

Spring 2008

Cochrane & Area Humane Society Newsletter

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Laurie Boyd is affectionately known as our Bunny Guru. Her vast knowledge and experience of caring for and handling 'Oryctolagus cuniculus' has lead her to that title. The special touch and continued dedication she gives to our shelter rabbits has made her our Volunteer of the Quarter!

Laurie is a regular face at the shelter on Friday mornings, bringing her smile and an armful of bunny veggies. You can see the bunnies hopping up and down with joy when they see her coming! Their noses twitch to the smell of fresh lettuce, carrots, cilantro and many other goodies Laurie has on the menu for them. For Christmas she even brought them their own pot of Wheatgrass to nibble on (which Jax happily knocked over and thought the soil was much more fun to dig in—it was so funny to watch him!).

But Laurie doesn't just come to cuddle them, she helps the staff out with cleaning the cages and X-pens as well. She also lends a helping hand to the cat volunteers and their stack of dishes. When the work is done, you'll find Laurie sitting in the X-pen with the rabbits giving them the extra TLC they need and deserve. If you walk past the cages and notice special little notes—like Valentine's cards—you can be sure it was Laurie going the extra mile to help get our bunnies adopted!

Thank-you Laurie for your sincere love and dedication to our shelter rabbits and for all the knowledgeable advice you pass on to us!

~ Janine Rossler, Volunteer Coordinator



HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY CAHS!

We are having a big party & you're invited! It's the Cochrane & Area Humane Society's 10th Anniversary this year, yes 10 years since we opened our doors to animals in need, and we will be celebrating this milestone on **Saturday, March 29 from 1-4pm**. It is also Norman's (our resident shelter cat) 10th Birthday so we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. It will be an open house party with cake and coffee and we will be selling our brand-new 10th Anniversary fitted T-shirts and zip up hooded sweatshirts. All proceeds from the garments will go back into the shelter. There will also be a dog agility demonstration from 2-4pm and you are welcome to bring your dog and try it out. So please join us that day and help us celebrate this memory filled decade! Anniversary gifts for the shelter animals will also be gratefully accepted.



**Cochrane & Area
HUMANE SOCIETY**

*10 Years of Saving Lives
& Changing Lives
1998-2008*

If there are any volunteers who would like to help out that day, please contact Janine R at volunteer@cochranehumane.ca

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

*Susan Flaherty for her
Training & Expertise*

Spring is a very busy time for us as we get ready for the many fundraising events planned for the year. This year the format of our Garage Sale has changed. We are hoping to hold **Canada's Largest Garage Sale** and make it a real community event. We are asking residents of Cochrane to host the garage sale in their own garages and donate all or a portion of their proceeds to the Society at a celebration party with surprise celebrities and a FREE appreciation BBQ. The celebration will be held at the shelter. The Garage sale is **Sunday, April 27**, sale time 9-3 with celebration time 4-5pm. We hope you can open your garages for the sale or come out with family and friends and do a lot of garage sale hopping and shopping! Register for the sale by calling 932-2072 or visit our website. The shelter will be specially opened for adoptions from 11—6 that day as well.

The CAHS's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd at 7 pm at the Shelter. There will be special resolutions proposed at the meeting. Please see our website for more details. The AGM is open to all members of the CAHS. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Board, please fill out the nomination sheet on the back page of this newsletter and submit to Tracy Keith, Executive Director by Wednesday, April 16th. Elections will take place at the AGM, so be there to exercise your voting privileges.

A **Pet 1st Aid course** is going to be held at the shelter and we would also like to offer attendance to our volunteers on a first come, first served basis. The course will provide important advice and helpful tips on caring for your pet when injuries occur. The course is being offered on two dates - March 19 from 7-9 pm and on April 16 from 7-9 pm. Please call reception @ 932-2072 to reserve your space.

Dog Training Classes are up and running with more classes this spring. We are offering Puppy, Beginner, Advanced, Small Dogs Have Fun, **Agility** and Tricks for Clicks. Please consult our website for class schedule details or call Tracy Keith at 932-2072 ext.102 for more information or to register.

We are pleased to **welcome Janine Simpson** in the position of Shelter Manager. Janine brings much knowledge and experience to the shelter as she is an Animal Health Technician, has held a position on the Board of Directors as Director of Education, and she leads the ever in demand Kids Club. We are very happy to have her on board!



We would like to extend our **thanks to the Town of Cochrane** for providing funding for resource materials as a part of our Volunteer/Employee Training and Enhancement Program. The funds allowed us to offer training seminars and materials to volunteers and staff as part of an ongoing initiative to enhance the Cochrane & Area Humane Society workplace.



