



, thanks for the stories, fully included!

# CAAN Connection



promoting programs that keep animals out of the pounds

Community Animal Allies of Niagara

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**DEDICATED TO SOME OF OUR  
FRIENDS, THANKS EVERYONE  
FOR SHARING YOUR STORY.  
TIME, LOVE, COMPASSION**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Friday July 29, 2016**

**TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER** at Club LaSalle, 1/arthur St, St. Catharines  
Door open at 6:00pm., 50/50 draw,  
penny table, food and cash bar

**Saturday August 20, 2016**

**In honor of ISAR's INTERNATIONAL  
HOMELESS ANIMALS' DAY**  
Bring a candle and honor and  
acknowledge the animals, at the  
candlelight vigil, Meet at dusk 830p  
Golf Town Parking lot, across from  
LCHS on Fourth Avenue St. Catharines.

**Sunday October 16, 2016**

National Feral Cat Day



**CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP  
MEANS SO MUCH**

## Pearl's Story

I was at home when my lovely niece Danika called from her work place. She called to say she had found a litter of kittens in an old moldy basement of a rundown building. What should she do? After discussing the situation we decided to leave them for a couple more weeks for their feral mother to care for them.

A week later she called and said they were not looking well. She brought them to me. The little angels were in medical need. I called Dr. Julia for her advice and she said to bring them in. Grateful for her help I brought them to the clinic. The kittens were dehydrated. One did not survive. I now had 5 little wards to care for.

While gathering the babies I ran into Barb, who asked where they came from. I gave her my nieces phone number. She called her, went to her work place which is out of town, brought 'the box,' an invention she made for a stress free capture! Too my absolute awe Barb had successfully caught the mom and a friend to boot! Both feral. Both saved!

Mom came to my house with her babies and the other cat the clinic kept. I fell in love with them all, but the mom had a special spot in my heart.

**Every morning she greeted me by growling through her fangs a "Good morning."**

**She sputtered "thank you" as I reached in the cage to clean out the litter.**

**She hissed when I brought her canned food at 6 p.m. every night. Her eyes looked like she wanted to eat me....and I fell in love.**

I wanted so bad to adopt her but how could she ever fit in with my loud dogs? Janet Campbell came up with a great solution to my dilemma. Her daughter's friend has a farm and was willing to adopt both ferals!! He had a home for them.

I named her Pearl as she was a special gem. Her babies found excellent homes.

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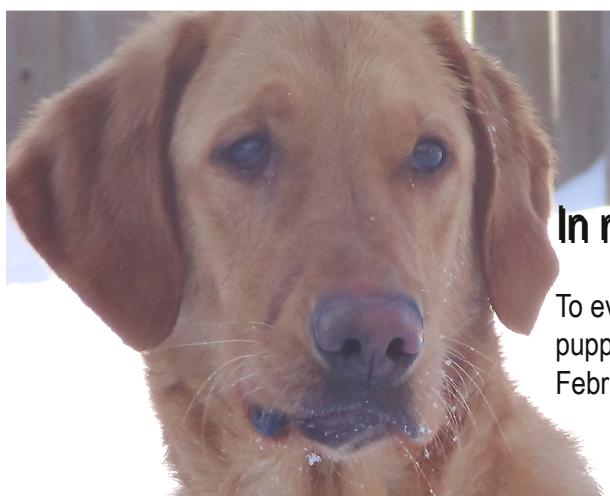
**fostering, socializing, relocating, adopting, all are so vital.  
to see them and be their lifeline!**

Pearl's Story con'td....

Her journey from living in a rotting building, trapped safely by Barb, babies rescued by the lovely Danika, made healthy again by the forever caring Dr. Julia, nursed by me, rehomed by the wonderful Janet.

It has been an amazing journey for this lovely little feral cat named Pearl.

