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Spring/Summer 2014



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# Our Mission

To promote the humane care and protection of all animals and to prevent cruelty and suffering.

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# Message from the CEO

While the weather is still warm there is no denying that fall, and then winter, are slowly creeping up on us – but what a summer it has been! We have done some amazing things over the last few months, and none of them would have been possible without your support.

This summer we surpassed our record for the number of animals in foster care at one time. Our previous high point was 383 animals and at last count we had placed 405 pets-to-be in caring temporary homes. Our dedicated group of foster families make a world of difference to our animals and we would be lost without them.

Just a few short weeks ago in early July we co-hosted the first ever Mega Pet Adoption Event in Canada. I am proud to have taken part in an event such as this because it shows how far animal rescue has come within the GTA – rather than working against each other, organizations from across the city and beyond are working together for a common goal – helping our community become one in which all adoptable animals find their forever home. The event was a huge success, with 585 animals finding forever homes in 3 days.

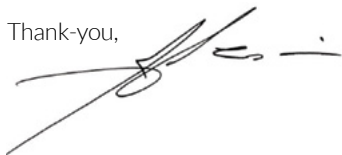
Along those lines our Spay and Neuter Services have been working full steam ahead, preventing pet overpopulation by providing access to surgeries at a reduced cost. This year has been another record breaker for our relatively new clinic and we are only going to do better as we progress. So far we've performed over 2100 surgeries in 7 months.

In addition this summer saw the refresh of our rooftop garden that grows greens for our small domestics and provides our cats with a beautiful outdoor space to relax in. Thanks to a partnership between Purina and Evergreen our large dog park also received a make-over complete with new play obstacles and trees along the fence line.

We've also been working hard behind the scenes. Our Board of Directors has approved an exciting three year strategic plan which includes off-site adoptions, increased access to our spay/neuter services, satellite food banks and an expansion of our kitten nursery. The About Us section of our website has the full details.

I could go on and on, but I'll leave the rest of the stories for the inside pages. Enjoy this issue of Animal Talk!

Thank-you,



Dr. Jacques Messier, DMV, MBA  
Chief Executive Officer



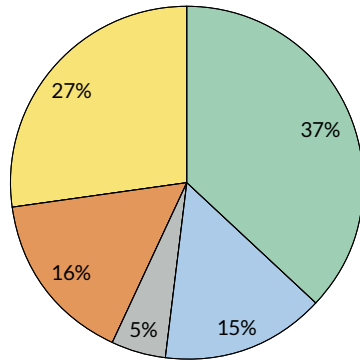
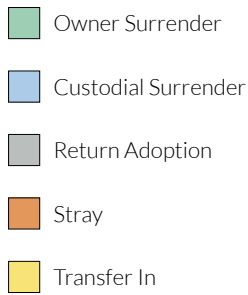
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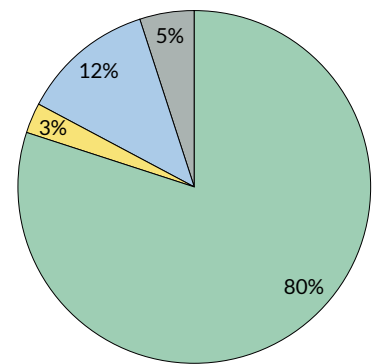
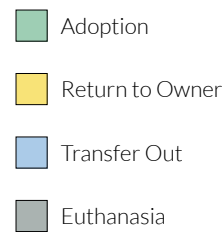
# 2013 Shelter Statistics

## Intake



In 2013, 4016 animals entered our shelter. A nearly 6% increase over the previous year. In total, custodial and owner surrenders increased by 22% over 2012. In order to save the most lives we must work together with our fellow rescues, shelters and humane societies. In 2013 we took in 1064 animals from organizations across Ontario including Toronto Animal Services. Many of these animals had significant medical and behavioral issues and were facing euthanasia.

## Outcomes



In 2013, we found forever homes for 3,009 animals, 125 were returned to their owners and 457 were transferred to other rescues and shelters. Year to date in 2014 our feline adoption rate has increased by 24%.

