

Cochrane & Area Humane Society



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Winter 2011
Newsletter

Volunteer of the Quarter

This quarter we are recognizing Smokey & Jo Seidel as our special volunteers. Smokey came to us a few years ago filling a need for a volunteer to take pictures of our animals. His great skill is finding a way to bring out the animal's personality in their photo. Smokey is always willing to fill in where necessary and eager to take a new volunteer under his wing and share his knowledge with anyone who has an interest in photography.

Jo came to us initially as Smokey's assistant - it's her shoulder that many of our smaller animals are peeking over in their profile pictures. She has also painted backdrops for Smokey to use when the cat or dog is too shy to photograph outside their kennel, showcasing them in a more positive light. Jo's main position these days is as one of our fabulous hospital volunteers where she assists with health checks and prepping animals for surgery.

Smokey and Jo both come from a nursing background which shows in the compassionate way they handle the animals. They are an extremely committed volunteer couple and it is a rare Thursday that you won't hear Smokey's laughter or see Jo's smiling face in the halls of the shelter. Thank you Jo and Smokey for helping our animals get a jumpstart on their way to their forever homes!

Karla Bennett, Volunteer Coordinator

A Gift for Your Valentine...

Aaron Lines

Accoustic Performance
Bragg Creek Centre
Saturday, June 11th

Tickets just \$125



Call 403-932-2072 to order your tickets today

www.cochranehumane.ca

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.

Saturday, February 12th
1:00 - 4:00pm



Cochrane & Area
HUMANE SOCIETY



Shelter & Society News and Events

Special Thanks To...

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The Cochrane Eagle

Pet Planet Cochrane, Brentwood & Country Hills

United Way Donor Choice Program

Delta Lodge Kananaskis

Here's the Scoop Airdrie

Pro H2O

Super Save Disposal (Alberta) Ltd.

Boot Camp

When you think about Boot Camp you might picture a burly military man barking out orders, but the only barking at our Boot Camp comes from the dogs.



Boot Camp is a four-week intensive training course for shelter dogs that need a little extra polish before being adopted. They may be shy, excitable or have simply never received any training before.

Dogs are partnered up with volunteers who bring them to a weekly training class and do regular practice sessions with them throughout the week. Training focuses on manners, loose-leash walking, basic obedience, recalls, tricks and agility.



The CAHS has completed two Boot Camp sessions with incredible results. Dogs have graduated from the program with a firm foundation and moved into their new homes with much success. This would not be possible without the outstanding commitment of the Boot Camp volunteers. Their dedication to the dogs and their development is amazing and we really do appreciate it.

Puppy Intervention

Six great big puppies arrived at the shelter in mid-December. These three-month-old collie/mastiff crosses were very cute, and also very frightened. It was clear that they hadn't received adequate socialization during that very important time in their life - at one to three months of age.

Lack of socialization as puppies can lead to severe behaviour problems as adults. With the extreme fear they exhibited, they couldn't be adopted into the community so Puppy Intervention was born.

Six volunteers were recruited to train and socialize the pups and a weekly class was set up. Every Wednesday these dedicated volunteers brought their puppy to class and they practiced with them regularly as well. We were unsure what the results of this intervention would be because we had never done it before.



Four weeks later the puppies were completely different dogs. It was an incredible transformation - all were rehabilitated and available for adoption, once again showing how valuable our volunteers are to our animals.

Volunteer!

We are seeking committed volunteers for:

- Morning Dog Care
- Morning Cat Care
- Bedtime Routine
- Weekday Dog Walkers

Next Volunteer Orientation is March 5th.

Sign up today!

Call 403-932-2072 ext 105 or email volunteer@cochranehumane.ca.

Home for the Holidays

Our Home for the Holidays Christmas Open House had a great turnout! Guests enjoyed visiting with the animals, purchasing items at Norm's Nook to donate to the shelter, and, of course, a visit with Santa! We had over 250 items donated back to the shelter for use throughout the year and raised over \$6700 in donations, retail sales and calendar sales. Thank you to all the Volunteers who helped out, and everyone who stopped in to support the shelter.



