

Cochrane & Area Humane Society

Spring 2011
Newsletter

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Volunteer of the Quarter

This volunteer of the quarter has been indispensable when it comes to rehabilitating some of our more challenging dogs. Nicole Belland is one of our fabulous foster homes and her skills and devotion to the pets she takes in is incredibly valuable. Nicole works her magic on dogs that others may give up on, fostering them in her home for months and often keeping them until they are adopted. Taking on these dogs that require extensive training and behaviour modification is not an easy task, but it's one that Nicole tackles with a smile and determination to succeed.

Nicole has a passion for training as well and uses her skills to assist with our Puppy Play & Socialization groups at our training centre. Her patience is evident as she guides rambunctious puppies and their owners through basic socialization tasks; a calm, kind voice in what can be occasional chaos. In addition, she finds time in her busy schedule to come in and walk dogs at the shelter further enriching the lives of our residents.

Positive and upbeat, Nicole is an important member of the CAHS team as we work together to give all of the animals that enter our facility a chance at a new life.

Karla Bennett, Volunteer Coordinator

Cochrane & Area Humane Society and
ATB Financial Present....

Aaron Lines

Performing Live at the 7th Annual

*Saving Lives - Changing Lives
Fundraising Gala*

Saturday, June 11th at the Bragg Creek Centre

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Tickets \$125

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Email: tickets@cochranehumane.ca

Visit: 62 Griffin Industrial Point
ATB Cochrane & Bragg Creek

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Shelter & Society News and Events

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Why We Foster....

CAHS has close to fifty foster homes that help with the multitude of animals that require foster care throughout the year. Have you ever wondered if fostering would fit your family?

Animals require foster care for a variety of reasons. Some are moms with litters or orphans that are too young to be adopted and need that all important socialization to help them become good family members. Some are sick or injured and need special care in order to become healthy enough to be adopted. Some are working through behaviour issues and benefit from a structured, loving environment where they can learn manners, and for others the shelter environment is too stressful and they need time in a more natural setting. Whatever the reasons; we require volunteers that are willing to open their homes to needy animals.



What's in it for you? Most foster volunteers could not give a short answer about why they foster, but all had stories of animals that had touched their hearts. One spoke of a dog so badly injured he required major surgery and months of foster care before he was ready to be adopted, her answer "I foster to save a life." Another spoke of her love of animals and that she wants to give them a chance, especially those that have lost faith in humans. She shows them that it is okay to trust again. One foster home spoke of the joy it brings, they are not able to commit long term to pet ownership but fostering gives them the "pet fix" they are looking for.

Fostering is an extremely important program. It increases our capacity and allows us to



provide extensive rehabilitation and care to our animals. Fostering gives people with a genuine concern for animals an opportunity to be the bridge to a new life for them. It is hard work. There are joys and challenges but it is incredibly rewarding.

If you would like to help save a life by becoming a foster home, please contact Karla at volunteer@cochranehumane.ca.

Kids Summer Day Camp

If your child is between 7-10 years old and loves animals – this is the summer program for them! Children will not only have positive experiences with animals, they will learn about animal characteristics, how to care for pets and be responsible pet guardians - all while having fun playing animal games, participating in educational activities and making crafts.



Our summer camps are one week long and run 9am-3:30pm Monday through Friday. Before and after camp care options are also available. Your child may attend more than one week as each week has some different activities, topics and animals. For camp dates, fees, registration forms and detailed information, please go to our website at www.cochranehumane.ca.

We hope to have your child join us this summer!

We Need Volunteer Summer Camp Assistants

A super fun volunteer position for adults and teens 13 and older seeking a unique leadership opportunity. Volunteers need to have some experience and a desire to work with children. Visit www.cochranehumane.ca for dates, details and the application form.

Pooch Problems? We Can Help!

Behaviour Consults and Private Agility and Obedience Classes have proven to be a welcome addition to the services offered by the CAHS. The response from the community surpassed our expectations and showed a real need for behaviour help in the area.

