

Cochrane & Area Humane Society Newsletter

Summer 2008

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Our Volunteer of the Quarter is **Brian Younger**. Brian became involved with the Society many years ago as a volunteer in the cat room and has seen numerous changes over the years. After 7 years on of the Board of Directors of which the last 5 have been in the position of President, Brian recently stepped down for a well deserved break. The President's position involves countless hours and great dedication. However, it is a volunteer role that often goes unrecognized, so we would like to extend a huge pat on the back at this time!

Brian has been instrumental in the success and growth of the Society over the years, most notably working tirelessly as Chair of the Building Committee to see the shelter upgrade to the new facility we have now. Though we will miss Brian and his leadership in the role of President, we are grateful that he will continue to support the Cochrane & Area Humane Society as a volunteer in other capacities, not the least of which is providing technical assistance as our single-handed "IT Department"!

On behalf of everyone at the Cochrane & Area Humane Society, thank you Brian for all you have done and continue to do for the animals!

BOOK SALE, BOOK SALE, BOOK SALE!

Calling all book lovers—we are having a Book Sale at the shelter on **Saturday, July 12 from 12-5pm** in the afternoon. Many wonderful volunteers have donated a huge variety of books, DVD's, VHS's and CD's for this sale. We've got countless novels, new releases, books on cooking, gardening, health, personal enrichment, business, pet care, books for children and so much more (some really great movies as well)! All proceeds from the sale are going directly to the shelter. Grab a partner and swing by and pick up your summer's supply of great reading material. Light refreshments will also be available. Hoping to see you there!



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SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO.....



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

*Global Television for "Pet of
the Month"*

The Cochrane Eagle

*Pet Planet—Cochrane,
Brentwood & Country Hills*

*United Way Donor Choice
Program*

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

Fairplay Pet Store

Here's the Scoop—Airdrie

Spring was a very busy time with many fundraising events that happened. It started off with our **10th Anniversary bash** on March 29th. We had a wonderful turn out of volunteers and public congratulating us on a very successful decade of helping animals in need. A big thank-you to Tim Hortons for donating the delicious coffee and to Cochrane IGA for donating two huge and beautifully decorated cakes—one for the shelter and one for our resident feline Norman—he's such a spoiled cat!

We put Cochrane on the map this year with **Canada's Largest Garage Sale!** We changed the format of the Sale and it turned out to be a real community event. Over 90 homes opened their garages for us and Cochrane that day was flooded with people in support of our Society. Over \$13,000 was raised! Dan Kroffat and the Event Committee did a fantastic job of coordinating all aspects of the sale—from the promotional press conference that was attended by celebs like Tom Jackson and Brett "The Hitman" Hart who are avid supports of the CAHS to the appreciation celebration back at the shelter at the end of Sale day. Thank-you's also to Cochrane Dodge for donating the pizza, to Cort Delano for his live music performance and to the many volunteers that helped out that day!

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the shelter this past April. Thanks to all members who attended and joined in reflecting on a successful and very busy year. It was wonderful to finally be able to hold the AGM at the new facility! We said farewell to Board members Brian Younger, Marianne Brealey, and Maureen Wills and welcomed new members Tara McFadden and Judy O'Leary. We were happy to have Nancy Hughes fill the role of President. Nancy has served on our

Board of Directors for 4 years now, including holding the role of Vice President, so we know her experience and many skills will serve her and the Society well as the new President. Our 2008 Board of Directors consists of: Nancy Hughes, President; Jillian Gable, Vice President; Dean Orlando, Treasurer; Sheila French, Secretary; Barb Peace, Doreen Mattson, Judy O'Leary, Tara McFadden and Ken Wilson as Directors at Large.

Strings for Strays and the Mother's Day Tea were two other wonderful and sold out events raising funds for the shelter. What could be better than listening to some beautiful music by members the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and friends one weekend and sampling English tea and the scrumptious nibbles created with lots of love by English Tea Chef and CAHS volunteer Elizabeth Young the next weekend. Thank you to all involved!



This years **Gala Fundraiser** was another superb evening. With fabulous auction items and wonderful live performances the evening was bound to be a big success. Over \$32,000 was raised and a round of applause goes to many - a huge thank-you to ATB Financial Cochrane for their generosity and lead sponsorship of the event, to the many people and businesses who donated the auction items, to the very talented performers; celebrated singer and actor Tom Jackson and local artists Cort Delano and Graham Mehain. Thank-you to the hard working Event Committee for the many hours spent putting the event together. And a heartfelt thank-you to all those bidding on the auction items in support of our Society!

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There's a new way of collecting pledges for the annual **Mutt Strut** this time around. You can register and collect pledges online! See our website at www.cochranehumane.ca to create your own webpage, it's super easy to do. You can sign up as an individual or as a team. Once registered, you can customize your personal & team donation pages; send emails; manage offline pledges; and view the status of your fundraising efforts. A good tip is that you can put your information on Facebook using the link provided on the online pledge system and send it out to all your friends. You can also go to the website to sponsor a friend or a family member by clicking on "Sponsor a Participant" and once your donation is made you will automatically be sent your tax receipt! How easy is that! Register yourself & your canine partner or sponsor someone today!