**Written by,  
Nancy Little.**



**Thank  
You  
Thank  
You**

**In memory of  
Roberta Joyce,  
Alfred, Shadow, Nitro,**

**Murray the bird**

**Sadie Lewis,**

**Storm and Missy McDermaid**

**Maki, Tiga, Sassy, Nads Samson**

**,Laker, Rocky, Shorty,**

**Breanne Tempest,**

**Michael Goertzen,**

**Naila, Sherbert the cat,**

**In memory of Samson**

To everyone who helped him as a puppy, and shared in his life.  
February 2009 - July 20, 2016

**Thank You  
Thank  
You**

FROM THE NO KILL ADVOCACY CENTRE:

WE ADVOCATE TNR (TRAP NEUTER RETURN) TO REDUCE COMPLAINTS BETWEEN CATS AND HUMANS AND TO STOP THEIR KILLING IN SHELTERS OUR GOAL IS NOT AND NEVER WAS 'NO MORE FERAL CATS'

OUR GOAL IS NO MORE KILLING OF FERAL CATS.

## SUGAR TO THE RESCUE

I have two cats-Sugar and Spice-adopted through CAAN in 2011. They are now 5 years old and are the cutest two personalities.

When I first brought them home in November they remained indoor cats (they were 10 months old) throughout the winter, although I did allow them to experience their first snow. That was hilarious as they tiptoed around shaking their paws and meowing like crazy.

However, as Spring approached I decided that I would see how they reacted to the outdoor sounds and smells. So with trepidation I opened the patio door. They froze on the spot but soon Sugar made the first move. Soon followed by Spice they roamed for about 20 minutes-pouncing at every little movement or sound. To my surprise and great relief they have never strayed from the backyard. So now they are out if I am home.

On Thursday, this year (before Victoria Day) I was ready to leave for bowling for 10.am-no Sugar came when called. She was nowhere in the yard. Now what??? I went to bowling, then lunch and when I returned home there was still no Sugar. Where could she be and why did she leave the yard? By 8pm when there was still no sign of her I got my bike out to scour the neighbourhood.

I rode down my street only three houses when I saw a black cat sitting on the lawn facing the bushes in the front of the house. I called Sugar's name and I could hear her meow. Quickly I rode home and walked back. The black cat retreated to the next

**Doc, Dopey, Sleepy, and Luna have found homes**

house and I picked up Sugar. As I was about to go back home the neighbour's daughter asked if the black cat was mine. It was then that I learned that the cat had had a litter in the window well of her father's house.

Then the amazing adventure began. I went home and e-mailed Barb. On Monday (Victoria Day) Barb and Ronni arrived at the neighbour's house. Placing the "catchbox" in a strategic location, setting up a camera and making a trail of canned salmon across the yard these two amazing women were able to lure the mother cat and catch her. Did I mention that the mother cat was watching our every move and did not seem the least bit anxious with us around? She was obviously very hungry.

Ronni gently lifted the eight babies into a cat carrier. The feline family were whisked away to Court Animal Hospital where mom and the kids were reunited. To this day I don't know why Sugar left the yard but because of her "escape" another family of felines was rescued. Hence the title "Sugar to the Rescue". Thanks again Barb and Ronni.-

**submitted by Carol Shore, St. Catharines**



## looking for a home

cared for at Court Animal Hospital 905-688-3720

Bashful(male), Grumpy (female), Happy (male), and Sneezy (male) need homes

**Thank-YOU the gift of life**  
**the gift of life**

**life**      **Thanks**

IN THE NIAGARA PENINSULA

ABOUT 5,000 CATS GET DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES EACH YEAR. MOST OF

THESE CATS AND KITTENS DO NOT FIND NEW HOMES AND ARE EUTHANIZED.

**Thank-YOU**

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# Thank You all volunteers, supporters

our annual Silent Auction dinner organizers Nancy and the grandkids, Janet and the grandkids and friends of the grandkids,Lucy, Gloria, Sue, Ronni,Denis, , Julia and the grandkids, Kim and all our supporters and mike the T-rapper, Nikki, Melanie, Tovah, Paula, Mel and Mel as always Donna and Dale hosts (and staff) at Pet Valu Glendale adoptathons

, bake sale and yard sales

Niagara South Mobile Veterinary Services

Niagara Community Foundation,  
Let Petslive fund

Dr. Julia Murray,everybody at Court Animal Hospital

**Thank you  
CatTIP supporters  
Court Animal  
Hospital**

money raised in our tips cans goes toward the spay/neuter of our community cats

**Thank  
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program**  
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thank you**

Board Members: Ronni Dingwall, Dr. Julia Murray, Janet Campbell , Barb Dvernechuk , Nancy Little, Lisa Hueston

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## Thank You

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all volunteers, supporters



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Niagara Roller  
Girls and Wendy  
'in memory of  
Rocky"

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thank you  
Colleen and her  
father for Trivia  
night and  
Danika for her  
guidance, and  
scoring and  
prizes at Trivia and  
Nancy and Janet  
and everyone!!

