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# S.H.A.I.D. NEWS

## Glad To Be Home: TNR Update

As you can see in the picture, the "Return" part was a joyful time for this cat! We have learned a great deal over the past few months about TNR, feral cat behaviour and working with each other. Our first large colony spoiled us! As Beth said, "They were lined up and waiting to get into the traps. I couldn't set the traps fast enough!" We have since learned that this is NOT the way it usually goes. Trapping takes patience as well as yummy "bait". So far we have been able to spay/neuter and return just over 50 cats. Several mommies with babies have also been removed and kittens that are socialized are being rehomed without going into the shelter. Our volunteers are being trained and have been able to take on some of the hands on duties. Vets from Bridgewater to Shelburne have assisted us with surgeries. We have developed a certificate to assist the vets and ensure that the cats being brought in are legitimately SSTNR clients. Word is spreading and we have at least another 50 potential cats on our list to be done. Many are small colonies of just 3-4 but we have also come across several more large colonies. Although most folks are willing to work with us and continue to provide care for the colony in return for having them spayed/neutered, we have also run across a few people who just want the cats "gone". We have to explain that we are not 'catch and remove' and try to educate them as to how TNR can work for them. Of course, we have been fundraising busily to try and reach our \$10 000 goal! It's been a great adventure and one Beth and I are enjoying. If you would like to join us, we can always use more hands. Just give us a call. Lynne 688-1654 or Beth 543-5909



## Businesses Help Fundraise for TNR

So what could your business do to help us reach our \$10 000 goal? Put on your thinking caps and be creative. So far, we have been fortunate to have the inventive minds at **The Platter House** sponsor a benefit dinner for us that raised over \$1 200. **White Point Beach Resort** has sponsored a Pet Retreat weekend with their usual speakers' fees going to TNR (speakers provided by SHAID volunteers). **The Dog Shop Day Spa** held a Wash-a-thon in their U-Bathe facility at special prices and raised \$440. A local groomer, Bernadette Warburton of '**For Dog's Sake**', will be donating 20% from each of her groomings during December in your animal's name. Call her at 764-2046 to make an appointment.

Can you think of a way to get your workplace involved, especially before Christmas. Whether you raise \$20, \$200 or \$2 000 it will be matched by our anonymous donor!

Can you help us reach our goal? Just be sure it is marked "**For TNR**" when it is sent in.

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Please note that our main website address has changed. It is now [www.shaid.ca](http://www.shaid.ca)



Our adoptable animals may still be viewed at [www.shaid.petfinder.org](http://www.shaid.petfinder.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



S.H.A.I.D. has had a very busy time since the last newsletter and I was heavily involved with major home renovations for most of it. I would like to thank Joanne Bishop, the rest of the shelter

staff and all the volunteers for all their hard work during this period as we were swamped with cats and kittens. I would also like to thank Velma Ricketts for her tremendous compassion for the dogs in the shelter and her dedication in helping them find good homes as quickly as possible.

I would also like to thank Beth for being an outstanding Vice President and giving me time to concentrate on things at home. She has spent a tremendous amount of time at the shelter and still found time, along with Lynne Ware, our Past President, to initiate and run what has become a very successful trap, neuter and return program (TNR). The animals at S.H.A.I.D., and myself as President, are blessed with a fantastic group of volunteers and staff.

I would also like to thank two former Board Members, Karen Hamill and Sue Bourinot, who have resigned due to conflicting personal commitments, for all their support during the past several years. They are both committed to help with our future fundraising activities and we will certainly make use of their talents and enthusiasm.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all of you who made a donation of time, money or services in support of the Shelter in 2007 and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Mike Anderssen, President*

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

~Anonymous



## The Ten Commandments of Pet Ownership

- 🐾 When you adopt me my life is likely to last 15 to 20 years. Please don't forsake me. Any separation from you will be very painful.
- 🐾 Please give me time to understand what it is you want from me. Change can be more difficult for me than for you.
- 🐾 Please trust me and help me to trust you... it is crucial for my well being as well as yours.
- 🐾 Don't be angry with me for too long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I have only YOU.
- 🐾 Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when you are speaking to me.
- 🐾 Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
- 🐾 Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to hurt you.
- 🐾 Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Is there another reason for my behavior? Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I've been out in the sun too long, and my heart may be getting old and weak. Try to understand what it is like to be me.
- 🐾 Please take care of me when I get old. Don't abandon me, for you, too, will grow old.
- 🐾 Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch it", or, "Let it happen in my absence." I need you with me even at the end of my journey. Please always do what is best for me even if it is unbearable for you to do so because I love you and trust that you will.

