





## The CAAN Connection

Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN) www.caan-catmobile.org

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Saturday April 17
   9:00 am- 5 pm
   CatMOBILE at Niagara
   Trailers Spring Open
   House at 1224 York Rd.
   St. Davids
- Wed April 21
   4:30pm—7 pm
   1st annual 'Spay'ghetti
   Dinner and penny sale
   St. Andrew's Parish Hall in
   Grimsby at 7 St. Andrews
   Ave (corner of hwy #8)
   tickets in advance or at the
   door, 905-945-1473 or
   905-401-0016 for more info
- Sat/Sun April 24/25
   CatMOBILE at Seaway
   Mall , Welland with NAFA
   mall hours 10-5
- Monday May 3
   Feral Cat Caregivers Support Group meeting at 7:30pm-9 pm Cat Quarters 144 Church St. #1,
   St. Catharines
- Sat/Sun May 8/9
   CatMOBILE at Fairview
   Mall with NAFA, Geneva
   St., .St. Catharines,
   mall hours 10-5
- Saturday May 15
   CatMOBILE at Annual
   Garage Fundraiser at
   Court Animal Hospital
   9am- 2pm, Geneva St.,
   St. Catharines

#### A Celebration of Compassion

From the desk of Nathan J. Winograd

.....Sixteen years ago, on April 1, 1994, after months of negotiation and the threat of a public initiative, Richard Avanzino, then President of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for Animals signed the Adoption "Pact", a memorandum of understanding between the SF/SPCA and the city shelter that guaranteed a home for every healthy dog and cat in San Francisco. Each and every healthy dog and cat who entered the city's pound would be saved- no matter how many there were or how long it took to find them a home.

It was a historic beginning of an altogether different future for shelter animals-not of certain death as had been the case nationwide since before the turn of the century, but a future that held promise, protection, and a new chance at life. As the front door at 2500 16th Street in San Francisco slowly swung open that morning, the first flag of the NO Kill revolution was being raised.



.....And as our movement achieves even greater success, it is my hope that we will celebrate "No Kill Day" the way our country celebrates other seminal events in our nation's history, as our cause is as righteous and worthy as those that have come before.

hope you take a little time this April 1 to reflect on what we are doing, and join me for a nation-wide toast to how far we have come. And while millions of animals continue to face death in shelters in regressive communities, thanks to what transpired a decade and a half ago, I have every faith that, as we continue our noble quest, we will not let them down.

No Kill Advoacy Center www. nokilladvocacycenter.org

## **COMMUNITY CATS** Ambassador





Support our green donation cans for spay neuter programs, any amount will help Thank-you

One way You can help us is by donating in the can at our events, which will go toward the spay/neuter of community cats

\*CatMOBILE \*Charlie's Angels \*Operation NORTH STAR \* feral cat caregivers support group Cat Quarters\* Operation MAD CAT (TNR)  "fostering is a vital link on the journey to a home'



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#### Seeing a cat is one thing...meeting a cat is another



When I adopted Cassie and Tucker my life changed. I was always going home to a quiet apt. Now I have Cassie and Tucker. I am now being greeted at the door when I come home and being cuddled at night when I am in bed. They have added an animal 'love' to my being. Thanks for letting me take them home.....Ceil



Surrounded by new loved ones Hannah, Nat, and Noah



Timothy James adjusting to life in his new home with his new little sister Tess









Kaz holding smoors before going home







Some of us foster cats and kittens looking for homes: Love, collette, tuxedo, chris, princess, spring,

timothy, blackiehugo, Sally, violet, fraser, Max, peekaboo









timothy

online donations visit www.canadahelps.org

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# Volunteer Recognition

Thanks to all our volunteers. April 18-24 is national volunteer week.

CAAN's nomination for volunteer of the year is Dr. Julia Murray DVM

Here is our nomination letter:

The creation of Community Animal Allies of Niagara started when a few like minded people had a meeting in December 2006. Dr. Murray was one of the founders in this meeting.