# Toronto Humane Society by the Numbers



**90,000lbs**

In one year, THS goes through 50,000 lbs. of food — that's 10 dump trucks full! We also hand out 8 dump trucks full (or 40,000 lbs.) of food through our animal food bank program.



**11,000**

Vaccines were given last year alone to immunize all our animals against rabies, kennel cough, canine hepatitis and influenza. This includes animals in our care and animals who've visited our public clinics.



**29,000**

Volunteer hours were clocked in 2013. Our volunteers help us care for, love and advocate for all our animals. And, we simply couldn't do what we do without them.



**90,000**

Dog walks last year. Regular exercise is a necessity for dogs, no matter the size, breed, gender or even age. Thanks to our dog walkers, all of our pooches get the exercise and enrichment they need to be healthy and happy.



**11,000**

Cat enrichment hours. Play is very important for all of our cats. Cats are naturally inquisitive, social, and playful, so playtime and general interaction can help keep their spirits up and give them a sense of purpose.



**1,100**

Animals placed in foster homes. By placing some of our animals in foster homes it frees up needed space at the shelter and helps the dog or cat by being in a natural and loving environment.



**1,000**

Animals from all across Ontario and Quebec were transferred to us for additional help, medical attention and care.

# Public Spay Neuter Services



The Toronto Humane Society Spay Neuter Services have come a long way over the last two years. We were a small clinic with big dreams that only needed a little bit of a push to get us there.

In 2012 our spay neuter services provided surgery for 500 owned animals. Our goal was to ensure that there were no pets in our community that were unable to access much needed veterinary care due to a lack of funds. However, as a relatively new public clinic many GTA residents were just not aware that our services were an option and the clinic was unfortunately operating under capacity.

2013 changed all of that. In addition to our surgical services the Toronto Humane Society opened up the clinic in the evenings to offer clients access to low cost vaccination services. As an adjunct to providing core vaccines the public was given the option to have their pets microchipped, tested for heartworm disease, and to purchase Revolution – all at reasonable prices. With the evening clinic in operation two days a week we were able to vaccinate more than 1000 pets over the course of the year.

Word was beginning to spread about the high level of care and compassion shown towards clients and their pets by our dedicated and experienced clinic staff. In 2013 we performed surgery on close to 2500 owned animals, as well as 155 free Trap Neuter Return (TNR) surgeries, and 93 surgeries for other rescue organizations. At this point we knew the clinic was going to be a success and that we would soon be able to reinvest funds in order to make our services even more accessible for those in need.



Our final push towards realizing our goals came from Pet Smart Charities of Canada. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant that allowed us to hold 4 different surgical blitzes in 2014 through our Spay Neuter Services. The Happy Neuter Year blitz in January 2014 allowed us to book neuter surgeries for owned animals at the amazing rate of \$20 each! The public was extremely grateful and supportive of our efforts, making January 2014 our busiest month since opening. We were able to perform a whopping 350 canine and feline neuters in just 23 days. Our next blitz, Beat the Heat, took place in February and focused on spaying female pets before the spring 'kitten season'. Once again surgical fees were reduced to \$20 for every female dog or cat spayed throughout and the month and we were pleased as punch to perform surgery on 274 animals as a part of this blitz. Our third blitz for 2014 is currently underway. Precious not Parents provides clients with pets under 6 months of age access to surgical services for, you guessed right, \$20. As of the end of June, we have already performed surgeries on 230 young pets. Our final blitz will be taking place in October and will be open to male and female dogs, all clients with dogs in need of spay/neuter surgery in October will be able to access our clinic services for the low cost of \$20.

So far in 2014 we are proud to announce that we have performed over 2100 owned spay and neuter surgeries. No small feat, and something that wouldn't be possible without our amazing clinic staff, support from Pet Smart, as well as support from the community at large. By December 31st, 2014 we will have surpassed our 2013 surgery numbers by leaps and bounds. Due to increased demand we raised the number of free TNR surgeries provided through the clinic





from two a day to four, and thus far we have performed almost 300 of these surgeries for free roaming cats in the GTA. Rescues also took increased notice of our clinic and to date we have performed surgery on close to 200 animals from outside agencies, saving them money and allowing the animals in their care to get placed in their forever homes that much faster. Also due to overwhelming public response our vaccination services increased appointment openings from two days a week to five. We have thus far vaccinated close to 1200 animals through this low-cost clinic.

