

Cochrane Humane Society News

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VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



Marianne Brealey has been deeply involved with the Cochrane Humane Society since April 2000.

Marianne started as a volunteer dog walker and soon took a real keen interest in almost every aspect of the organization and its operation.

Some of Marianne's volunteer tasks to date have included animal care, fundraising, promotions, dog walking, shuttling animals, shopping for shelter supplies, fostering shelter pets (and adopting the odd one too), volunteering at events, appearing on the Global Noon Show with some of our furry residents, and all the while being a member of the Silent Auction Committee, the Board of Directors, and last but not least she is a dedicated Team Captain of our Spring and Fall Door to Door Canvassing Campaigns.

Recognizing Marianne as the Volunteer of the Quarter is hardly enough to show our gratitude for all that she does for the Society. This is especially true now that she has once again increased her volunteer time to take on a new position at the shelter. We are thrilled to announce that Marianne Brealey is the Society's new Volunteer – Volunteer Coordinator. Her first hand experience and a real sense of appreciation for the volunteer jobs at the shelter make Marianne the perfect candidate to fill this position. In the past, this role has been filled and shared by staff members and had worked quite well with a small volunteer base. However, as our volunteer base grows along with our shelter, we feel that it is important as an organization to have someone who can devote more time to the position and to our deserving volunteers. The role of Volunteer Coordinator is key to the success of any charitable organization that relies heavily on volunteer help. We know that Marianne will give her most to be successful in the position, and as a result both volunteers and the animals will reap the benefits of her kindness and devotion.

Thank you Marianne, we love you and are honored to have you on our team!

- Tracy Keith, Executive Director

HELP!! We are in desperate need for more cat volunteers! If you have a love for our feline friends and a free morning once a week, or every other week, please let Shellie know! It is the volunteers who care for the cats on a daily basis. Due to the busy summer season we are in need of extra help to keep our kitties happy and well fed!



For more details on the shifts we are in greatest need of filling or for more information, please contact Shellie at 932-2072 or shellie@cochranehumane.ca. Thank you!!!

SHELTER & SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

SPECIAL THANKS
GOES TO.....

*John Breeze & Pat Collins for
Printing and Copying*

*Global Television for Pet of the
Month*

The Cochrane Eagle

*Pet Planet—Brentwood &
Country Hills*

*United Way Donor Choice
Program*

*Karen Falk at Safety in Motion
for donating a meeting room*

Cochrane Dodge

*Shell Canada, Jumping Pound
Complex*

*Brigitte Kirchenbauer for sewing
"summer" smocks for staff*

*Maryl Volk for her handmade
cat quilts*

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

Our 2006 **Annual General Meeting** held in April was well attended by our members. We are pleased that Our Board of Directors have all stayed on for another year. We would like to welcome a new member — Dean Orlando, who brings his accounting expertise to the Board.

Due to increased demand and positive feedback from our latest classes, we are happy to be offering more choices for **dog training classes**. Welcome back to instructor, Tara Torr, and welcome to new instructor, Megan Armstrong. "Calming Canines" classes are now underway. Puppy & Beginner Classes begin July 5th for the summer session and September 6th for the fall session. Please see our website or call the shelter @ 932-2072 for full details or to register.



Our annual **Spring Garage Sale** was held in April at the Spray Lake Sawmills Arena. This year's sale was bigger and better than we've ever had as we combined two seasonal events into one gigantic sale! Thanks to the volunteers, fantastic community support and attendance, this sale brought in an incredible \$10,000!

Many thanks go to volunteers **Belinda Austin and Susan Flaherty**. Belinda and Susan were instrumental in developing the Society's business case, presented to the Town of Cochrane last month. We are very appreciative of the hard work & long hours put into this project, all while under a tight deadline. Thank you, ladies!

This May marked the 8th **Annual Elegant English Tea** hosted by English Tea Chef, Elizabeth Young. This fashionable event has become a Mother's Day tradition for many in Cochrane. Tickets were sold out the day they became available! The popularity of this afternoon is a real testament to Elizabeth's talents—thank you again, Elizabeth!



This year's **Volunteer Recognition Evening** was a cheery gathering of many of our dedicated volunteers. Weedon Hall was the perfect setting for this get-together and the smell of lilacs from every table was wonderful! There was tasty food provided by Extreme Cuisine and complimentary wine was available courtesy of Lindeman's Wines (Australia). One of the highlights of the evening was an artistic belly dancing performance by Shelter Manager, Shellie Clare. Shellie was just fantastic and really impressed the crowd with her talent! Thank you again to all of our volunteers for your hard work and dedication. We hope you enjoyed the evening! Thanks to Gloria Wilson for sharing her heartwarming poems and for coordinating such a wonderful gathering!

As promised in our spring newsletter, the results of our spring **Casino** are in! \$46,000 was raised, thanks again to our volunteers, many of whom dedicated long, late shifts to bring in this terrific result!