We had a dream and a social responsibility; by implementing the programs and services of the no kill philosophy, Niagara could become the safest place for an animal/pet to live.

NO one volunteers for a cause that is hopeless. WE asked Julia to become the President. She accepted and has given her rime, her talent, her money and her efforts continuously. Our gift of a compassionate Veterinarian and human being gives us hope that our dreams can come true for the animals.

Compassion into action. Julia has vision and leadership skills and has gone way beyond her basic obligation. The first program of CAAN was the CatMOBILE. One fine day while out driving, she saw an old beat up run down 1969 trailer. She pulled over and made an offer that would be accepted on the condition she could drive the trailer off the yard. The CatMOBILE made it off the yard, was transformed, and is our adoption outreach trailer, carrying precious cargo of kittens /cats who are for adoption, to the community events. Do you know who the driver is? Julia is at the wheel for the last 3 years.

Julia advocates for the animals. She has shown continuous support to CAAN by allowing her clinic as a place to train volunteers and work with us and ultimately save lives. She contributes financially and was responsible for the transformation of the Cat Quarters, a unique housing that is home to kittens/cats who are orphaned, recovering from injured or abandoned. CAAN's programs and services are implemented with a network of wonderful, caring compassionate people and at the hub of all these hands is our compassionate leader, saving lives.

Thank-you is her message to our volunteers and the message "don't even think that we can do without you because we can't/" Well, thank-you Dr. Murray from all of us at CAAN and the sweet little individual animals that have come into our lives and are yet to come.

Thank-you



Cat or the Month



Female, with intense eyes, loves laser play and being petted



Kalliope in

It's so funny, I like to think I went to the shelter and adopted a kitty but she chose me! I went into the room where the feral kitties were and sat down. She had been up hiding in the closet and she came to the ledge and looked at me and came down and crawled right into my lap. She had me at Hello! Ha ha! Has the run of my condo when I am at work during the day and she loves to sit in front of the glass door to my balcony and watch the birds....I love her to pieces! Many thanks to Mary..

....Alexandra

## Updates on our progress

EVERY SINGLE DAY THERE IS A STORY

# The Lost Dr. Seus Poem

#### I Love My Job!

I love my job. I love the pay!

I love it more and more each day.

I love my boss, he is the best!

I love his boss and all the rest.

I love my office and its location. I hate to have to go on vacation.

I love my furniture, drab and grey, and piles of paper that grow each day!

I think my job is really swell, there's nothing else I love so well.

I love to work among my peers, I love their leers and jeers and sneers.

I love my computer and its software; I hug it often though it won't care.

I love each program and every file, I'd love them more if they worked a while.

I'm happy to be here. I am. I am.
I'm the happiest slave of the Firm, I am.
I love this work. I love these chores.
I love the meetings with deadly bores.

I love my job - I'll say it again - I even love those friendly men.

Those friendly men who've come today, in clean white coats to take me away!!!!!

We are continuing with the planning of our spay neuter programs/clinic. We have purchased an anesthetic machine. We will continue to strategically move forward and keep you aware of the progress.......

Thanks to you all.

Welcome to Leslie, our newest member of the Board.

We are Gratefully accepting donated items for our garage sale this coming May 15 at Court Animal Hospital

#### Calendar Fundraiser

Please submit your photos to us...by mid July we will start to select. Photos of you and your dog or cat or .....

For more info on the details check our website coming soon or call 905-945-1473

## Membership form

To become a member please fill out the f mail membership and/or donation : 43 C	orm, membership fee is \$15 a year ( starting from the month that you join ) entre St. St. Catharines , L2R 3A8 contact us: caan-catmobile@hotmail.com
Name:	
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Membership we would also like to we	Donation amount come your stories, poems, etc. and we will print some of themTHANK-YOU



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