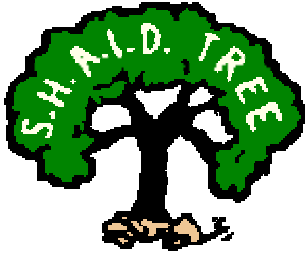


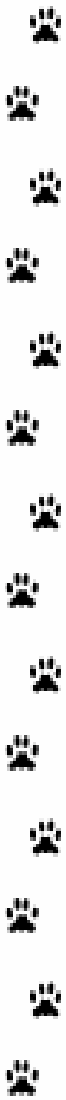
SHAID Launches First Annual “Have-A-Heart” Appeal

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S.H.A.I.D. NEWS

An old song remarks “it’s a long way from May to December”. Well, in SHAID’s world, it is a very long way from January to June when we hold our biggest fundraiser, the Annual Yard Sale. That is why we are launching our first annual “Have-A-Heart” appeal in the depths of a snowbound winter. As you may know, Mother Nature forced the cancellation of our TV Auction for yet a second time and this has left our coffers lacking some much needed and expected funds. Funds we need to survive the months ahead. Funds to pay for our increasing electric bills (the Shelter is electrically heated). Funds to cover the medical costs of those we try our best to save and rehome. Funds to pay the meager salaries of the devoted Staff who care for our residents with such compassion. In short, funds to save lives.



Please “Have-A-Heart” and make a tax deductible donation today! You will make a difference to every one of the needy animals in our care and you will ensure that there are many more happy endings like the one on p.6! Most of our animals are not as lucky as Beau to be placed so quickly and, because we keep them as long as it takes to find that forever home, our costs are higher. That’s why we need your help. Thanks for your support..

NEW! For your added convenience, you may now donate to us securely on-line at www.canadahelps.org using your credit card. In the search box, put S H A I D Tree (spaces, no periods between the letters) or go to www.shaid.org and click on the “Donate now!” button. You will get an immediate tax receipt by e-mail!

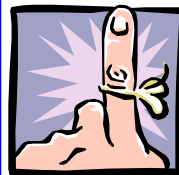


CAN YOU FIND US?

The S.H.A.I.D. sign on Hwy. 325 recently received a major facelift, courtesy of supporters Willie Bowmaster and Karen Hall. The new all wood sign is Willie’s handiwork and was donated in loving memory of “Honey”, their canine companion for 17 years. What a fitting tribute to her and we thank Willie & Karen very much for seeing something that needed doing and just doing it!

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**2005
Membership
Renewals
Now Due...see p.6**

*If you have already renewed, we thank you for your ongoing support. Not yet a member?
Join now to help the animals!*

From The President's Chair

As I gaze out at the wonders of winter, I am struck by the fact that Mother Nature has found a way to allow the plants in her care a chance to rest and rejuvenate for the coming season. Would that we at SHAID had that luxury!

With much to do, a short respite is all we can allow ourselves before once again getting back at the many tasks at hand. I am pleased to report to you that our search for more hands to share the load has been successful with the Board approving the addition of two new Members on January 19th.

Claudie LeCam, a resident of Lunenburg for several years, is already becoming known in the area for championing the welfare of all animals. She is not afraid to speak her mind to right a wrong and brings enthusiasm and a strong work ethic to the Board.

Current Board of Directors

Lynne Ware, President
Joan Lilley, Vice President
Cathy Acker, Secretary
Maureen Slaby, Treasurer
Martin Sovie
Maryanne Slauenwhite
Mike Anderssen
Barry Falkenham
Claudie Le Cam
Tina Swinimer
Birgit Schmidt (Honorary Board Member)

Tina Swinimer may be known to many of you. Tina worked at the Shelter for several years and now, in retirement, wishes to continue to serve the animals in a different capacity. All of us will benefit from having her experience as a resource.

We welcome both to our Board of Directors and look forward to working with them. The search is not over, however, as we are still very much in need of someone with banking/accounting background who would be willing to gradually move into the Treasurer's position so Maureen can have a much needed rest! If you fit the bill, we would be most happy to talk to you about what is involved.

As well as Board Members, an organization like ours needs new members regularly to revitalize it and to stay healthy and vibrant. With that in mind, while you are renewing your commitment to SHAID, why not ask another animal lover to join? I came across this timely quote recently from Vesta M. Kelly:

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together"

We have certainly seen the proof of that by just looking out our windows! Your help can make it true for SHAID as well.

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HERE'S THE SCOOP

AND THE WINNER WAS.....

