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## S.H.A.I.D. CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE December 10th from 12 to 4pm



*Our residents are getting excited and already talking about what to wear to our annual open house. They love to see your smiling faces and will provide licks and purrs at no extra charge. Pack up the family, bring a friend and come out for our annual visiting day with the animals. If you want to bring something for under their tree, let us tell you that what is most needed is canned cat food, dry cat food with no dye in it (the kind that is all brown) and lots and lots of regular, non-clumping litter. We'll have refreshments and treats for you too. There will be baked goods and crafts for sale. Anyone wishing to bake for us, please contact Joanne 543-4849 or Claudie 634-9156. Hope to see you all there!*

*Joanne, Lori and Andrea, Shelter Staff*

## The Purrfect Evening Was Perfect!

On the 30th of September, at the Wandlyn Inn in Bridgewater, S.H.A.I.D. held its first ever dinner auction. One hundred and forty one attended our Purrfect Evening. There was an hour and a half before dinner to mix and mingle, view live auction items, and view and bid on silent auction items ranging in value from \$25.00 to \$190.00. Once everything was tallied, it raised \$4500.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious three course meal prepared and served by Tufford Foods. During the meal 150 balloons, all containing prizes, were sold for \$10.00 each. They were all sold in minutes and popped all together near the end of dinner. This was a very popular event and gave the evening a festive atmosphere.

The live auction began around 8:20 PM. Thanks to the great items up for bidding, the many willing bidders, and an outstanding job by our auctioneer, Dustin Barker of Manheims Auction City, Halifax, \$13,710.00 was raised in less than an hour. (cont'd on page 6)

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



# President's Message

## Procedures for Cats at S.H.A.I.D. by Beth Kent, Vice– President

In an Open Shelter nothing is turned away and the excess is euthanised. The new trend is toward more Closed Shelters. In a true closed shelter, once an animal has been admitted it is there for life. Animals are only admitted when there is room. Closed shelters keep the wild and aggressive who will never find homes and they turn away far too many animals. We have attempted to hit a happy medium. People are often asked to wait and hold their strays until room becomes available. Sincere people are usually willing once they realize that they are not being asked to keep the cat. Owned animals are admitted on a very low priority basis.

In the shelter setting, cats are a much greater problem than dogs. They are far more plentiful and diseases are rampant, especially in a group setting among strays. Keeping cats healthy is a constant struggle. It is for this reason that we have so many cat rooms and strict cleaning procedures. The public is asked not to go in and cuddle. Not because the cats do not enjoy it, but because we want to keep them healthy.

Cats are first admitted to a Receiving Room, where they remain for 14 days. Here they are immunized, defleaed, dewormed and Leukaemia tested. We watch for any sign of disease or behavioural problems. Sick, wild or aggressive cats are euthanized. It is tragic, but with so many waiting for admission it is necessary. Also it is not humane to hold unadoptable cats for extended periods in cages, and they are just that, unadoptable. After the two weeks isolation they are moved into adoption wards A and B.

There is a lovely bank of new cages in B. The bottom cages can be opened up to give double the space to Mums and litters. In A, with the exception of one bank of stainless steel, cages are older and not as easily disinfected. Cats who are with us for an extended period may eventually be placed in the 'Play Pen' where they can run free and have a more natural lifestyle.

The Receiving Room has 9 stainless cages. B Ward houses 18 cats and approximately 12 can be placed in A Ward. The Play Pen comfortably holds seven to ten depending of their personalities. A small Isolation Ward is located directly off the lobby. This can be used to house cats should they become ill in an adoption ward. This is a serious situation in a shelter.

When a new owner leaves the shelter we want success on two levels. We are delighted that the cat is safe and has a good home. We also want the new owner to be happy that they came to S.H.A.I.D. Staff observe the cats' personalities and we try to make suitable matches.

All felines leaving the shelter must be spayed or neutered. This is usually done before adoption. In the case of kittens, the neutering surgery is paid for when the pet is taken home. When the animal goes for his/her operation, S.H.A.I.D. is billed. The cost of adoption represents the Veterinarian's charge for surgery at our special reduced rate. A volunteer makes the follow-up calls to newly adopted cats and their people just to make sure all is well.

