



Paw Prints



The Humane Society of Durham Region Newsletter **May** 🐾 **June** 🐾 **July 09**



Humane Society of Durham Region 18th Annual **People for Pets Walkathon 2009** 🐾

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE



Sunday May 31st, 2009
HEBER DOWN CONSERVATION AREA, Whitby, Ontario

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 to 11:00 5 km walk
11:00 to 11:30 Refreshments
11:30 to 2:00 Games/Prizes & Lots of Fun! Bring a Lawn Chair!
Great Prizes for highest pledge! Rain or Shine!

\$10.00 Entry fee for individuals, families or groups
Pledge forms are available throughout Durham Region
at Pet Food Stores, Veterinarians, Sponsors,
and at the Humane Society or on www.humanedurham.com

**UPCOMING
EVENTS
for 2009**

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS!**
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PHOENIX RISING - SHELTER UPDATE

It is our intention to make the new Humane Society of Durham Region a universal project. We want everyone to be apart of the new shelter. If you buy a brick, a park bench or plant a tree, we will need your help. And when you come to visit you can feel proud that you helped to make it happen. The animals that you save don't care if you live in Whitby, Toronto or anywhere in Ontario or around the world, they only ask for food, shelter and love. We will regularly update the web site page to keep everyone informed as to our progress and costs involved.

So far have put an offer of \$420,000.00 on a 2.15 acre parcel of land, southeast corner of Wentworth St.E / William Smith Dr. in Whitby. The offer has been accepted conditional on rezoning and environmental study. We have hired The Firm Independent Project Manager and the process has been started! An architectural drawing has been submitted, as you can see on the next page. An offer to purchase application is going forward!

Cheque of \$5500.00 to the town of Whitby

Cheque of \$500.00 to the Regional Municipality of Durham

Cheque of \$3000.00 for the site plan to the town of Whitby

Cheque of \$750.00 to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

On May 19th, 2009 there will be a meeting involving the rezoning committee and council.

We need you to show your support and attend, other dates will be announced.

So many of you ave shown incredible support for us, which has allowed us to get as far as we have! Your donations and fundraising events have been wonderful, but we can't stop....We need your help more then ever now!

Phoenix IS Rising!

Please visit our website www.humanedurham.com for regular updates and info on upcoming fundraising events in April and May! Thanks so much for your support!

A special Thank-You to John Watkinson of Coldwell Banker in Whitby for finding the property for us!

Can We Send Your newsletter by email?

Each newsletter costs us \$3.00 to print and mail even with all the preparation done by volunteers and staff.

We can now provide this to you at no extra cost! Your email address will be kept confidential.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please send your name and full mailing address to:
smalldog@rogers.com



Please Note

All articles that appear in Paw Prints do not necessarily represent the thoughts and views of the Humane Society Of Durham Region



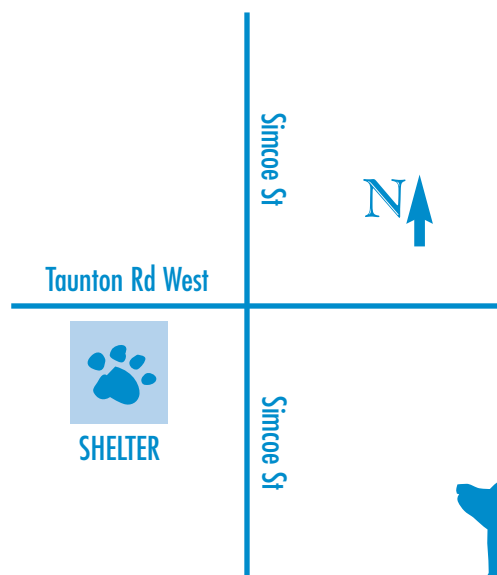
Our Temporary Location

Address

79 Taunton Road West,
Unit 1,
Oshawa, L1G 7B4
(905) 433-2022

Shelter Hours

Mon : 11am - 6pm
Tues : 11am - 5pm
Wed : 11am - 6pm
Thurs : 11am - 5pm
Fri : 11am - 5pm
Sat & Sun: 10am - 4pm



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PHOENIX RISING SHELTER UPDATE

Wish List

- Gas Cards
- Large Garbage Bins on Wheels
- Large White Boards and Cork Boards
- Dog or Cat Encyclopedias
- Batteries AA, AAA - 9V
- Large and Medium Rain Coats
- File Folders
- Photocopy Paper
- Note Books
- Pens, Pencils, Tape, Liquid Paper
- Label stickers
- Kitten Formula "KMR"
- Kitten baby Bottles
- Dog Muzzles S-M-L
- Dog Coats S-M-L-XL
- Cat and Dog leashes, collars, choke chains and harness
- Cat And Dog toys
- Small Metal Litter Boxes
- Small metal food and water bowls
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter
- Yesterdays News Litter
- Cat Beds
- Cat Trees
- Lysol Spray or Wipes
- Large Garbage Bags
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Pine sol
- Bleach
- Industrial Mop Buckets and Mops
- Brooms and Dust Pans
- Spray Bottles
- First Aid Kits
- Strong, durable ladder
- Pine Shavings
- Aspen Shavings



We are moving forward to obtain site approval. This process includes architectural preliminary design drawings for the building in coordination with engineering that will include servicing and grading, erosion and sediment control, storm water management and landscape design. The consultant fees for the above site plan approval services is \$14080.00 plus GST.

