

Cochrane & Area Humane Society Newsletter

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2007

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Maureen Warmington has been helping care for adoption cats every Thursday for over a year now. Maureen is here bright and early every Thursday morning without fail to feed and clean the cats and make sure the adoption area is spotless for when we open to the public. Maureen almost always brings her lunch and, after a well deserved break, continues her cat care by cuddling and socializing with the cats for a good part of the afternoon. The cats just love the one-on-one time Maureen spends with each one of them and the “home atmosphere” she creates for them. And not only do the cats appreciate her dedication but the staff and other volunteers find her just wonderful to work with as well.

Apart from her weekly cat adoption shift, Maureen also gives more of her time helping out with some of our fund-raising events, such as our Calendar Sale Campaign.

Having a volunteer like Maureen that we can depend upon with such regularity is invaluable. Maureen, we value your deep commitment to the cats awaiting adoption and the extra time you put in to ensure we have happy and socialized cats to adopt out. Thank you for all that you do!



~Janine Rossler, Volunteer Coordinator

The **Cochrane & Area Humane Society 2008 Calendar** is now available! Our stylish desktop calendar features adorable photos of animals adopted from the shelter & their happy ending stories! Last year's edition sold out, so get your copy today—they make the perfect gift or stocking stuffer! In addition to the shelter, our calendars are available for purchase in many locations in Cochrane, Airdrie, Bragg Creek, Calgary and Water Valley. See our website for a complete listing.

Chapters / Indigo will be hosting 2 calendar fundraising evenings in support of the Society. Volunteers will be on hand to sell the 2008 calendar and raise awareness for the shelter. A generous portion of their evening store sales will be donated to the Society so please join us!

◆ Thursday, Oct. 25th from 6-9pm

Indigo Signal Hill—5570 Signal Hill Centre S.W., Calgary

◆ Friday, Nov. 9th from 6-9pm

Chapters Crowfoot—66 Crowfoot Terrace N.W., Calgary

Our generous sponsors: Big Hill Veterinary Services, Cinnamon Spoon Coffee Shop, Tail Blazers, Redwillo Consulting, Anything Grows Garden Store, Tree Tops Pet Resort, Alborak Stable, Chasin' Tails, Dr. Audrey Remedios, Cochrane Eagle, Fairplay Pet Stores, Talisman Homes, and Iams.





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Fairplay Pet Store

SHELTER & SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

Registrations are ongoing for fall **dog training classes**. We are offering Puppy, Beginner, Advanced, Small Dogs Have Fun, and Tricks for Clicks. **New this fall—Agility classes** featuring jumps, see-saw, tunnels and more! Our training facility has recently been upgraded with a rubber flooring designed specifically for doggie sports. Please consult our website for schedule details or call Tracy Keith at 932-2072 ext.102 for more information or to register. We are thrilled with the enthusiastic response to our training classes. Attending a training class with your dog helps to develop a positive relationship, provides a mental outlet for your dog, and helps to keep dogs in their families for a lifetime by preventing many undesirable behaviors that lead people to surrender their dogs to a shelter. And the proceeds of our classes go back into our programs which allow us to rescue and place more pets into forever homes!



The 6th annual Mutt Strut dog walk was held at Cochrane's Mitford Park on September 8th.

This year's event raised \$23,500! In addition to a pleasant walk along the river, this year's Mutt Strut featured a bigger and better Marketplace and an entertaining Doggie Fashion Show, hosted by Global TV's Todd Gallant. Thanks to Todd Gallant, Snowy Owl Sled Dog Tours and to our participants and those who collected and donated pledges! Thanks to our sponsors who ensured that all proceeds went directly to the care of the animals: Our lead sponsor **Cochrane Veterinary Care Clinic**, The Healthy Hut, Cochrane Health & Fitness, Pawsitively Pooched, Cochrane Eagle, GlenEagles by Ecco Development, Iams, Mountain View Optometry, 4th Avenue Liquor Store, Stagecoach GMAC Real Estate, Fairplay Stores, Monterra on Cochrane Lakes, Rothenberg Capital Management, and Dr. David Sawka Cochrane Dental Centre.

Our annual **Volunteer Recognition** evening was held last month. It was a pleasant evening of great food and great company and most importantly, our chance to thank our valued volunteers for all they do for the animals all year! It was wonderful to host this gathering for the first time in our Resource Centre in the new facility. Thanks to **Beth Young** who catered the event and shared an amusing story as part of the evening's entertainment and to Ashley of Phantom's Music for providing musical entertainment.

A Blessing of the Animals ceremony was held on October 6th. Approximately 50 animals (dogs, cats, and a gerbil!) and their families came to be blessed at All Saints Anglican Church. Donations were collected for the Humane Society. Thank you to All Saints Church, Brothers of St. Francis of Assisi Retreat, and Penny West.

