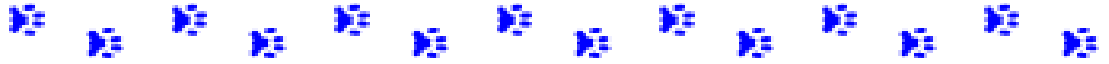




# SHAID NEWS



**Getting to Know Us**  
 In this edition, we'd like to introduce some of the familiar faces you will see when you visit us at SHAID.

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**Harold Roswell, Shelter Manager**

I have been employed at SHAID Tree Animal Shelter since May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Most of my past work experience has been in production and management. All my life I have had a great love and respect for animals. Always wanting to live in the country, I moved there almost four years ago where my wife and I love spending time with our two dogs and five cats and just enjoying the outdoors. Since working at the shelter, I have a greater respect for all animals and will do whatever I can to make sure all animals at the shelter find the perfect forever home they deserve. SHAID offers less fortunate animals a place to stay until we find the right family for them. I look forward to

continuing success with SHAID staff, volunteers, board members and all members of the local communities in placing pets in well deserved, forever homes.

**Cara MacVane, Assistant Manager**

I grew up in the small town of Salisbury, New Brunswick, where I finished high school and decided to attend the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. I received my Science Degree, with a major in Animal Science and moved to Newfoundland with my husband, when his job transferred him there. I started my animal experience by working at a pet grooming shop and also working for a large pet sitting company. After being in Newfoundland for 2 short years, my husband was then transferred to Prince Edward Island where I continued in the animal field by opening my own doggy daycare and then went on to work in a veterinary hospital. Once again, we were transferred to Bridgewater, Nova Scotia where I now work at SHAID! My husband and I share our house with two of the kindest and most loving dogs on the planet. Our male medium mix came from a shelter in Newfoundland. He has been everywhere with us and our large female mix came from the humane society in PEI. They are treated as if they are our children and our lifestyle is centered around them. My passion in life is to help animals and to make their lives as happy as they can possibly be. I'm honoured to be working at SHAID where that is our main goal.



**The Rest of the Team**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2011 was a year of changes at the shelter. Change is for the better, as they say, and is necessary to ensure that our little animal shelter can continue to operate in a serious, professional, and open-minded manner. We strive to improve, help, care, and change with the times but we also want to balance that by remaining close to our supporters and our community, while not forgetting our most basic and main goal: rescuing animals in need.

Cats and dogs come to us for different reasons and from different situations. Increasingly and alarmingly, most pets we receive have been owned in the past. Despite the animals' fear, stress and confusion, they are friendly and deserve a new and good life. Currently, as I write this, over 30 kittens aged 8 weeks to 6 months, are moving to the adoption floor at SHAID. Every animal has the right to live and I am happy to tell you that euthanasia is close to zero in 5 months. The dedicated staff (see our new crew in the front page) and veterinarians were able to take care of, and save numerous homeless and sometimes injured or sick animals. Bravo!

I would like to thank Dr. Beverly Greenlaw for her generous volunteer time at the shelter for a full year and I want to welcome Dr. Barry Falkenham as the new shelter vet. SHAID can't afford to run without a weekly vet check-up!

In this paragraph I want to thank several people: former board members, Lisa Rhuland and John Ramsland, for their years of cooperation, great ideas and continued support! Carol Knell, Lisa Norman, Jamie Lynch and Danny Lohnes (who joined the board) for their positivity, expertise and new ideas! Lori Zinck and Mike MacWhirter for opening their sweet home to provide love and care for three of our beloved cats: Mabel, Mitzie and Theo. Sandra Gardiner for writing monthly articles in the Elder-Zone magazine. Clare Blyth for writing official receipts and, soon, checking on donation boxes. Thanks to Doreen and Len Harmes who are retiring after years of commitment to writing our very important and abundant receipts! Finally, to Beth Kent for her many columns in the local paper. Beth has passed the SHAID column 'torch' to Lisa, but we want to take this opportunity to again thank her for her many years of dedicated service. I am most grateful for our volunteers, supporters, donators and businesses, who believe in our little local animal shelter – working


together makes a difference. SHAID wants to pursue an excellent reputation for our residents by creating a positive relationship with our community.

