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# Happy 20th Birthday!



It seems somehow appropriate that, in the Year of the Dog, S.H.A.I.D. is celebrating an important birthday! On February 20th, 1986, the S.H.A.I.D. Tree Shelter Society was officially incorporated under the Societies Act. A lot of you will remember the early days when the Shelter was but a dream and many of you were involved in making that dream a reality. We salute all of you who worked so hard to see that dream come true. For an excellent written history of S.H.A.I.D.'s early years, go to [www.shaid.org/shaidhistory.pdf](http://www.shaid.org/shaidhistory.pdf)

It is easy to become discouraged by the ever growing numbers of unwanted pets in our community. The need is still great, but now is the time to celebrate our successes. If you have a S.H.A.I.D. success story to tell, please send it to us...pictures welcome and we will feature some of these stories in our newsletter throughout 2006.

There are plans underway for special celebratory events...a Doggie Reunion in the summer, a Dinner/Auction in the Fall. Stay tuned! If you have an idea you'd like to share, let us know. Call Mike at 624-9270.

## Have-a-Heart Campaign

Happy Valentines Day



S.H.A.I.D.'s 2nd Annual Have-a-Heart Fundraising Campaign is underway. It will run for the month of February and details are in the flyer included with this newsletter. Please have a look and Have-a-Heart! This year our friends at **The Platter House Restaurant** in Bridgewater are helping us by selling memorial hearts...check it out!

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Individual contributions are welcome.

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



# From the President's Chair

I mentioned in our last newsletter that we had turned the corner on our financial situation. At the end of the year, the estate of Mr. Charles Robin Lesueur was settled and S.H.A.I.D. received a generous bequest. Mr. Lesueur got his first dog from S.H.A.I.D. when the Society was still operating out of Crousetown. When that dog died six years ago, he got another one two weeks later because he didn't want to be alone any longer. He asked for a dog no one else wanted. He took home a hound mix named Maggie with a large bump on her head from an act of cruelty when she was a pup. One of our current Board members brought the two together and fondly remembers seeing them on some of their many long walks. I regret not personally knowing this fine gentleman with such a big heart. As a result of his concern and thoughtfulness, we have been able to pay off our debt, put some money towards assisting those who cannot afford to spay and neuter their pets and speed up some of the improvements to the Shelter.

Finding the necessary funds to keep S.H.A.I.D. operating weighs heavily on the Board and this additional money is a reprieve that we do not take lightly. We will continue running a tight ship and will be doing the best to increase the effectiveness of our current fundraisers. Any assistance you can provide to help us in our fundraising would be greatly appreciated. This need not represent a major commitment as we are also looking for people who can only help once a year, i.e., wrap presents for one shift in the mall in December or help at the Walk and Wag.

We are still determined to run a shelter you can brag about. A list of improvements made in the last 8 months of 2005 appears elsewhere in this newsletter. In addition, last month we installed new industrial heaters in the dog kennels as the in-ceiling system was not providing sufficient heat.

We are investigating several major improvements for 2006 including a new ventilation system, a new roof, replacement of all the old wooden cat cages with stainless steel or fiberglass ones, a powder crushed rock base in the dog run to replace the dirt/mud that currently exists and, hopefully, the creation of an adoption/ relinquishment/ temperament testing/ training room.

In this newsletter there is also a list of Shelter Volunteers. They have our deepest gratitude for their hands-on care of the animals and for enabling us to operate with a skeleton paid staff, thereby keeping wage costs to a minimum.

2006 is going to be a great year for S.H.A.I.D. and I hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting in April.

Mike Anderssen, President

P.S. Maggie is now providing companionship to one of Mr. Lesueur's good friends.



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### **Pet Pics with Santa:**

A great success, despite a bit of inclement weather. Santa posed with many wonderful critters. This little girl, all of 16 years young, made an excellent model!

We'd like to thank Gow's, Claussen Walters and Hairy Kids for their support in hosting our Pet Pics with Santa and, of course, Santa himself for taking time out of his busy schedule to help S.H.A.I.D. The end result was \$605.78 for the animals.

Other Christmas fundraiser results:

**Craft and Christmas Yard Sale—\$731.26**

**Christmas Penny Auction— \$700**

**Christmas Raffle—\$1 184.00**

The winners were: Joan Morgan, Joan Oickle, Mabel Bryden and Helmut & Edith Wolter. Congratulations and thanks to all who bought tickets.

