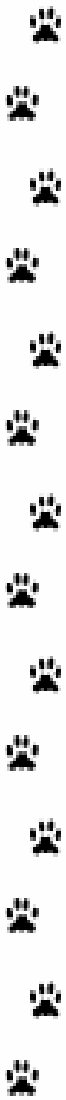


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S.H.A.I.D. NEWS

SHAID TV Auction Returns!

That's right folks....spread the word. The SHAID TV Auction and Telethon has finally raised it's sleepy head and decided to make a comeback. So tell your neighbors, relatives, friends hey even your enemies if you have any.... because there will be something there for everyone!

After a two year absence we have decided to try this event again... after all it has been very well received in the past!

Tune in at 3:00 pm on Sunday November 14th to your local channel 10 on Eastlink and see what happens next. We will have our Shelter Manager on the anchor desk with many SHAID supporters and members assisting for the 5 hour event.

This is the perfect way to do your Christmas shopping from the comfort of your living room and be able to support our shelter at the same time. Now what could give you any more of a warm and fuzzy feeling than that?

So mark it on your calendar, grab a cup of hot tea, coffee, chocolate and a tray of snacks! Make sure the phone is nearby and tune in November 14th and show us all how much you care about the little ones left in our care. See you there!



ATTENTION SHAID SUPPORTERS

*For the month of December SHAID will be in the Bridgewater Mall wrapping gifts for donations. **We need wrappers!** So if you have a talent for wrapping gifts and can spare a few hours during the month we would love dearly to hear from you. Just call the shelter and leave your name and number and Cathy will be happy to get back to you! Please help us with this new fundraiser if you can.*

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National Animal Shelter

Appreciation Week

November 7-13, 2004

We are now operating on our Winter Hours.
Closed: Monday to Thursday
Open: Friday to Sunday
10:00AM - 4:00PM

From The President's Chair



As I sat down to write this, I was struck by the fact that I was going to be speaking to you about Hallowe'en and Christmas in the same column! Such is the speed at which our lives fly by.

Hallowe'en, a time of joy for many of our children, brings extra dangers for our furry 'kids'. Black cats and even white cats are at greater risk at this time as there are those who would use them for their ritualistic purposes. Please keep all pets inside on trick or treat night and keep them safe.

Once the ghosts and goblins are gone, the Christmas carols will start playing in the local malls and our thoughts will turn to finding presents for our loved ones. As tempting as it might be, I urge you not to give in to those requests on Santa's list for a kitten or a puppy or for any animal for that matter. They are best integrated into a new home at a quieter time after the holiday rush is over and everyone has time to devote to the new addition.

Speaking of the local mall, this year SHAID will be able to assist you with the hardest part of shopping. If, like me, you are "wrap challenged", a group of SHAID volunteers will be doing gift wrapping at Bridgewater Mall for a small fee. So bring us your large, your tiny and your difficult to manage and our crew will relieve you of the hassle. You can go have a coffee or stay and chat while your package is transformed into a GIFT fit for under the finest tree!



All members, family and friends are cordially invited to SHAID's Annual Open House, the first Sunday in December from NOON 'til 4PM. Our critters will be waiting to greet you in their festive finest. Come out and meet our Staff and Board Members as well as our furry charges. Refreshments will be served, of course!

On a sadder note, the Board has accepted, with regrets, the resignations of Kelly England and Callie Gill, and we thank them for the time they have given to SHAID. Joan Lilley, a Board Member and long time SHAID supporter has stepped into the Vice President's role. The Board is actively involved in finding new board members to begin their duties early in 2005. If you have been a SHAID member for at least 3 years and would be interested in discussing/applying for a position with the Board, please contact Cathy Acker, Joan Lilley or myself as soon as possible.

My wishes for a safe and Happy Hallowe'en and a wonderful Holiday Season go out to you and yours,

*Lynne Ware
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Birgit Schmidt (Honorary Board Member)

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Mother Nature Loves Paws For Joy

Along with Mother Nature, who held off on the rain until we were packing up for the day, we'd like to thank Sue Bourinot and Joanne Ramsey from Hairy Kids and their very organized bunch of volunteers. This is truly becoming one of the best doggy events of the South Shore and if you missed it, DON'T next year! After all the fun and games were over, over \$1 000 was raised for SHAID! That's a lot of dog food!