As a result of our success we were recently able to change the Spay Neuter Services fee structure. Individuals receiving government assistance can now access our feline surgical services for \$35, inclusive of vaccines! Rescue rates for felines were also announced: \$50 per surgery and \$20 for vaccines.

The above services are in addition to our opening up the clinic to our fellow Feral Cat Coalition members. Toronto Street Cats uses our clinic spaces up to twice a month to perform mass TNR surgeries with the help of Toronto Humane Society staff as well as volunteer vets, techs and keen members of the public. Since inception Toronto Street Cats clinics have performed TNR surgeries on over 3000 community cats, reducing street cat populations through attrition rather than the inhumane practice of trapping and euthanizing.

Evidence has shown that there are large segments of our community which are not being serviced by either the animal welfare or veterinary fields. To properly address this unfortunate gap in services, the Toronto Humane Society has become a leader in recognizing and understanding the value in building trusting relationships with the human owners of companion animals. Meeting people in their neighborhoods, approaching them without judgment, and understanding their unique circumstances is critical to the efforts of the Toronto Humane Society and all animal welfare organizations in creating real and lasting change

in our communities. We at the Toronto Humane Society understand that helping pets means helping people, and our Spay Neuter Services are a big part of how we provide that much needed assistance.

Affordable access to vaccine and spay/neuter services has been proven to be a valuable and successful method of reducing intake to animal rescue organizations and the Toronto Humane Society strives to ensure that all community members have access to basic veterinary care in order to keep their animals in loving homes.

By providing these services we can help build no-kill communities by extending the reach of resources and information to underserved pet owners. Addressing the critical need for accessible, affordable pet care, our programs help animals by empowering those who care for them.



# Happy Tails

Our relationship with the animals in our care doesn't end after the adoption. We encourage all of our adopters to let us know how our friends are doing in their new forever home.



## Oliver

Dear THS Staff,

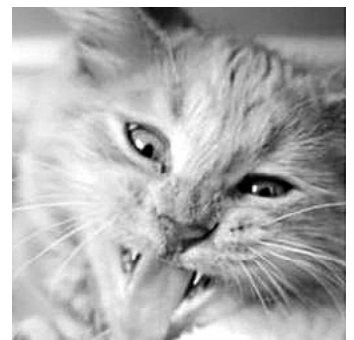
Two and half weeks ago today my boyfriend and I adopted "Ritz", who we re-named "Oliver". That day we first visited you, we did not expect to fall in love with a kitten so quickly, let alone adopt one that day but as soon as we saw Oliver we knew we had to have him.

Since coming home to us, he has provided us with lots of laughs and cuddles. He has quite the little personality, always seeking attention and will let you know when its play time.

He enjoys our big bay window, playing with his ball on a string, running through his tunnel chasing toy mouse's, and taking long naps!

He has brought joy to your home and we can't thank the staff at THS for all they do! We were so impressed by the care and treatment by all of your staff and volunteers.

Warm Regards,  
Sheri, Mat & Oliver







## Hestia and Bryn

I remember the car ride to The Toronto Humane Society, I was thinking what new pet we should get, I really wanted a rabbit so I thought of getting a rabbit. When we got there I was looking at the rabbits when I turned around and I saw these two cute, little, and fluffy guinea pigs. I got so excited and asked so many questions I could off blown the roof. As soon as my mom said we can adopt them my brother helped me load everything in the truck. We all love our piggies so much even our dog, River loves them. I would like to thank Kimberly Booker for all her help and support, I asked her so many questions and she answered all of them with respect and kindness. You Kimberly are the best person in the world next to my mom and dad.

Thanks for everything THS, I love you!

Taylor Doria Age:14  
And the piggies Hestia and Bryn



## Reina

To The Wonderful Staff at the THS, I know it's only been 3 days since we adopted "Avery" the Cane Corso/Mastif mix but we absolutely love her! We changed her name to Reina, because she's our little queen.

