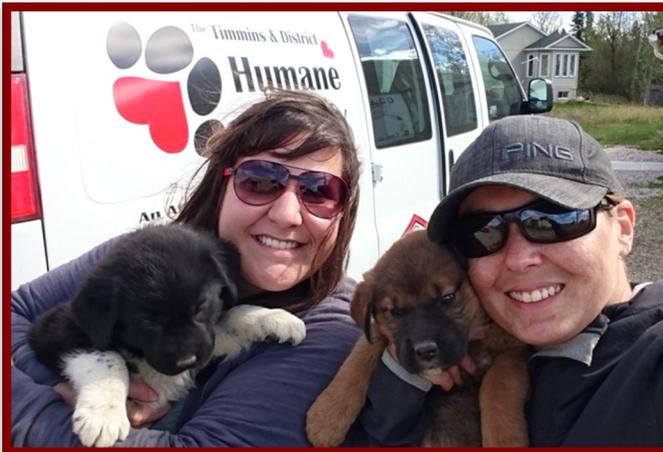
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TDHS Helps in Northern Dog Rescue



It was a long 17-hour day, but 13 dogs later, all involved can say it was well worth it.

On Wednesday, September 21, Timmins and District Humane Society Manager Alicia Santamaria and OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain loaded up the shelter's transfer van and headed north in hopes of rescuing as many dogs as possible from a First Nation community that has long been plagued with an overpopulation of dogs.

In total, 13 dogs were brought back to Timmins before being whisked off to the North Bay Humane Society and then finally to the Welland and District Humane Society, a shelter that is currently preparing for a large adoption campaign focusing on northern rescues.

"This initiative is something that TDHS is happy to be a part of. It's something that's going to save the lives of many, many northern dogs who otherwise wouldn't stand a chance," said Shelter Manager Alicia Santamaria.

The dogs rescued on September 21 ranged from those who were simply allowed to roam, to new litters, and dogs people simply no longer had the time for.

The hope is to get as many as 200 dogs off remote northern communities in order to find them loving, forever homes.

"It's amazing to see this many organizations working together in order to help the dogs," said OSPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "In the end, the dogs get vaccinated, spayed or neutered and end up in loving forever homes, which of course is why we do what we do."

The Timmins and District Humane Society would like to thank Hearst Pet Finders for helping us put this rescue together as well as Constance Lake First Nation for welcoming us into your community to assist these dogs.

OSPCA: APPROPRIATE SHELTER

Fall is officially upon us and soon enough, the snow will blanket the ground and cold temperatures will set in.

While appropriate shelter for dogs that spend hours outside is required all year long, pet owners need to start thinking about how they will keep Fido safe and warm this winter.

Under the Ontario SPCA Act's Standards of Care, pet owners are required by law to provide their pet with appropriate and adequate shelter and bedding.

This means that if an animal is kept outdoors, its shelter is required to be made of proper materials and to be insulated. The shelter should also be big enough for the dog to move about naturally (lay down, stand, sit and turn around) but not so big that its own body heat can't keep things nice and toasty.

Also required is a sort of wind break (either a wind flap or a door to the side of the sleeping area) and proper

bedding. Straw is highly recommended to avoid frozen and mold filled blankets.

But blankets aren't the only things that freeze. While access to unlimited amounts of snow may provide relief, those tethered to dog houses still require clean, non-frozen water at all times.

Devices are made for sale that will keep water from freezing, much like those used in water troughs for horses. The other option is to keep our beloved pets indoors when we are not home to make sure they are kept happy and safe while we are away.

Pet owners need to know that should an agent from the OSPCA observe your dog to have inappropriate shelter, an OSPCA order will be issued and if it is not followed, the animal could be removed. If said animal is found to be in immediate distress without an owner present, it can be removed immediately.

"When you choose to have a dog, you



are mandated to provide it with appropriate shelter," said OSPCA Senior Inspector Lynn Michaud. "Common sense dictates that as humans, we don't live outside, and animals, as sentient beings, deserve the same."

Winter is long and often harsh, but for our beloved pets it doesn't have to be. Let's all do our best to keep those we love warm in the coming months!

Looking for Forever Homes...

NICK

Sweet Nick! Our little guy came into the shelter as a very young kitten along with his siblings several months ago as strays. To date, only Nick remains awaiting his forever home. While initially a very weary kitten, Nick has improved a lot. He becomes a very loveable cat once he becomes comfortable with someone. Almost one year old, it would be amazing to see this young man enter adulthood in a loving forever home!