The Cochrane Humane Society is recruiting an **Event Committee Volunteer**. The Event Committee consists of 6 – 10 volunteers who meet on a monthly basis to share ideas and plan fundraising events. The Cochrane Humane Society offers several annual, community events such as the Mutt Strut, Garage Sale, Golf Tournament and Gala. Throughout the year the Society also becomes involved with third party fundraisers and is continually investigating and exploring new fundraising ideas. Each committee member will take the lead on an event or contribute their time and efforts to a specific project or set of tasks. The Event Committee Volunteer is expected to endeavour to commit to a two-year term. If you'd like to know more, please see our website for a full job description listed under Job Opportunities www.cochranehumane.ca

The **Saving Lives Art Fundraiser** is November 4th at the Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre. Save the date and stay tuned for more info!

petsDOMatter Event Update

We are extremely excited to announce that **Hurst Construction Management Inc.** will be providing construction management services to build our new Animal Shelter! That's right, we are ready to get digging and plans are underway to do just that. We have a very aggressive construction schedule in place that will see us into the new facility before winter. Our current failing facility certainly serves as a strong daily motivator to us all to meet the schedule.

With dramatic cost increases to both construction materials and trades we will need to continue raising funds past our goal to meet the financial gap the increase is causing. We are now accepting not only donations of cash, but also different types of construction materials and equipment, help with trades, and in some cases general labor, all to help us balance the Construction Budget. If you think you might be able to help in any way, or could put us in touch with someone that might be able to help, please call Tracy Keith @ 932-2072 right away. We hope to hear from you.

Thank you All Span Building Systems Ltd. for the donation of trusses for the roof of our new facility. This generous donation is valued at \$20,000!!



Preparations are already underway for our **3rd Annual petsDOMatter Charity Golf Tournament on August 10th at the Links of GlenEagles.** Cochrane Eagle and Shell Canada Limited, Jumping Pound Complex lead a long list of supporters for the tournament. Please join us in supporting their business in return! See the back page of this newsletter for a complete list of sponsors and full tournament details. You can still register your team—forms are available online at www.cochranehumane.ca or by visiting the shelter. Limited sponsorship opportunities remain, so if you or your company is interested in sponsoring this popular event please call Tracy Keith at 932-2072.

A big thank you to volunteer Susan Hertel for heading up our spring door-to-door fundraising campaign. Thanks also to her assistants Marianne Brealey and Judy Robbins and to the many volunteers who hit the pavement again to bring in over \$3000— a great result, especially considering there were substantially fewer homes visited in this latest campaign. Please consider volunteering your time to this fundraiser this fall to help us reach as much of our community as possible.



The Strings for Strays II concert held on May 7th, wowed attendees. The concert, performed by members of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, raised \$4500 towards the Capital Campaign. Many thanks to all the talented performers who donated their time and talents for this lovely & entertaining afternoon

The petsDOMatter Gala Fundraiser was held for the second year at Redwood House in Redwood Meadows on June 17th. We were honored with a showcase concert by Tom Jackson. Guests were also treated to a delectable buffet dinner, and silent and live auctions. This elegant evening raised \$14,000 for the Capital Campaign!

petsDOMatter Capital Campaign

1.7 Million



3rd Annual **petsDOmatter** Charity

Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 10, 2006



Links of GlenEagles, 1:30 pm Shotgun start. 18 holes, power cart, hospitality gift, BBQ lunch, dinner, live auction, silent auction, fantastic prizes. Special guests, Tom Jackson and Jack Tennant. Call the Cochrane Humane Society today at 932-2072 to register.



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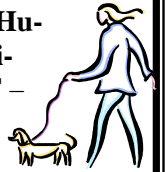
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Bring Your Dog to the Cochrane Humane Society & Cochrane Veterinary Care Clinic MUTT STRUT –



September 9th from 9-1 at Mitford Park in Cochrane. This is the 5th annual fun walk for dogs and their guardians along the scenic river pathways of Cochrane. Collect pledges and raise money for the Cochrane Humane Society and you could win a stay at the Fantasyland hotel in Edmonton and a weekend pass to West Edmonton Mall's attractions! There will be other great prizes, a marketplace, paw reading, pet-i-cures, doggie bags and more. All money raised will directly support the care and sheltering of unwanted animals until new, loving homes can be found. Download your registration form today at www.cochranehumane.ca or call 932-2072 for more information!

2006 SHELTER STATISTICS

Dogs reunited with owners	64
Dogs Adopted Out	175
Dogs at Shelter	22
Dogs in Foster Homes	17
Dogs Humanely Euthanized	21
Dogs Died of Illness	1
Cats reunited with owners	19
Cats Adopted Out	121
Cats at Shelter	31
Cats in Foster Homes	28
Cats Humanely Euthanized	22
Cats Died of Illness	1
Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds)	18
Total Animals Year To Date	540
(January 1 to July 5, 2006)	

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Cochrane Humane Society

Cats! Cats! Cats! It is the time of year again where we have filled up very quickly with cats and kittens. We have many beautiful cats available for adoption. Please consider giving one of them a home today!



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Roland