



CAAN Connection



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

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday August 18 , 2012

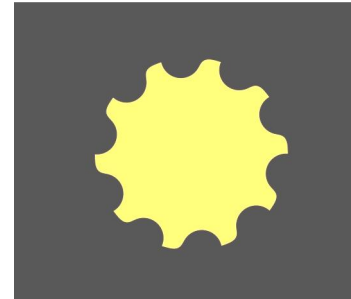
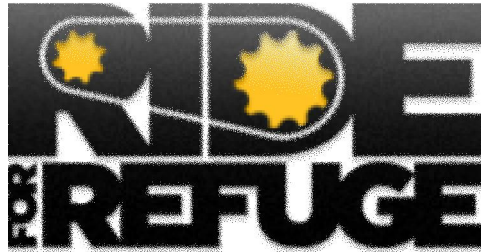
in recognition of ISAR's **International
Homeless Animals' Day**
candlelight vigil and screening
of "Just a Dog"
Charmin's Place, 4pm-7pm
Port Colborne

Saturday September 29, 2012

RIDE FOR REFUGE

Tuesday October 16, 2012

National Feral Cat Day



Join us this fall for the 9th annual Ride for Refuge, a family-friendly bicycling fundraiser that supports 175 remarkable churches and charities who serve the displaced, vulnerable, and exploited. Ride with your family, friends, and an estimated 6000 riders who care deeply (while sweating profusely)



See the web for
CatMOBILE
locations

Just A Dog

The ride in Niagara is Sat Sept 29, 2012
join our biker gang, donate, spread the
word visit us on www.rideforrefuge.org

CAAN would like to provide a safe place
for these beloved pets so their owners can
maintain their dignity and heart, and save
the lives of their cherished friends.

Knowing that their pet is safe and that they
will eventually be reunited gives people
hope for the future and a reason to
continue their struggle. The money we
raise is for our pet retention fund. We need
to raise a minimum of \$4000, to keep 70%
of what we raise.

Keep vulnerable people TOGETHA with
their family pets in difficult times.

CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP MEANS SO MUCH



COMING SOON ...A DOCUMENTARY

"I hate to think what will befall this Society when I am gone"....Henry Bergh

The No Kill Advocacy Center, No Kill Nation and Sagacity Productions are proud to announce **the upcoming release of a feature length documentary on the No Kill revolution in America. Starting with the founding of the first SPCA in North America by Henry Bergh and continuing to this very day, the documentary will tell the story of heroes and villains, betrayal and redemption. But most of all, it is the story of a social movement that is as noble and just as those which have come before.**

Thank you CatTIP supporters



locations are:

**Court Animal Hospital
The Rubber STamp Store
Artistic Impresssions
Ruffins. Hartzell Rd
Water Superstores
Gotta- Be- Dreaming, Ridgeway**

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

contact barb@caancatmobile.org

for more info on being a **CatTIP** location



Thank You Janet for organizing the garage sale and all who helped and visited and Janet gerrie dennis nada for maning Ridgeway festival and donna dale for donation from pet valu paws and our location at ridgeway and the persons who donated food and for all who do what they do for the animals

Thank You Thank You

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Board Members: Dr. Julia Murray, President , Barb Dvernechuk , Diane Mason

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.

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JUST A DOG ..from time to time people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog", or that's a lot of money for "just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for "Just a dog". Some of my proudest moments have come about with "Just a dog". Many hours have passed with my only company being "Just a dog", and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by "just a dog." In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog," provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its "Just a dog" you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend, 'just a sunrise', or 'just a promise.'" "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it's not "Just a dog." It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it's not "just a dog" It's the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog" smile because they "Just Don't Understand."
Author Unknown

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No Child Left Indoors

If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children, I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life...If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder without any such gift from the fairies, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.

(from The Sense of Wonder, by Rachel Carson)

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



Thank-YOU kind thanks go to 'John the farmer', who assisted me to fix my bike for the RIDE FOR REFUGE ride, by telling and showing me what i needed to do that.. My bike is an antiquish looking auto mini junior. Thanks John and Bob of KindCycle .

Thank-YOU the gift of life
the gift of life

Thank-YOU
Thank-YOU

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.

Thought by Barb: The Play 'Just a Dog' starts with the narrator saying: "Ever wonder when you see a homeless dog where he came from? Did you ever think that was once someone's pet? How did he get that way? This is where the story begins..."

That line has repeated in my head, 'ever wonder' maybe because i was involved with directing the play, or it could be because like we experienced the other day in a car ride.. I was the passenger , the ice cap and the coffee spilt on me during a shaky turn, and the driver said ' I told you to hold on to the tray" and i heard that line for atleast a couple days " I told you"

Anyhoe, over in mind is 'Ever Wonder' and it has occurred to me to wonder how do people become involved with caring for the animals, is it by 'doing something. ' I mean we can care, we can have opinions,

we can give financially, and we can become part of the change process, we can do by 'helping', 'rescuing', ' adopting', 'fostering', an individual animal or 6 or sometimes 26 or 56

(currently the Fort Erie racetrack closing may have an ennnormous impact where the outcome is killing a large number 13,000 horses, please keep informed and do what you can to stop it!)

And then And then And then (Johnny will get that) And then some chosen few will become more involved and become the people people 'go to' ,these humbled persons started out by caring and doing.

The best way for me to sum up this thought is to quote what Nathan Winograd said in his key address at the No Kill Conference in August 2012.....

.....who pushes even further to use hospice care for hopelessly ill animals rather than kill them, lifetime sanctuary care for those animals who need it, and has even adopted out dogs with bite histories successfully and safely. Or like the groups which are working to save and adopt not only dogs and cats, but all animals in shelters – regardless of whether they are classified as domestic or wild.

