

Cochrane & Area Humane Society

Spring 2009
Newsletter

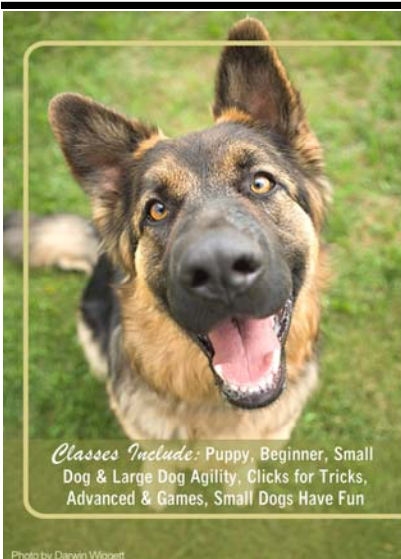
Photo by Smoky Seidel

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

This quarter's volunteer is bright, energetic, and a real go getter! **Sue Winsor** is a very busy lady who is involved in many aspects of the shelter. Sue is an active participant on our event committee, and helps with organizing the Mutt Strut, selling calendars, soliciting sponsorships for the Golf Tournament and securing auction items for the Gala. Sue also volunteers on a regular basis with our Morley First Nations Program – working with the community and making special trips to rescue animals in distress. Sue, along with five other program volunteers, recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies for her commitment to animal welfare and her efforts in the Morley First Nations Program.

Sue occasionally opens her home to fosters and recently formed a connection with Benson one of our wonderful shelter dogs. Sue took Benson home to give him some much needed TLC, and ended up keeping him and providing him with a fantastic forever home. Thank you Sue, for all that you do. You help us out in so many ways and we just couldn't do all we do without you!

Nicky Blackshaw, Volunteer Coordinator



WANT TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DOG?

Sign up now for Spring dog training and agility classes with the Cochrane & Area Humane Society. Have fun and get some exercise with your dog at our indoor training centre in downtown Cochrane!

To register call 403-932-2072 ext 102 or visit www.cochranehumane.ca



Cochrane & Area
HUMANE SOCIETY

The CAHS and ATB Financial are pleased to present

Jesse Farrell - CCMA's Female

Vocal Artist of the Year – at our

5th annual

Saving Lives - Changing Lives

Fundraising Gala

on June 13th at the

Cochrane RancheHouse

Tickets go on sale April 1st

SHELTER & SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

We're doing it again! For the second year in a row, the CAHS will be holding **Canada's Largest Community Garage Sale** to raise funds for the care of lost, unwanted or surrendered animals. Rain or shine on Sunday, April 19, from 9 am – 3 pm Cochrane residents are invited to help save lives and change lives, by holding a garage sale in their own home, and donating all or a portion of their proceeds to the shelter. A celebration party will be held at the shelter from 4 - 5 pm. Register on line today at cochranehumane.ca.

The CAHS has a new website! The new site went live on Friday, February 5th. Our new website is more user-friendly and we can make updates quickly in house. Special thanks goes to **Jason Wiegand** for designing the site and training staff to use the content management system. Thanks also goes to **Andree Lee** for working behind the scene with Jason and **Brian Younger** for helping with the set up and staff training.

The Heavenly Outhouse will be hosting a customer appreciation evening on Monday, April 6th, for friends of the CAHS. 20% of the sales from this day will be donated to the shelter. If you'd like to mingle with other animal lovers, support local business and help the animals in our care visit the Heavenly Outhouse on April 6th between 10 am and 3 pm, and let them know you're with the shelter!

We are pleased to welcome **Melanie Morrison** as our new Animal Health Technician. Melanie graduated from NAIT in 1994 and worked for seven years in small animal practice before taking a break to get married and raise two small children. Melanie and her family - including Cash their rescue dog - now reside in Cochrane, and she is looking forward to being a part of the CAHS team and contributing to the success of the shelter. Melanie will be working on-site in the hospital on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays.



SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO.....



*John Breeze, The UPS Store
& Pat Collins for Printing &
Copying*

*Global Television for "Pet of
the Month"*

The Cochrane Eagle

Cochrane Dodge

Pet Planet—Cochrane,

Brentwood & Country Hills

*United Way Donor Choice
Program*

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

Fairplay Pet Store

Here's the Scoop—Airdrie

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) invited the CAHS to nominate some of its volunteers whose commitment and extraordinary actions contribute to their organization and the cause of animal welfare. Six volunteers who participate in the Morley First Nations program were nominated and received certificates of appreciation, as well as a *Marley and Me* stuffed dog and calendar. CTV aired a segment about the volunteers and The Cochrane Eagle ran two stories and a photo in the paper. Congratulations to: **Sheila French, Sue Winsor, Laura Hadley, Dana Noel, Janine Rossler** and **Nicky Blackshaw**. Thanks for your hard work, compassion, and commitment to the Morley First Nations Program.

