

CAAN CONNECTION



promoting programs that keep animals out of the pounds
Community Animal Allies of Niagara

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TO REMEMBER:

Sunday February 22, 2015

Our Annual Fundraiser Dinner is confirmed!!!

It will be held on Sunday, February 22nd at Club LaSalle in Port Weller. Tickets will be on sale soon so please tell your family and friends about our great event! There will be a penny sale, door prizes, silent auction, 50/50 draw, raffle

baskets and of course a wonderful meal!

We are looking for donations for the penny sale and

silent auction so if you have something to donate please drop it off at Nancy's house at

1 Baker St. in St. Catharines or if you cannot drop it off and need it picked up call Nancy at 905-646-4425 or Janet at 905-988-1766.



Samson



CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP

MEANS SO MUCH

The Story of "the presence of Samson"

When I feel beaten, like I've been kicked in the head, I look at Samson, and I carry on. His presence in my life allows me to round the corner and start again. Does he really know? The flickering tongue, the twitchy eye, the often times physical reminders of what it is with this dog. It's the spirit in this dog that is this dog, I love this dog. Once upon a time, Samson had no tears, no ability to eat, not able to walk, or move. He lay motionless as a puppy after being struck with a door and. Kind hearted Animal control officer Matt was connected to a wise woman Veterinarian. She knew not everything is as it seems. If she were able, she would give the hopeless hope and a chance at life. The spirit of this lifeless puppy dog with brain dead anatomy was going against the odds. With 24 hour care, eye drops every 15 to 30 minutes, kind hearted hands and many hearts that included making home made pureed soups so he could be syringe fed as he couldn't eat, and medical care, he survived. I can still envision the big glass jar of yellow pureed soup that was kept in the fridge. One day he was able to flop his head in the soup as he tried to flicker his tongue to eat. As I lay on the floor after my real night job finished and I would visit him, I tossed a ball and he moved. Chasing ball and him have remained like dance partners, connected with desire. He loves the chase and wants more. We went for a car ride, a French fry, a visit to the backyard, an over night stay, and he stayed. Then the day came when he was listless again on the floor, not moving, that sunken look of dying, and no want of chase for the ball. Samson underwent emergency surgery. Same wise Doctor. The rubber feet of the ball were in his stomach. We lay on the floor, us together again, as he recovered the next few days. We did a lot of lying on the floor together. I had a herniated disc in my back and couldn't walk for weeks. I was the one on the floor. I remember looking up in pain and the smile that engulfed me as his tongue was flickering in the air just missing my face. I was watching his kind of kisses before he lay beside me. A person can only measure how far they have come in life as their own comparison to themselves. Samson plays back with all the styles of his dog friends, he is gentle, gusto, deer like, he groans with touch, he contorts into positions like you'd see at Cirque de Soleil, he runs like the wind, he has squiggly wiggly moves up in the air like the clown Red Skelton, he is the never ending battery of chase. I'm reminded as I put my hand down and a few moments go by. I remember to look and I see. It's the flickering tongue that just misses my hand but never the less is flickering strongly and licking the air with that intention. Does he really know? Samson has a tumor on his toe, another surgery to schedule. Now he is 5 years old. Same wise Doctor. When I feel beaten, kicked in the head, I look at Samson, and I carry on. Thank-you Samson, from the bottom of my heart. He still gets eye drops twice a day and I get the chance to look at him, deeply. We round the corner together with same wise Doctor and furry friends....

Barb

**T-rapper Mike**

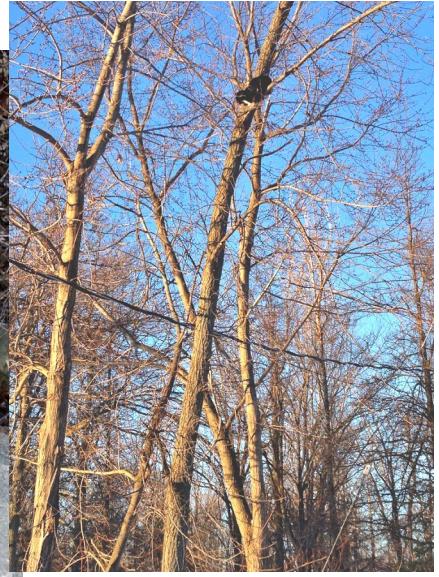
is a great guy willing to help with trapping, available to assist all groups. he has lots of experience.