Site plan approval is all still in the preliminary stages, along with the rezoning, before we can move ahead to a building permit. It's all baby steps one at a time. I am hopeful all of these preliminary processes can be completed by the end of June.

Two architectural firms are submitting drawings and proposals for us to consider for the new building. It will be based on 6000 square feet of space, 14-15 dog apartments with outdoor runs as well, compared to six indoor kennels in our previous shelter. Cat and kitten condos with an enclosed indoor/outdoor play area, a separate little animal room, staff and volunteer lunchroom, which they never had, appropriate ventilation and airflow which is so necessary to keep illness minimal, a small fenced area where our dogs can play together and beautifully landscaped grounds with trees, bushes and a walking path with benches where prospective new parents can take our dogs for a stroll and socialize with them.

It is our dream to make this shelter as environmentally friendly as possible. If anyone has any ideas or can help us in this regard with solar windows, toilets, water accumulation, geothermal etc, we need you. We need all supplies to make this shelter happen. Many businesses and individuals have come forward right after the fire. We hope you are all still willing with your offers.

Please call Melissa Godley at 905 240-2073 or email her at mgodley1972@yahoo.com.

IT IS HAPPENING!



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WEDDING CARDS

Instead of giving out favours or small gifts to the guests, why not consider a donation to the Humane Society of Durham Region instead.

One of our members, Sharon Zinner has designed beautiful cards that in place of a wedding favour, a donation has been made to the shelter. Each card is professionally hand made and they are really lovely with a small cut out paw in the corner and soft blue ribbon across the tent card. Or we have a flat card, again with a white card on blue background. If anyone is interested in more information, please call Karin at 905-433-2022.



BUY A BRICK!

For \$100, you can buy a brick for the new shelter. Buy a brick for a pet, in memory of a loved one, an individual, a classroom etc. Simply fill out the form below and it will be displayed in some amazing manner in the new shelter.

We will still be continuing with our Gift of Life and Project Duke donations. Also, we are gratefully accepting larger corporate, group or individual donations as well. We are currently designing new displays to showcase our donors.

BUY A BRICK!

Number of Bricks _____ Each Brick \$100

Inscription (10 words or less please)

Payment by Cheque or Visa is gratefully accepted:

Please make cheque to HUMANE SOCIETY OF DURHAM REGION

And mail or drop off to:

79 Taunton Road West, Unit 1, Oshawa, L1G 7B4

(905) 433-2022

VISA Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Charitable Business # 13256 2984 RR0001



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HAPPY ENDINGS

Just wanted to say we are so very blessed to have 'teagun' with us! She is so adorable and has adapted well with us. On her first night, she cuddled with us immediately, although she did sleep a lot because of her surgery. She loves to watch tv with us and is enjoying her new home. She has her own bed, although she would really prefer our couch! She has gained a few pounds and is loving cat treats every now and then.

We have renamed her "Chi" which means, 'life, energy, soul' which is what she brings to our lives.

Thanks a lot again and we wish you have a lovely new home for all the wonderful animals in Durham!

Marissa and Glenn



Just an update on our friend Smokey. she now has a new name, "Willow" as in Pussy Willow. She is such a sweet and loving new addition to our family. I wonder how anyone could not love her. She was not declawed yet she is so gentle and gives you a gentle touch with her paw when she wants to be loved. that happens quite a bit. She and Eenie are finally getting along, it took a while as Eenie forgot his manners in the last 9 months. Willow slept for the most part of the week but is up and exploring when ever the urge hits her. She loves treats and is getting a treat of soft food now and again. Oh yes, she also loves the cat nip. She's only been sick once and that could have been due to stress. She also loves to be brushed. Sometimes her purring even wakes us up in the middle of the night, she is very loud. Well Kay, I thought this might have been shorter but I kind of ramble when it comes to family. Take care and we will keep in touch!

Attached is a picture of Willow.

Arlene

Smile, Somebody Loves You!



I just thought I would send you guys an email to let you know how well Axel is doing. After a lot of deliberating I decided to take Axel home on Sunday. When I asked him if he wanted to come home with me he reached up and kissed my nose all over and that did it for me.