A big appreciative **Thank-you goes to Shell Canada Limited** for their generous donation of \$1000 towards the purchasing and building of extra dog runs outside at the shelter. There will be many dogs who will enjoy the extra space provided by Shell!

CAHS Fundraising Events Calendar 2008

April

8th Annual Pet Expo—April 12 & 13
Garage Sale—April 27

May

Cochrane Trade Show—May 3 & 4
Strings for Strays—May 4
10th Annual Mother's Day Tea—May 10

June

5th Annual petsDOMatter Fundraising Gala—
June 14



August

5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament—August
18

September

Labour Day Parade—September 1
Mutt Strut—September 6

**Please contact Janine R at volunteer
@cochranehumane.ca if you are interested in
helping out with any of this year's events!**

The rewards of fostering animals...

Our foster volunteers are amazing people! Fostering animals is no simple task. It requires commitment, compassion, dedication, patience and lots of love. At times it may require inner strength, courage and the ability to let go. But it is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have with an animal. You get to see them grow, learn, heal, gain self-confidence and get back that twinkle in their eye. The common situations that require an animal to go into foster care are when they are too young to be adoptable, when they are injured or recovering from surgery, when they have behavioral concerns that require rehabilitation or when an animal is just not doing well in the shelter environment and needs a 'break'. Young ones, such as puppies and kittens, need time to grow and need plenty of socialization before they can be adopted. Recovering animals heal much faster in foster homes, again where they receive the caring touch and are away from potential health risks to their already compromised states. For animals with behavioral concerns, such as needing to learn basic commands and leash training or have food related concerns, it is so helpful when experienced volunteers can take them into foster care and work one-on-one with them and give them the chance to rehabilitate. And then there are those that at first seemed bright and cheery but start to decline in the shelter environment and it's wonderful when volunteers can take them home for a while and give them a change of scenery to recharge their spirits. Foster volunteers can have an animal in their care for a few days to months if necessary. These really are special people who give more than just their time and energy to these animals, they are giving them that second chance at finding their forever homes!

If you would like to find out how you can become a CAHS Foster Home, please contact Janine Rossler at 932-2072 ext.105 or volunteer@cochranehumane.ca for more information or to set up an interview.

Exciting Project for the Shelter

We have a very exciting project planned for the shelter. A large portion of our fundraising efforts this year will be going towards creating an animal hospital in the shelter. The hospital will allow us to provide some immediate & follow-up care to the many animals that come to us in need of medical attention. The campaign for the new hospital is

Saving Lives and Changing Lives!

So please support our events this year and help us to create an animal hospital at the shelter so we can continue Saving Lives of our shelter animals and Changing Lives of the families that adopt them.

Your support will be greatly appreciated!



OUR WISH LIST

Canned Cat & Dog Food

Non Clumping Litter

Washable Cat Toys

Dog Chew Toys—Nyla

Bones, Kongs, Ropes

Washable Pet beds

Rabbit Timothy Hay

Canadian Tire Money

Postage Stamps

Garbage bags

X-pens

Toilet Paper & Paper Towel

Bleach & Laundry Soap

Digital Camera



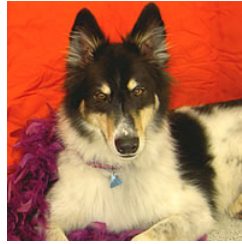
Spring is in the air, let a new pet spring into your life. Our shelter is full of pets just waiting to hop, jump and bound to you!



Argus



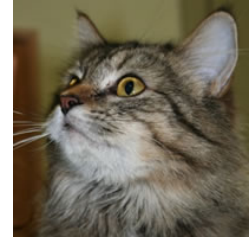
Viola



Salsa



Jax



Fruitloop



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 **Wednesday, April 16th, 2007 at 5:00 pm**. Elections take place April 23rd, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the AGM.

I wish to stand for election to the 2008 Cochrane & Area Humane Society Board of Directors, for a term of one year.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Province _____
 Postal Code _____
 Phone _____
 Signature _____

I would like to stand for the following position:

- (please check one)
 President
 Vice-President
 Treasurer
 Secretary
 Director (6 positions)

2008 SHELTER STATS

Dogs reunited with owners	23	Cats reunited with owners	11
Dogs Adopted Out	67	Cats Adopted Out	61
Dogs at Shelter	21	Cats at Shelter	43
Dogs in Foster Homes	5	Cats in Foster Homes	9
Dogs Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	1	Cats Humanely Euthanized for health or behavior	13
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. 1, 2008)	259	Other Animals (rabbits, rodents, birds, etc)	5

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