Day in and day out thousands of shelter dogs languish on cold, hard concrete floors, while cats seek a soft place to rest in their cages. But you can make a world of difference in a homeless pet's life by donating a Kuranda bed to the shelter of your choosing. Special 28% donation Beds ship directly to the shelter. www.kuranda.com for details

Every shelter dog



deserves a Kuranda bed



We continue to care for 3 released cat colonies, all doing well

WISH LIST

friskies wet canned cat food
towels and blankets

collected leaves in plastic bags

A SMALL BODY OF DETERMINED SPIRITS

FIRED BY AN UNQUENCHABLE FAITH

IN THEIR MISSION CAN ALTER THE COURSE OF HISTORY

GANDHI

• Ideas that the “experts” will tell you are impossible. The same thing they said about creating No Kill communities. The experts said it could not be done. They criticized. They engaged in character assassination. They even tried to stop us. But we did it anyway despite the “experts.” So if you are going after grand challenges, as we are in the No Kill movement, “experts” may not be your best co-conspirators. Henry Ford once said,

“None of our men are ‘experts.’ We have most unfortunately found it necessary to get rid of a man as soon as he thinks himself an expert. Because no one ever really considers himself an expert if he knows his job. Thinking always ahead, thinking always of trying to do more, is a state of mind in which nothing is impossible.”

Remember this: The large groups are large, not necessarily more talented. They aren’t built to be nimble. Nor are they willing to take large risks. They aren’t willing to place the big bets that breakthroughs require. That is not true of small groups. With no bureaucracy and a passion for saving lives, small groups consistently outperform larger organizations when it comes to innovation and lifesaving..... The future is what we make it.

Whether you are an attorney, an animal control director, a veterinarian, a rescuer, who just loves animals and wants to do their part, you are part of a larger army of compassion that is sweeping across this nation in the noble battle for the heart and soul of our nation’s animal shelters.

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Keep defying conventional wisdom. Keep pursuing your dreams. Keep refusing to take “No” for an answer. Keep taking risks. Keep opening new doors. Keep entering new rooms. Keep exploring the

Adjacent Possible. And together we will build a palace. Reach for the stars.



A note on the adjacent possible:

And we started asking, if we can save these animals because they are healthy or treatable, why can’t we save others? Like dogs with severe behavior problems, animals with cancer, cats with panleukopenia, and more.

We opened one door, we liked what we saw, and that opened up all sorts of other attendant possibilities—a term sociologists call the Adjacent Possible. Think about it this way. There was a time before the invention of the wheel. In this world, there was no cart. There was no bicycle. No car. And no roller skates. But once the wheel was discovered, these pathways became clear: the door to the cart, the bicycle, the car, and the all-important roller skate appeared right in front of us.

The “strange and beautiful truth” about the adjacent possible is that its boundaries grow as you explore them, each new innovation leading to more innovations.

ANNOUNCING

Patti Gaye has dubbed the monthly counselling sessions as Drop in night; Learning To Feel Good Discussion Series.

The Next one is Tues., Sept., 11th from 7 - 8:30 pm at the NAfA house, 94 Welland Ave., St. Catharines

The Learning To Feel Good Discussion series is a once-a-month program in a confidential, trusting environment to share thoughts, feelings, experiences & difficulties in being an "animal person" and working on behalf of animals. We can learn and grow from each other

This program is led and co-ordinated by Patti Gaye Welch, MSW who is a long time NAfA member, has a Masters in Social Work, a diploma in Animal Sciences and has worked as a counsellor for people and animals for 29 years. A donation of between \$5-35 dollars is requested to attend a session with 100% of proceeds donated to NAfA. Everyone is welcome!



CAAN landers

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

Did you know that there is a humane myth declaration?

taken from the Humane Declaration

..." Recognizing that progress toward social justice is gradual and depends on more and more people becoming aware of the truth, we will do all we can to ensure that each of the steps our culture takes is toward an accurate understanding of the ways animals are being harmed, and away from the false and misleading idea that the production of meat, eggs, and dairy products can be carried out without cruelty, violence, or injustice."....to see the full declaration go to www.humanemyth.com.

spreading the word , A note From NAFA: Until recently, the LCHS has NOT been open about the fact that it kills 70% of the animals that it is supposed to save. The City continues to contract with the LCHS for by-law enforcement, thereby tacitly condoning the 70% kill rate. The LCHS belongs to the community. We have all been critical of the LCHS, but criticism is not enough. We need to be proactive in assisting the LCHS to reduce the 70% kill rate. Please consider taking the following steps:

1. Become a member of the LCHS. Attached is a membership application form. The cost is \$50 for the application, and \$15 to renew every year afterwards. If you are a member, you can have your say in how your shelter is run.
2. Attend as many board meetings as you can. They are open to the public, and certainly open to members of the LCHS. Only by attending these meetings can we influence the board's decision-making.
3. Write and email the mayor and the city councillors, asking them to demand that the LCHS take positive steps to reduce its kill rate in exchange for continued contractual funding from the city. Remind the mayor and the city councillors that they are condoning the 70% kill rate if they do not make this demand.
4. Write and email the executive director and the board of directors of the LCHS, asking that they take positive steps to reduce the 70% kill rate, and set targets for gradual reduction. Congratulate them on their decision to allow the OSPCA to run a high-volume spay/neuter clinic. However, remind them that the clinic will not help those animals who are currently in the shelter and those who will continue to end up in the shelter, and that other steps are necessary to save those animals. Please remember that the spay/neuter clinic required the board's majority vote to become reality. There are clearly progressive members on the board. Please tell them that they will have the community's volunteer and financial support only if continuing to make positive changes.
5. Make full use of social media to spread the word on this!

online donations visit www.canadahelps.org or the button on our website



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

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone#and email _____

membership _____ donation _____

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

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