When you adopt from the shelter you are truly saving a life. Please keep us in mind if you have room in your heart and home for a (or another) cat. Tell your friends!!

*-Beth*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## PET PICS WITH SANTA

Nov. 19th: 1PM to 4PM,  
Hairy Kids in Mahone Bay

Dec. 3rd: 1PM to 4PM, Claussen Walters  
Office, Lunenburg

Dec. 8th: 5:30 to 8:30PM, Gow's, Bridgewater

Dec. 9th: 1PM to 4PM, Gow's, Bridgewater

NEW FORMAT: All pictures digital and printed  
on site. Still \$6 each or 3/\$15.

Large or small, Santa loves them all.



## GIFT WRAPPING IN BRIDGEWATER MALL

Just bring your purchases to the S.H.A.I.D. 'store' (beside Charm Jewellers) at the Bridgewater Mall and one of our volunteers will make them look like Santa did it .

Starting December 8th: Mon. to Sat.

11AM to 8PM.

***We are looking for more volunteers to help with the wrapping. Call Claudie at 634-9156 after 3 PM to offer your assistance.***

**WANTED: BOXES, BOXES and MORE BOXES!** *If you have any small to medium boxes suitable for us to use for the gift wrapping, please save them and drop them off at the Mall location anytime after Dec. 8th.*

## CHRISTMAS PENNY AUCTION

Dec. 1st 6-8 PM & Dec. 2nd 10-2PM

Oakhill Firehall

Get your Christmas shopping done early at S.H.A.I.D.'s fabulous penny auction. 500 items, 90% brand new courtesy of our friends at The Teazer, In Fine Company, Gow's, Mahone Bay Trading Company and Walmart. Also there will also be a Bake Table (donations welcome) and special draws for baskets of goodies.



A beautiful gift basket worth over \$100 will be drawn for. ***Tickets for this basket can only be obtained by bringing a donation of food or litter to the Penny Auction.***

Call Maryanne 530-2279 for more details.

## CHRISTMAS/ WINTER RAFFLE

Tickets still \$2 each or 3/\$5 and there are great prizes this year: Kodak Digital Camera 5.0 mp, \$150 Gift Certificate for Gow's Home Hardware and for all you collector's out there, 3 model cars, a Mercedes, and 2 Vipers. Members who can help by selling tickets, either in the Mall or to friends & neighbours are asked to call Claudie at 634-9156 **ASAP**. Look for us at various locations including the Bridgewater Mall, Curves and at some local vets. You can also obtain tickets at the Shelter or from Board Members. The winners will be drawn on January 13th at the Shelter.

### **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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# BE IN THE KNOW ABOUT: CHRISTMAS DANGERS

**Christmas is a happy season. Keep your pets safe and happy too!**



Be careful with holiday decorations. Common yuletide plants such as mistletoe, ivy, lilies and holly berries can be poisonous, possibly even fatal. Poinsettia's are rated as low toxicity, but they can still cause problems if ingested in sufficient quantities.

Supervise all candles. Pets are attracted to light in a dark room. Not only could they receive serious burns, but they can knock burning candles over spilling hot wax over carpet and furniture. Don't leave burning candles unattended for your pet's sake, and for the obvious fire hazards.

Crowds of people and holiday festivities can frighten animals. If you plan to entertain, you must plan ahead on your pets' behalf. Make sure they have a "safe haven" where they can retreat.

Cats can be allowed to romp through discarded wrapping paper and empty boxes, but be sure to dispose of all bows, yarn and curling ribbons to prevent swallowing and intestinal blockage, or strangulation.

Beware of simmering potpourri or potpourri oil. Most potpourri liquids contain natural or essential oils, which if ingested can cause vomiting, stomach upset, diarrhea, weakness, and possibly liver damage. Some products also contain cationic detergents, in which case the signs tend to be much worse.

## Christmas decorations aren't cat toys!



**Keep them away from inquiring paws!**

Exposed wiring can electrocute a curious animal who chews on it.