On Friday, February 13th the Cochrane Youth Association held the first ever **Mr. Valentine Pageant**. Nine young men from Cochrane and Bow Valley High Schools competed. They posed in evening wear, swim wear, performed a talent and responded to questions on social issues and their personalities. The proceeds from this fun event were donated to the CAHS. We were also invited to have a judge on the panel, setup our display and hand out materials.

P.A.W.S. Needs Your Help!



If you are a CAHS volunteer, member or staff we'd like to challenge you to talk to your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers to see how many people you can encourage to sign up for P.A.W.S. - our Pre-Authorized Withdrawal System.

We will be giving away a Professional Pet Portrait Package by Darwin Wiggett to the person who can recruit the most P.A.W.S. donors between **March 16 & April 30, 2009**.

We also have fantastic 2nd and 3rd place prizes!



There are four ways to get started...

- Email the P.A.W.S. application form to your contacts
- Pick up copies of the application at the shelter and hand them out
- Download the form from our website and mail or fax it in
- Your friends can visit our website and sign up online for P.A.W.S.

Make sure you tell your contacts to mention your name when they sign up !

For more information, or for P.A.W.S. application forms, please contact Andrea at andrea.lee@cochranehumane.ca

Make Volunteering a 2009 Resolution!

Volunteering is a fun and rewarding experience and we have a number of areas where we are currently looking for volunteer support:



Morning Cat Care — feeding, cleaning, grooming and socializing our shelter cats



Morning and Evening Dog Care — helping the staff feed the dogs, spot clean their runs and wash their dinner dishes, and bring them in for the evening



Morley First Nations Programs—volunteers offer support programs to the community in Morley each week

Special Thanks goes to:

Sherling Animal Welfare Foundation at the Calgary Foundation for helping us with the purchase of a Vital Signs Monitor for our new Internal Animal Hospital.

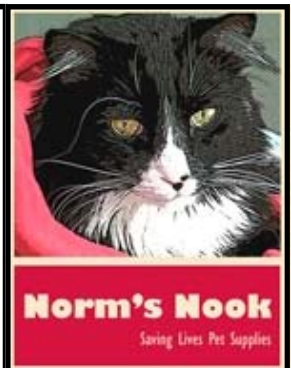
Alberta Lottery Fund Community Initiatives Program for assisting us with our Event & Awareness Pilot Project.

Imperial Oil Volunteer Involvement Program for providing funding for an educational display panel.

Visit Norm's Nook today!

All the proceeds from our pet supply store go right back into the shelter. The store has a wide variety of pet supply items (and a wide range of prices) for your pets. Perhaps you'd also like to consider buying a gift for one of our shelter pets.

**Happy shopping at Norm's Nook
and we thank you for your support.**



Our Wish List

Available at Norm's Nook

- Canned Cat & Dog Food*
- Non Clumping Litter*
- Washable Cat Toys*
- Dog Chew Toys—Nyla*
- Bones, Kongs, Ropes*
- Rabbit Pellets*
- Timothy Hay*
- Exercise pens (X-pens)*

Other Items Needed

- 9x13 Coated Baking Pans*
- Canadian Tire Money*
- Postage Stamps*
- Garbage bags*

Volunteer **Deidre Fennel** spending some quality time with her foster kitten Maryel. The Fennel family fostered this tiny kitten and chose to name her Maryel in honour of Maryel Volk who was a dedicated and passionate supporter of the Cochrane & Area Humane Society and who is dearly missed.



Nomination for Election to the Board of Directors

As a member of the Board of Directors, you will have an opportunity to help shape the direction and growth of the Cochrane & Area Humane Society in the coming year. The Board sets policies, determines budgets and the short and long term planning of the organization.

If you are interested in a Board position, complete this form and send it Attn: Tracy Keith 62 Griffin Industrial Point, Cochrane AB, T4C 0A3 by **Monday, April 13th, 2009 at 5:00 pm**. Elections take place April 22nd, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the AGM.

I wish to stand for election to the 2009 Cochrane & Area Humane Society Board of Directors.

Name _____ I would like to stand for: (please check one)

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ 1-year term for Director (5 positions)

Postal Code _____ 2-year term for Director (5 positions)

Phone _____

Signature _____

2009 SHELTER STATS

Dogs reunited with owners	20	Cats reunited with owners	0
Dogs Adopted Out	68	Cats Adopted Out	68
Dogs at Shelter	29	Cats at Shelter	32
Dogs in Foster Homes	10	Cats in Foster Homes	10
Dogs Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	4	Cats Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	1
Dogs Died of Illness	0	Cats Died of Illness	0
		Cats Humanely Euthanized due to space	0
Total Animals Year to Date (Jan. 1 to Mar 6, 2009)	252	Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds, etc)	10

HOW TO CONTACT US
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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