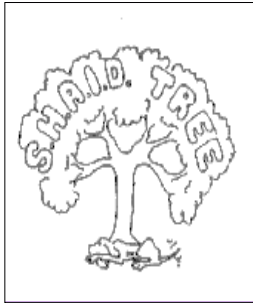


# Sadie's Fund In Need



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

A major concern for all shelters regardless of their location is of course the health and safety of those left in their care. Daily decisions must be made as to medical therapies and treatments of cats and dogs at our shelter, usually only for minor problems such as earmites and worms.

Every so often an animal comes to us in good health but once kenneled or caged they become stressed. The confusion of being penned, the smells of other animals, sounds of other dogs or cats becomes an overwhelming sensation. They soon stop eating, responding to playtime, then to visitors and depression sets in. Once they have become depressed and/or stressed their immune system weakens and any possible viral or bacterial infections can take a stronghold in their system making them vulnerable.

The medical costs can be through the roof and working on a limited budget can force the staff to make very difficult choices as to the future for the cat or dog in question. Over the years SHAID staff have many times found themselves in such a dilemma and thankfully, with the support of the Board, been able to save a life instead of end one. Thus began the Sadie Fund! Sadie was one in the long line of many needing extra help due to

illness, a sweet, Shepard mix female who, after weeks of treatment, found herself happy and healthy again and on her way to a new home. But as she left our doors, she left behind her a staggering bill into the hundreds and hundreds of dollars in veterinary fees, even after receiving a very fair discount from the vet. It was suggested to start a plea on our website for donations to help cover this additional cost to the shelter. The idea was written and posted by our webmaster and within 2 weeks all the costs had donations enough to be fully covered! We were elated! Since then we have had several cases that we have been able to save in hopes that donations would come to the Sadie Fund to help these poor little ones we care for.

The latest in a line of those needing extra help has been Astro. He is a charming boy of mixed breeding, Shepard and Husky, and approximately 2 years old. He had been found wandering as a stray in the Town of Bridgewater near the hospital. He is so people oriented that he will do anything to get your attention; that's how we knew something was wrong. Astro went from being lively and happy to sullen overnight and, soon after, within a day, refused to eat or even drink. Efforts were made but he

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### RUG RAFFLE UPDATE!

*We are enclosing a book of Rug Raffle tickets and hope you will support us by purchasing them for yourself or for a friend. At only \$2 each or 3/\$5 it is a real bargain! To be eligible for the draw, please ensure that all monies and ticket stubs are returned to the Shelter by*

**Friday, August 27th**

# From The President's Chair

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## ***The Road to Cat Colonies is Paved with Good Intentions***

It starts off innocently enough. This scruffy/scared/skinny/dirty/matted tabby/orange/black/grey/white long/short haired critter starts appearing near your home/cottage. Pretty soon you find your heartstrings being tugged by this pitiful creature and so you decide to leave out a bit of food/water/milk. If you are lucky, the visitor gradually becomes less timid and, with the permission of your other pets and family members, may even end up as part of your household. In too many cases, however, the word spreads along the "cat chat" lines and one becomes 2, 4, 6, 10! Now you are caring for a "cat colony". The females have batch after batch of kittens and it is easy to see that what started as a well intentioned act of kindness can become an overwhelming situation for the gentle hearted soul who only sought to ease one cat's hunger pains.

Sadly, it is often when the situation reaches crisis mode that SHAID is asked to become involved and, because we too have limited resources, we may not be able to be of as much help as we would like to be.

Many of these cats are very content with living their lives out of doors and will live longer and healthier ones if they are spayed/neutered, needled and dewormed. The idea that "if you feed it, fix it" is an excellent one but not always practical depending on the finances of the caregivers.

SHAID does have a special fund, the Myrtle Quigley Fund, that can assist those who need financial support to have these animals done and applications are available from the Shelter. Sadly, with declining interest rates reducing available monies and along with increased applications, wait

times are long and all too often the result is another batch of kittens. Plans are afoot to increase the monies available and if you would like to become involved in this worthwhile cause, please give Cathy a call at the Shelter.

Pet overpopulation continues to be a huge problem and we all need to be part of the solution. By supporting SHAID's work, you are an important part and we thank you and look forward to your continuing support.

*Lynne Ware, President*

**Q:** So who was Myrtle anyway?

**A:** Myrtle Quigley was a great animal lover who dreamed of founding the Metro Animal Relief Clinic in Halifax to spay and neuter strays, especially those in the harbour area. Although her dream of a clinic was never realized, much was done through her efforts to assist these homeless cats.