You, as members, are always welcome to help and volunteer in any capacity. Fundraising is always appreciated. Keep an eye open for opportunities this winter. Spring and summer were busy with several successful events and we had good pet adoptions. If you decide to organize an event for SHAID, there is a fundraising form to fill out at the shelter and we can give you a hand .

SHAID is a unique shelter and we are grateful for it. It is also a respected shelter as evidenced by the Town of Bridgewater's invitation to attend their meeting about amending its Dog-by-law. It is proof that working together is always a must!

I extend to you an invitation to come and visit the pets, the wonderful staff and volunteers, and to see all of the recent improvements. These include new windows, new lighting, redecorated front office and waiting room, a 'nursing' room for kittens and our "Dare You to Smell an Animal" New Fresh Scent. Our work is not close to being done. With a watchful and frugal eye on expenses, it is imperative that our donations and fundraising continue to flow abundantly into our shelter for things like maintenance, renovations and upgrades, spay and neuter, education programs, new cat cages and dog beds. Nothing is wasted; everything is used carefully and respectfully. Animals depend on us every day, so we won't give up. We are here to make their lives better and happier. It is our mission. I sincerely hope to see you soon ... if not, I wish you Happy Holidays 2011 to you, your family and pets!

## TWO PAWS UP

 If you have taken a drive out to the shelter recently, you may have noticed our beautiful new signage. SHAID would like to thank **Clayton Banfield** for the excellent job!

As well, we would like to commend the pupils from **Greenfield Elemenary** who visited SHAID. Staff were very impressed with the student's good behaviour and the respect they showed the animals. Bravo!

A huge two paws up to the **Royal Bank in Lunenburg** for their kind donation of \$1000!



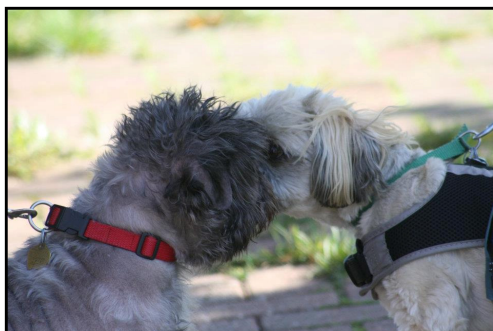
## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our **Annual Yard Sale** at the Big Ex at the end of May was a huge success. It seems the public liked the two day format and it ran smoothly thanks to all of the over 100 volunteers who helped make it such a success. We took in over \$35 000 before expenses, a new record!



**Buck's Home Building Centre** made SHAID the recipient of the proceeds from their annual customer appreciation day BBQ on October 1st. In spite of monsoon-like weather, there was a good turnout of SHAID supporters and volunteers. Janice and Brian Buck donated \$1500 to SHAID. We are most thankful and appreciative of their support.

The annual dogwalk fundraiser for 2011 was renamed "**Walk Your Human**" and was held Saturday, October 15th in Bridgewater. The weather gods smiled on us this time and we could not have had a more beautiful day for our supporters to strut their mutts (and purebreds!) around town. Pledges brought in approximately \$3200. A big thank you to all who participated. It is always wonderful to see all these dogs getting along famously.



*Making a new friend at the dog walk*

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

### PET PICS WITH SANTA

Santa will be once more taking some time out of his busy schedule to pose with our local pets, all to benefit his favourite critters...the ones who must spend time at SHAID.



This year's schedule:

Nov. 26th: Shurgain, Bridgewater 10am-1pm

Nov. 27th: The Dog Shop, Mahone Bay, 1-4pm

Dec. 2nd: Claussen Walters, Lunenburg, 5-8pm

Dec. 3rd: Your Friend & Mine, Gold River, 11am-2pm

Dec. 9th: Gow's Home Hardware, Bridgewater, 5-8pm

Dec. 10th: Gow's Home Hardware, Bridgewater, 1-4pm

So get those pups and kitties all spiffed up and ready to whisper in Santa's ear!