Pet-i-Cure Fundraiser

Looking for a special valentine for your four-legged sweetheart? Join us at the shelter on Saturday, February 12th from 1:00 - 4:00pm to have your pet's nails trimmed. All proceeds will benefit the shelter's animals. Thank you to the animal health technicians and professional groomers who are donating their time and expertise for this event. See you there!

Book Sale

Looking for a good read? Our Spring Book Sale will be held Friday April 15th and Saturday April 16th from noon til 5:00pm at the shelter. Stop in to pick up some great books for those lazy days of summer! All proceeds benefit the shelter. 403-932-2072

Our Wish List

- Canned Kitten Food
- Stainless steel litter pans and dishes
- Canadian Tire money
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Canned dog and cat food
- Bleach
- Dog chew toys
(Nyla Bones, Kongs, Ropes)
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Dog crates new and used
- Washable cat toys
- 6-foot nylon Leashes
- Martingale collars
- Washable floor mats
- Cat scratching posts
- Clean bedding or towels
- Washable pet beds
- Exercise pens
- Plastic sheet (page) protectors
- Shower curtain rings
- Grocery store gift cards
- Heavy Duty Garbage bags
- Dish soap
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Toilet tissue, Paper towel
- Postage stamps
- Plastic bags
- New pens
- Permanent markers
- Dry erase markers
- Letter size file folders
- Disposable gloves
- Re-usable rubber gloves
- Photocopy paper

Special items:

- Good quality flashlights
- Hula Hoops
- AIR MILES Reward Miles*
- Puppy exercise pens
- Gastro Dry Dog Food -
Medi-Cal Gastro or Hill's I/D

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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PetExpo is a 2-day consumer tradeshow that is open to the public. At the show you will find hundreds of pets, pet products, service providers, entertainers, clubs and organizations that cater to pets.

www.petexpos.com

The show strives to include everything from dogs & cats, to reptiles and other small caged exotics. All of these animals can be seen on-site during the show for you to interact with!

Come for this family fun weekend and enjoy the many entertainment features including the exciting agility and flyball demos on the main stage, the Ask A Vet & Ask A Trainer features, pony rides, face painting, and the Thistle Hill Petting Farm.

For more information and to purchase 2 for 1 tickets online go to www.petexpos.com

TRAINING...

at the Cochrane & Area Humane Society



The Best Gift You Can Give Your Dog

Classes include: Obedience, Puppy, Agility, Puppy Play Dates, and Small Breed Dog Play Dates.

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

Did you know....

that you can start planning today to help animals in the future?

Ask us about

- 🐾 Bequests
- 🐾 Life Insurance
- 🐾 Retirement Plan Assets
- 🐾 Shares/Securities
- 🐾 Property/Real Estate



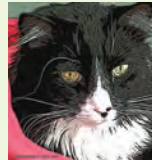
Call 403-932-2072 ext 102 to discuss Gift Planning Options

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Norm's Nook

Saving Lives Pet Supplies

- Toys
- Treats
- Leashes
- Collars
- Harnesses
- Training Supplies
- Accessories



62 Griffin Industrial Point, Cochrane

Tues. & Fri. 12 - 2:30 & 3 - 7:30pm
Wed. & Thurs. 12 - 2:30 & 3 - 5:30pm
Sat. 12 - 5:30pm

AGM

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday, April 27th
7:00pm
at the shelter



2010 Shelter Stats (as at Dec. 31, 2010)

Dogs reunited with owners	118	Cats reunited with owners	49
Dogs adopted out	268	Cats adopted out	386
Dogs at shelter	37	Cats at shelter	45
Dogs in foster homes	10	Cats in foster homes	5
Dogs humanely euthanized for health or behaviour	54	Cats humanely euthanized for health or behaviour	45
Dogs died of illness	7	Cats died of illness	8
Dogs humanely euthanized due to lack of space	0	Cats humanely euthanized due to lack of space	0
Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds, etc)	43	Total Animals Year to Date (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2010)	1075

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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