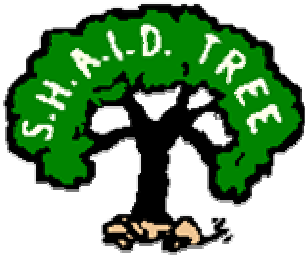


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S.H.A.I.D. NEWS

COUNTDOWN TO YARD SALE IS ON!



Mark it on the calendar! June 7th
Doors open at 9AM Admission \$2

The Exhibition Building will be open to receive your donations of good quality used goods from May 12th to June 4th. It is open Thursdays to Sundays from 9 to 5. A few changes this year: due to the high cost of garbage disposal, we can't accept TV's, printers, computers, or microwaves. Small electronics only please. As usual, we cannot take tires, appliances and encyclopedias or magazines.

SOUTH SHORE TNR MOVES AHEAD

We are very happy to report that we have been able to catch and spay/neuter 135 cats so far. About 3/4 of them were females which means we have prevented many, many litters of homeless kittens from being born into an already overpopulated cat world. We are indebted to our wonderful volunteers who help us set traps with lovely smelly sardines and drive cats to and from the vet,

Surprisingly, we were able to continue to trap all winter long. Cats were just held a few extra days in recovery before being released to the elements. There were some days when we felt no self respecting cat would venture forth as we, the trappers, were freezing in wait, but these hardy critters surprised us and made our chilly task quite easy.

As with any new venture, this program has had its share of controversy and we would like to thank those who have written to the newspaper in support of TNR and also to those of you who are helping to spread the correct information by word of mouth.

Our vets (South Shore and Pinegrove) have been outstanding in their support and accommodating to us when cats do not co-operate with being trapped! We thank them sincerely.

Lynne Ware & Beth Kent, SSTNR Co-founders

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It takes over 100 volunteers to run the Yard Sale. If you can help, either on the actual day of the sale, or ahead of time with sorting and pricing, etc., please call Claudie at 634-9156 ASAP to let her know.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There have been a number of changes in your Board of Directors since our last newsletter. **Sue Bourinot**, **Karen Hamill**, and **Lisa Rhuland**, our secretary, have all resigned due conflicting personal and work commitments. The good thing is they will not be missed. (Got your attention, didn't I?) Sue, Karen and Lisa have all pledged to help when needed and will undoubtedly continue to be active supporters. On behalf of the Board and the membership, I wish to thank them for their strong commitment to S.H.A.I.D. over the past several years. On a personal note, I wish to express my appreciation to Lisa for her unwavering support to me and for being an outstanding secretary.

Our new Board Members are: **Heather Publicover**, a Receptionist at South Shore Vets; **Wendy Bell**, a Registered Nurse at the South Shore Regional Hospital; and **Margie Bowes**, a retired Teacher's Assistant. Margie is the new Secretary, Heather is helping with the Newsletter, and we will be using Wendy's skills in fundraising.

I would now like to express my deepest appreciation to **Beth Kent** who has resigned as our Vice President but is still remaining on the Board. For almost three years, Beth has worked tirelessly on behalf of S.H.A.I.D. In addition to being Vice President, she has been overseeing shelter operations, running our education program, including writing the newspaper columns, orchestrating the cable TV show, volunteering at the shelter and assisting at every major fundraiser, fostering numerous cats and dogs, including a litter of puppies, serving as a member of the spay and neuter assistance committee and spearheading, along with Lynne Ware, the South Shore TNR program, which they initiated last year. Beth will be keeping most jobs but giving up overseeing shelter operations so she can spend more time on day and night sojourns rounding up feral cats for TNR, delivering them to the vets, looking after their post op care, and then returning them to their colonies. (All vet clinics who have supported this program, particularly South Shore and Pinegrove, have the grateful thanks of the Board).

Claudie Le Cam is our new Vice President and will continue to serve as Chair of our Fundraising Committee, which is fantastic as she is totally committed to this job, and no one is clamoring to replace her. Our Board Vet, **Andrea Lohnes**, will now be responsible for overseeing shelter operations. Both the Board and Shelter Staff greatly appreciate her frequent visits to the shelter and her tremendous concern for the

welfare of the residents. Both you (the membership) and I have been extremely well served by an excellent Board of very dedicated and talented people. The only thing that has really changed is that we have added three new volunteers as Board members. I am extremely pleased that the three resigning members are staying in the fold as keeping former board members involved is one of the best ways to increase our volunteer pool.