He was very good in the car and about being in the cage. I opened the cage door once we were inside the apartment and left him alone for a little while to get used to the place. He stayed in his cage for a few hours but every time I would lie down next to it and pet him he would purr and rub his head in my hand. Not long after he ventured out a couple of times and hasn't gone back into his cage since then. He has explored the whole apartment and loves the cat tree and toys I got him. The cat tree has a little mouse that dangles from it and he loves to chase it. He is still jumpy but is gaining confidence quickly and is so affectionate!

Thanks so much for taking such good care of him. Thank you to Kay for introducing Axel and me, and thanks Lindsay for calling me when he came back!

Erinn

As promised here are a few shots of Misty in her new home, one of which Melissa may have already shared.

She has found her spots in the condo, has taken possession of a chair as her own near the window where she can watch the birds and activities taking place outside, in between her naps. She's also let me know that she doesn't like the blinds closed! So, that's it -- thank you so much for your kindness and wishing you and all staff and volunteers at DHS as many good days as possible and that the tough days are few.

Regards, Paul





UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

PEOPLE FOR PETS WALKATHON Sun, May 31st!

On Sunday May 31st, we'll be hosting our annual "People for Pets" walkathon. As always, it will be a wonderful 5 km walk at Heber Down Conservation Area in Whitby, starting at 9:30 AM. Rain or shine we will be there!! There is a \$10.00 registration fee which includes a goodie bag, an enjoyable walk, hot dogs or sandwiches afterwards and followed by lots of games and contests for pets and owners alike!

Pledge forms are available in this newsletter, see last page, at various pet food stores, on our website www.humanedurham.com and at the shelter. As always, we have wonderful prizes for those of you with the top 12 high pledges. Whatever you collect will make a difference! Please remember to bring your lawn chairs . . . there aren't enough picnic tables for everyone! If you don't have a pet, come and join the walk anyway – the more the merrier.

For those wishing to register early, you can come to the Humane Society of Durham Region at our temporary location 79 Taunton Rd, West on Saturday May 30th between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Last year we raised \$9400.00 – we have a new shelter to build.

Any businesses wishing to donate prizes or funds we will acknowledge you at the walk, in our newsletter and on our web page. Gift certificates are a great prize enjoyed by all and it will bring people into your establishment. We need samples for our goodie bags that are given to everyone. Also, we need sponsors of cash or large items for our top prizes for high pledges. For \$500.00, you can make a difference and a tax receipt will be issued. We need prizes to make it a success!!

6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Wed, June 17th!

Keedron Dells Golf course
Oshawa, Ontario
Cost \$100.00 per person.
Shotgun start at 12:30 pm.
Includes: 18 holes, Cart
9th hole snack
BBQ Dinner and Prizes
Longest drive
Closest to pin

**TO REGISTER PLEASE
CALL 905-725-6686**

All proceeds to help the Humane Society of Durham Region rebuild after the tragic fire.

OPEN HOUSE AT SPINNING WHEEL ALPACA FARM

1875 Regional Road #3 (Concession 8)
Enniskillen (NE Oshawa), Ontario
905-263-2098
www.spinningwheelalpacas.com

Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Humane Society of Durham Region

Saturday, May 30, 2009
10 AM - 5 PM

POOCHES N' PUDDLES DOG SPLASH!

Dates to be announced soon!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

There are many great events happening please check out our website regularly!

www.humanedurham.com

You're sure to find something to be a part of.



Visit us online at: www.humanedurham.com



SHELTER NEWS



SHELTER FUNDRAISING

To pay for the purchase of the land, \$420 000, we will be using the money that everyone so kindly donated after the fire and the remainder will be money from our investments. **WE ARE STARTING A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ACTUAL BUILDING.** Many of you will gasp at that amount. We can do it! Corporate sponsorship, individuals, service clubs, schools, grants, maybe even the government. Ottawa Humane Society just received 1.8 million dollars from the federal government for their rebuild project. Phoenix Rising will happen one brick at a time. We will be forming a volunteer committee who will have time, commitment and knowledge to take on this task. Further information will be upcoming.

WHY SPAY AND NEUTER?

Remember, one female dog and her offspring can produce 67 000 dogs in six years. One female cat and her offspring can produce 420 000 cats in seven years. Every year in Ontario, tens of thousands of dogs and cats are destroyed or discarded. We do not euthanize our animals for length of stay, but we are overwhelmed in our tiny temporary shelter with ever increasing numbers.

Our current numbers in our various shelters include 5 dogs, 42 adult cats in the shelter, 10 adult cats in foster, 10 kittens in the shelter and 25 kittens in foster, 10 birds (cockatiels), 8 guinea pigs, 7 rabbits, 17 rats (approx 2 months old). Why spay or Neuter? Why indeed!