**Q:** How did the MQ Fund at SHAID come to be?

**A:** Upon her death, it was Myrtle's wish that her work for needy cats continue and she entrusted a few groups, including SHAID, with the task. She left us a bequest to get us started. Over the years, the interest from this investment has helped to spay and neuter many animals whose owners could not otherwise have afforded the operation.

# HERE'S THE SCOOP

## ***Bikers Run For SHAID***

On May 29th, an unusual sound was heard at the Shelter that even overshadowed the crooning of our canine guests. Their engines purring, over 50 motorcyclists from all over Nova Scotia braved a misty morning to do a Food Run for our animals. Their bikes filled our parking lot and their generosity filled our hearts! Over 50 kilograms of food was donated along with more than \$300. In return, we filled their tummies with chili, soup and homemade goodies. Thanks to all who took part and we will look forward to seeing you again next year!



## ***Yard Sale a Smashing Success***

When it was all over and we had all gone home and put our feet up, it was simply grand to discover that this year's sale had brought in over \$23 000 and cleared \$19 000 after expenses! Once again all of us who are crazy enough to work on this mammoth effort heaved a sigh of relief at such wonderful results. A huge thank you to everyone who participated either by donating goods, by working at the building and/or on the day of the sale, by running all over the countryside doing pickups for us, and of course, by coming out and buying our stuff! With a Staff of over 100 volunteers on the day of the sale, we achieved success. Thank you all for every drop of effort. It is much appreciated and, of course, we hope to see you all next year! A special thank you to our auctioneer this year, John Chataway, who managed to raise \$2600 from the auction alone!



## ***An Amazing Young Man!***

You may have read in the local press about a young entrepreneur and animal lover by the name of Nathan Graves. Nathan created a cookie business at his school that produced over \$1 000 for the care of our animals here at SHAID. At 40 cents a cookie, that's a lot of 'dough' no matter how you look at it. Nathan was supported in his endeavours by his aid, Angela Slauenwhite, and his mom, Angela Graves. A huge thank you to all of them and best wishes to Nathan as he moves to a new grade where he hopes to be able to continue his efforts to help SHAID.

**\$1015.00**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Pawrates of the Atlantic Flyball Tournament**

August 4, 5 & 7, 8  
Starting at 9 AM daily  
Lunenburg Arena  
Admission \$1...Proceeds to SHAID

Come see North America's Top Teams & Fastest Dogs compete in this exciting sporting event. For more info check out <http://lietash.tripod.com/pawrates>

Ahoy matey...see you there!

## **Sizzling Summer Penny Auction:**

August 6th from 6-8 PM  
August 7th from 10-2 PM  
Oakhill Firehall FREE ADMISSION

Hundreds of new items.  
Canteen available.  
For more info contact Kelly at 634-3488 or Maryanne at 530-2279.

## **HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY: AUGUST 21, 2004**



## **Paws For Joy 2004**

September 18th in Mahone Bay

Don't miss this wonderful day when Mahone Bay goes to the dogs. Proceeds this year will be split between the Bloodhound Rescue to buy them bulletproof vests and SHAID. However, all proceeds from the BBQ will come to SHAID so come HUNGRY!  
For more info call Joanne Ramsay at 624-0059.

## **SHAID Walk & Wag Walkathon**

Sunday, October 3rd  
Blockhouse Hill, Lunenburg  
2:00 PM

Come one, come all. A great way to exercise and to support SHAID at the same time. Pledge sheets may be picked up from the Shelter and will be mailed upon request. To have one mailed, call Kelly 634-3488 or e-mail her at [eenland@bwr.eastlink.ca](mailto:eenland@bwr.eastlink.ca) Come out and help us make this our best dogwalk ever. Trophies and refreshments.

No dog? No problem! Walk in memory of a former pet or a pet loving human (and get your doggie fix for the day from all the fourlegged walkers!)

## **Also coming up....**

**Xmas in October Yard Sale:**  
Oct. 2nd Oakhill Firehall

**It's Back! SHAID Telethon: Nov. 14th**

For more info on any SHAID fundraiser, contact Kelly England 634-3488

# Caesar's Life & Times: Episode II

Oh my (yawn s-t-r-e-t-c-h) time for another story...um, where was I. Oh right....I promised you the lips on the hot pot story.