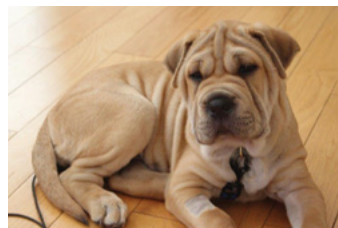
She is adjusting well to her new home; each day she is less and less nervous and tries to explore the house. She is very intelligent, when we are in the basement, she goes directly to the walk out door when ever she has to go to the washroom. She hasn't quite done that with the front door but all in due time.

She's eating, going to the washroom and sleeping well. She absolutely loves her new bed and we haven't had to utilize any of those suggested techniques to get her to go into the crate. She automatically goes in on her own accord. She's only crated or locked in at evening time.

Fortunately I have a job where she is able to come with me to work everyday so today is her first day at work. She did well on the car ride and she is currently sleeping in her bed.

I have attached some photos and we will continue to do so. She is a great addition to our family and we absolutely love her!

Thanks again,  
The Clarke Family



# 3 Days - 585 Forever Homes



The first ever Mega Pet Adoption Event closed its doors on July 6th, after the 585th animal was adopted.

By all definitions of the word, the event was a resounding success. We had anticipated finding homes for 350 animals in need, we had dreamed we would reach the 500 mark, but none of us expected that we would be able to place close to 600 pets with new caregivers over the course of three days.

There are so many happy tails to choose from, but for brevity's sake I will only bring one to your attention. Blue was a 9 year old kitty that many of the Toronto Humane Society staff considered their favorite. He had been with us for over a year and a half and struggled with weight issues throughout his stay both in shelter and as a foster cat. As the adoption hours at the Mega Event began winding down, staff and volunteers became concerned that Blue would be one of the few cats left behind. But his rescuers finally arrived and late Sunday afternoon Blue was taken out of his module for the very last time. On his way out staff gave Blue's new owners a standing ovation - tears of joy were flowing freely, and hugs were shared amongst the crowd. Without an event such as this Blue might have stayed with us for a few more months, and while we would have been happy to have him around, the fact that he is now part of a loving family gives us all comfort.



The Mega Pet Adoption Event is not only important to the animals that found their new forever home over the weekend, it is also of the utmost importance to the animals that are still in need of our care. While the Toronto Humane Society is a no-kill shelter, the same cannot be said for all organizations operating throughout the GTA. For every animal that was adopted at the Mega event, there is an open cage space waiting for the next animal in desperate need of our help. An event like this allows the Toronto Humane Society

to accept more animals that are being surrendered by their owners and to bring in more animals from shelters that are overwhelmed due to lack of space or the inability to provide appropriate medical care.

We couldn't have done it alone however. A huge thank-you goes out to the participating organizations: Toronto Animals Services who shared in planning and organization of the event, Toronto Cat Rescue, the Humane Society of Durham Region, Welland and District SPCA, Lincoln County Humane Society, and Fort Erie SPCA. The enthusiastic staff, and unflagging volunteers kept the day running smoothly and ensured that all of our animals were well cared for and placed in just the right home with just the right family. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done! We also couldn't have done it without the support of those who came down to the CNE grounds looking for a new best friend. Remember that your choice to adopt has saved a life, we and the animals have you in our hearts.



A final and special thank you goes to Pet Smart Charities of Canada whose support made this event possible. This was their first attempt at such an event here in Canada and we proved it could be done, here's to doing even better next year!

# Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2013, with comparative figures for 2012

	Dec. 31, 2013	Dec. 31, 2012
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 156,764	\$ 508,488
Accounts receivable	513,475	411,748
Prepaid expenses	72,081	55,991
	<b>742,320</b>	<b>976,227</b>
Investments and marketable securities	2,635,690	1,702,151
Capital assets	5,913,900	5,546,051
	<b>\$ 9,291,910</b>	<b>\$ 8,224,429</b>

## Liabilities, Deferred Contributions and Net Assets

<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 579,891	\$ 854,655
Deferred contributions	79,000	-
Current portion of long-term debt	43,143	-
	<b>720,034</b>	<b>854,655</b>
Deferred capital contributions		
Long-term debt	1,164,065	1,280,134
	213,633	-
<b>Net assets:</b>		
Invested in capital assets	4,749,835	4,265,917
Restricted for endowment purposes	370,000	10,000
Unrestricted	2,074,343	1,813,723
	<b>7,194,178</b>	<b>6,089,640</b>
Commitments		
Contingencies		
	<b>\$ 9,291,910</b>	<b>\$ 8,224,429</b>

# Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2013 with comparative figures for 2012

	2013	2012
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Fundraising, promotion and public education	\$ 5,201,581	\$ 4,447,670
Legacies and bequests	3,592,075	3,896,554
Adoption of animal donations and related fees	483,571	436,610
Spay/Neuter Clinic Income	355,478	190,118
Realized investment income	126,368	68,192
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	116,069	119,368
Unrealized gain on investments	97,049	47,897
Insurance proceeds	-	194,384
	<b>9,972,191</b>	<b>9,400,811</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Animal care and shelter services	5,970,576	5,819,945
Fundraising, promotion and public education	1,610,566	1,361,514
General and administration	1,043,174	1,077,407
Spay/Neuter Clinic Expense	308,125	386,802
Education programs	202,065	123,118
Subsidized veterinary care	64,711	140,266
Investment expense	28,436	22,485
	<b>9,227,653</b>	<b>8,931,537</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 744,538</b>	<b>\$ 469,274</b>

# In Our Community

The Toronto Humane Society is hosting and attending more events than ever before. Increasing our community presence and giving us the opportunity to speak one on one with our supporters and future supporters and most importantly share our messages.



Paws in the Park



Pet Pics with Santa



Woofstock



Pawsway



THS Open House



Gift Wrapping at the Eaton Centre

# Gifts of Love

We gratefully acknowledge the donors who have given gifts of \$80 or more in honour or in memory of a special person or pet. Tribute gifts are a thoughtful and meaningful way of acknowledging a loved one's memory, expressing your good wishes or commemorating an occasion.

## In Memory

Aled Hill  
Alfred Kirkham  
all the past Katz cats  
Amanda Lucas  
Andy  
Angus Mackay  
Ann Fowler  
Anna Bujak  
Anne Dmytrasz  
Aristofanis Zanetos  
Audrey Waive & Misty  
Aurleen Milburn  
Baby Zelaya  
Bailey  
Bandit  
Barbara Coghlan  
Barbara Gyoerick James  
Barbara Myers  
Beatrice Roche Father  
Bella Haber  
Benjamin Krieger  
Beverley McColl  
Bif & Yum Yum  
Bill Cunningham  
Bill Worthly  
Bob Berwick  
Bodhi  
Breazer  
Brian Bernett  
Brian Robinson  
Briene Hamilton  
Buddy  
Burt, Sasha, Cleo & Thor  
Callie & Maggie  
Camilla Gatiss  
Carleton Davis Bell  
Catherine Kenyon  
Catherine Weiner  
Cathie Johnson  
Charlie  
Charlie & Zeus  
Chee Chee  
Chevy and Billy  
Chip  
Christel Hartmann  
Christine Blair  
Christine Penman & Casey  
Christopher Bayard

Christopher Happe  
Churchill  
Clarice Wray  
Claude Rene Igor Graziani  
Coco  
Cody  
Cole, Sasha & Moe  
Colin Mattock  
Connie Lederra  
Cynthia and Bogie  
Cynthia Cooper  
Cyrille Gold  
Danny  
Daphne  
Darlene McLean  
Debbi Havelock  
Deborah Tiese Wilson  
Delle Gray  
Denise Berwick  
Dolly  
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Elizabeth 'Beth' Phillips  
Ellie Johnson  
Ellie Mae  
Emma  
Eric Buhler  
Evelyn Loreen Ogle  
Frances Hale  
Frank Hagerty  
Fred Holden  
Gabrielle  
Galaxy  
Gayle  
George  
Gerald Eaton  
Gertrude (Trudy) Hannah  
Goldie Lillian Pivnick  
Gordie

Greg Berghofer  
Greta Brown  
Guido Karklins  
Habo  
Hamish  
Happy  
Harvery Newman  
Hawk  
Helen Brenda Shaw  
Helen Dermody  
Helen Joan Cork  
Helen Shaw  
Henderson  
Henry Kennedy  
Howie  
Irene Chuchra  
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Irwin Brown  
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Leah  
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Len Stevens  
Lillian Shepstone  
Lilly

