



# CAAN Connection



promoting the NO KILL PHILOSOPHY in Niagara  
Community Animal Allies of Niagara

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

WE HAVE AN ART AUCTION THAT STARTED  
IN DECEMBER. DISPLAYED ON THE WEB  
AND AT COURT ANIMAL HOSPITAL WHERE  
YOU CAN PLACE YOUR BID, PLEASE KNOW  
THAT IF YOUR BID IS THE HIGHEST FOR 7  
DAYS, THE PIECE IS YOURS.

**EXCITING FUNDRAISER ON SAT FEB 12**  
QUEEN'S RESTAURANT, 4317 QUEEN ST.  
NIAGARA FALLS, 7 P.M.

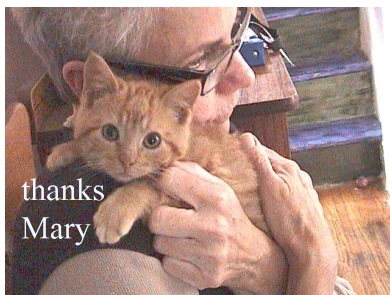
SEE THE POSTER ON THE WEB FOR MORE  
DETAILS

WATCH FOR AN AMAZING ROCKING HORSE  
TO BE WON, ....

thanks for supporting us!



CatMOBILE events to be posted on  
the web



## Cat TIPS

## EVERY SINGLE DAY THERE IS A STORY

Happy New Year to all. Let's celebrate without the molotov cocktail.

Everyone has an opinion, I think, and often people collide- like a molotov cocktail...BOOM. When I get excited or angered, I notice I can talk in the Irish tone, nothing against the Irish, I'm writing in Irish now. Follow me here. I was learning something mechanical recently, and I asked my instructor where he got his education. He said, 'the school of cracker jacks.' I liked that. I learned to write at the cracker jack school. Follow me here. Labels, I suppose do have their place.

We see behaviour and stick on a label. BOUNCY BOUNCY. HOW must the animals feel when all the odds are against them, in new circumstance, new environment, feeding, people, routine, creatures, lonely, afraid, alone. The label would be planted on their forehead, and the set up is to fail, and the pressure is there. I wonder if dogs bite in Irish? When we are down and out of home, we could use a shoulder, someone to at least notice us, a head nod, a handshake, a coffee, a dogbone, a cuddle, the acknowledgement of existence.

Happy New Year to that, becoming vouchees. A vouchee is a person who vouches. To vouch is to assert. Well, assert means to speak or act in a manner that compels recognition. Let's look at triumphants of voucheness that come to my mind.....Mary, Mark, and Patti.

You'll read about Patti and Mark when you turn the page.

Mary, thank-you for your 2 years of service. You were the major player in adopting over 500 cats in that time. Seeing their value, caring, loving, and spending time, you helped find them homes. We all will miss you.

You and Dr. Julia helped create for the cats and people, a home, the catquarters. An environment no pressure, for eating, sleeping, no fear for safety day in and day out and the natures of all could relax. The labels drop, we can notice the existence of all, minus the Irish they may have appeared to show when we met them. Just like the label on the forehead of 'baddog' or 'bad person.' BOUNCY, BOUNCY.....that's Sam (my dog) and he has something to say... 'let's play ball' Sam is a champion, thanks Freddie Mercury for the song... We are the Champions. Sam fought for his life,, thanks Mat, thanks Julia, thanks John, thanks Sue, thanks Court staff.....Sam fought for his life, but that's another story. Happy New Year

Barb

CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP MEANS SO MUCH



JULIA'S MESSAGE ON PAGE 2

## Message from Julia

This is a time of turmoil for CAAN as there are major changes taking place in the lives of some key board members. For two years Mary has taken care of the Cat Quarters and I paid the expenses incurred by the facility and the cats which were passing through on the way to their new homes. Mary was instrumental in finding those homes and spending time introducing and matching cats and new owners. She worked full time plus as a volunteer to save lives.

The Cat Quarters is closing for two reasons-we have no one for the day to day care of the cats, and I can no longer provide funds to continue the maintenance of the facility.

The cats which were lucky enough to go to the Cat Quarters were the ones which came to the local pound in a state of injury, sickness or orphaned. After rehabilitation at Court Animal Hospital they would be moved into temporary foster care or straight up to the Cat Quarters for adoption.

In 2010 we adopted out 295 cats and kittens through this process and we are very proud of our achievements.

The flow of cats into the pound still continues and we are continuing to do every thing we can to help them.

Every day I make decisions for euthanasia because we do not have the money or manpower to provide the needed care. Every day I also make decisions for life in the hope that we will be able to follow through on the commitment to that animal.

Barb and I have purchased a country property and we hope to re-establish the Cat Quarters there in the near future. This will mean we can help more animals at much less cost. We can also take full advantage of volunteers and set up some very interesting programs.

We are temporarily taking a step back so we can prepare to take many steps forward in the near future.

