



# CAAN Connection



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

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[www.caan-catmobile.org](http://www.caan-catmobile.org)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### Opening in December 2012

Lincoln County Humane Society Spay  
Neuter Clinic operated by Ontario SPCA  
for one year. open to the public  
905-688-7722

### Monday December 10

City Council Meeting, St. Catharines  
6:30 pm, off James St.  
come out to show your support for  
implementing the No Kill philosophy  
for "OUR" shelter, at Lincoln County.

### Sunday January 13, 2013

Buffet Dinner and Silent Auction  
CAAN fundraiser, prizes and cash bar  
Club LaSalle, Port Weller, St. Catharines  
4:00p.m., tickets \$20, and are  
available at Pet Valu Glendale  
(make excellent christmas gifts!)



See the web for CatMOBILE events



## Niagara South Mobile Veterinary Services



### an interview with Dr. Julia Murray

*Question: How many companion animal mobile offices are there in Ontario and how does your service differ from other mobile services in the area?*

There are only 3 other companion animal mobile offices in Ontario. The service I offer is different from other mobile housecall services in that my vehicle can park in your driveway and you and your pet can step into the vehicle which contains all we need to take care of your pet. If you prefer I can also examine and treat your pet in your own home.

*Question: Where do you service in Niagara?*

For legal reasons I cannot service the St. Catharines area until April of 2014, unless it is for pro-bono work for feral cats or working with social services to bring veterinary care to care centres and shelters for people. Until then I am focusing on the area from Fort Erie to Port Colborne.

*Question: What kinds of services do you offer?*

The client and patient can step into the ambulance to receive routine health care like wellness checks, vaccinations, deworming and micro-chipping. I can provide flea and heartworm products, take blood for heartworm tests and blood profiles, do urinalysis and other lab tests. I can diagnose and treat disease and injuries both chronic and acute in nature. I can perform

**CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP MEANS SO MUCH**

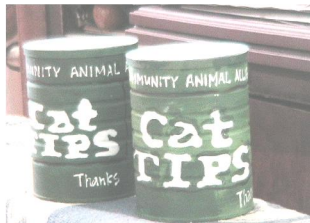
## an interview cont'd...

minor surgeries which require local anaesthetic or sedation. Euthanasia's can be performed in the ambulance and all crematorium services are available. If your pet requires x-rays, or full anaesthesia for major surgery, they will have to be referred to a companion animal hospital.

*Question: Do you support the No Kill philosophy in Niagara ?*

**I STRONGLY support the No-Kill philosophy** in Niagara. I am the President and a founding member of CAAN. Our objectives are to provide and support the programs of the No Kill philosophy in the Niagara region.

### Thank you CatTIP supporters



**Court Animal Hospital  
The Rubber Stamp Store  
Artistic Impressions  
Ruffins, Hartzell Rd  
Water Superstores**

money raised in our tips cans goes toward the spay/neuter  
of our community cats  
contact [barb@caancatmobile.org](mailto:barb@caancatmobile.org)  
for more info on being a **CatTIP** location

*Question: Will this service assist pet owners who may be hard to reach and/or that haven't accessed veterinary services before?*

The companion animal mobile office will be able to offer services to people who cannot physically get their pet to a vet hospital. It will be helpful for people and pets who find it too difficult or stressful to transport to the vet or sit in the office. A lot of people will choose a mobile office because of the excellent care their pets will receive, the convenience and the old fashioned personal service.

*Question: What possessed you to open such a service or can you tell me about that?*

I started this service for a number of reasons. I needed life to slow down for the good of my own health. I enjoy interacting with my clients and getting to know them and I enjoy driving and meeting people and animals in their own environment. I also see it as a way to get health care for pets into low income housing developments and shelters for the homeless. It can also help animal rescue groups and feral cat colonies. It is unique, fun, exciting and will benefit a lot of animals and people in need.

*Question: When can people start to access this service?*

The companion animal mobile office is now open and accepting clients.

*Question: Will you have a website? How can a person access this?*

The website and store is currently under construction and should be available in the new year.

## Thank You Thank You

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.