~Author Unknown

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pet Pics with Santa:

This year we have three locations for you:

#### ***Gow's Home Hardware, Bridgewater***

Friday, Nov. 30th 5:30-8:30 PM

Saturday, Dec. 1st NOON to 4 PM

#### ***Your Friend & Mine Pet Supplies, Gold River***

NEW LOCATION!!!

Sat. Dec. 8th NOON to 4 PM

### ***The Teazer***

Sunday, Dec. 9th NOON to 4 PM.

Pictures are digital, printed on-site.

Cost: \$8 per picture or 3/\$20

### **Annual S.H.A.I.D. Open House:**

Sunday, December 9th from NOON to 4 PM

Bake table, crafts and Christmas decorations for sale. Join us for a hot chocolate or coffee.

Donations of tinned food and litter always welcome.

### **Gift Wrapping:**

Once again this year, S.H.A.I.D. volunteers will be providing gift wrapping services at the Bridgewater Mall. We will have our elves on duty from Dec. 7th to 23rd from 11 AM to 8 PM (closed Sundays). If you would like to volunteer, we need lots of hands and smiles.

### **Grocery Store Receipts Needed:**

**Don't forget to save your Sobey's & Save Easy tapes for us. Keep a box in your kitchen or car. Drop them off at the Shelter or at the gift wrapping station in the Mall. Many thanks to the Eldridge's for their continued hard work in sorting and tallying these for us.**

## THE SCOOP!



### **BEAR WINS BIG!**

Our annual Walk & Wag Dog Walk was held in Mahone Bay on October 13th. The sun decided to shine on the games after the walk and the park was filled with happy dogs and owners enjoying "Bob for Weiners" and the "Ice Cream Eating Contest", to name just a couple of activities. Thanks to the Teazer, the Town of Mahone Bay, The Dog Shop, South Shore Vet and their suppliers and Save Easy for their assistance. We collected about **\$2900** for the shelter.

There were lots of prizes and, **Bear**, one of the littlest dogs won the biggest prize!

Everyone was wondering whatever he would do with such a large dog bed when he showed us he knew exactly what to do!

### **Signs, signs , everywhere there's signs...**



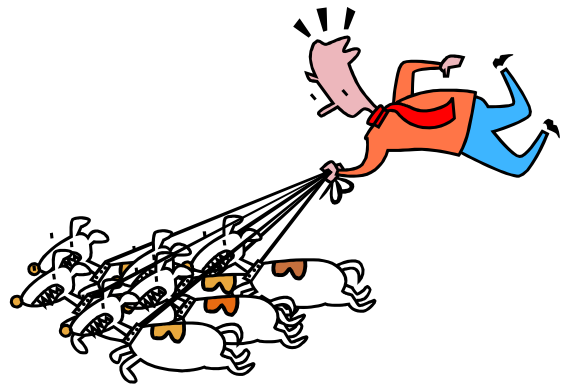
## IN THE KNOW...

### Pets Rely on You For Exercise

Is your feline getting fat, or your canine corpulent? Perhaps your bird has a bulge, or your lizard is just lethargic. Well, they can't exactly get a spa membership or pop an aerobics tape in the VCR. To keep your pet fit, it's up to you. Fortunately, exercise can be some of the most enjoyable time that you and the family can spend with them.

A portly pet is usually easy to notice. After a certain age, dogs and cats start getting round in the middle. A good, standard way of judging whether they're packing too many pounds is the "rib test". Simply hold the animal around the ribcage - if you can't readily feel their ribs without squeezing them, a more balanced diet and increased exercise is recommended, provided the animal isn't too far into their senior years.

Not all dogs are of the fetching variety, but all love going on walks, and others, like the various breeds of sight hounds, need to run on a daily basis. Younger dogs can be walked for 45 minutes twice per day, and older dogs once a day for that time. Veterinarians recommend that a dog be walked about half an hour after eating, which will aid in their digestion. Taking a dog on a brisk walk immediately after it's eaten can cause them to lose their dinner.