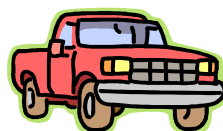
### OPEN HOUSE AT THE SHELTER

Sunday, December 4th  
from 1 to 4 pm

You can bet all the residents will be all decked out eagerly awaiting your visit. Come and

share a few kisses, pats, licks and purrs and some Christmas treats as well as the company of other animal lovers. Hope to see you there!

## HELP WANTED:



SHAID could really use the help of a strong person with a truck to do regular food runs for the shelter. Please call Harold at 543-4849 for more info or to volunteer.

## AT THE SHELTER

Since May, we have successfully placed 84 cats and 44 dogs into their forever homes.

If you have visited the shelter recently, you will have noticed a few changes. Besides the new staff, you will see a very different foyer as soon as you enter. We have gone from two desks to one and made a lot more room for the important job of meeting and getting to know your potential forever friend. The new paint job, flooring and colourful posters decorating the walls all give a welcoming feeling.

New windows are being installed before the cold weather as some would not even close properly anymore. This will ensure the animals will be snug all winter. One quarter of the cost of the windows is being paid by a grant from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and we thank them sincerely. We have also started to be "greener" at SHAID. We have a partnership with the municipal recycling team and they have provided garbage bins and explanations on how we can sort better.

Dog adoptions continue to go well and we are pleased to have partnered with Moncton SPCA to place some of their dogs when they were overloaded.

Two long term residents went home this summer. Zap, a black Lab mix, had been with SHAID for 8 months but is now happily in his forever home. Regal, our black kitty who was with us for over a year and a half, also found his soul mate. It proves why we never give up on our residents. There IS someone for everyone. We just have to work extra hard to find that someone!

Kitten season continues to be a year long phenomena and to that end, we are offering a continued **special \$99 adoption fee for kittens until mid December:** This price includes spay/neuter, needles, deworming, feline leukemia testing and vet check.

Just a reminder that SHAID is now open on Sundays from Noon to 3pm. Drop in for a visit. All of our critters would love to see you!

**News Flash: Our other long term resident feline, Bridget, went home Oct. 30th!**

### SHELTER WISH LIST

**CANNED CAT/DOG FOOD  
GASTRO FOOD (FROM VET) CAT & DOG  
JAVEX**



**BIG HEARTS WITH WARM  
HANDS TO PAT THE  
RESIDENTS**

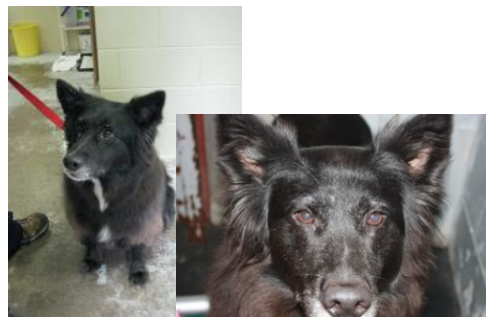
### CAT FACTS



Happy cats are known to paw their owners, or that on which they sit, with a kneading motion. Cats often use this action alongside purring to show contentment and affection for their owners. It is instinctive to cats and cats use it when they are young to stimulate the mother cat's nipple to release milk during nursing. As a result, cats that are hand-raised by humans may lack this reflex. Also, pawing is a way for cats to mark their territory. The scent glands on the underside of their paws release small amounts of scent onto the person or object being pawed, marking it as "theirs" in the same way they would urinate to mark their territory. I am sure we would all prefer to be pawed!

### SPECIAL DOG NEEDS A SPECIAL HOME

Milo is a wonderful girl who absolutely adores humans. Sadly, she is not so fond of cats or certain other dogs so she needs a home where she will be the one and only. Her border collie background means she requires lots of exercise and "work" to do. She is a dog who needs to be brushed to keep her long coat healthy and gorgeous. A very loving girl just waiting for the right person to find her. Could that person be you?