**Gift Wrapping at the Mall—\$1 035.72**

**Donation Box at the Mall—\$519.50**

**Open House at the Shelter—\$1 877.13**

*A huge thank you to everyone who helped run these events and to all of you who supported us by participating! We couldn't do it without you.*



Volunteers are always needed at our fundraisers. If you would like to help at any of those listed above, please contact Claudie at 634-9156 or e-mail her at [armor@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:armor@ns.sympatico.ca)

***We already have confirmed dates for a few of our regular events. Mark these on your calendar!***

*February 1st-28th— Have-a-Heart Campaign*

*April 15th— Spring Penny Auction*

*June 3rd— The 19th Annual Yard Sale*

*October 7th—Craft & Christmas Yard Sale*

*December 2— Christmas Penny Auction*

## MEMORIALS

Oct/05 to Jan/06

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

George Eno  
Don Hudson  
Louise Murray  
Audrey Bowers  
Philip Wambolt  
Vivian Hirtle  
Robert Gates  
Dianne Feener  
Gerald Joudrey  
Nicole Knox  
Marion Mclsaac  
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Arthur Julian  
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John Tanner  
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Clayton Strickland  
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Frank Forbes

### BELOVED ANIMAL COMPANIONS:

Indy  
Pete  
Dune  
Wheeler  
Gina  
Maggie  
Dusty  
Buffy

Freya Fuzzbucket Nunn  
Becky  
Jake, Brutus & Robbie  
Millie





# TWO PAWS UP!



## A Seniors' Sanctuary

Often times, older cats come into to the Shelter because their owners can no longer care for themselves, much less a beloved pet. As you can imagine, there isn't a long waiting list of folks wanting to adopt a 17 year old cat! S.H.A.I.D is very lucky to have Maryanne. This past year, Maryanne has accepted 12 elderly or otherwise unplaceable cats into her home where they all manage to live in relative tranquility.

Many have special needs, such as Red who is blind and Sweetie, affectionately renamed Chunk. Her owners allowed her to become so obese she couldn't walk around at first. Gina could often be found on the floor trying to coax poor Red out from under the couch where he basically lived for several months. She nursed poor Pumpkin until her cancer took her over the Rainbow Bridge and uncomplainingly cleaned up after Foggy when she lost control towards the end of her life.

It takes an amazing person to be able to put the needs of these seniors above her own and to allow her heart to be broken so many times with the passing of each one.

Asked what made her do it, she replied that she felt that these senior cats had a right to live out the rest of their lives and not be euthanized because nobody wanted them.



**Animals come into our lives and leave paw prints on our hearts...**

We salute you Maryanne...you have left your own "pawprint" on all of these animals' hearts.

*This month S.H.A.I.D. would like to salute our regular Shelter Volunteers.*

*Doug, Linda, David, Nina, Lynne, Jennifer, Michael, Heather, Allison, Ann, Carlton & Paula*

**V** aluable is the work you do.  
**O** utstanding is how you always come through  
**L**oyal, sincere and full of good cheer,  
**U** ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.  
**N** otable are the contributions you make.  
**T** rustworthy in every project you take.  
**E** ager to reach your every goal.  
**E** ffective in the way you fulfill your role.  
**R** eady with a smile like a shining star,



The Education Committee is looking for new members. Their first goal is to re-establish the outreach into the local schools, daycares, etc. If you enjoy sharing your love of animals with children or have ideas of ways this could be done, please contact Claudie at 634-9156.



**ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
 We pleased to announce that S.H.A.I.D.'s Myrtle Quigly spay/neuter assistance program will be restarting.

Application forms will be available from the shelter and from local vets after February 15th.

# AT THE SHELTER



It has been a long haul this last couple of months but thankfully our bout of upper respiratory illness in the cats is all cleared up. They are all, like Smudge here, looking forward to going to their forever homes.

The rest of the staff and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and well wishes during the illness. Now all the cats are healthy and let's hope it stays that way!

Also a big thank you for all of the Christmas presents put under our little tree here at the shelter. We could hardly see the tree .... everyone has been soooo generous.

For those of you still waiting to bring in a stray cat for us to rehome, have a little more patience, please. We are going as fast as we can. Adoptions are picking up, so it shouldn't be much longer.

As usual we are keeping busy here at the shelter, but not too busy for you to visit. Maybe you'll take a furry friend home.

The winter seems long for the animals too and they like to see new faces. They get tired of our same old faces everyday, so drop by and say hi, pat a head or two. You never know.... it just might chase away your winter blues too!

*Kelly England, Shelter Manager*

## Shelter Stats 2005

Last year, we admitted 328 cats, 91 dogs and 30 assorted small and furrines to the shelter. We successfully rehomed 150 cats, 61 dogs and 13 of the assorted. In addition 7 lost cats and 8 dogs were returned to their owners.

## Shelter Improvements since May 1, 2005

Animals are now vaccinated upon arrival at the Shelter.

A weekly veterinarian visit has been re-established.

Dogs now receive an evening exercise run.

Our Receiving Room has a new regulation cat scale and the shelter has a new animal thermometer.

Dogs have new aluminum/nylon dog beds.

The storage shed has new shelving for the proper storage of food.

The upstairs meeting and education room has been repainted.

New fire extinguishers, first aid kit, emergency eye wash stand, etc., are now in place.

There are two new benches outside the shelter for the comfort of visitors.

There has been a significant reduction in operational costs, primarily as a result of the diligence and dedication of the shelter staff and volunteers.

The weeds under our sign have been replaced with a new flowerbed thanks to volunteer Nancy Cycles.

We GREATLY appreciate all of you who have donated time, money and goods to SHAID.

*Your Board of Directors*



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