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

We need foster parents now more than ever because of our lack of space to house animals. Cats, cats with kittens, occasional dogs...our space is limited, so please if you can for any length of time, we need you.
Please call 905 433-2022 ext 3.

PUBLIC MEETING, PLEASE COME OUT!

On Tuesday May 19, there will be a public meeting at the Whitby Municipal Building, 575 Rossland Rd E in Whitby at 7:30 pm. This will be an opportunity for anyone to show their support for us to build our new shelter on Wentworth and William Smith Dr in Whitby. We need you to be there please, the more the better. Let's show our animals in need that we really do care.



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Adopt-A-Pet

If you are interested in any of our furry friends, please come down to our shelter and meet them in person. We are located at **79 Taunton Road West, Unit 1, Oshawa**. See map and our new shelter hours on Pg 2.



BUDDY

Buddy and Decker are bestfriends, they must find their forever home together!



DECKER



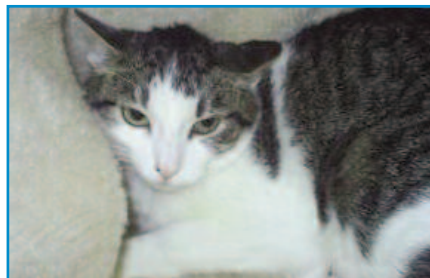
CHESTER

Chester is a 10 year old shepherd cross. He is very sweet and loves other dogs. Chester is well behaved and he needs his forever home.



JENNY

Jenny is very sweet but will take some time to warm up. She has a bit of a trust issue, so you will need to have lots of love and patience with her.



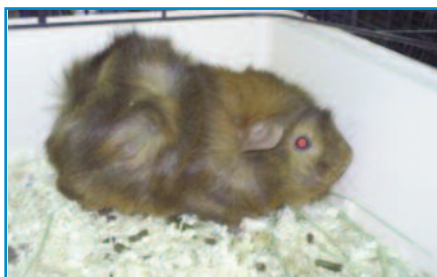
ZOEY

Zoey is very nervous and she can take a long time to adjust to a new home and family, she will need lots of love and patience to allow her to trust and become loving and affectionate.



TIGER

Tiger is friendly, He has a bit of a trust issue and will need time and patience. Tiger will do best in a home without dogs, cats or small children!



ZACK

Zack is very sweet but can be skittish to pick up, once you have picked him up and he knows that he is not in harm he will enjoy it and will snuggle with you



COCKATIELS

We have 8 cockatiels available for adoption, they need an experienced owner as they have not be socialized properly. If you do not have a mate at home then we suggest that they have to be adopted as a pair!



SUNNY

Sunny is friendly and likes to be handled. Sunny races quite abit in her cage making it hard for you to pick her up, but when you catch her she is quite the little pig!



Visit us online for **MORE** available
pets for adoption: www.humanedurham.com



Special Needs Adopted

We've added a new segment about some of our long term or special needs animals that have been recently adopted into loving new homes. Kay has written a little blurb about some of the animals that often got passed over because of age, looks or disposition. Now they are happy endings. As you read these wonderful stories, remember this is all possible because of your support and belief in us.

Adoptions have been going great at our temporary shelter: most cats are being adopted out within 3 months of their arrival!

Bonded pair adoptions have been phenomenal too: Bosen and Ensign, Napoleon and Bonaparte, Cuddles and Jaguar, Lucky and Tom, Pantera and Eeyore and Ryan and Reynold were all able to remain together instead of being adopted separately.

Senior cats like Smokey, Pepsi, Boots, Vinnie and Panther have also been placed quickly as well. Both Vinnie and Panther are special needs cats who had serious medical conditions that required extensive surgery. We have received updates on all of our seniors and I am happy to report that all of them are doing well and are greatly loved and spoiled in their new homes!

After working out of Animal Services after the fire, certain staff members fell in love with their cats and they kindly allowed us to take them to our temporary shelter. Penelope was deathly ill with the kitty cold and is completely deaf as well. She ended up being one of our very first adoptions here at the shelter! Arnold and Billy were staff favorites as well and both were adopted in less than four days of their arrival as they are such amazing boys. We have received wonderful updates from both of their adoptive parents informing us that these cats have been perfect additions to their households.

Panda Bear arrived at Animal Services on the day of the fire and was stricken with the often deadly calici virus. I fell in love with this exceptional cat and for six weeks he valiantly fought the virus with the assistance of the staff at Animal Services (they bought him a vaporizer, provided medications and special food) and lots of cuddles at least twice a day from me and other Humane Society staff. He is now in a loving and wonderful foster home where he is thriving, active and mischievous beyond belief! He is virus-free but still needs a bit of assistance in remembering how to eat on his own.