For running dogs, it's best to find a dog park or similarly enclosed area to let them loose without worrying if they'll come back. Be sure, though, that your dog doesn't run on hard surfaces like asphalt or concrete. For housebound, older dogs, a good game of tug-a-war with a favorite toy or knotted rag will work out their muscles.



You hardly have to encourage a cat to exercise; usually a flashlight beam moving around the floor will get them going. Older cats, though, sometimes need a bit more inspiration. Catnip scented toys usually perk up the laziest cat, and for those immune to catnip, try the new toys filled with shaved honeysuckle wood. Cats may get bored with a toy after repeated play over a span of weeks, so encourage and delight them often with new playthings on spring-loaded sticks or elastic strings.

Think of it this way. You're not exercising for yourself, you're doing it for your pet. Doesn't it feel good to do something for others?

## AT THE SHELTER

### SHELTER STATS:

<i>Adoptions</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Cats</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Dogs</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>Adoptions</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>
<i>Cats</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Dogs</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

### November is Adopt-a-Senior Pet Month!

We have several senior (aged 7+) cats in residence, a few who have with us for some time. Can you help any of them find a forever home in which to retire?

**Jillian:** Jilly returned to S.H.A.I.D. for the second time recently after being someone's best friend for several years. She is a gorgeous full figured female seeking sunny spots and moderate human companionship. She enjoys her own company and picks her friends carefully. Don't be fooled...she can con you into thinking she is starving to death but go easy on the treats!



## MEMORIALS

Leone Fraser	Edith Wentzell
Marian Bell	"Midge" Mildred Silver
Mike Everett	Dale Joudrey
Gary Robar	Marjorie Bone
Tanya Robar	Mildred Hirtle
Russell Dorey	Ralph Eisnor
Eleanor Jock	Sarah "Binky" Pelley
Kline Faulkenham	Marie Lohnes
Sandy Mosher	William "Billy" Hubley
Laurence Rafuse	Shirley Crouse
Harris Haughn	Walter Meisner
Doyle Rhodenhizer	Michael Everett
Ann Jodrey-Mailman	Marie Croft
Georgina Robar	Florence Swinimer
Doris Hayward	Marjorie Westhaver
Ferne Crouse	Eugene Hiltz
Robert W. Ringer	Marina Corkum
Aggie Stokes	Clifford Hume
Jean Rose	Gloria Laming
Margaret Gates	Helmut Wolter
Bob Drew	Wilfred Mailman
Vivian Uhlman	Arnold Bolivar
Nena Conrad	Murray Richard
Helen Joudrey	Phyllis Bolivar
Dorothy Gates	

### BELOVED ANIMAL COMPANIONS:

"It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog that comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog and I will become as loving and generous as they are."

- Unknown

"SuzyQ"	"Pal"	"Pennie"
"Princess"	"Jake"	"Colpton"
"Sheba"	"Duke"	"Bodie"
"Brandi"	"Goldie"	"Mig"
"Mozart"	"Duncan"	"Sandy"
"Sadie"		

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## Christmas Gifts for the Animal Lovers in Your Life

*Do you have people on your list that are hard to buy for, have everything already or tell you not to bother? Are they animal lovers? Do they know about S.H.A.I.D. but are not yet members? We have a solution for you! You can buy a S.H.A.I.D. 2008 Membership for a mere \$10 and we will send it to them with a card for Xmas.*

*This year, as you know, we are also trying to raise funds for the new TNR program. If you know someone who shares a concern for the stray and feral cats in our communities, a donation to TNR in their name would be a thoughtful gift. We can send a gift card to them acknowledging the donation. Your donation to SHAID will be matched by an anonymous donor if received before December 31st, 2007.*

*It's a win, win, win.....the friend knows you care about them and about what is important to them, the Shelter gains new members and much needed donations and you win because you don't have to face the mobs at the Malls! Just fill out and return the form below.*

**Please detach and return this form to give a gift of membership or of a donation to the TNR program. Deadline to have cards sent in time for Christmas is December 10th. For multiple gifts, just copy the same info onto another sheet of paper or photocopy this page.**

I would like to purchase a Gift Membership in S.H.A.I.D. Enclosed is \$10.

I would like to make a donation to the TNR program as a gift to my friend/family in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

This Gift Membership/Donation is for:

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if known)

The card should read FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations (but not memberships) may also be made by credit card online at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) .**

**Just put in SHAID (no periods). You can also access it directly from our website [www.shaid.ca](http://www.shaid.ca)**

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

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