Chili and Zoe, the proud companions of Amanda Joudrey, play dressup for the camera at Paws For Joy.

Christmas In October Yard Sale

Thanks to the hard work of Maryanne Slauenwhite, Marlene Pittman, Beth Wilson and their crew, we sold a ton of stuff and made over \$1200 for the Shelter. Way to go ladies!

And the Winner Is.....

Neil Whynot is the proud owner of the beautiful hooked rug that we raffled off. Thanks to all who bought tickets... we raised over \$800! Purrs and woofs to the ladies who created it and donated it.

Just (About) Walkin' in the Rain....

On a very damp Sunday morning, it was definitely touch and go if we would have to use our rain date for our Annual Dog Walk in Lunenburg but we went ahead and were joined by 18 hearty canines and their humans. Once again, we were lucky and all had a dry walk. When the results were tallied, a phenomenal \$3500 was raised with more pledges still coming in. An extra big woof for Mike Weaver (approx. \$1200) and Bonnie Slauenwhite (approx. \$1 000) for their terrific fundraising efforts!

Adoption Statistics: August 1,2004 to September 30th,2004 How Are We Doing?

During this time period, SHAID found new homes for 37 cats, 21 dogs (including many pups), 13 small and furries (bunnies, guineas pigs, etc) and one feathered friend! As of September 30th, there were still 12 dogs, 72 cats and 2 bunnies needing homes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHAID TV AUCTION

Date: Nov. 14th
Place: Eastlink Cable 10
Time: 3PM to 8 PM

Grab that remote! Here is your chance to do some serious shopping and to help the Shelter at the same time. Tune in and place your bid on many wonderful items. Call Cathy 543-4849 with questions.

CHRISTMAS PENNY AUCTION

Dates & Times:
Friday, November 26th - 6-8 PM
Saturday, November 27th - 9AM-2PM
Place: Oakhill Firehall

Hundreds of seasonal items, most brand new! Special draws on special items. A second chance to do your Xmas shopping or maybe win a nice present for under your own tree! Canteen available. Contact Maryanne at 530-2279 with questions.

PET PICS WITH SANTA:

At Gow's Bridgewater:
Fri. Dec. 10th from 5:30 to
8:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 11th from 1:00 to
4:00 PM



At Claussen Walters Office, Lunenburg:
Sun. Dec. 12th from 1:00 To 4:00 PM

Bring your pet(s) for a great holiday photo with Santa in Polaroid or digital (on disk) format. Pictures are \$6 for one or 3/\$15

We are hoping to add other dates to the ones listed above and will post those on our www.shaid.petfinder.org website as they are confirmed. Contact Lynne 688-1654 with questions.



OPEN HOUSE AT THE SHELTER

Date: Dec. 5th
Time: Noon to 4:00 PM

Pack up the family and head out to SHAID for your annual Xmas visit with the residents. Join us for refreshments and good cheer. You are welcome to bring a little something for under the animals' tree!

FALL INTO WINTER RAFFLE:

We will soon be selling our annual raffle tickets so watch for us about town.

We are also looking for sellers so if you have a group that you can sell to...your Bingo buddies, your sport's team, your co-workers... Give the Shelter a call or drop by and we will gladly send you as many as you think you can sell! Tickets will also be available at the Gift Wrapping booth at the Mall.

XMAS TREES FOR SHAID:

It is with much regret that our hosts, Birgit and Jochen must remain abroad this Winter and so, the Xmas Trees for SHAID in Petite Riviere, will not be held **for this year only**.

The decision not to travel was made out of love and respect for Sammy, their elderly dog's health and well being so he wouldn't be stressed out from the overseas trip. As fellow animal lovers, we can all understand that!



Caesar's Life & Times: Episode III

My First Christmas

I remember it like it was yesterday and so does Mom. It all started with lights, all those shiny lights. Strings and strings of shiny lights. Lots and lots of shiny lights. Lights, lights, lights...sorry, where was I? Oh yeah, Christmas.