Use Bitter apple to deter chewing, or encase cords and electrical plugs inside PVC tubing. Try to hide or tack down any cords or plugs to avoid tripping.



Pets are not garbage disposals for holiday left-overs. Do not stuff an animal. Any sudden change of diet, even for just one meal, can give your dog or cat stomach pain and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals, whose digestive systems are often more delicate and nutritional requirements more strict.

While a little turkey or chicken won't harm your pet, be very careful of bones which can splinter and cause intestinal blockage or internal lacerations. Also be aware that large quantities of chocolate can be highly toxic. Keep all sweets, but especially chocolate, safely out of the reach of curious noses and little paws.

Aluminum foil that has been wrapped around meat and disposable baking pans might be attractive to a pet, but do not let your companion near these -- ingestion of aluminum foil may cause vomiting, intestinal blockage or even more serious problems. Also be careful of aluminum foil wrapped candy.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT TREE DECORATIONS:



- Metal ornament hooks can get caught in curious mouths. Use ribbon or yarn instead of hooks to hang ornaments.
- Cranberry and popcorn strands can be deadly to pets, causing intestinal obstruction or getting wrapped around your pet's neck.
- Tinsel can cause intestinal obstruction and blockage if swallowed.
- Glass balls can shatter in an animal's mouth. Broken pieces can cut and be deadly if ingested.
- Angel hair is spun glass, and will shred the intestines if swallowed.
- Artificial snow or flocking can be ingested or inhaled and caught in the nasal passages.
- DO NOT use moth balls to deter your cat from climbing the tree, digging in your holiday plants or scaling garlands. They are highly toxic and if even a little is ingested it could have serious consequences.
- A bowl of fresh lemon peels at the base of the tree can deter curious kitties plus add a nice scent to your festivities.

# AT THE SHELTER

## SHELTER STATS:

Adoptions	August	September	October
Cats	25	20	31
Dogs	5	8	7
Others	0	1	0

## THANK YOU



Thank you to all of our shelter volunteers!  
Allison Nunn, Linda Youden, Rhian

Collicutt, Lynne Ware, Samantha Lawrence, Doug Nauss, Danielle Lowthers, Rosie Rogers, Carlton Massey and Paula Greene. They show up every week to lighten our load and I am sure some mornings that they see a look of great relief on our faces when they walk through that door at 9 am. They have seen a lot of changes at the shelter in the past months, and have stuck by us. If you'd like to become a volunteer, please call Joanne at the Shelter 543-4849.

## PET PERSONALS:

Full figured, dark haired female with gorgeous tabby highlights seeks loving human for brushing, petting and play. Home with warm sunny window or fireplace to curl up beside a bonus. Interests include long naps and fine dining. Call Trixie at 543-4849.



# MEMORIALS

"Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die."

*Amelia Burr*

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Lucille Fralick  
Christine Gilbert  
Elizabeth Mary Deal  
Francis Tanner  
Christine Hirtle  
Pauline Lantz  
Oren Smith  
Eric Rogers  
Lawrence Wentzell  
Ronald Tanner

Walter Pierce  
David Hodder  
Bob Cox  
Dorothy Hatcher  
Margaret Nash  
William Boutilier  
Cecilia Armstrong  
Greg Brown  
Marion McDonald

## BELOVED ANIMAL COMPANIONS:

"Shadow"  
"Bullet"  
"Bailey"



### We All Go Home

No tears fall past the gate of God  
We all go "home" that way.  
It isn't easy letting go  
But we all must face that day.

If you believe pets don't go there,  
That they haven't any souls  
Then why did God, make such a friend?  
Whose love has made us whole.

When their time on earth is over  
They will greet us as before  
And take their place right by our side,  
When "we" walk through God's door.

*C.A. Babin*

Note: CarolAnne Babin and family were proud to share their lives with their "SHAID Dog" Casey for 18 years and 4 months. You may remember him being featured in our last newsletter. Sadly, Casey crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on October 23rd, 2006. He is much missed and fondly remembered.



# HERE'S THE SCOOP

## WALK AND WAG DOGWALK

Thanks to everyone who attended the dog Walk and Wag in Lunenburg on September 24 despite the grey weather! S.H.A.I.D. raised \$2804.00 minus expenses.