Our annual "Fall Into Winter" raffle had one unusual winner. While Lorna Jorgenson was the first prize winner of our mini-stereo system and Barbara Bond won the third prize of the vegetable steamer, "Whiskas" Kaizer is now the proud owner of a DVD player, the second prize! Marlene Kaizer reports that this isn't the first time Whiskas has won something. Hmm, maybe we should send him out to buy a lottery ticket...for SHAID, of course!



CARROLL GROUP AIDS S.H.A.I.D.

Early in 2004, one of the employees of Carroll Pontiac Buick in Halifax approached President John Carroll, with a suggestion to encourage employees to support S.H.A.I.D. John and his wife Gail, with the help of a S.H.A.I.D. Board member, had also received assistance in finding homes for two needy cats so John agreed to encourage a voluntary payroll deduction program through each of the three CARROLL dealerships. Interested employees were given a further incentive to participate when John agreed to come up with an additional 50 cents for every dollar raised! On Dec. 18th, John and Gail along with Al Cycles from Carroll South Shore GM and David Whynott from Carroll Tri County presented the shelter with the proceeds from this program...a whopping \$2586! We salute and thank President John and the participating members of the CARROLL FAMILY for a job well done.

XMAS FUNDRAISERS WELL SUPPORTED

A huge thank you to all who supported us in the many fundraisers we ran before Xmas. Here's a run down of how you helped:

Christmas in October: \$822.69

Raffle & Xmas Wrapping: \$1927.40

Xmas Penny Auction: \$744.60

Pet Pics with Santa: \$1194.61

Open House & Xmas Donations : \$8352.00

Adoption Statistics: January 1st to December 31st, 2004

How Are We Doing?

During this past year, SHAID found new homes for 231 cats, 130 dogs (including many pups), and 33 other small and furry/feathered homeless ones. This represents a small decrease in cat adoptions and a small increase in dog adoptions over the previous year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER PENNY AUCTION

Dates & Times:

Friday, March 11th - 6-8 PM

Saturday, March 12 - 9AM-2PM

Place: Oakhill Firehall

Canteen available.

Contact Maryanne at

530-2279 with questions.



2005 DATES ARE SET!

Here is a list of other events that your Fundraising Committee has proposed:

19th Annual Yard Sale & Auction: June 4th

Summer Penny Auction: Aug. 26th & 27th

Walk and Wag Dogwalk: October 2nd

Craft & Christmas Yard Sale (formerly Xmas in October): October 29th

Fall Into Winter Raffle: Oct. 11th-Dec. 19th

Gift Wrapping at Bridgewater Mall: December

Xmas Penny Auction: Dec. 3rd & 4th

Open House at the Shelter: Nov. 27th

Pet Pics with Santa: Dec. 3rd, 9th, 10th & 11th

Other new and exciting things are in the works, so stay tuned!

Your Fundraising Committee consists of Maryanne Slauenwhite, Joan Lilley, Lynne Ware & Shaun Whynacht with Cathy Acker acting as our Consultant. If you would like to assist with any of the above events OR if you have an idea for a different fundraiser, please contact Maryanne at 530-2279.

MEMORIALS

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Thomas Campbell

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Annie E. Bennett
Patricia Boehner
Elizabeth Brown
Kathleen Burgoyne
Doug Clements
Ruby Lee Collins
Eleanor Countway
John Feader
Myrtle Goodall
Kathleen Hiltz-Pinatel
Shirley Hirtle
J. Ray Joudrey
Dorothy Lantz
Robin LeSueur
Douglas Llewellyn
Clyde Munchoins
Michelle Nickerson
Kevin Oickle
Sheila Owen
Mary Rhodenhizer

P. Richardson
Margaret Rowe
Robert Sawler
Margaret Scout
Irean Selig
Richard Sellors
Lillian Slauenwhite
Lizzie Spidle
John Swaine
Kimberlee Swartz-Oickle
Florence Tanner
Judy Tanner
Marie Tanner
Paul Tanner
Wayne Tanner
Dorothy Veinott
Olga Warren
Effie Wentzell
Connie Wile
Lawrence Wile
Roy H. Whynot

BELOVED ANIMAL COMPANIONS:

"Bob" (horse)
"Hughie"
"Maggi"
"Maggie"
"yellow cat"



S.H.A.I.D.
Annual General
Meeting

April 20th
7 PM

Sobey's Community Room,
Bridgewater

“Free To A Good Home”: The Real Story

We have all fallen for that perfect furry face, wanting to take one home and after all, the price is right! Free...no strings attached...no cost at all....hey maybe take two...that way they will have each other for company that way. This is all too common but the one thing we never think of when looking at the “free” sign is the old saying, “if it seems too good to be true then it probably is”, and it holds true in the case of the so called “free pet”.