Mike Anderssen
President

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

As you are all aware, S.H.A.I.D. would not exist without the generous donations of the public. We have been indeed fortunate in having some patrons in the community who have been especially committed to the survival of our shelter. Early on in my term as President, I had the opportunity to visit with one of these individuals. I was graciously welcomed into his home and it was a most enjoyable and interesting visit, for he was an elderly and widely travelled gentleman, with a great deal of history. I especially enjoyed his reminiscences of his wartime experiences as he, like my father-in-law, was an engineer who fought through Holland and his memories of his English Cocker Spaniel, Royal, as this was the breed I had growing up. Before leaving I promised to bring some recent pictures of the shelter on my next visit, as he was house bound due to illness. I was looking forward to this visit but unfortunately he passed away within a few months. I recently had the opportunity to visit with his wife. As a bit of a history buff, it was equally interesting to me to talk to someone who taught Jesse James' great grandsons in a one room schoolhouse so remote that she didn't hear about the bombing of Pearl Harbour until two weeks after it happened.

Although **Eugene Anderson** would not have wanted a public thank you when he was alive, I do so now belatedly with Helyn's permission. On behalf of the past and present Boards and membership, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks for his genuine concern for the welfare of our animals and his very generous support during much of S.H.A.I.D.'s existence .

Mike Anderssen
President

FUNDRAISING NEWS

WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

NEW DONATION BOXES



S.H.A.I.D. now has brand new donation boxes! We are covering Bridgewater and area, Greenfield, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, with more stores to come. Each box has a lock, a new design and they are numbered. There is one S.H.A.I.D. rep in charge for each area/town and each store/business was sent a letter with an explanation and the name of contacts. We

hope you, the public, will enjoy the new version of the S.H.A.I.D. donation box and will help by dropping something in each one that you come across!!

ALSO NEW....RECYCLE FOR S.H.A.I.D.

S.H.A.I.D. Members and the public who want to donate money from their recycleable bottles, cartons and cans may do so at Corkums Recycling Depot - Lunenburg 634-4972 (between Lunenburg and Blockhouse at Lilydale).

Just tell them that you want the money to go to S.H.A.I.D., your local animal shelter.



BIKE RUN FOR S.H.A.I.D. Saturday, May 24th

The Maritime Motorcycle Touring Association is holding its annual food run for our shelter. Everyone welcome. Meet at the Three Churches in Mahone Bay at 1 PM.

Contact Ed Crossland at 543-9668 or by e-mail at crossland@ns.aliantzinc.ca for details. The run goes on rain or shine so keep your fingers crossed for fine weather for these wonderful folks!



Amber Sophia Ramey, is a highly spirited, animal loving, fun and generous young lady. She enjoys a homeschool education with her favorite subjects being veterinary science and math. She is currently working on her project display for the upcoming, Lunenburg County Homeschooler's Group Project Fair on May 17th, at the MARC in Dayspring, on educating people about proper nutrition and care of dogs.

Amber celebrated her 13th birthday on April 10th . She invited a group of her homeschooling buddies together for a birthday celebration and, for the second year in a row, asked for no gifts but instead a donation of food items for the S.H.A.I.D. Animal Shelter.

When Amber arrives at S.H.A.I.D. with the numerous food items, it is her proudest moment and yes, her mom's also! Amber feels she has lots of material things, so trading in a day of gifts for such a worthy cause is a great way to help out the animals.

Bravo Amber!

HAPPY TAILS...

*We love to hear from our adopters.
If you have a happy tail to tell, please send it along.
Send it to either shaidtreeaniamshelter@yahoo.ca or shaidylady@eastlink.ca*



"It is two weeks today since Willy came to live with us and each day has been more rewarding and fun. He is a wonderful pup who fits into our family as if he belongs. He follows Phoebe everywhere:) They play together, sleep on the couch together, and we go for walks to the lighthouse and through the woods. He is so good and polite and loving--we are fortunate to have found this dear little big fella."



"Jonas and Faith have been changed to Gaius and Becca (which is actually BCE - for BEST CAT EVER!) and have been adjusting nicely (not without SOME animosity from our other animals, but not too badly) into our household.

