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The *pet chat!*

Mississauga Humane Society Newsletter

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MISSION

To rescue as many homeless companion animals as possible, and find them FOREVER HOMES.



Erin & her new kitty sibling

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President's Message

This summer is a very challenging time for MHS.

The recession has hit everyone, including charities like us. Our income on donations has dropped drastically in the past 6 months.

Sadly, in June we lost the Cat Adoption Room at the Petcetera (*since Oct 2004*). Due to bankruptcy the store had to be closed down. On June 18 we were advised that all of the cats there (24) had to be removed. Thanks very much for the help and support of our foster parents, volunteers and adoptors, the news spread and within 24 hours we were able to find foster or adoptive homes for every one of them!

The problem did not end here. We are now faced with a big problem of placement of cats. Without the Cat Adoption Room we can only rely on foster homes. Never have we been so desperate for foster homes of cats.

I am making an EMERGENCY APPEAL for DONATIONS and FOSTER HOMES for CATS. Can you please HELP?

There will be two fund raising events in August and September, please check **Upcoming Events** on Page 5. I look forward to your participation and support!

Lily Chan, President



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RESCUE & ADOPTION STATISTICS



Chief (Chewie)

Jan – June 2009

Number of Dogs Rescued	58
Number of Dogs Adopted	59
Number of Cats Rescued	293
Number of Cats Adopted	173
TOTAL RESCUED	351
TOTAL ADOPTED	232



Boscoe

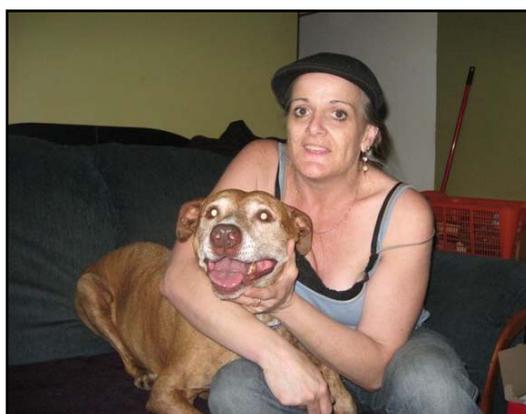


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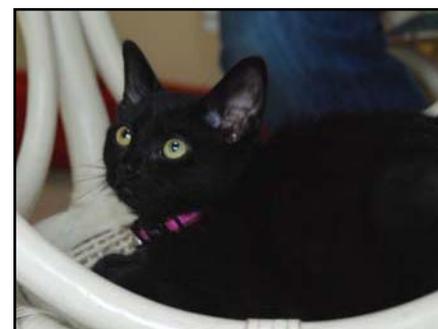
Some of our adopted pets in their FOREVER HOMES



Mimi



Dolce (adopted in 1999!)



Selena (Bellatrix)



Jimmy Jones



Demi & Della



Shelby

Puppy LOVE Stories

Happy Wagging Tails

I adopted **Cimba** (aka Sooty...aka Shaggy)...and he is doing fabulous. He is such a happy little boy and everybody in this building and anyone who meets him loves him...the supers are so in love with him (and they have their own dog) that they volunteer to come and get him around lunch time (I'm at work) to take him for a walk and sometimes he keeps them company in the office. Cimba is one of my blessings this past year. Thanks again and keep up the fabulous work!

Bernadette



We just love **Barney** to pieces and he is definitely part of our family now. He fits right in. Even our cat "Homer" (who was also rescued) is quite taken with Barney. The whole neighbourhood knows Barney now from his walks and visits. His girlfriend, an 8-year-old Rottweiler mix, lives next door - they play like crazy. We took Barney to "doggie school" and he did quite well. He is a very smart, loveable, friendly dog. Not a mean bone in his body. He is truly a delight and lots of fun.

Julie

Gallagher is much loved by us all, he is very gentle and his tail wags a lot more than when he first arrived. The kids love showing him off to their friends. He is an early riser - no matter how late you take him out at night, every morning we are greeted by his "singing" at about 5 am!

He loves his romps in the Humber valley on the long leash. Thanks!

Bill



Just to fill you in on our first night with **Leo**. Everything went well and this morning he went out to explore the back yard before breakfast then we went for a walk. Here are a couple of photos of him to let you see him settling into his new environment. He is a sweet boy with lots of fun and energy and thanks to him I now have company out walking.

Janet & Arsen

Lexi is doing very well. I just love having her! She is very attached to me, and the summer has been nice as I am a supply teacher off for the summer, so I have been home with her. My grandfather has a trailer, which we take her to, and we take her for 1-2 walks each day, which she loves. She also enjoys going for car rides. She is still wary of strangers and will bark at them, as well as other dogs. I try to take her out as much as possible so that she can get used to being around them. We took her for her first hair cut about a month ago, and it went very well!

Melissa



You may remember me as the person who adopted **Sash** a couple of years ago. She turned 13 in January, but still appears happy and healthy. My first dog, Charlie, died this past November and Sash has adapted well to being an only (and top!) dog. Sash is very settled and so am I - we are both getting on in years! I expect that my working life will finally come to an end in about a year. I will get another dog...