"Happy Xmas (War Is Over)"

(Happy Xmas Kyoko  
Happy Xmas Julian)

So this is Xmas  
And what have you done  
Another year over  
And a new one just begun  
And so this is Xmas  
I hope you have fun  
The near and the dear one  
The old and the young

A very Merry Xmas  
And a happy New Year  
Let's hope it's a good one  
Without any fear

And so this is Xmas (war is over)  
For weak and for strong (if you want  
it)  
For rich and the poor ones (war is  
over)  
The world is so wrong (if you want it)  
And so happy Xmas (war is over)  
For black and for white (if you want  
it)  
For yellow and red ones (war is  
over)  
Let's stop all the fight (now)



A very Merry Xmas  
And a happy New Year  
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Without any fear

And so this is Xmas (war is over)  
And what have we done (if you want it)  
Another year over (war is over)  
A new one just begun (if you want it)  
And so happy Xmas (war is over)  
We hope you have fun (if you want it)  
The near and the dear one (war is over)  
The old and the young (now)

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War is over, if you want it  
War is over now

Happy Xmas



visit no kill st. catharines on facebook

Please continue to be the voice of the  
animals and make change at the  
Lincoln County Humane Society

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



Niagara Community Foundation  
LetPEtsLive Fund

cast of Just A Dog, (working on 2nd cut now)

The Ride for REfuge riders and supporters



**Thank You**



**Thank You Thank You**

**Thank You Thank You**  
all volunteers, supporters



lets keep teaching kids **the value of their lives**  
support no kill st catharines



malcolm and midnite

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

a sad goodbye to Alfie  
Alfie was greatly  
loved  
Alfie played a part in  
our play 'Just A Dog'  
and is forever in our  
hearts



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](http://www.kuranda.com) for details

every shelter dog



A SMALL BODY OF DETERMINED SPIRITS

FIRE BY AN UNQUENCHABLE FAITH

IN THEIR MISSION CAN ALTER THE COURSE OF HISTORY

GANDHI



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



## CAAN landers

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

**Question:** Can you tell me about inaccurate language. I understand that people sometimes believe things that are false and sometimes lie about what they know to be true. What about in relation to the animals?

**Answer:** This question, as it relates to shelter language, is best answered by reposting a blog from Ryan Clinton called : Revisting "UNWANTED", because he has some very valuable things to say, And Nathan Winograd's thought on euthanasia too.

.It is no secret that the animal-sheltering world embraces inaccurate language, usually in the form of clichés and euphemisms. It incorrectly uses the term “euthanasia” to describe the act of ending the life of a healthy, happy, and adoptable animal. It near-universally accepts, without proof, standard, or measurement, the idea that “pet overpopulation” makes saving the lives of most impounded animals impossible—even as open-admission shelters in communities across the country already do exactly that.

But the animal-welfare cliché I hate the most—the one that gets under my skin more than any other—is the unquestioned use of the term “unwanted” to describe sheltered animals, especially litters of puppies and kittens. Its use is so insulting, so damaging, so disparaging, so downright incorrect, that I propose we ban it altogether.

Before you say “but there are too many pets and not enough homes,” consider a recent joint study of shelter-pet supply and demand by Maddie’s Fund and the Humane Society of the United States.

Ripping the rug out from under conventional wisdom, the study concluded

that there are far more Americans looking to adopt a pet every year than there are dogs and cats dying at shelters—over four times more.

**And before you say “but those animals are dumped at the shelter by heartless jerks,” consider that a great number—maybe even a majority—of animals surrendered at animal shelters are surrendered by people who at one time gave them love and comfort and, for reasons we may never understand, believed that taking them to a “shelter” was the right thing to do for those animals. We know this happens because on many occasions, the animals we save from shelters—from the oldest dogs to the youngest kittens—respond quickly and favorably to comfort and love because they already know what those things feel like.**

That’s not something that naturally happens with kittens. Only if they are held, socialized, and cared for as babies will they warmly welcome a human stranger’s hand later in life.



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Revisiting Unwanted cont'd.

And finally, consider this: why on earth would we expect the public to embrace our cause and adopt a shelter animal if we keep calling happy, healthy, and adoptable puppies and kittens unwanted? Do you really think that helps? How many businesses do you know that inherently and publicly devalue their product? No other industry does, and we shouldn't either. It's crazy, it's unhelpful, and it doesn't make sense.

**They are wanted. Every single one of them.**

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**from Nathan Winograd: What is True Euthanasia?**

*and so I continually question, and will continue to question, regardless of what may seem like a practical imperative, whether we go far enough in our actions for and in defense of our companion animal friends and family. It is a tremendous responsibility to speak for the interests of someone else—especially when that someone else cannot speak for themselves, especially when it involves life and death, and especially when it is someone you love, relying on you to champion their best interests.*

spay neuter your critter  
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spay neuter

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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