The **5th Annual Cochrane & Area Humane Society Charity Golf Tournament** is shaping up to be another great event. It will be held at the beautiful Links of GlenEagles Golf Course on August 18. This already **SOLD OUT** event features 18 holes of golf, dinner and live & silent auctions at the Terrace of GlenEagles. Participants will be golfing with special guests and surprise celebrities! Proceeds from this event will be going towards our new hospital project. Many volunteers are needed to help make this event a success, if you are interested in volunteering please contact Janine Rossler at 932-2072 ext.105 or volunteer@cochranehumane.ca.

Friendly Summer Pet Care Reminders & Tips...



- ◆ Pale skinned pets are prone to sunburns, especially on noses and ears—take care when outside with them and make sure they are not exposed to long periods of direct sun.
- ◆ Adequate water and shade is essential when pets are outdoors. Pets are susceptible to sunstroke and heat exhaustion just like we are. (Norm's Nook has water bottles for dogs with a unique attached, flip down drinking bowl—very handy for walks and hikes—check it out in our store).
- ◆ Though many dogs love to swim and play in water, remember that river and lake water can be quite cold and muscle fatigue can happen quickly which can lead to accidental drowning—so monitor your dog's playtime in cold water.
- ◆ Never leave pets in vehicles for extended periods in hot weather and direct sunshine—cracked windows are often not enough (even in the shade when it's hot out).
- ◆ Avoid pets walking on freshly fertilized and herbicide sprayed areas—poisons can be absorbed through paw pads!
- ◆ Should your pet get bit or stung by an insect, monitor your pet closely for any allergic reactions—watch for rashes or swelling and if symptoms worsen, call your veterinarian.
- ◆ Enjoy the fresh air, the sunshine (while it lasts in our rather short summer season), soak up some Vitamin D—exercise & play with pets in the early part of the morning and later in the day—it's good for you and them!



THE CALGARY
FOUNDATION

We would like to extend a warm **thank you to the Cochrane & District Community Foundation at the Calgary Foundation** for awarding us a grant for the purchase of window blinds for our new facility. These blinds will allow the staff and animals to have some privacy and shade as well as provide protection of UV damage to many valuable items and materials, especially in our resource room. Thank-you so very much!

PAWS Pre-Authorized Withdrawal System

The PAWS system is available to anyone wishing to make regular and hassle free donations to the animals. A monthly donation in the amount of your choice is automatically withdrawn from your bank account at the same time each month and a charitable tax receipt is given at the end of the year for the total giving amount. This system helps us with the financial planning to best serve the animals. An application form can be downloaded from our website www.cochranehumane.ca.



Bennie & Brewser are two handsome brothers that have been at the shelter far too long. With Bennie's sleek sophistication and Brewser's stately mane they are certainly creatures to behold. If you are looking for a manly cat (or two) to patrol your home, please come and see them for yourself—you won't be disappointed!

Calling Out To Cat Lovers!

End of spring is a busy time for us with the inevitable influx of kittens and puppies. Inevitably end of spring is also the time when many volunteers make plans for their summer vacations. Therefore we are in **immediate need of extra volunteers to help out with morning cat care duties** for our wonderful felines....

This important volunteer role is one the shelter cannot manage without. Volunteer duties include feeding, cleaning, socializing and cuddling our cats. This 2-3 hr volunteer shift takes place in the morning between 7am and 12pm and we are in need of volunteers every day of the week.

If you have three hours to spare once a week and enjoy spending time with cats, please contact Janine Rossler, Volunteer Coordinator at 932-2072 ext.105 or volunteer@cochranehumane.ca for more information.

We have 78 animals in the shelter right now looking for their forever homes!



Emery



Capri



Deacon



Tropicana



Dixie



The Cochrane & Area Humane Society is recruiting an Event Committee Volunteer to join our team!

The Event Committee consists of 6 – 10 volunteers who meet on a monthly basis to share ideas and plan fundraising events. **The Cochrane & Area 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, or contact Tracy Keith, Executive Director @ 403-932-2072, ext. 102.

2008 SHELTER STATS

Dogs reunited with owners	78	Cats reunited with owners	33
Dogs Adopted Out	171	Cats Adopted Out	149
Dogs at Shelter	15	Cats at Shelter	60
Dogs in Foster Homes	7	Cats in Foster Homes	20
Dogs Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	4	Cats Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	17
Dogs Died of Illness	0	Cats Died of Illness	2
		Cats Humanely Euthanized due to space	0
Total Animals Year to Date (Jan. 1 to Jun. 30, 2008)	566	Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds, etc)	10

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