### 8 Trophies were presented this year:

**SHAID 20TH Anniversary Trophy.** Donated by the Board of Directors and Staff and presented to Thunder - 8 years old - from Bridgewater (attending since the age of 3 months old).

Cody won the Moneybags trophy bringing in \$416. The Oldest dog(s) went to Prince and Tester at 9.5 yrs. Striker provided the Waggiest Tail and Stella won for Smallest dog. Our Youngest dog was Schooner at 14 weeks. Our Largest dog was Maggie at 85 lbs. The Best Mannered trophy went to Bo.

**THANKS TO Volunteers** Trish, Tracey, Judy, Carolyn, Seldon, Karen, MaryJane, Crystal, and Claudie. Also to Beth & Velma for bringing S.H.A.I.D. dogs: Bramble & Flash.

**Donations:** Thanks to Hubbards Save Easy, South Shore Vet, Lunenburg Foodland & all dogs lovers. Cookies and treats much Appreciated, Crystal!

## CRAFT & CHRISTMAS YARD SALE

Shoppers were eagerly waiting for us to open the doors for the great bargains. Thanks to all for their support and for helping us to raise \$794.94 (After expenses of \$387) for the animals. Volunteers Maryanne, Judy, Doreen, Wendy and Wade made it look easy. See you again next year!

## THE PURR-FECT EVENING (cont'd)

This was an extremely successful fundraiser. When the cash donations and money from the tickets were added, the event raised \$22,400.00 after expenses. This would not have been possible without the thousands of dollars in cash and items donated by artists, businesses and individuals. The vast majority of these donors reside or operate in Lunenburg or Queens county and the spirit in which items were donated was tremendous. (Please shop locally!!!)

All those who donated will or have already received an expression of the Board's gratitude.

We are acutely aware of the number of organizations seeking donations and deeply appreciate the fact that many have already offered to donate again. We would also like to thank all those who attended, helped sell tickets and/or solicited auction items.

We look forward to another Purrfect Evening on our 25th anniversary in 2011.

*Mike Anderssen, President*

Spay/Neuter Assistance Program  
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Do you know someone whose cat or dog keeps having more and more litters? Be part of the solution and tell them about our assistance program and encourage them to apply if financial help is needed. Applications available from the Shelter and can also be mailed.

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## IN THE NEWS: Animal Cruelty Bill Re-introduced

*The following was adapted from the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies News.*

MP Mark Holland tabled Bill C-373 in the House of Commons. Bill C-373 is a private member's bill to amend the animal cruelty sections of the Criminal Code. It is identical to the former Bill C-50, proposed by the previous government. CFHS commends Mr. Holland for his actions.

The Conservative government had indicated it had no intention of introducing an animal cruelty bill, but, in late August, Justice Minister Vic Toews, indicated he would support a private member's bill that was identical to Bill C-50 if it were introduced.

CFHS strongly urges all humane societies, SPCA's and other animal protection organizations and supporters to write to the Justice Minister asking him to support Mr. Holland's bill. Ideally, the government would take over Mr. Holland's bill as a government bill and ensure its quick passage. Support for these amendments is growing, particularly in light of the recent gruesome torture and dragging of a dog in Didsbury, Alta. This case has prompted a resident of Didsbury to develop a petition calling on the Justice Minister to reject Bill S-213 and bring back a bill identical to C-50. Conservative MP Myron Thompson has indicated his support for this petition and has joined in the call for his government to bring back legislation that would properly address animal cruelty. For more information, visit the new CFHS website at [www.cfhs.ca](http://www.cfhs.ca).



## 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. 2007 Membership for a mere \$10 and we will send it to them with a card for Xmas.***

***Maybe you would just like to make a donation to the Shelter in their name. That we can do as well and we will send a card to them acknowledging your thoughtfulness.***

***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 S.H.A.I.D. Deadline to have cards sent in time for Christmas is Dec. 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 S.H.A.I.D. 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 may also be made by credit card online at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)  
Just put in SHAID (no periods)**

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*Have a Merry Christmas with your Pets!*