Over the next few months, we will be holding a variety of staff **training classes** and would like to offer attendance to our volunteers as well on a first come, first served basis. The classes are not specific to volunteer duties at the shelter, but are ones you may find useful in your careers and/or everyday life. *Dealing with Difficult People*—Sun., Nov.18 from 1-3:30pm and *Prioritizing and Time Management*—Wed., Jan.30 from 7-9pm. The classes will be taught by CAHS volunteer, Susan Flaherty, who is a professional trainer and facilitator in leadership education. Please call Dawnita @ 932-2072 to reserve your space.

Please see the following page for more details on our upcoming **Saving Lives Fundraising Art Sale**, sponsored by **Saffron**. This is a great opportunity to get a start on your Christmas shopping while supporting our Society and amazing local artists!



petsDOmatter Event Update



Jack Tennant & MLA Janis Tarchuk pause for some puppy love before teeing off in the 4th Annual petsDO-matter Charity Golf Tournament!

The 4th Annual petsDOmatter Charity Golf Tournament was held on August 9th at the Links of GlenEagles in Cochrane. This year's tournament raised approximately **\$35,000** to help the animals and support our new facility! A cool day did not dampen the enthusiasm of our volunteers and golfers who enjoyed a great round of golf followed by a delicious meal, exciting prizes, and live and silent auction. And Cochrane Dodge kindly donated a Chevy Lumina to the winner of our "putt-off" contest!

Our generous lead sponsors were **Western Veterinary Specialist Centre, Animal Care Emergency of Calgary and Cochrane Eagle**. Also supporting us this year were Talisman Homes, Calgary Harley Davidson, Cochrane Dodge, Mountain Toys, Bow Ridge Sports, Jones Brown Inc. & Axa Pacific Insurance, JED Oil Inc., Cochrane Sign and Design, ETS-Lindgren, Geneer Health Care Construction, Olympia Trust Company, Fleming Insurance, Hurst Construction Management Inc., Slimdor Contracting Ltd., Cochrane IGA, Pet Klean, Medallion Development Corporation, ScotiaBank, Inter Pipeline Fund, Iams, and Cochrane Animal Clinic. Thank you also to special guests Janis Tarchuk, Tom and Alison Jackson and to tournament organizer and emcee Jack Tennant.

HELP! Committee Volunteers

We are currently looking for volunteers to work on different **fundraising committees** in a variety of roles. Although our committee's are focused and result orientated, we do have a lot of fun meeting our important goals, in support of the shelter animals and its animal rescue and rehabilitation programs!

We hope that you might like to learn more about being part of our rewarding work, and invite you to call Tracy Keith, Executive Director at the Cochrane & Area Humane Society, 932-2072 ext.102 to find out how you can help!

Did you know...

Donating securities directly to the CAHS is a great way to save on your taxes! You get a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the securities PLUS the securities are not subject to capital gains tax. Contact Tracy at 932-2072, ext.102 for information on how to donate securities directly to the CAHS and avoid paying capital gains tax!



Welcome to Norm's Nook - Saving Lives Through the Sale of Pet Supplies

In recognition of all stray animals and the suffering they endure, we named our pet supply store after Norman, our shelter cat who was once a homeless street cat himself. All proceeds from the sale of goods in the store will be directed towards saving animals that need our help.

Norm's Nook features IAMS pet food, toys, treats and accessories for cats and dogs.

Each month from November through February, for every purchase you make of \$10 or more you can enter our draw to win our PRIZE OF THE MONTH! **You could win your pet's photo in our 2009 calendar, a free registration in one of our dog training classes, a gift certificate for dog grooming or a gift basket!**

Visit www.cochranehumane.ca for store hours
 Located at 62 Griffin Industrial Point



Cochrane & Area HUMANE SOCIETY

Norm's Nook
 Saving Lives Pet Supplies



- Canned cat food
- Non Clumping Litter
- Cat Toys
- Dog Kongs
- Washable pet beds
- Rabbit Timothy Hay
- Rabbit Pellets
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel
- Garbage bags
- Canadian Tire money
- Postage stamps

We currently have **86 cats** in our care! Many have been with us for a lengthy period not because they are not wonderful cats, simply because there are not enough homes. If you have room in your home & your heart, please call or visit our Adoption staff who will help you find the cat with just the right **personality** for your family!



active & friendly!



cuddly & adorable!



sweet & shy!



goofy & playful!



curious & outgoing!

2007 SHELTER STATS

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| Dogs reunited with owners | 107 | Cats reunited with owners | 29 |
| Dogs Adopted Out | 209 | Cats Adopted Out | 204 |
| Dogs at Shelter | 30 | Cats at Shelter | 61 |
| Dogs in Foster Homes | 12 | Cats in Foster Homes | 25 |
| Dogs Humanely Euthanized | 32 | Cats Humanely Euthanized | 63 |
| Dogs Died of Illness | 0 | Cats Died of Illness | 3 |
| Total Animals Year to Date (Jan. 1 to Oct. 12, 2007) | 811 | Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds, etc) | 36 |

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Hours of Operation:
 Tues., & Fri.: 12-2:30 & 3-7:30
 Wed. & Thurs.: 12-2:30 & 3-5:30
 Sat.: 12-5:30
 Sun., Mon. & Holidays: Closed