# How Do You Know When to Say Good-bye?

The reality is that, unlike your children--or anyone else you've helped raise and take care of--your pet will probably not outlive you. Even more sobering, you may end up facing a difficult decision about when to end the life of this precious friend and family member. Some pets do pass peacefully on their own but, in many cases, the will to survive keeps a pet going long past the point of experiencing good quality of life. While recent advances in veterinary medicine are nothing short of amazing, remember that just because you can prolong his life doesn't mean it's in your pet's best interest to do so. Most of the factors around aging and death are beyond our control but the one thing you are able to do for your pet is to alleviate undue pain and suffering. Arguably, no other decision you make about your pet will be as difficult as the one to euthanize but, in so many cases, it is the only humane option.

## How to know it's time:

If there's ever a time to put your pet's welfare ahead of your own needs, this is it. While the idea of living without your beloved pet can be devastating, the thought of him suffering should feel even worse. So in considering what to do, ask yourself the following questions:

- Does your pet have a terminal illness? Ask your veterinarian what to expect at the next stage and then ask yourself whether you're prepared to go there.
- Is your pet in the kind of pain that cannot be significantly alleviated by medication?
- Will more treatment improve his quality of life, or simply maintain a poor quality of life?
- Can you afford treatment? End-of-life care can run into thousands of dollars, and people can end up prolonging their grieving while paying off credit cards.
- Is your pet so old he has lost most bodily functions? If he can no longer stand up, get down stairs, defecate, and urinate on his own, the quality of his life is pretty poor.
- Does he still want to eat? Once a pet loses his appetite he's signaling he's close to the end.
- Are his gums pink? When gums aren't a normal pink, your pet isn't getting enough oxygen.
- Is it in his best interest to extend his life, or are you extending his life for yourself? This last point is the most difficult one for most of us to sort out but it may well be the most relevant.

## Other considerations:

You may find that everyone feels free to tell you what to do but the responsibility for this choice is yours. This can be more difficult when a couple disagrees but it can still weigh heavily on a single person.

Your veterinarian is trained to save lives. That's what they do and that's why you go to them. But sometimes all they can do is delay, not prevent.

If your veterinarian is advising euthanasia and you're reluctant, closely examine your own motives and see if they're for your benefit or the pet's. People often say, "You'll know when it's time." In many cases that's true, but not always.

Choosing euthanasia is not "playing God" any more than providing medical treatment to save a life is. Euthanasia ensures that you'll be able to be with your pet at the moment he passes, so he's not alone. However, you don't have to be there. If you feel you cannot remain calm, it's best for your pet that you not be there. Most people believe it's better to euthanize your pet a day too early rather than a day too late.

## Make a list, or two:

Before your pet gets to the point where euthanasia is a consideration and while you're still fairly calm, write a list of what gives him quality of life. Decide how many of those points he can be without in old age and still enjoy his life.

If he can maintain quality of life with four of the points on your list, then you know it may be time to consider euthanasia if he gets to three points. Promise yourself that other factors, such as pain, the kind of senility that causes fear, and a lack of bodily function and control, cancel out any list.

Next, decide how much money you can afford to spend on veterinary care. Make a decision, write it down, and stick to your plan when your emotions are off the chart. If your pet is suffering, he has lost all joy in being a dog or cat.

**Bottom line:** The emotions surrounding this decision are mixed and complicated. To do what's best for our pets, we need to realistically assess the criteria without allowing emotion to overwhelm the decision-making process. Not an easy task.



~Adapted from dogwise.com

## SOUTH SHORE TNR

For those of you kind folks who feed strays all winter, here are a few tips to keep your colony safe and healthy during the colder months.