Currently we have a few special needs cats like Jenny who need experienced owners with lots of love and patience and a quiet home so she can build her trust and confidence in people again. Shinobi has had a history of urinary tract problems and may require prescription food the rest of his life. And Ruby and Sebastian are a brother and sister pair who cannot be separated as Sebastian will sink into a depression and stop eating. They are a wonderful pair who may also need a calorie-controlled diet and designated playtime due to their size! Adopting a special needs cat or pair is not for every household but for those that can provide the environment that these cats need, the reward of seeing their progress over time is both heartwarming and immeasurable!

HUMANE EDUCATION

For information or to speak with someone about our Humane Education Programme, please contact Linda at lindaoneill@sympatico.ca or call the shelter at 905 433-2022 ext 3.



"Confront a child, a puppy and a kitten with a sudden danger. The child will turn instinctively for assistance, the puppy will grovel in abject submission, and the kitten will brace its tiny body for a frantic resistance."

SAKI



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GREAT SUCCESS STORIES!!!

CLASS ACT DINNER THEATRE

On Friday March 27, 2008, the Honourable Jim Flaherty in conjunction with Class Act Dinner Theatre in Whitby held a fundraising dinner and show with proceeds going to the Humane Society of Durham Region. Mrs Laureen Harper, wife of the prime minister and a lover of animals, particularly cats, also attended the evening, and was delightful when she spoke to the guests. Kim and Nancy from Mr Flaherty's office did a wonderful job organizing and advertising the evening. Rocky, owner of Class Act ensured the guests had a wonderful meal and an enjoyable evening of entertainment. Ken Shaw of CTV was emcee for the night and did a fabulous job with his humour and support of the society. He helped raise \$4000.00 from the auction of a trip for 4 first class with Via Rail, a lunch with Jim Flaherty and a tour of Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Also up for auction was a pair of beautiful Robert Bateman prints donated by Ron Halliday.

Madeleine of Maddie's Magnets was also there selling her magnets to promote awareness of the shelter.

Many thanks to the actors, actresses and staff of Class Act, who did a great job to help make the evening such a success. So far, \$20 000.00 was raised! That will go a long way to help rebuild our shelter.

To all of you who attended that evening, thank you all so much. As our film that evening depicted, it is with your support that we continue to have hope for all of the animals who so desperately need our help. If each and every one of us gives or does even just a little bit, we will make a difference for decades to come in the lives of animals in need.

VALENTINES DANCE

On Friday February 13, the Oshawa Naval Veterans Club held a Valentine Dance with the proceeds for our shelter. Thank you Sharon and Gerry Connolly, who organized the event and raised \$2226.00 for our animals. Sadly, Gerry passed away suddenly last month and we send our sincere condolences to you Sharon. He was a kind, compassionate man. His memory will live on in the lives of the many animals cared for through the donations received from this dance he helped organize.

Our thanks to everyone who donated for the dance and all of you who attended to make it such a success.

COUNTRY DANCE

On Saturday January 29, Art LaJambe and the band Mahogany Ridge held a fundraising dance for us at the Legion Hall in Ajax. It was a sold out event and everyone had a great time. Wonderful prizes were donated for the silent auction by local businesses, a great meal was served and the dance floor was worn out. They raised \$3675.00 from the evening and as well, the Legion donated an extra \$300.00. Thank you Art for putting this together and to everyone who helped. What a great evening. Mahogany Ridge provided wonderful entertainment and you all truly made a difference in the future of so many animals in need.

SWING SHIFT BIG BAND DANCE

On Saturday February 21, we held our annual Swing Shift Big Band Dance at the Legion Hall on Simcoe St S in Oshawa. Again, it snowed.

Swing Shift Big Band as always, were superb. I believe it's 10 years now that they have played for us and it's just as enjoyable as the first dance we had. All the people there had a wonderful time. Special thanks to the Legion for always letting us use their hall.

Buckingham's Meat Market provided the delicious meat trays and Mainly Cheese in Ajax donated the cheese tray. Thank you to Lasting Expressions for the beautiful arrangement of roses that graced our front table and then went home as a door prize.

We had several wonderful prizes donated by businesses in the community and we thank you all.

We raised \$1913.85 that night. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us. We hope to see you all again next year.

Thank-you!





MORE GREAT SUCCESS STORIES!!!

PEDIGREE ADOPTION PROGRAMME

On Saturday February 21, the **Pedigree Adoption Programme** started again, with **Kurt Browning** as their spokesperson. They held a public skate at Legends Centre on Harmony Road N. Kurt Browning skated for the crowd and then skated with the crowd. It was wonderful. He had photos taken with people and signed autographs, he even signed skates for people. All donations were for the shelter with a grand total of \$1782.47.