**Thank  
You**

Roslyn Peddie and  
Derry Matthews of  
Furious Styles  
for the fabulous Tee's

**Thank  
You** birthday  
donations from  
Deanna, Vall and  
Darren

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Papito is looking for a home

All the efforts that go into the yard and bake sales, Ridgeway May 28 and 29 and July 9 and 10 weekends, and in St. Catharines June 11 garage and bake sale, all the money time and effort, the sweat, blood, muscle, the tears

on behalf of the animals like these

**Thanks**the gift of life



Pepsi and Angel are looking for a home where they stay together

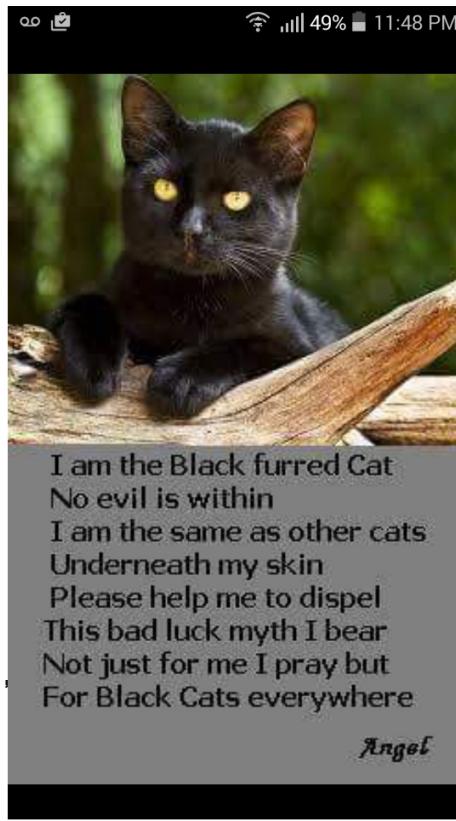
thanks Lisa, Donna, Dale, Janet, for the events, and all the support

Court Animal Hospital 905-688-3720, and Dr. Julia Murray and all the outreach of compassion, visit or call 905-688-3720 to find out more information about kitten, cats, puppies, seniors, Life changes on a daily basis here. Zen is at Court Animal Hospital, along with many black kittens. Keep the compassion in the community , lend a hand however you can.

**Thanks**the gift of life



**Thanks**the gift of life thanks  
congrats Casey with your new mom  
Carol ( thanks for the poem Carol)



Zen is looking for a home

**Thanks**the gift of life

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## A day in Shorty's life

First, of course, is breakfast. Shorty loves people food and in our house, anything that hits the floor is his.

Since we eat in the living room in front of the tv sometimes, this is a great arrangement for him, he doesn't have as far to travel between us to beg for handouts.

Shorty's breakfast is usually a small bit of raw steak, a little dog food, some doggie vitamin supplements and sometimes a bit of scrambled egg. He loves cinnamon raisin toast too, but it's a very rare treat. After breakfast he likes to check his territory so he politely sits where he will be noticed until he is let out into the backyard. It's not big but it is a green wilderness of plants and he completely disappears for a few minutes as he makes his rounds. All fences have to be checked for security breaches by possible intruders like squirrels and the neighbourhood cats! When he is satisfied that everything is just jim-dandy, he joins us on the patio for a relaxing snooze while we enjoy our coffees and plan our day.

If we go grocery shopping and it isn't too warm out, Shorty comes along in the car. He loves his car rides. As soon as I pick up his collar he is by the door, ready to go. At our destination, he patiently waits for our return, defending the car from anything and anyone. Beware any bird or human who dares to touch his car! A low warning growl is usually enough. After our shopping trip is completed we stop by the banks of the canal with coffees or cool drinks, depending on the weather. Shorty has his very own collapsible water container from which to drink cool fresh water on a hot day. We keep it in the car at all times and our favourite McDonalds drive-thru is always happy to supply a cup of iced water for him in summer. They have been known to sneak him some doggie treats as well.