**Shelter:** The cats will need a place to get out of the weather and a way to keep warm. This can be as simple as a shed/garage on your property that they can access. Some clever caregivers have cut out small entrances in their outbuildings for their cats so they can come in out of the cold. If you don't have such a building, outdoor shelters can be fashioned from many things: styrofoam boxes, large plastic bins insulated with styrofoam, etc. For excellent plans for several shelters online, go to <http://www.neighborhoodcats.org/>  
[HOW TO FERAL CAT WINTER SHELTER](#)

**Food & Water:** One of the biggest challenges is to provide water in a way that keeps it from freezing. There are many commercial heaters available from pet supply stores but you can also try the following ideas:

- Place the water bowl inside a styrofoam cooler - one of the cheap white ones used for pop and the like. Cut a hole for the cats to enter on one end of the cooler and put the bowl at the other end. The styrofoam's insulation will slow down the freezing process.
- Wider and deeper is better for the water dish than narrow and shallow. This keeps the surface water liquid longer.
- For canned food only, one trick is to place the bowl inside the cats' insulated shelter, if there is one. Their body heat will often keep the food from freezing or defrost it enough for them to eat. **NEVER PUT WATER IN THE CATS' SHELTER!** Cats can get sick in winter from getting wet and then not having any warm, dry place to go.

Of course, the very best thing you can do for your strays is to get them spayed/neutered before the cold weather sets in. That way, you and they won't be facing the prospect of kittens in the early spring. Kitten "season" now seems to extend to a year round phenomena so please contact us if you have strays/ferals in need of "fixing". Our program runs from approximately March to December.

South Shore TNR:      Beth 543-5909  
                                     Lynne 688-1654

## OUR FEATURED VOLUNTEERS

### Ella Blyth



My name is Ella Blyth and I am 12 years old. I volunteer at SHAID Tree Animal Shelter once a week but I wish I could come every day. When I am older, I want to work with animals. My favourite part about helping out at SHAID is cleaning cages and playing with the kittens. I have adopted a cat and a dog and I have fostered a kitten for a while. The staff and

volunteers put a lot of work into what they do here so I want to thank them for what they do.

### Doreen and Len Harmes



Both Len and Doreen have given endless hours to SHAID over the years. You may remember the famous Len cat scratching posts that were so popular for several years! Doreen has worked at the Yard Sale's Clothing department tirelessly. A few years ago, she also took on the job of writing receipts for our, thankfully, many, many donors. Both of them have now retired from "active duty" with SHAID but we know we are still in their hearts. We wish them well and cannot begin to say thank you enough for their tremendous gift of time to SHAID.



# MEMORIALS

*May 1st to October 31st, 2011  
Donations were made in memory of:*

Al Laing	John 'Jack' Herbin
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James Irving	Wendy Mason
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Joan Dolliver	



## **MAY I GO**

by Susan A. Jackson  
May I go now?  
Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain filled days  
and endless lonely nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be.  
So can I take that step beyond  
and set my spirit free?  
I didn't want to go at first,  
I fought with all my might.  
But something seems to draw me now  
to a warm and loving light.  
I want to go. I really do.  
It's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can  
to live just one more day.  
To give you time to care for me  
and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and afraid,  
because I see your tears.  
I'll not be far, I promise that,  
and hope you'll always know  
that my spirit will be close to you  
wherever you may go.  
Thank you so for loving me.  
You know I love you, too.  
That's why it's hard to say goodbye  
and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.

## **BELOVED PETS**

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die, I  
want to go where they went. -Will Rogers

Kandi	Shadow
Podgie	Kika
Lucy	Maggie
Princess	



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**DONATION/MEMBERSHIP FORM 2011:**  
*Join/ support S.H.A.I.D. and help us make a difference for the homeless animals in our area.*

**Note: All NEW membership requests received after October 31st, 2011 will count as your 2012 membership also. Reminders will come out in January for all other renewals.**

I would like to purchase a **NEW** Membership in S.H.A.I.D. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_ membership(s). (\$10 each)

I would like to **RENEW** my/our current or lapsed membership(s). Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 each)

I would like to purchase a **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** (To calculate your life membership fee, subtract your current age from 65, then multiply by \$10. Please note that anyone age 55 or older has a set life membership fee of \$100)  
 Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help care for the animals at S.H.A.I.D. Tree Animal Shelter.

I am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the South Shore TNR program for stray/feral cats.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your completed form along with a cheque to:**

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Thank you for caring about the homeless animals and for supporting S.H.A.I.D.!