For all purchases of Pedigree products, a percentage is donated to 30 shelters across Canada involved in the Pedigree Adoption Programme. We are one of those shelters and last year we received a large amount of money from Pedigree. Please support them, in turn supporting us. The dogs love those Dentastix treats.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU

To Cheryl, Claire and all of the staff of **Gone with the Dogs Pet Grooming**. You help to make all of our animals as beautiful outside as they are inside. When an abused or neglected animal comes to us in desperate need of grooming, you are always there for us. You make our little ducklings into swans. You helped bring joy back into Sparky's eyes after all he had been through. Thanks for your donation of \$1337.10 from your coffee fund, it will help so many.

Edelweiss Flowers and Gifts

Anyone who purchases flowers from Edelweiss Flowers and Gifts in Whitby need only mention the Humane Society of Durham Region and a percentage of the cost will be donated to the shelter by owner Nora Kafod. The arrangements of spring flowers with pawprint ribbons at the Class Act fundraiser were absolutely beautiful Nora.

THANK-YOU

Two Federal politicians showed their support for us after the fire by coming to our makeshift shelter immediately and offered to help. Colin Carrie and Mark Holland. You cried with us and felt our pain. Thank you for opening your doors to help. Our animals give no preference to any political party and send you both wags and purrs.

MADDIE'S MAGNETS

A young girl named Maddie has designed the following magnets as a fundraising initiative for the shelter. Banners Plus in Ajax are producing the magnets and we will be offering them for a donation of \$2.00 each. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the schools to help us. The children want to do so much and by buying a magnet to put on their locker or fridge or anywhere, they are helping the animals and receive something in return to show their love and support. One couple has even ordered 130 of them to give out as wedding favors on their special day. If anyone wishes to order any magnets or schools who wish to have a fundraising campaign, please call Karin at 905 433-2022 ext 5 or Ruby at ext 4. You can also inquire via our website at www.humanedurham.com. Maddie offered these for sale at the Yuk Yuk's fundraisers and they were a great success. Now her school is planning a fundraiser with them. Thank you so much Maddie for making a difference.

Thank-you!



Paws For Our Cause

Gift of Life

So many in need. We have spent thousands of dollars caring for these poor little ones, suffering and in pain. We will mention but a few.

Candy - A poor little lab pup, less than 8 weeks old, adopted and flown up from South America. Imagine taken too young from her mom put on a long flight in the cargo area, only to come here and not be properly cared for. We took her immediately to the veterinarian. She had parvo. For four days they tried to save this little one, but unfortunately she wasn't able to fight any longer. They called from the emergency vet clinic in the middle of the night and we had her gently put to sleep.

Tabitha - a weak little kitten had to have her eye removed.
Hope - another tabby kitten had a badly broken leg which required veterinary care.
Vinny - a big beautiful orange tabby had to have all of his teeth removed and has since been happily adopted.
Pluto - a handsome cane corso dog had a broken leg, which required repair.
Chloe and Eddy - two gorgeous Himalayans. Chloe had advanced kidney failure and died shortly after being with us. **Eddy** is in a temporary foster home, pining for his sister.
Rampage - a great American bulldog who required repair of a torn tendon. It was major surgery.
Spike - a little Jack Russell cross pup required removal of an eye and has since been adopted.
Panther - a beautiful cat required treatment for kidney stones and has now been adopted.
Munchkin - a lovely cat who had major problems with her eyes and required one to be removed.

Some happy, some sad. The Gift of Life gives them a chance and that's what we are all about.

Thank you to the following people who have generously given to our Gift of Life fund.

J Beaton-Pigeon - in memory of my dear Maggie, an English bull terrier who left me with loving memories	D Diamond
V Morrison	D Barkley
P Lucas	K Fernandez
M&S Hewlett - in honour of T&C Bartlett who dedicated their lives to their adopted "Furkids"	B Ratana-Rueangsri
D&C Bauman	L Bartlett
W Walker	K White
T&T King	P Blokhuis
H Bouvier	K Elston
F&V Jackson	S&K Miller
D Menard	W Lahoda
A Campbell	Ajax Public Library - in memory of Edna Turner and in memory of Elizabeth Evans
C&E Boudreau	M Spafford - in memory of Jack Spafford
A Johnston	E&F Gough
S Sufrin	M Weigel
S Virtue	S Sabrowski
Beattie	L Young
D&C Carter	M Gorski
D Reid	P Anderson
R Beck for Karma	C&R Noel
G Branchaud	Black Creek Community Health Centre Social Committee
J Zinner	B Kritsch - in loving memory of Petey
J Lownie	On behalf of the friends of Lucy and Dakato Walker who include Sharkey, Sparky, Ella, Cocoa Willy, Benson, Hedges, Boggie, Elsie, The Tedster, Bella, Pooky, Fidel, Chelsey, Hanna, Charlie and dear Abby who passed away in November
B&D Kent	
T&K Nickson	
R&J Kazimierczuk	
E&G Meek	
M Galliene	
D Bradley	

Leave a Lasting Legacy...