During this transition time the animals need your help more than ever. Please try to help by caring for the homeless, raising funds, finding an adoption home, or making a donation. Our board meetings are open to members and we encourage you to join us. If you would like to get more involved please contact me after business hours at 289-213-1868.

Julia

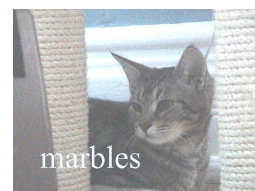
**Seeing a cat is one thing,  
meeting him is another**



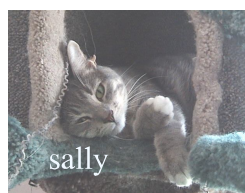
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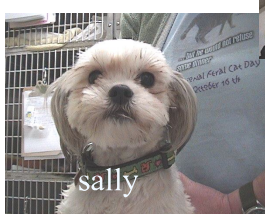
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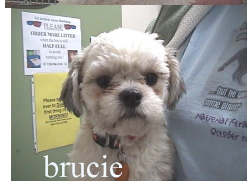
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brucie

**ginger  
marbles, sally  
why, sally, brooserspanky, and  
brucie are looking for homes**

for more info call 905-401-0016

**STATS FROM 2010  
CAT SPAYS 137 CAT NEUTERS 100  
295 ADOPTIONS IN 2010**

### Next Board Meeting:

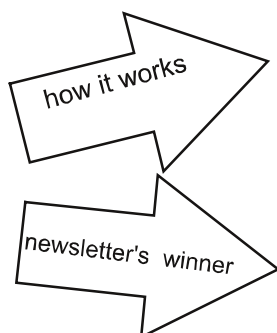
**Sat January 22, 9:30 am at Art's Restaurant 45 Geneva St. St. Catharines**

**Board Members: Dr. Julia Murray, President,  
Barb Dvernechuk Mary Lou Davidson Karen Moncur**

From the No Kill Advocate: Upon his death ( Henry Berg) the poet Henry Wadsworth Longellow wrote of him:  
Among the noblest of the land, Though he may count himself the least, That man I honor and revere, Who,  
without favor, without fear, In the great city dares to stand, The Friend of every Friendless beast.

## CAT TUNES AND TIPS

to enter this contest, yes this is a contest, please send in who sang this famous song (on the next page) and in what movie.....and submit your entry which could be a song you know of, like this one, or an original idea..... the song I chose is after mark's story on the next page, because his story is what made me think of that song.



The winner of last newsletters contest , with the answer of Freddie Mercury, lead singer of the rock group 'Queen', is Patti Welch. Patti is a 'vouchee' , Patti has a golden heart, let me tell you about her. but 1st her entry:

An excerpt from TS Elliot 's:

### The Naming of the Cats

**" The naming of cats is a difficult matter. It isn't just one of your holiday games, You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter When I tell you a cat must have THREE DIFFERENT NAMES one 'sensible everyday name that his family gives him, another name that is particular and will never belong to any other cat and finally the name that no human will ever know or ever guess."**

your favorite, what poem, story, song, would you like to be made known. **ONE** way of **RAISING THEIR STATUS** is to share these images. This section is for sharing tips and tricks and ourselves with others. calling musicians, send in songs calling artists of all sorts...throughout history there have been individuals who have admired cats and wanted to raise their social status.

**Patti Welch** is a pet resource counsellor who specializes in feline behaviour. Some of the areas she assists with are problems in aggression, shyness, house soiling, and territorial urination. In addition she has experience in blending feline households. Patti is also an experienced bereavement counsellor with a Masters Degree in Social Work and provides bereavement counselling to pet owners who have suffered a loss as well as assistance to companion animals in the home who are also grieving. Patti is the cat care advisor at The Pet Valu at the Pendale Plaza, is a member of CAAN and NAFA, she co-developed and coordinated a pet therapy and pet visitation program at Niagara Rehab/Shaver Hospital 1989-2004. Patti was certified by the Delta Society Pet Partners Program and did all training of volunteers as well as temperament testing of pets to determine program eligibility. Patti's 2 cats were participants and certified pet therapy cats with the Delta Society Pet Partners Program. Patti taught feline behaviour and pet therapy seminars at Niagara College Cont Education.

Thank you Patti,  
Thank you Thank you



### Volunteer of the Month Drue Ellison

Drue is a retired RCMP Officer who returned to Grimsby after 28 yrs living in Alberta. Drue volunteered at Cat Quarters and started fostering kittens in 2009.

Drue can be seen at fundraising events, adoptathons, garage sales and along with 3 others is leading the foster program. **Thanks for all you do!**



## Mark and Rocky

I asked Mark to do an interview with me, in the beginning of January. Mark agreed. He told me why he was doing it, " I'm doing this for the people, to give back to the people who gave me dogfood on the street, giving back for what people have given me.