Lilly & Puss Puss  
Ling-Ling Jr.  
Lira  
Lisa Causton  
Lorna Bethell  
Lorriane Kippen  
Louis & Jennie Newman  
Lucky Principe  
Luella McLeod  
Mae  
Maggie & Koko  
Manning Henry McCauley  
Margaret E. Trow  
Margaret Hambleton  
Maria Bettencourt  
Marie Campbell  
Marie McDonald  
Marie Nayda  
"Nannie" Margaret Smith  
Marley  
Marty  
Mary  
Maudie  
Max & Edna  
Melissa Acks  
Meow Meow  
Mervin Seymour  
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Millie  
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Natalie Lisinska  
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Nurr  
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Rudi H. Schneider  
Rufus  
Rui  
Rusty  
Ruth Henshaw  
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Scott Legault  
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Snowy  
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Braund pets  
Starr Strange  
Steve Endicott  
Stinky Butt  
Tabitha  
Tammy  
Tara  
Tess  
Theresa Ngan Yen Yue  
Theresia Musil  
Tigger  
Timothy  
Tina  
Tobie  
Tom Machette  
Tracey Ferguson  
Valerie King (IM)  
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Violet McLarty  
Wee Dolly  
William Latam  
Willie  
Willy and Oliver  
Yvonne McCallen

## In Honour

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Angela Swan  
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Anoosh Bijany  
Ashleigh Sullivan  
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Audrey Urszulan  
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Christina Carson  
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Joanna & Rob Sweet  
Kay Shreeve  
Kelly  
Kevin Frankish

Kim Phelan and Brian  
Parkinson  
Laura Daves & Tyler  
Hildebrand  
Linda Andross  
Linda Barnard  
Linda MacKinnon  
Lora & Sherrell  
Machfeld Billen  
Maja and Mohammad  
Manesha and Noah  
Martin & Tara Greenhalgh  
Mary Petrie, Kieron McGibney  
& Valerie Marshall  
Matthew MacFadzean &  
Natalie Lisinska  
Max  
Melissa Amedeo

Melissa Grelo  
Michael Andersen  
Minnie, Flossie, Safie & Mopsy  
Mrs. Kingsbury  
Murray Family  
Natalie & Roman  
Natalie Mason  
Pat & Mike Loughnan  
Paul & Florenence  
Paul Beatty  
Penny & Gord Brady  
Penny Cookson  
Polly  
Rob & Cristina Rieschi  
Robert Alison Foor  
Robert Gilbertson  
Robyn Boucher  
Sammie

Sandy  
Sara & David  
Sarah and Mark  
Sheila Purdy  
Stella D'Paolo  
Steve Resnick  
Terry Levely & Family  
The Crispin Family  
The Lafontaines  
The Murphy Family  
Theresa Ngan Yan-Yue  
Thomas and Zoey  
Thomas Wilson  
Tina  
Toby Tucker  
Tracy Hancock, Ms. Deborah  
Vickers & Mr. Doug Beatty

# Toronto Humane Society Foster Parents



It comes as no surprise that Toronto Humane Society relies heavily on our volunteers to help us with day to day operations. What people often forget is one of our most needed and strongest volunteer teams are the foster parents that support the organization throughout the year.

At the Toronto Humane Society many of the animals that enter into our shelter require extra time and care before they are ready for adoption. From orphaned kittens requiring bottle feeding, to a dog with skin allergies, to a cat with a bad cold – we open our arms to all and we do so with the support of over 350 foster parents that volunteers their time and homes to aid in the care of these animals. To date in 2014 over 800 foster home placements have been found for animals in need, which is a 25% increase over the same time period in 2013.

A great example of how much foster parents give can be seen with Riceball, a foster dog who came to us in March 2014 with severe allergies resulting in skin issues. To keep her comfortable and minimize

issues her foster parent, Frances, cleaned her paws after every walk, gave regular baths, put a sweater on her to avoid external allergens, followed a strict diet and administered daily medication. Because of the care Frances provided; Riceball's skin condition has greatly improved and she has found a forever home.

