



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:

Saturday November 30, 2013
CatMOBILE at the ADooptathon for
kittens and cats at the Pet Valu,
Glendale, ST. Catharines, 10-4
everyday until they all get their
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday February 23, 2014
Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction
Club LaSalle, Arthur St.
St. Catharines, 4:00 COCKTAILS,
5:00 DINNER, Cash bar, prizes
tickets now available .



See the web for CatMOBILE events



CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP MEANS SO MUCH

Shorty's Story
Once upon a time there was a little brown and white Jack Russell. He lived a happy and carefree life until one day, something happened to his owner. The little dog became very sad and withdrawn and before long, found himself at a shelter. No one is quite sure why, but he would not allow anyone to trim his nails or pick him up. He was so lonely, with no one to feed and walk him, pet him and play with him. The shelter people tried to help him but weren't sure what to do and eventually, because of his problems and his age, the little Jack Russell was pronounced 'unadoptable' and sentenced to 'death row'.



Enter a veterinarian with a heart of gold. She often went to shelters to see which animals were on 'death row' because she was firmly convinced that every animal deserved a good life, even those with problems. She saw the little Jack Russell and decided he should be saved. That's how the little brown and white dog came to C.A.A.N. The little Jack Russell had a strong instinct to hunt, so when he saw the cats at the farm, he did what all hunting dogs do when something runs from them: he gave chase. Cats became wary and did their best to stay out of his way. That's when he lost his 'shelter name' and was re-named J.R. (as in who killed J.R.) J.R. had his own friends among the dogs at the farm, and Julia and Barb to care for him, but he stayed sad and reserved. He was waiting for his owner to come get him, but no one came. One day, a couple who had lost their own Jack Russell, happened to speak to Dale and Donna at PetValu about their small animal rescue.

The couple had decided that it was time to look for another companion animal but they weren't sure whether to foster, or buy. Dale told them about C.A.A.N. and that Julia had a few dogs who were looking for a new home. The couple was very interested and so, one beautiful summer morning, they drove out to the farm to meet Julia and see the dogs. It wasn't long before they were introduced to two very cute little dogs, one of which was J.R. The couple had a very hard time deciding! Then they noticed that whenever Carl came near J.R., the little dog would wag his tail. Carl walked with a cane, so maybe that was triggering a memory with J.R. Perhaps his owner also walked with a cane.



The couple paid close attention to how the little dog reacted to them, and it seemed that he was very comfortable around both of them. He even allowed Karin to pick him up! There was a little growl but it soon became just a little groan as he relaxed. J.R. was beginning to come out of his shell. Here were two people who wanted him!

After quite a few more visits, Julia was pretty certain that the little dog would be happy with the couple, and soon the little dog was glad to see them, greeting them with wagging tail and little grunts. J.R. was choosing them, just as much as they were choosing him. Then came the big day: J.R. was going to his new home! He was ready. He hopped into the car as if he knew that he was leaving for a new life. Not only that, he had a name again: Shorty.

Not original perhaps, but very fitting. And because he was so smart, it didn't take him long to realize it meant him.

This story has a happy ending, because love can overcome a lot of things. Little dogs can learn to trust again but it does take time, patience and a lot of love.

Shorty is proof of that: he is happy in his new home with Carl and Karin, and Julia's cats are safe once more.

Thank you, Julia, for giving us the opportunity to make a small, sad and lonely dog happy and content again.

We did have a few bad moments, we still can't do his nails, but the long walks take care of that so it isn't necessary to upset Shorty. He is a beautiful little fellow and takes his new duties very seriously: barking to let us know when someone is at our door, but being friendly and respectful of guests. For that, he is rewarded with visits to the dog park, the best food, daily brushing and of course, a lot of love.

by Karin Drummond

Thank You Thank You Thank you Karin and Carl



Noella writes: **Akasha** is doing fantastic. Second night she was sitting on the couch with Chi Chi and I. Amazed at how well she has adapted. She is a real sweetheart....just love her. Thank you so much.

Thank You Thank You

Thank you Noella

Board Members: Ronni Dingwall, Dr. Julia Murray, Janet Campbell , Barb Dvernechuk
and a thank you to Julia McLaren for serving as chairperson

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'

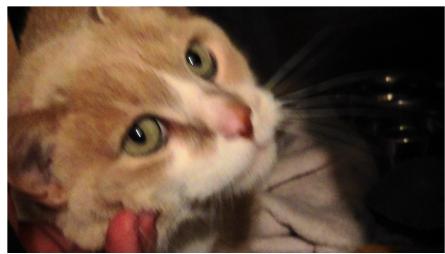
OUR GOAL IS NO MORE KILLING OF FERAL CATS.



beautiful girls :Callie (above) and Ginger (below) looking to find homes and some darling kittens are looking too



Socializing kittens , takes time and dedication and committment. Thanks to Elaine, Lisa , and Maria for a steady supply of love and care laughter and tears and compassion. Thanks Julia and the CatMOBILE too! you all are their lifelines!