Then it's time for his daily walk. There is so much to check! All the light standards and trees along his route are carefully explored for any new 'messages' and he leaves his own 'reply' when he finds one. Then there are the buddies he meets for brief 'conversations'. Our neighbourhood has many little dogs, most of which he has met and is friendly with. If he doesn't see them at least once a week, he goes to the dog park for a romp with new playmates.

All this activity is so tiring, so of course the next thing is the afternoon nap. For this, Shorty prepares by tugging and pawing at his luxuriously soft dog bed until it's exactly right, then settles in, contentedly grunting. A few more turns until he has the perfect place and he is out like a light. God help us if we try to leave without him though, he comes up and out of there as though shot out of a cannon. He is ready to go anytime, even if dog-tired. Afternoons are quiet times in our house, so when he wakes and we are not doing anything interesting, Shorty works on his chew bones which are strategically stashed all over the house. When they get too small he leaves them where we can easily spot them either visually or by stepping on them unexpectedly, eliciting some unsavory remarks. I swear he is grinning at us when that happens.



**In memory of Shorty Drummond**

## A day in Shorty's life cont'd

Late afternoon finds him in the kitchen, supervising the dinner preparations. As soon as anything drops he is there, helping with the clean-up. He knows how necessary that is! Can't have anything on the floor for us to slip on, now, can we?

Supertime is a hit-or miss thing for him; sometimes he gets a taste, most times he just makes sure we clean our plates, a job he takes very seriously. No, he is not the dish washer, more like the dish watcher and spill catcher. After supper he likes to take us for a stroll in the neighbourhood, stopping to meet his friends and reading any new 'messages'. Promenading is a vitally important activity and must be performed with style. This is of course followed by another light snooze.

Late evening is the time when Shorty likes to get close. He will quietly curl up beside us as we read or watch tv, keeping one eye open just in case... then as we prepare for the night he once more checks his territory by roaming the fences before he is happy to call it a day. A family dog has so many responsibilities and Shorty handles them very well indeed.

by Karin Drummond (and loved by Karin and Carl)

# Lost Lost Lost

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**lost**

**found**

**found**

# found found

your eyes and ears and posters  
and flyers and facebook and  
twitter and word of mouth and  
support and hope

**THANK**

# **you**



## [www.missingpetpartnership.org](http://www.missingpetpartnership.org)

, for lost pet recovery tips, recovering a panicked pet, a Pet Detective directory and more. Their mission is to use the highest ethical standards and innovative techniques to reunite lost companion animals with their owners and guardians through training, education and partnerships



Paulie is now able to use his body thanks to all the compassion and support during his recovery of the two surgeries. **THANK**  
**you,**

**Cats can live comfortably outdoors with daily food water and warm shelter and a loving caregiver.**

**Thank-YOU** the gift of life  
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the colonies  
in our care at  
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doing well  
**WISH LIST**  
friskies wet  
canned cat  
food  
towels and  
blankets



# **CAAN landers**

a new regular column  
for trains, planes and automobiles? NO, for dogs , cats and humans!

**Question: what about legislation,?? and if there isn't enough room in this newsletter, what is a cat anyhow?**

Taken from Niagara This Week..

St. Catharines City Council voted against a proposed cat licensing bylaw on Monday Night(July 11) opting instead to work with local stake holders , including a Veterinarian and animal rescue groups to come up with a grass roots approach when it comes to wandering felines. As a result, cats like Molly, pictured here, won't need to be licensed.

(great support , alot of compassionate people from the community showed up to oppose the bylaw)

for more about cats, visit [alleycat.org](http://alleycat.org) , a great resource

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spay neuter your critter

**Spay neuter your critter**  
**spay neuter**

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to become a member please fill out the form, membership is \$15 year ( starting from the month you join

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and we welcome your stories, poems, pictures, etc., we will print some of them please submit...thank you



**Thank You Thank You**

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