Or consider Florabella, a cat that came to Toronto Humane Society having lots of seizures. Her foster parent Megan was brave and took on the duty of monitoring the seizures to report back to the veterinary team in an attempt to get the seizures under control. Megan administered daily medication and brought Florabella in for regular appointments. After months and countless hours of care Florabella's seizures were under control and she found a forever home.

If you are interested in learning more about our foster program or becoming a foster parent, please contact [foster@torontohumanesociety.com](mailto:foster@torontohumanesociety.com) for information on our next foster orientation.



# Tips for Cottage Trips with Fido

We all enjoy an escape from the city from time to time, and often that retreat takes the form of heading off to the cottage or campsite for a weekend or more of enjoying the best that nature has to offer. If you have a dog at home you are probably going to bring him/her with you, after all who enjoys communing with nature more than Fido? But, there are a few things to keep in mind to ensure our companions are safe when we pack up and head north.



## Before You Leave

Ensure that you have a local veterinarian's name and contact, in case there are any emergencies while you are away. The last thing you want in an emergency situation is to be frantically searching for a vet, sometimes without access to the internet. If your pet has any allergies or known medical conditions it may be worthwhile to have your veterinary records sent over from your primary vet to the practitioner near your cottage. You should also bring your pet's insurance information and vaccination records with you, just in case. It is also a good idea to make sure your pet is microchipped or is wearing an ID tag in case they get lost.

You might want to pack a first aid kit for your pup, you probably have one at the cottage for yourself, so don't leave your canine companion out. Kit contents are pretty easy to put together and a basic kit contains items such as: muzzle, scissors, gauze squares, gauze bandage, vet wrap, tape, splint, antiseptic solution, tweezers, a styptic pen or clotting powder, eye flush, tick removers, thermometer, Benadryl, activated charcoal, emergency phone numbers such as your local vet and poison control, and your pet's medication.

Make sure your pet is up to date on vaccinations and anti-parasite medication. Our urban environment has its share of creepy crawlies, but pales in comparison to many cottage locations. You may want to ask your vet about vaccines that are not part of the core series such as Lyme or Leptospirosis. In addition to heartworm treatment, discuss options for preventing tick infestation. Ticks are on the increase in Ontario, particularly in cottage country and they can carry Lyme disease. In addition to prevention methods, check your pet daily for parasites and know how to remove them safely if found.

## On the Road

Keep Fluffy safe and comfortable in the car. A smaller than average meal can help with car sickness, and if it is not preventable, makes any accidents easier to clean up. Make sure you have a travel crate or pet seatbelt in the car to keep your pet secure while driving. Remember that they can't yell out to you when it's time for a bathroom break, plan for a couple of rest stops at safe locations for your pooch along the way. And while having your favorite summer tune blasting at full volume may get you in the mood for vacation time, keep in mind that our pet's ears are more sensitive than our own and loud volume in the car could be making your companion quite uncomfortable.

Even with the AC on keeping the car at a comfortable temperature, your pet may be longing for some fresh air, so crack a window while driving to keep them happy. And, even though in a temperature controlled car, your pet needs access to water on the drive so make sure you have a portable water bowl handy for the trip.

## At the Destination

Keep them close by. A free run through the woods seems like a good idea, until Fido gets lost, makes it to the main road, or encounters a not so friendly animal (wild or otherwise) while out on their adventure. Keeping your pet on leash while camping or at the cottage is the safest bet.

If you are planning on having your pooch join you for a swim or in the boat, make sure you have a canine life vest. Dogs vary in their ability to swim, and even the best swimmers can have mishaps. Keep your pet out of fast moving water and remove chain collars that could get caught on underwater debris. Make sure your dog can get out of the water quickly and easily when tired.

Don't forget you brought them along to enjoy the experience with you. Some pets take to the great outdoors like a duck to water, but some might be nervous about being away from home. Stick to their walking and feeding routines as closely as possible and spend time with them to help with any feelings of anxiety.

It may seem like a lot at first, but after a trip or two following these precautions will be second nature to you, and will help ensure that you and your pet have many safe and happy summer getaways ahead of you.





## Toronto Humane Society Paws In the Park 2014 Join us on our Walk to Save Lives!



**Location:** Woodbine Beach and Ashbridges Bay Park Toronto  
**Date:** Sunday August 24, 2014  
**Time:** 9:00am-2:00pm