This valuable service will help owners and their dogs work through behaviour problems so that they can lead a healthier, happier life together. Owners often feel they have no choice but to re-home or surrender their dogs. We are opening another door for these people, so that they do not have to feel like their situation is hopeless.

For more information visit www.cochranehumane.ca.

Volunteer!

We are seeking committed volunteers for:

- Evening Cat Care
- Morning Cat Care
- Laundry
- Monday, Tuesday & Friday Dog Walkers

Next Volunteer Orientation is May 18th. Sign up today! Call 403-932-2072 ext 105 or email volunteer@cochranehumane.ca.

Pet-i-Cure Fundraiser

Our February Pet-i-Cure was a HUGE success! We had over 75 animals come by to get their nails trimmed, and raised over \$1100 for the shelter! We look forward to seeing you all at our next one, May 14th from 1pm until 4pm at the shelter.

Our Pet-i-Cure events are generously sponsored by Arrowhead Veterinary Center.

Saving Lives - Changing Lives Gala Featuring Aaron Lines

Our 2011 Gala is being held on June 11th at the Bragg Creek Center! We are excited to welcome country star Aarons Lines for a 90 minute acoustic performance. Robbie Aylesworth, a very talented local artist, will perform during cocktail hour. The evening boasts a fantastic buffet dinner, exciting silent/live auctions and a dance to end the evening. Tickets are available at the shelter, at the ATB in Cochrane or in Bragg Creek. Tickets are \$125 each, or you can purchase a table of eight for \$1000. We hope you will join us for what is bound to be a wonderful evening!!

Thank you to our Gala sponsors:

ATB Financial

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Spring Book Sale

Our April used book sale brought in \$3500 for the shelter animals! Thank you to everyone who purchased books and all of the outstanding volunteers who made the event possible. Our next sale is October 22nd and 23rd.



8th Annual Golf Classic

in support of the
Cochrane & Area Humane Society
Internal Animal Hospital



Please join us in Saving Lives and
Changing Lives on Monday, August 15th
at the Links of GlenEagles.

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Put some spring in your pet's step...

Get Your Pet a Pet-i-Cure!

Don't like doing your pet's nails? Join us at our quarterly Pet-i-Cure Fundraiser at the shelter.

All proceeds benefit the animals.

Sponsored by:



Saturday, May 14th 1:00 - 4:00pm

TRAINING...

at the Cochrane & Area Humane Society



The Best Gift You Can Give Your Dog

Classes include: Obedience, Puppy, Agility, Puppy Play Dates, Private & Semi-Private.

To register call (403) 932-2072 ext 110 or visit www.cochranehumane.ca

Summer Day Camp

For 7 - 10 year olds who love animals!

do crafts

play Games

Learn



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Love Animals?

Sign up for the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon Charity Challenge and collect pledges for the Cochrane & Area Humane Society.

Or donate to our team.



Visit www.cochranehumane.ca for information.

Wish List

- Canned Kitten Food
- Stainless steel litter pans and dishes
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Canned dog food
- Dog chew toys (Nyla Bones, Kongs, Ropes)
- Dog crates new and used
- Washable cat toys
- Clean bedding or towels
- Washable pet beds
- Exercise pens
- Photocopy paper

2011 Shelter Stats (as at Mar. 31, 2011)

Dogs reunited with owners	16	Cats reunited with owners	1
Dogs adopted out	78	Cats adopted out	70
Dogs at shelter	42	Cats at shelter	67
Dogs in foster homes	4	Cats in foster homes	16
Dogs humanely euthanized for health or behaviour	3	Cats humanely euthanized for health or behaviour	6
Dogs died of illness	2	Cats died of illness	0
Dogs humanely euthanized due to lack of space	0	Cats humanely euthanized due to lack of space	0
Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds, etc)	10	Total Animals Year to Date (Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2011)	315

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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