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KALI

Kali is a sweet girl who came into the shelter after being surrendered by her former owners, who didn't have enough time for her. She is a very energetic pup that will require a home that is willing to put the time and energy into some training and helping her shed some of that built up energy! She is very interested in meeting canine friends; however, she would be best suited in a home with no cats. She can also be nervous about meeting new people. We are confident with the right home, Kali can thrive and be a wonderful companion!

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Community ROCKS: Timmins Rock

The Timmins and District Humane Society is once again getting a helping hand from the local Timmins Rock hockey team.

What began last year on a trial basis continued during the 2016-2017 season for the month of September.

Through a partnership between the two organizations, TDHS has benefited from the team's 50/50 draws held during each home game.

To date, several hundred dollars has been raised to help the animals in need in the Timmins area.

"These funds will help cover various costs at TDHS, including those pertaining to general and emergency care. Thanks,

Timmins Rock players and management, for all your support!" In addition to financial contributions, members of the team have also spent some time at the shelter, learning about the goings on and getting a chance to spend some time with the animals.

The boys returned to the shelter late last month for another visit and hope that more people will not only attend their games and buy 50/50 tickets but also learn more about the importance of pet adoption.

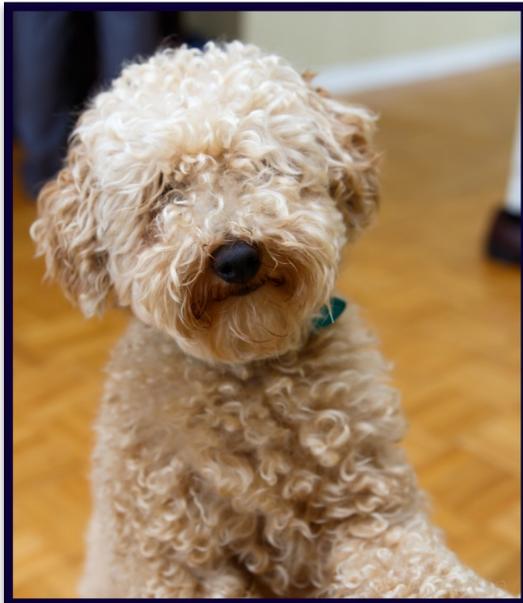
Best of luck this season, Timmins Rock!



Timmins Rock players Brendan Campbell (back row from left) Bain Cunningham, Spencer Segui, Matt Nixon and Corey Sprague spend time with some of the MANY kittens up for adoption at TDHS.

How you can help!

Happy Tails: Wendel's Story



ones are the plain Timbits you get from Tim Horton's.

My favorite things to do are play with my toys, go to the dog park, empty out the recycling bin, and annoy my older brother Sox. I love him so much! We didn't come from the same parents but we do have a lot in common. He is also a miniature poodle and he told me that he was adopted from the Sudbury branch of the Ontario SPCA. He also told me that we were both named after sports related topics. I was named after my daddy's favorite hockey player, Wendel Clark, and Sox was named after the Boston Red Sox.

After a long day of playing and eating, my favourite thing to do is cuddle with my parents. When it's time for bed, my parents let me sleep on the bed, and when I'm really cold, they even let me sleep under the blankets.

Although shelter dogs have been abandoned, neglected, and abused, we still have so much love to give. I think I do a pretty good job proving this by giving infinite kisses to every person I meet. I'd like to thank everyone at TDHS for taking such good care of me when I had nowhere else to go. But most importantly, thank you for finding me my forever home!

Hello everyone!
My name is Wendel and I am a one-and-a-half-year-old miniature poodle. My mommy and daddy adopted me about a year ago, and I'm so happy that they did. I get to go for car rides, visit my grandparents and eat a lot of treats. The best

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 P4R 0H6
Phone: 705-264-1816
Fax: 705-264-3870

In Memory of Lise Boulianne

Often, people are put on this earth for a special reason. Lise Boulianne was one of them, living her life as a voice for those who had none.

On September 16, 2016, Lise, founder of Animal Rescue of Kapuskasing and fierce advocate for all animals in need, passed away at the age of 68.

A long-time friend and partner of the Ontario SPCA and the Timmins and District Humane Society, Lise and her dedicated group of volunteers have spent countless hours over the years helping lost, unwanted and neglected animals in the Kapuskasing area.

"I had the privilege of knowing Lise for many years, and I can't tell the number of animals she has helped save," said Ontario SPCA Agent Chelsey Romain. "She was the sweetest lady with the biggest heart and she will be missed by animals and people alike."

Lise is survived by her husband, Art Boulianne, and in addition to animal rescue, Lise enjoyed



fishing and traveling.

As she passes over Rainbow Bridge, we are sure there are plenty of furry friends there to meet her and to thank her for dedicating her life to helping save so many.

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