People and their eating habits, very unusual while us felines prefer to munch all day, people have "meal times". This habit peaked my interest, my food came out of a can or bag, bypassed the stove and went straight to my dish. Kinda plain when you think of it. Why even Princess got some food from the stove. So why not try hers, I thought. Carrots, parsnips, garlic and a hint of cottage cheese, tasty indeed.

OK, now it was my thought I should try all the wonderful smelling meals prepared by Mom. Mom, however, did not agree. Every time I jumped on the counter to help myself to a bit, down I was put. Having to somehow get my own way (stubborn? No, just persistent) I decided to have a taste while it was on the

stove and Mom wasn't looking (not one of my better ideas).

So this one night Mom was making spaghetti. It smelled so good. I couldn't resist. I jumped onto the counter, no one was looking....crouched down, slinked over to the end, jumped onto the stove and stuck my face into the pot. This procedure was followed by me screaming and Mom running to see what happened. I hurt my little lips, they had hit the pot and got burned. It hurt so bad, but Mom cuddled me and put some kinda stuff on my lips. The she told me I was lucky. Lucky? I didn't FEEL lucky!

She said I could have been very badly hurt and my paws could have been burned as well. Why didn't somebody tell me the stove was **HOT!**

*by Caesar as dictated to Kelly England*



Check out our website at [www.shaid.petfinder.org](http://www.shaid.petfinder.org) every week to see all the new faces at the Shelter!

*Warning: many are irresistible!*

## **SHAID NEWS DISCLAIMER**

The views and/or opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the SHAID Tree (Animal) Shelter Society.

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Individual contributions are welcome.

## **What Kind of Dog Are You?**

*For a bit of furry fun....try this quiz!*

[www.gone2thedogs.com/index.html#game.html](http://www.gone2thedogs.com/index.html#game.html)



# A FINAL WORD ....

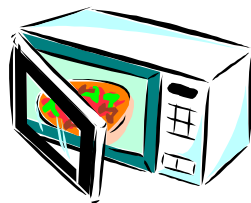
## **ABOUT MARITIME ANIMAL RESCUE**

Maritime Animal Rescue, in itself, is not a rescue group, rather it is a meeting of many animal welfare groups/individuals with the common purpose of helping to re-home abandoned, unwanted pets. Their ultimate goal is the education of the public about the responsibility and care required when you own a pet, stressing spay/neuter and a lifetime commitment to a pet. Sound familiar? Having common goals, SHAID has always supported MAR's efforts, taking in dogs whenever we can, and we are pleased now to be a part of their internet discussion group which has grown to 70+ members since Pamela Keddy started it in 1999. As well as regularly putting out a list of adoptable pets from across the Maritimes, MAR members also provide foster care, do home visits and arrange transport for animals in need. You can see their website at [www.maritimeanimalrescue.com](http://www.maritimeanimalrescue.com)

A more caring group of animal lovers you would be hard pressed to find anywhere!

## **SHELTER WISH LIST**

There was recently a death at the Shelter and it was not due to euthanasia! In early July, our microwave died of natural causes...probably old age.... and headed off to the landfill next door. The microwave is our only way of warming food etc. for our little ones and fussy eaters who need encouragement so we are currently borrowing one. If you have one that you were saving to donate to next year's Yard Sale, please give Cathy a call as we could certainly use it right now! Thanks.



## **SADIE'S FUND ...continued from p. 1**

would not keep liquids down and soon he just went further downhill. He would have to go to the vet.

After a two-week stay and extensive fluid therapy plus medication our boy was back on his paws and ready to return to us. With special diet, he became strong and healthy again. We are so pleased with his progress and he is now back to his usual diet and regular happy self.

But there is, as always, the matter of the bill. We have been so very fortunate to have such great support from our vet and with all the work done the fees came to just over \$400.00. A huge discount from what it should have been but still money that we really can't spare. We hope that the Sadie Fund will save us again and help to cover the cost of Astro's vet bill. We ask that all of you consider helping us to maintain extra monies in the Sadie Fund for medical emergencies like Astro's.

Astro, by the way, is still living with us, patiently waiting for his new family, whoever they may be, to come and discover him.

In the meantime if you wish to help us with the Sadie Fund, look us up online or you can simply call the shelter and ask for Cathy to learn how you can contribute towards saving the life of a sick or injured SHAID resident.

*by Cathy Acker, Shelter Manager*



***Our Boy Astro***