

Cochrane & Area Humane Society

Summer 2009
Newsletter



Photo by Smoky Seidel

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

This quarter's volunteer is a quiet, lovely lady who prefers to stay behind the scenes, but we are putting her front and center as our volunteer of the quarter. **Eileen Easton** has been helping around the shelter since 2000. Eileen is always quick to roll up her sleeves and help promote the various events the shelter puts on each year. She sells calendars, delivers and restocks brochures, puts up posters, and volunteers on site at the garage sale, golf tournament and Mutt Strut. She has also attended the gala for the past five years. Eileen spends most of her Tuesday afternoons at the shelter helping to look after the cats and folding many loads of laundry.

Eileen was the master mind behind the shelter's used book sale. Eileen came up with the idea for the sale – emphasizing that it would be a fun way to bring people into the shelter and raise some funds. Eileen assumed the role as lead volunteer, decided what type of books would sell best, and organized other volunteers to help her sort the books. The first book sale raised \$2,000 and the second sale brought in \$3,000.

Thank you Eileen for your dedication, great ideas, and willingness to promote the shelter.

Nicky Blackshaw, Volunteer Coordinator

On September 12th join the CAHS for our 8th Annual **MUTT STRUT** and help us raise funds for the animals in our care.

Registration opens at 9am at Mitford Park and the walk starts at 10am. After the walk enjoy the marketplace, prizes, dog fashion show, pet-i-cures, paw reading and so much more.

Visit www.cochranehumane.ca to register on line today.



Classes Include: Puppy, Beginner, Small Dog & Large Dog Agility, Clicks for Tricks, Advanced & Games, Small Dogs Have Fun

Photo by Darwin Wiggett

WANT TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DOG?

Sign up now for Fall 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 110 or visit www.cochranehumane.ca



**Cochrane & Area
HUMANE SOCIETY**

SHELTER & SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

**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

On Saturday, May 23rd the shelter hosted its first ever **Pet Pet-i-cure day**. Dogs and cats of all ages and sizes were invited to come to the shelter, with their owners, from 1 - 4 pm to have their nails clipped. Professional groomers and animal health technologists were on hand to give the pet-i-cures in exchange for a donation to the shelter. Attendees also received a coupon valid for purchases in *Norm's Nook* – our on-site pet supply store. Over \$800 in donations was received and many people asked when the next Pet Pet-i-cure Day would be. We are pleased to announce that we are planning to host this event four times a year – the next date will be on Saturday, August 15th.

Thank you to all of you who participated in our **P.A.W.S contest**. The contest has resulted in an additional \$295 in monthly donations coming to the Shelter - that's \$3,540 each year! We also received \$765 in donations as a direct result of the contest!

Our winners are:

1st place - Nicky Blackshaw
2nd place - Elizabeth Young
3rd place - Eileen Easton

Our P.A.W.S program is extremely important to shelter operations. Knowing we have a monthly source of funds we can count on allows us to continue saving lives and changing lives!

The 6th Annual **Saving Lives – Changing Lives Golf Classic** is fast approaching. On August 17th, 2009 we will hold our tournament at the Links of Gleneagles golf course in Cochrane. Almost 200 guests will come out and support this event and enjoy a fabulous day of golf followed by a delicious meal, outstanding prizes, and a silent and live

auction. A few surprise celebrities will also be golfing with us!

All proceeds raised will support the operation of our internal animal hospital at the shelter. The hospital at the Cochrane & Area Humane Society allows for shelter animals to be treated quickly giving them an opportunity for health and happiness in a new home.

For more information, or to enter a team, visit www.cochranehumane.ca. Space is limited so enter quickly!

With a line up at the door before opening, the **book sale** held on March 14th was a huge success. Bringing in \$3000, the sale's selection of used books drew in a crowd of avid readers eager to help the shelter reach its funding goals. Genres for all ages were available, from romance to science fiction and gardening to mysteries – there was something for everyone. Prices ranged from \$1 to \$5. A big thank-you goes out to the volunteers who donated their time at the sale, and for those who generously donated books. In seeing such a successful community response to only the second book sale hosted by the CAHS, plans are underway for a third sale to take place in the fall.



Eileen, Elaine, Cornell and Jan hard at work sorting the piles of books we received for the Book Sale

Saving Lives — Changing Lives Gala

The 5th annual *Saving Lives – Changing Lives* Fundraising Gala on June 13th set a new record for proceeds raised - almost \$40,000 will go towards the care of lost, unwanted or surrendered animals. This year's gala was generously sponsored by ATB Financial and featured CCMA's Female Artist of the Year Jessie Farrell who performed for a sold out crowd.

Guests arrived at 6pm for cocktails. Graham Mehain provided musical entertainment while guests mingled and started bidding on silent auction items. Leslie Horton with Global TV hosted the evening, and blues guitarist Leroy Cassell warmed up the crowd before Jessie Farrell took the stage just after 9pm.

Exciting items such as WestJet tickets with a resort stay, a TRAK kayak, and a Cochrane Fire/EMS Ladies' Night Out were up for grabs and auctioned off by Bill Brown during the live auction.

Special thanks go to ATB Financial, and our hard working gala event committee and the volunteers that helped out during the evening. We would also like to recognize the following individuals and organizations who offered their support:

Authentic Western Productions
 Bill Brown, with Elevate Auctions
 Cochrane Eagle
 Doug Weston
 Great Events Catering Inc.
 Griffin Airporter

Laura Hadley
 Mission Hill Family Estates
 Oil City Press
 Stephanie McNear
 Smokey Seidel

Saltbox Studios & Dominic Sterett
 Sound West Ltd.
 Travel Lodge Cochrane



Gala committee members: Aubray Kinnear, Sue Winsor, Nicky Blackshaw, Christina Hehr, Kim Sheppard, Tracy Keith



Jessie Ferrell performs to a sold out crowd

Interested in Volunteering?

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

Special Thanks goes to:

Alberta Culture and Community Spirit for awarding us a Community Spirit Donation grant!

Cochrane Community Grant Program for providing a grant to support our volunteer training equipment program.

Cochrane & District Community Foundation at The Calgary Foundation for funding to purchase furnishings for the shelter reception area and adoption gallery.

Imperial Oil Volunteer Involvement Program for providing a grant on behalf of one of our volunteers that allowed us to purchase a promotional display panel.

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*



Will You Make My Day?

The CAHS recently launched the **Make My Day Program**. Each pet that is in our care needs food, medical attention, love and socialization. We provide the best care for the animals we rescue, rehabilitate and re-home and now you can help too!

You can support a pet through the **Make My Day Program** for a day, one week or one month. Make the day of a dog for \$40, make the day of a cat for \$20 or make the day of a small animal companion for \$20. When you

participate in the program you will receive a certificate that shows the needy pet your donation has generously supported.

For more information visit www.cochranehumane.ca



JB - for Just Beautiful



Cushie



Roper



Snapple

Rescue Us! We've been at the shelter for far too long. Please don't over look us — we have so much love to give and would make a wonderful addition to your home. Please come and meet us today.

2009 SHELTER STATS

Dogs reunited with owners	53	Cats reunited with owners	9
Dogs Adopted Out	168	Cats Adopted Out	137
Dogs at Shelter	34	Cats at Shelter	64
Dogs in Foster Homes	3	Cats in Foster Homes	15
Dogs Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	7	Cats Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	6
Dogs Died of Illness	0	Cats Died of Illness	1
		Cats Humanely Euthanized due to space	0
Total Animals Year to Date (Jan. 1 to Jun 15, 2009)	516	Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds, etc)	19

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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