Brittany has adopted Jax and Opie. Maria (on right) introduced her niece to her new babies, the kittens, after spending many hours giving them love and care herself



Lisa is also a solid volunteer with NSNAP, shown here sharing her loving touch with the kittens



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

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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 Thank You all volunteers , supporters

Trish for the blankets

our annual Fall Bazaar organizer Nancy and the grandkids, Janet and the grandkids and friends of the grandkids, Nada, Isobel, Sue, Ronni, Lucy, Denis, Noella, Julia, and all our supporters mike the trapper

as always Donna and Dale hosts (and staff) at Pet Valu Glendale adoptathons

Niagara South Mobile Veterinary Services

Niagara Community Foundation
Court Animal Hospital

CatMOBILE sponsors
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Niagara South Mobile Veterinary Services
Those 2 Real Estate Girls
Royal Lepage

Thank you CatTIP supporters

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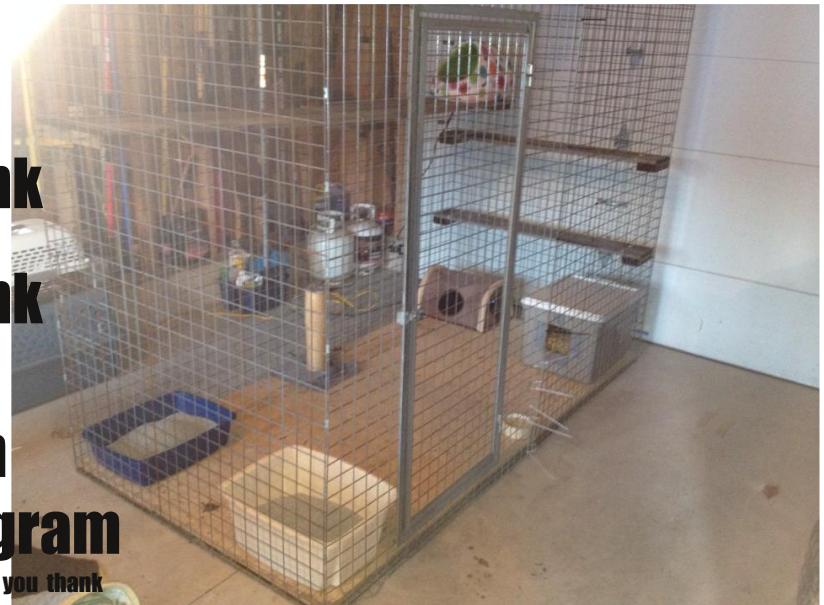
money raised in our tips cans goes

toward the spay/neuter
of our community cats

contact barb@caancatmobile.org

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

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Thank you Sue Robbins for donating a 'well loved" cats den. This transportable containment unit has helped many cats

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our care are
doing well

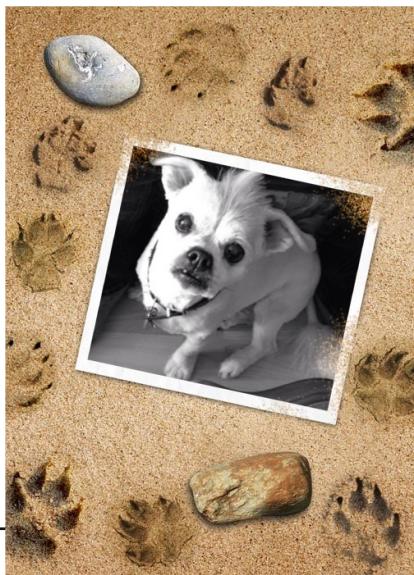
WISH LIST
friskies wet
canned cat
food
towels and
blankets



Seeing a cat is one thing, meeting her is another
see www.neighborhoodcats.org for winter housing

Thank You

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On November 25th our little Angel Buddy crossed over in the arms of his loving Mommy to join his brother Teddy and mommy Suki.

Buddy was an adorable member of our family full of joy and unconditional love. He will always be in our hearts.

Thanks to Dr. Julia for her love and support during this time of transition.

Sue Conway

OPERATION NORTH STAR

tagging cars brings awareness and can produce sightings.

see www.missingpetpartnership.org for excellent information



**Lost
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Intersection alerts with 22X28 posters that are fluorescent prove effective in alerting the community to a lost pet.

We have glass blocks for sale. Thank you Sesame for modeling with them!



Thank you Dr. Julia,

Sasha survived her illness and is shown reunited here with Steve. Sadly, we said good-bye to Sasha's friend and good buddy Bammer, after doing what we could to help him.