OK, from the beginning...My parents did the strangest thing. They put a tree up in the house! It wasn't even a real tree yet somehow it begged to be climbed. There it stood in the corner. I'm pretty sure it was taunting me, it might even have stuck out it's tongue. Anyway, the next thing they did was to "decorate" it. All those strings of shimmering lights going up and around the tree. Well, who could blame someone for chasing them? Mom and Dad, that's who! "Leave the lights alone, Caesar" "No!! Caesar." Then the garland...oh boy, garland.

Wonderful, wrap yourself in it garland. But again Mom and Dad with the "No!! Caesar." Next came the wonderful ornaments, all colours, shapes, sizes, hanging on every limb and the icing on the cake...an angel, oh how beautiful she is, sparkling way up there. Well I made up my mind right then and there that I was going up to talk to the angel, that was all there was to it. One foot on the first branch. So far, so good. Both feet on the first branch and...noooo...Caesar caught right in the act. A little while later, one foot, two feet, half way up and I get squirted . Mom got the water out!

As I scramble out of the tree, an ornament crashes to the floor...not good. But I just have to talk to the angel! Best time to try....when no one is looking.

Up I go, almost to the top when I lose my balance and down I come with a crash, some garland, some lights and more smashed ornaments. Mom wasn't happy when she got home.

On my next trip, there was something new around the bottom of the tree....slices of lemon. Someone told Mom lemons would keep me away from the tree. I ain't afraid of no lemon! Bound and determined, up I go and down go more pretty ornaments. Mom's getting pretty angry now and I get locked in the bathroom for a while. That wasn't much fun, but I just had to get to the angel, no matter what.

So try again I must. After all, cats are supposed to climb trees, right? Up I go, down I go, crash things go, same old, same old. Squirted I get, in the bathroom I go. Life sure does have its ups and downs. Up, down, squirt, bathroom, day after day.

Seventeen ornaments in all crashed that Christmas. But I had to try. Cats are supposed to climb trees, even fake ones right? WRONG!

by Caesar as told to Kelly England

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for the animal lover in your life?

Why not a membership to SHAID?

They're already a member?

Then how about sponsoring a cat or dog in our Foster Pet Program in their name? A Gift form is on p.6 for your convenience. Membership and Foster Pet Application forms are also available on-line at www.shaid.org

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Individual contributions are welcome.

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In an effort to cut costs we will be sending our next newsletter by e-mail, to as many of you as possible. It will be in full colour and PDF format. If we do not have your e-mail address, please send it to Lynne at:

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NOVEMBER IS ADOPT-A-SENIOR PET MONTH

SHAID Senior Scotty

Scotty is a 10 year old, Lab/Terrier mix who doesn't act or look his age. In fact, a recent visitor to the Shelter stopped to pet him and innocently asked :”He’s about a year old, isn’t he?” Scotty ended up at SHAID because of an illness in his family but he continues to have a positive outlook on everyone he meets, be it man or beast...even cats! He has lived most of his life outdoors but is excellent with children. He pulls on leash but we have discovered he walks like a gentleman on a harness. With lots of love to give, this senior is definitely not “over the hill”. If you have room in your home for an active senior or know someone who does, come out and meet this wonderful fellow.



SHAID Senior Buster

Buster came to SHAID because he was no longer using his litterbox appropriately. In July, we discovered there was a reason for that...he has diabetes! After a stay at the vet to get his blood sugar regulated, Buster went home with a Staff member who has taken on the job of keeping him on a strict diet ...no easy task as she has several of her own critters....and of giving him insulin shots twice a day. Now the handsome, 10 year old is doing well. This “above and beyond the call of duty” is typical of our wonderful Staff by the way. If you have some experience with diabetic care or would be willing to learn, we would love to find Buster a place and person to call his own.



Please detach and return this form to give a gift of membership or of foster pet sponsorship.

I would like to purchase a Gift Membership in SHAID. Enclosed is \$10.

I would like to sponsor a foster pet as a gift. I have enclosed post dated cheques for ___ months (\$15/month for a cat or \$20/month for a dog...please circle your choice)

This Gift/Sponsorship is for:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number/E-mail: _____

The card should read:

FROM: _____

We will do our best to send out cards telling of your gift in time for Xmas. Please help by getting the request to us by Dec. 1st

Thanks for thinking of SHAID and Merry Christmas!