We need your help now more than ever, with a rebuilding project underway. You can make a difference for decades to come for so many animals. A charitable bequest - name the Humane Society of Durham Region in your will. Reduce the tax payable on your final income tax return.

Life Insurance - donate a new or existing life insurance policy to the Humane Society of Durham Region and receive tax savings.

Gifts - donate securities, mutual funds, stocks, bonds etc and receive substantial tax savings.

There are many ways you can help your own financial situation as well as the animals at the Humane Society of Durham Region. Make a difference please.

For information on these and other investment advice, please contact a lawyer or investment advisor who can help you invest in the gift of life.



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TOXIC FOODS FOR PETS

Tomato: stems, leaves

Onions

Caffeine

Tobacco

Mushrooms

Alcohol/Hops

Toadstools

Salt

Potato: stems, leaves

Avocado

Rhubarb leaves

Chocolate

Eggplant

Compost

Raisins/Grapes

Yeast – ruined

bread dough

Medications

PET POISON HELP LINE

1-800-213-6680



Charitable Donations

Anyone working can have charitable withdrawals from their paycheques to be forwarded directly to the shelter!



Five Paw Salute



Wal-Mart in Whitby had a collection drive for our animals. The store matched the amount raised and we received a cheque for \$6060.00. Thank you so much.

On Saturday February 7 and Sunday February 8, **Tigertel Communications Inc** hosted a Pets Helping Pets Doggy Play Day fundraiser at the Harmony Creek Off Leash Park. Picture frames were donated by PetSmart in Whitby and photos of pets were taken. \$1300.00 was raised for our animals.

Wal-Mart opened a new store in Markham and as part of their grand opening, donated \$2000.00 towards our rebuild.

On December 30, 2008, the **Superdogs in conjunction with Iams** hosted their annual show at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa. A portion of all tickets sold after the date of the fire were donated to the Humane Society of Durham Region. As well, Iams had collection boxes for anyone wishing to donate. We received well over \$1200.00 as a result of this fundraising event.

The students of **UOIT** have held various fundraising events for us, including a hockey game and a Vegas night. They had fun and our animals benefited.

During the month of January, the liquor stores collection boxes had our cards in them and we raised \$2800.42.

In December and January, the cast of **Sound of Music had a charitable campaign and with the support of Mirvish Productions**, a group of singers went into the lobby before and during the show, and serenaded the audiences, asking for contributions if they were able. We received \$1446.00 as part of this campaign. The hills are truly alive with the Sound of Music.

We attended the **All About Pets Show** in Mississauga during Easter Weekend and received close to \$1000.00 in donations and proceeds from Maddy's Magnets. In addition, one of the vendors at the show – The Cats Den by Habitat Haven – donated a huge outdoor caged cat play area worth approx \$2000.00 for our new shelter. Other vendors donated a multitude of supplies as well.

The **Oshawa Centre** held a huge fundraising event for us during the week prior to Easter. Center Court was transformed into an Easter Bunny Wonderland. They offered face painting, raffles, Easter photos of children, all for donations to the Humane Society. We had some of our animals there and people could drop off donations into a 6 foot dog house that was made by Kamstra Landscaping specifically for us. We don't know yet how much money was raised, but it was a tremendous public awareness event and some of our animals were adopted as a result.

As mentioned in our latest newsletter, **Lin Gardinor of Funny Farm Boutique** made a donation to the shelter of over \$7000.00. Thanks to Courtney Hewson for your help making bracelets for this project.

Thank-you!



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More Five Paw Salute



Club 717 held a fundraising weekend for us this past month and raised over \$2000.00 to help the shelter.

Lisa and Aaron manned a barbeque at **Sears Hardware Department** on March 28 and raised \$359.75. Sears has offered us any weekend we wish to have a barbeque so if anyone would like to volunteer to do one for us, please call 905 433-2022 ext 5 and leave a message for Karin.

In February, **East Side Marios at the Oshawa Centre** sold Maddie's Magnets for us as well as Pause for Our Paws circles. As well, the donated portion of everyone's bill who mentioned the Humane Society on one particular day. Approximately \$500 was raised for the shelter.

So many businesses and institutions have helped during this trying time. **Several banks, PetSmart in Whitby, Pet Valu on Garden St in Whitby, Pet Valu on Taunton and on Warren Ave in Oshawa, Pet Valu in Courtice and Pet Valu in Bowmanville, several Veterinarian offices from Uxbridge, Whitby, Oshawa and Bowmanville, Princess Auto in Whitby, Wal-Mart stores, mortgage companies, CUPE, SCFP, BMW dealership, CAW, insurance companies, A&P, Sobeys head office and many many more.** Thank you all so much.