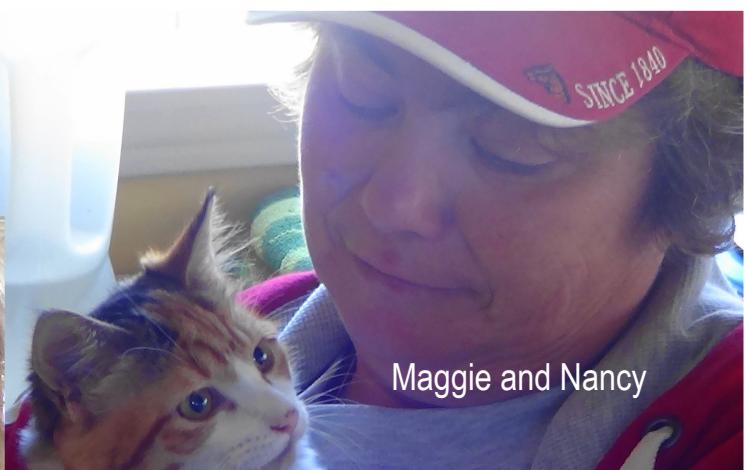


Sasha and Steve

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



Tracey with her new baby Maggie. Thank you Nancy for fostering these two beautiful kitty cats, and thank you Tracey and Heidi for opening up your hearts and homes so they are HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



Maggie and Nancy



Quagmeyer and Heidi

Quagmeyer has a new home to share with Heidi and Mitzi, a little cat girlfriend

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

Thanks the gift of life thanks Joe



Joe writes: Hi Ronni...it's been a while, so i thought i would update you on little Bustifier! He is doing well! He has been in the general population with the rest of our kitties for a couple of weeks now... maybe even a month! It was a smoother transition than i thought, thats for sure! He has a best buddy already and the two of them like to chase each other and play tag for most of the day. A little bit of hissing between him and our dominant male cat, but nothing out of the ordinary. He is pretty happy i think and we are very happy that things work out the way they did. once agin, thank you and CAAN very much... from us and Bustifier!



CAAN landers

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

Question: What is the Calendar Girls about? Have you given thought to what you would do for a cause you believe in, would you bare a shoulder? Will you support our calendar?

Everyone knows the story of how a group of extraordinary women, members of a very ordinary Yorkshire Women's Institute (WI) group, persuaded one another to pose for a charity calendar with a difference.

The Calendar Girls, as they came to be known, dedicated the calendar to John Baker who had died in 1998. They had no idea of the media sensation they would create.

More than twelve years after the first iconic 'nude' calendar, our Calendar Girls are as active as ever. You can meet them at events across the country or buy their merchandise from our online shop. Their special range features memorable quotes from the Calendar Girls stage show, including "Don't touch the buns"; and all are sold to raise money for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

Many other fundraising groups have since replicated the calendar idea across the globe with many themes. But none have touched hearts and minds quite in the same way as the Calendar Girls.

- See more at: <http://leukaemialymphomaresearch.org.uk/news/our-celebrity-supporters/calendar-girls#sthash.TARt5rKt.dpuf>

THE ORIGINAL CALENDAR GIRLS

to order our version of a tasteful
calendar email us at
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online donations visit www.canada helps.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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and we welcome your stories, poems, pictures, etc., we will print some of them please submit...thank you

Community Pet Walk In Clinic

with Julia Murray DVM



starts Saturday December 14, 2013

at Court Animal Hospital

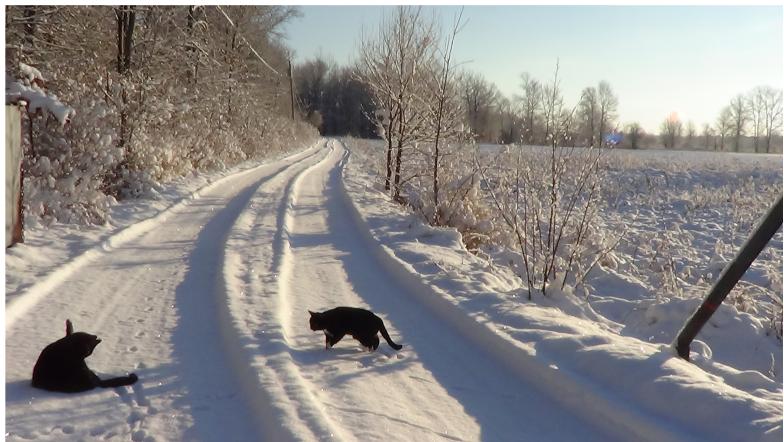
EVERY Tuesday 3pm - 7pm

and Saturday 9:30am-1pm

no appointment necessary



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



Pet and stray cats are socialized to people. Feral cats are not socialized to people. While they are socialized to their colony members and bonded to each other, they do not have that same relationship with people. see www.alleycat.org for more information