A common issue for people adopting from a shelter is the cost for the adoption; why spend so much money and still have to go out and purchase food and litter, toys and treats so for somewhere under \$50.00 you have a pet and all they need to start out. Right?..... Wrong! Still sounds like a great deal but let's look at the big picture.

Costs can add up very quickly; many costs that a shelter absorbs or offers to you at a discounted rate with help from the local veterinarians. For example, let's start out with the cost of spaying or neutering your new pet compared to the cost from the shelter of approximately \$75.00 to \$175.00. Depending on the species and size of the pet once she or she has reached the age for the surgery to be performed the price can range from \$100.00 up to \$300.00 for a large breed dog/pup.

Now we also have to think there is the cost of vaccinations, we can't have that pet possibly getting exposed to harmful /deadly viral and /or bacterial infections. This means we need to add approximately another \$60.00 for the first injection, a booster will follow in a month's time at another \$60.00 (not including a rabies vaccination or a Feline Leukemia Test and vaccination). Also general care for things such as deworming and protection from fleas need to be included so another \$30.00 should cover it for a cat/kitten and \$50.00 for a dog/pup. Almost forgot, will need to look into heartworm prevention as well for a dog/pup. That makes for another \$50.00 minimal!

Once all the factors are considered it does not take long to do the math and the free kitten or puppy is looking a lot less like a bargain that he/she initial started out to be! Next time someone asks you, “Why bother getting a pet from a shelter when you can get one for free?”, you can help them see that a fee given to the shelter to cover the spay/neuter surgery is a very small price to pay compared to the free pet!

Contributed by Cathy Acker, Shelter Manager



It is Now Even Easier to Donate Your Club Z points to S.H.A.I.D.

Supporters can donate their Club Z or Hbc points from purchases from the Bay, Zellers, Home Outfitters, DealsOutlet.ca and other Hbc Rewards partners. We use these points to purchase the prizes for our Fall Into Winter Raffle. This would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters. Our goal is 5 000 000 points in 2005. Supporters have already donated over 1 000 000 since November! Help us reach our goal. While the keytags will still work, now it's even easier to donate your points to us! Simply fill out the enclosed **Supporting Member Donation Form** and drop it off at the Zellers Customer Service desk or visit www.hbc.com/hbc rewards/program/community where you can instantly link your existing Hbc Rewards account to our Group account. When linking, please use our Public ID number **1005580**.

Just one more way you can help us help the animals in our care!

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Individual contributions are welcome.

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In an effort to cut costs we will now be sending our newsletters 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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HAPPY TAILS: Beau's Second Chance



I hear that you humans have a saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, in my case, it took a whole community of animal lovers to save me from freezing or starving to death and I

am ever so grateful to each and every one of them for giving me a second chance. I never dreamed that such a cold and miserable January day would be my lucky one! There had been 3 snowstorms that week and food was pretty scarce so I decided to go begging outside the nearest office. It took a couple of days for my sad cries to get the attention of Rita but then she brought me food. Only trouble was, everyone in the local cat community wanted to share! Not fair, I thought. After all, I had done the begging! Seeing this, the staff decided to bring me inside. It was sooooo warm and cozy that I decided to bunk out behind the couch.

I could still hear them talking about me and about what to do. You see, I wasn't a pretty sight. My once lovely tabby coat was matted beyond belief from living the rough life. I tried to show them that I was friendly though and they decided I was once a beloved pet since I was neutered and declawed. Mark and his wife, Marni, took me to Seaside Animal Hospital where I met Dr. Barry who proceeded to shave off my coat! You can see in the picture how funny that made me look but boy it felt good! The next day I came to SHAID where Staff made a big fuss over me, even planning on buying me a sweater to cover my baldness. They also gave me my name which means "beautiful". That made me feel really good. I was planning on a long stay to let my hair grow back but then along came my new family all the way from the big city. I guess they had the ability to see me for what I could be and not for the "old baldy" that I was so they adopted me then and there.

It took a lot of you "big guys" to help me and I am sure glad you did. You made a huge difference in my life. ...in fact, you saved it! Thank you.

Beau



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM 2005

Join SHAID and help us make a difference for the homeless animals in our area.

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

I would like to RENEW my current membership. Enclosed is \$____

I am also enclosing a donation of \$____ to help care for the animals at SHAID Tree Animal Shelter.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number/E-mail: _____

Mail your completed form along with a cheque to:

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