Pictured to the right is a little girl feral that Mike "cared enough" to be one of the people to weather the cold and be out trapping for their lives. This little girl is young enough to be socialized. She is one of the kittens that will be available for adoption. Thanks for the kitten food too Mike.



There was a family of cats that was living on the rocks on the side of Lake Ontario at the Beacon in Jordan. People have been feeding them when they go down there fishing. With the change of weather, no one goes down there and the rocks will be covered in ice. NAFA put out a call for help as they had nobody to trap and nowhere to keep them. CAAN is doing the trapping and finding homes and NAFA is covering the costs of spay/neuters. 3 young adult males, a mother and 2 eight week old kittens. mom is likely the sister of the young adult males. At the time of writing, 3 males are ready and looking for a barn home They are friendly but not suitable as house pets. The 2 kittens are socializing well and will be available for adoption as house pets. Mom has yet to be trapped. (mom has been trapped now)

A Tribute to say Thanks to Mike is the collage below. Checkers, a cat that Mike trapped who was sick, a few years ago, and lives in CAAN's care at Charmin's Place. Checkers amazes like a "star athlete" you can see the strut in the first picture on left and the amazing tree height on the far right. The other thing about Checkers is that those paws are like white Michael Jackson gloves in feet, those feet that move and still distinguish them from the snow. And those Yoga positions!



Thanks T-rapper Mike
Checkers, yo man rapper, that's T-rapper

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.

Thank you

Thanks Dr. Elke Krach, Stephanie Schaeffer, Dr. Julia Murray

anonymous forever
generous kind hearted persons **Thank you**
CatMOBILE people and sponsors
Thank you Court Animal Hospital staff and Niagara South mobile,

**Thank You Thank You**

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

Thank you CatTIP supporters Court Animal Hospital

Artistic Impressions
Ruffins, Hartzell Rd

Thank You Water Superstore
Global Grantham Plaza
Pet Valu, Glendale

Thank you Victoria School in Niagara Falls for the donations that continue to help the ferals

Thank you
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Thank-YOU the gift of life life the gift of life

Thank You to Donna and Dale Baer and the staff and customers. In October, Pet Valu Glendale held a one day BBQ, bake sale, yard sale and an in store raffle which all together raised \$ 1260.00 donated to CAAN, accepted by Barb (left) from Donna

Thank you for the wackload of kibble filling up the F-150 truck seat and a cash donation from Ethel and the staff at Niagara Employment Help Centre in Niagara Falls

Thank you 'LetPets Live Fund at the Niagara Community Foundation'

Thank You

to Janet and everyone who assists Janet with the annual garage and bake sales and who support by donating, buying, visiting, packing and setting up, it's a lot of work and fun, rain or shine

picture above is Gerrie, Sue, Nicholas and Janet 'on break'

life life 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.

Board Members: Ronni Dingwall, Dr. Julia Murray, Janet Campbell, Barb Dvernechuk



all seasons of the year
they love and live their magic

here are some of us in the care of CAAN at Charmin's Place, there are 3 feral cat colonies living here, at the cat cabin, horse barn and in the bush are their quarters. Some are so feral we don't see them.



wish list
friskies wet
cat food
towels and
blanket

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



A SMALL BODY OF DETERMINED SPIRITS

FIRED BY AN UNQUENCHABLE FAITH

IN THEIR MISSION CAN ALTER THE

COURSE OF HISTORY

GANDHI

Thank You Thank You all volunteers , supporters

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all volunteers , supporters which includes webmaster Kevin, Dr. Julia for ongoing care for the animals, Janet , Nancy fundraising organizers extraordinary for the dinners and garage /bake sales, Lucy, Nada, Sue, Mike Ronni, Mary Anne, Gerrie, George, Fiona, online Canada Helps emergency and other fund donators, Pet Valu Donna Dale and staff and friends, CatMOBILE sponsors , and everyone i didn't include,

i mean you too, for all you do,
for the animals.

Thank You Thank

all volunteers , supporters who donate in memory of.

In memory of Gracie and Barney DeRuiter, Peanut Hamilton , Teddy Murray, Robbie, Winston and all the homeless animals who came into our care for their last chance at life.