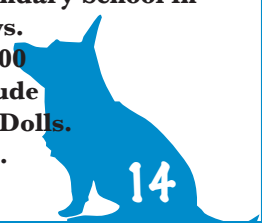
Thanks to **Uxbridge/Scugog animal services** for taking care of some of our dogs for us until we have a place to call our own.

Thanks to **Elite Welding and Industrial in Whitby** for your generous support after the fire.

A very special thank you to **Len Butticci** – your overwhelming love for our animals in need had given so many a new life, knowing for the first time ever what it is to be loved. Thank you.

Our Youth

As always, the children and teens have been absolutely wonderful and generous in helping with our animals in need. With various fundraising events, they have given from their hearts to make a new shelter a reality. **All of the students at St Michael Catholic Academy in Thornhill donated \$492.34 as a result of an awareness campaign as well as jewellery made and sold by grade 6 students M De Los Rios and M Goldbloom. Lakeside Public School in Oshawa raised \$450.00 from their Loonies of Love campaign. Donevan Collegiate in Oshawa staff and students raised \$781.54 for our animals. Six year old LL Smith from Roseneath donated her Christmas money of \$60.00 instead of a present for herself. The staff and students of Adelaide McLaughlin Public School donated \$300.00 The grade 4 students at Sir Samuel Steele Public School in Bowmanville held a fundraiser. Ms Wong's grade 10 Introduction to Business class a Dante Alighieri Academy in Toronto donated \$415.00 to help us become operational again. Students at Newcastle Public School donated \$145.00 to help. Students at Duke of Edinborough Public School raised \$64.21. Sir Albert Love Catholic School students raised \$577.52 to help our animals from their bake sale and a jersey day. Pine Ridge secondary School in Pickering donated \$195.00 from Dress Down Days. EA Fairman Public School in Whitby raised \$278.00 to help the Humane Society. We still have a multitude of children bringing in donations with their Nobody Dolls.** Thank you to all of you for your caring and love.



Radio Pet of the Week

The local radio station **AM 1350 CKDO** and **FM 107.7 CKDO**, which play fabulous oldies music is supporting us by featuring a pet of the week. Every Monday at 4:45pm, Gary Bernardi chats with Ruby, our shelter manager, on air and they focus for a few minutes on a pet of the week from our shelter. Please listen, it's a great station and we love their support!

IN MEMORIAM

BABY BERNARD

On Thursday April 2 2009, our little Bernard, the shelter rat, passed away. This wee little soul was saved twice from death. We rescued him as a baby when he was meant to be food for reptiles in a home, then he survived the tragic fire at the shelter, hiding in the corner of his cage.

He was so happy in his foster home and loved his yogurt time. Rolanda cared for him so well and he passed away peacefully in his sleep. Domestic rats are wonderful social little animals. They love the companionship of each other and people as well. They feel joy and they feel pain. Bernard accompanied us to schools or other events. He loved his outings and his treats. He was a symbol of the strength and need to carry on for the Humane Society of Durham Region, surviving the fire along with the few other animals.

Unseen, they suffer
Unheard, they cry
In agony, they linger
In loneliness, they die.

- PETA - AUTHORSUNKNOWN

Rest in peace Bernard.

CLASSIFIED PAGE FOR PETS

The Classified Page for Pets is a new feature in our Newsletter to help directly support the production cost of the Newsletter and promote local pet related businesses in Durham Region that have supported us.

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One of the best ways to help the animals is to make a monthly pledge for their care. It is a convenient and very effective way to make sure that there are funds available every month to buy food, medication, veterinarian care and shelter. Many thanks to those of you who have already made your pledge.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so. It is simple to do. Just fill in the attached pre-authorized payment form and mail it along with either a blank cheque marked "void" or your **Visa** credit card number and expiry date to: **Humane Society of Durham Region, 79 Taunton Road West, Unit 1, Oshawa, L1G 7B4**

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I hereby authorize the **Humane Society of Durham Region** to arrange automatic donation withdrawals from my bank account or **Visa** credit card on the first day of each month for my monthly pledge for animal care. I understand that I may cancel this authorization at any time with written notice.

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Yes! I want to help the animals and **become a member of the Humane Society of Durham Region**

Enclosed is my contribution to aid the Humane Society of Durham Region in its efforts to prevent cruelty, neglect and abuse of animals.

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Email Address: _____

Donations and Membership Fees are Tax Deductible

Gift of Life

This fund gives animals in our care that require expensive medical treatment a second chance at life, by paying for whatever surgery is necessary.

You can help!

By donating to The "GIFT OF LIFE" Fund you can save animals that might not otherwise have a chance. Although we try to stop it, abuse still happens, and the animals are the innocent silent victims. This abuse usually leaves scars and sometimes damages that only surgery can repair. Without your help, we can't afford to repair all of the damage. You can make the difference! You can give the "GIFT OF LIFE"!

Please fill out this form and mail it along with your donation to help these silent victims.

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Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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