Attached are their pictures... I have to say that both of them have scored high points amongst vets and family members alike. BOTH are INCREDIBLE with our ten month old daughter, Shae... so gentle and loving with her... it blows my mind to see them with her. A big male cat like Gaius could shortly make lunch of a baby and instead he tolerates her tugs and pulls with more patience than most humans would. Becca actually follows her around and purrs up a storm with Shae mauls and tugs at her. They are truly wonderful cats."

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. This month we'd like to extend a huge thank you to **Eva and Ron Eldridge** for all the hours they spend sorting and totaling up the thousands of dollars in cash register receipts that are donated to S.H.A.I.D. each month.



**Grocery Store Receipts Needed:
Don't forget to save your Sobeys & Save
Easy tapes for us. Keep a box in your
kitchen or car. Drop them off at the
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AT THE SHELTER

CURRENT SHELTER STATS :

<i>Adoptions</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
<i>Cats</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Dogs</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

The shelter had a successful year of adoptions in 2007. On the cat side of life, 283 cats found new homes thanks to S.H.A.I.D. along with 115 dogs.

We also wanted to tell you about our **Seniors for Seniors** project. Some of our older cats (7 years+) are overlooked and many have sad stories. Take Phoenix for example. She had a wonderful home until her owner died and she came to us. She has quite a few years of loving left and would welcome a senior lap to curl up on. If you are a senior thinking of adopting, but reluctant to take on a cat who could live for 20 years, please consider adopting one of our "seniors". In order to promote these senior cats S.H.A.I.D. will absorb much of the cost of their immunizations and neutering and offer them for adoption, to senior humans, for \$75.00, half our usual adoption fee.

S.H.A.I.D. was able to help with overcrowding at the Metro Shelter in Halifax by taking 5 of their dogs and placing them in wonderful adoptive homes. We now have 5 more terrific canines from the Metro shelter who hope to find their forever homes on the South Shore.

Our staff member, Lori Zinck, has been off ill since February and we wish her well. The kitties miss her! Velma Ricketts, who many of you know as one of our volunteer dog trainers, has been hired while Lori is away and the dogs are loving her expert attention.

A few new additions at S.H.A.I.D. should be mentioned. We now have pet rats in the office. They make wonderful pets so be sure to visit ours when you are at the shelter. We also now have Stanley, our shelter cat. His nickname is BUG (Big Ugly Guy). He is 13-15 years old and the staff (read Lori) took a liking to him and decided to keep him. He spends his days lounging in the office or on top of the dryer. He is a king sized cat who has found his kingdom!

MEMORIALS

November 2007 to April 2008



Carol Pastor
Nicole Knox
Larkin Burch
Eleanor Leslie
Pat Gow
Bernard Spindler
June Rhodenizer
Anne Pike
Bruce Mader
Norman Campbell
Jean Veinotte
Margaret Garland
Flossie Veinot
Herald Cook
Douglas Kaizer
Leaman Whynot
Dale Fancy
Eva "Eve" Lambert
Bruce Renner
Karissa Boudreau
Marlene Creamer
Jack (John) Spidell
Mrs. MacDonald
Russell Dauphinee
Lela Westhaver
Raymond Fraser
Rosa Lee Lantz
Vernon Tanner
Reta Bustin
Clyde Getson
Roy Fraser

Lila Marian Magistad
Wendell Bryce Frauzel
Edith Veinotte
Emmeline Oickle
Evelyn Dorey
Victor Lohnes
Elizabeth Alpine
Fred Saltman
Mrs. Warren Miller
Cathy Clark
Henry Crant
Joey Himmelman
Betty Ransom
Norman McAuley
Michael Winters
Ruth Weldon
Carolyn Silver
Catherine Clark
Clifford Hums
Betty Wile
Grace Bockman
Carroll Dorey
Alvin Barkhouse
Phyllis Dorey
Doris Hayward
Alice Farror
Robert Ringer
Randolph Mosher
Barbara Daurie
Blanche Lohnes
Doris Hirtle
Edith M. Wentzell

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

Matti	Isaiah	Cookie
Cocoa	Ophelia	Dusty
Buffy	Jake	Brutus
Robbie	Twooey	

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I would like to purchase a NEW Membership in SHAID. Enclosed is \$_____ for ____ membership(s). (\$10 each)

I would like to RENEW my current or lapsed membership. Enclosed is \$_____ (\$10 each)

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.

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Address: _____

Phone Number/E-mail: _____

Mail your completed form along with a cheque to:

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