Thank-you to all the people who helped me when I was on the street. (Mark lives with a brain injury that he has had since he was 4 years old)

Some things Mark said about Rocky: Rocky is my family, Rocky would say 'keep punchin', He brings people together, He sleeps on my bed. He kicks me over, he's definitely the boss." Some other things Mark had to say: "You gotta help yourself, and you gotta stay grounded, It's easy to make opinions about somebody but it's hard to walk in somebodys shoes. "

and " A tree has to grow according to the way that nature makes grow. You have your own personality and you grow and you care about people." and "laughter is the best medicine in the world" and " I'd rather face my fears than have a T.V." and " the pressure on the street is unbelievable, when you are sleeping under a bridge the stress on your shoulders is unbelievable, people can come up and hurt you."

mark is a proud volunteer with 'Out of the Cold'

## YOUR CLUES:

In a scrapbook written about her , she is quoted as saying:

"Sometimes I think I should go into therapy. You can't imagine what it's like to live inside me with these emotions constantly beating at the gate. I look at other people and think they must be dead. I am definitely not dead, but I wish some of this stuff would lie down for a while." and

" The last ten years I have worked on behalf of people with AIDS because I couldn't stand idly by, twiddling my thumbs, pissing and moaning while people I loved shriveled up and died."

who sang this song  
and in what movie



**This is a song I've been singing for a long time  
It's like an old friend  
But, you know, I think it,  
it's only recently that I discovered what it's  
really about."**

**You've got to give a little, take a little,  
and let your poor heart break a little,  
That's the story of, that's the glory of love.**

**You've got to laugh a little, cry a little,  
until the clouds roll by a little.  
That's the story of, that's the glory of love.**

**As long as there's the two of us,  
we've got the world and all it's charms.  
And when the world is through with us,  
we've got each other's arms.**

**You've got to win a little, lose a little,  
yes, and always have the blues a little.  
That's the story of, that's the glory of love.  
That's the story of, that's the glory of love.**



Ice Dog visited catquarters and Janet and Jess at our "Home for the Holidays adoptathon" .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.

## **CatMOBILE event sponsors from 2010 and Thank YOU's**

CatMOBILE at NAFA at Seaway Mall, Fairview Mall, Welland Pet Valu, Global, St. Catharines, Port Colborne Pet Valu, Pen Centre, Animal Assistance Bazaars and at Fonthill Pet Valu, Pen Centre, Niagara Trailers, St. Andrew's Church Grimsby, Beamsville Strawberry Festival, Dykstra's BBQ, Ridgeway Festival, The Clever K9, Grimiby's Niagara West Annual Community Literacy Event, Livingston Animal Hospital, Santa Parade St. Catharines, Court Animal Hospital garage sale and adoptathons and art auction, Fairview Mall and Royal Canin and all of us who came together for National Feral Cat Day there

**and thanks yous to Ice dogs, our webmaster kevin, minor bros NOTL, our tips cans supporters:** Pet Valu Glendale, Ruffins, The Clever K9, Court Animal Hospital, The Rubber Stamp Store, Water Superstores, Artistic Impressions tatooing and body piercing and the Zehrs tape program, and The 25 members of the St. Catharines and District Retirees Association for the rocking horse.

**and thank yous to all volunteers and donators and supporters**

and to Lincoln County, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, and Welland Humane Societies, Niagara Action for Animals (NAFA), Animal Assistance, Kitty Kat Keep, P.C. Ferals, TEARS, and Niagara Wildlife Haven for all you do for the animals.

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### **Feral Cat Rescue and relocation**

**thanks to everyone who came together and Dr Julia Murray who led the coordination of a feral cat rescue. TNR trap neuter return**

many hours, many dollars, many coffees, many cats, 30 cats and kittens were rescued and relocated.

We learned many things

**Thank-YOU**  
the gift of life

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This Christmas, my treasured gift, was the life of this cat. Arthur has since been adopted.

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CatMOBILE Charlie's Angels

TNR trap neuter return

Operation NORTH STAR

Community Cats Ambassador

Cat Quarters

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

Just wanted to drop you a line and let you now how well Sunshine has fit into our family. Thank -you so much for letting us adopt her and to the ladies that showed us how loving she can be. We have found Sunshine to be quite unique and vocal. I have never seen a cat who likes having her paws played with. And she sure can talk. She still has to learn breakfast is not 5 a.m. but I know with time one of us will get trained. Thank you once again Scot, Lesli, Gerad and Sunshine



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## watch for CAAN landers

a new regular column answering your questions, details coming soon  
**for trains, planes and automobiles? NO, for dogs , cats and humans!**

Did you know the Veterinary Medical Association's **SafePet program** was started in 2001. Just as shelters offer women fleeing abuse a safe haven, the program protects their pets. The program connects them with a local Veterinarian who's enrolled and can offer room and board to a dog or cat for two weeks, at no cost. After that, if the owner is unable to find a longer term alternative for their pets, volunteer foster parents can help out. Over 81 Veterinarian clinics in Ontario can take in pets for 2 weeks and provide free care and board.