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



Thank You to the groups for answering calls for help and assistance and

Betty Ralph and Barb Mako for making and donating the catnip whales to help raise funds when the call came to answer medical care costs for flea allergies to care for us



Thanks
foster
moms,
Ronni and
Lindsay



Thanks Dr. Julia from Tiny Tim, Baby Will, and some of the kittens for 'their lives' , giving them a chance

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

Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN),3358 Troup Rd Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 5V5

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



CAAN landers

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

Question: some winter tips please? and Lost tips too

Winter tips

Remember to knock and check under hoods of cars and the wheelwells,
cats and kittens can be hiding there or trying to get warm.

If your domestic dog is as comfortable as you are with temperatures between 62-70 degrees inside,
he/she won't be comfortable for extended periods while the temperature is 40 degrees or less.

In the extreme cold watch out for strong shivering that won't stop, pale skin, lethargy, changing of pace in moving, frostbite symptoms .

In all cases of hypothermia, don't try to diagnose your dog over the internet, get your dog to the Veterinarian in a warm car.

There is another Emergency clinic in Niagara. Fallsview Emergency Clinic located at 6144 McLeod Rd (just east of Drummond) 289-271-3987 or 289-296-2172

Lost tips

Its a good idea to take a picture and description of your pet. A picture of you with your pet would help with ownership issues should your pet go missing.

If your pet goes missing and is lost, never assume or give up too soon.



Shelter killing is the leading cause of death for healthy dogs and cats in the United States, North America. It doesn't have to be A film by Nathan Winograd based on the book *Redemption*, that launched a Revolution.

The 2014 No Kill is Love tour , over 5,000 people in 27 cities saw the film during the tour.

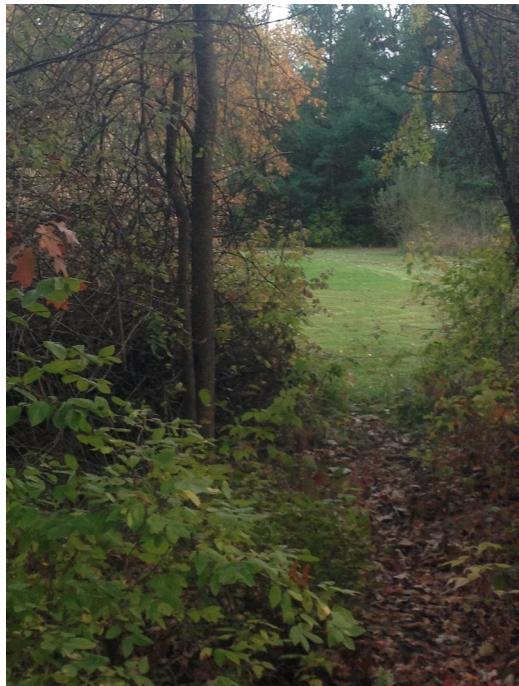
It will be available sometime in 2015 as a DVD

We were there , together the four of us, in the Jeep Grand Cherokee crossing the bridge into Buffalo in September and saw the film. Awesome

Julia (sitting) Ronni, Janet, Nathan and Barb



Thanks Nathan for taking a stand and shouting it out for the animals, for all to hear and to see



as we share the world with others;the furries, the slitheries, the flyees, the wonderful mystical magical and chilling creatures of the world



Pepper, is a beautiful 12 year old girl. She is affectionate, bright and happy. She likes attention one on one and will chat vocally with you. She is doing well on a special diet of gastro fibre. She is in want of a special person to take her home to live out her years with. A real treasure .

for info:
Court Animal
Hospital
905-688-3720



Thank you everyone who attended the Candlelight Vigil for International Homeless Animals Day in August

A message from our President, Ronni Dingwall

Looking through previous issues of the CAAN Connection newsletter going back to 2008, I realize how much activity there was in the early years, and how many people were involved. CAAN rescued, raised, fostered and adopted hundreds of cats, and conducted dozens of feral cat trap/neuter/releases. A great deal was accomplished and a great many lives were saved.

For many reasons, the level of activity unavoidably dropped during the past couple of years, and at this point in time we need to start building CAAN back up. The need has never been greater. We need people, we need to build our numbers up - members and volunteers who can commit to CAAN's mission and to carrying out the programs needed to fulfill it. We need a membership drive - a call to arms and a request for help in the same voice. Please consider committing some time each month to the effort. Where do your talents lie? What do you enjoy doing? We need ideas for fund raising and people to implement them. At least one function per month should be our goal to start. We need leader types and we need worker types, those who can coordinate and follow-through with programs, and those who can roll up their sleeves and carry out the chores.

Please call or email and let us know how you can help. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon, and everyone will be contacted individually.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe year.