Lee

Kitty LOVE Story

LUMI - A LIGHT that Found its Way

By Brittany Desnoyers



I have to say, all my life I have been a cat person, so when we had a stray begin coming around our house in October of '08 I brought it indoors and did my best to feed it. For the next few weeks I helped nurture this poor thing who was skin and bones back to health and planned to start a new home with him. I had even researched the breed and discovered that it was a Bengal, and knew right away someone was going to be looking for this cat. We had contacted the local shelter and the cat indeed belonged to someone. He went back to his owner. I was happy for him, but at the same time I was heart broken.

I realized I starved for this opportunity of owning my own and having the responsibility. I began my frantic hunt to cure this craving. In the beginning I only wanted a Bengal but after a long conversation with my Mom we both agreed that we should get a cat from a shelter rather than from a breeder. I began scanning the humane society websites striving to find a light that captured my eye. And then I found her, a little black and white tuxedo kitten on the website of Mississauga Humane Society. Her name was Jacoush at the time; she had this cute pink nose and I just melted!

We set a date to go visit the December 2008. I walked in like something clicked in me little girl I wanted to give my am no longer able. She was the playtime that the other

didn't bother me in the girl, and she was no different. able to take her home. We with her own blanket and off



kittens at the foster home in early that room and saw her instantly. It was and I knew that it was her, that was the entire heart to, to care for, to love until I shy and didn't want to include herself in kittens seemed to be doing, but that

slightest. I was shy when I was a little So the papers were signed and I was packed her up in the brand new carrier we went.

Her name was picked out the short for **Luminous**, which means: **Little guiding light, Light of hope (Romanian)**. Little guiding light she was, especially with her cute pink nose. She was definitely the runt of the litter as she was the smallest and had this little stubby tail, but was the cutest thing I laid my eyes on.

Even for the first 2 weeks we have already become inseparable. At night times she must sleep in my. She is sweet, gentle and kind but at the same time playful, energetic and fun. She loves to roughhouse with her big sister Melly (our feral tabby who has finally chosen indoor over outdoors). Melly will clean her head; Lumi just lays there contently with her eyes closed. They are truly the best of stepsisters! When it come to playing with her big brother Simon (our 2.5 yr old Miniature Rex Rabbit) Lumi is very careful and ensures not to hurt him. She just follows Simon around wherever he goes. They love to lie together and kiss each other's nose.

Lumi is very happy in *our* home and she is my every inch of love. She looks to me as a mommy! At times I think I've adopted a dog. She plays fetch with her toys, drinks from the toilet, plays in the water and pants like a dog and chases her tail to no ends! I guess I got a two in one deal! Everyone that has stopped by to see her has fallen in love with her and who wouldn't! She is my best friend, my snuggle buddy and my little light. When things are not going as well all I need to do is look at her. People say that cats don't have range of emotions like dogs and don't talk like dogs do. Let me be the one to tell you that you're wrong. I look at Lumi and I can tell exactly what she's feeling, I know when she wants to play from her mischievous look, her loving look and most of all when you look in her eyes you can just see how happy she is, how thankful she is, how much she loves you.. I could never ask for anything more from her.

I find the fact we came across Lumi a miracle, to have such a loving creature sent to me. **I will give her a forever home, but as well as forever love, cuddles, kisses and so, so much more. I love her with all my heart** Thank you everyone who was involved in this journey and most importantly to **Mississauga Humane Society**. You helped me find the light I've been searching so desperately for. You are truly making a difference!

A TRIBUTE TO BEN

By Lynn Michaluk

ODE To Big, Beautiful BEN

From the moment I first met Ben, he touched my heart.
His eyes were sad, he got scared so easily by /
the blowing wind or the bang of a gate.
When he walked his nose was to the ground, always smelling a scent.
Because after all he came by it honestly, he was a working dog.

The beautiful hound named Ben.

At first he didn't smell my hand or wag his tail and
He walked with his tail straight down
But as time went by he sniffed my hand, wagged his tail
and walked with his tail straight up

My friend, big, beautiful Ben.

He loved his walks by the lake, he loved to sniff the air.
His head straight up, taking it all in.
He liked to watch the geese and ducks, but he was such a gentle soul;
he would just quietly walk by

The beautiful nature of Ben.

When we would pass other dogs and people he was always very social,
e wanted to acknowledge everyone
But gradually we saw his decline, he would not eat,
He lost more weight and the will to live.
I now see Ben only in my mind because he has passed on.
I now envision Ben running by the lake, looking at the ducks and geese,
investigating all the scents and sniffing the air.
Without a leash he is free at last, no longer any pain or suffering.
You will *always* have a piece of my heart
My brave friend, gentle Ben.



Ben was rescued from a pound in Sept 2008. He passed away on March 24, 2009 due to stomach cancer.

Ben was sadly missed by Linda Campbell his foster parent, Burleigh Gordon Mattice his adoptor and Lynn Michalyuk the volunteer who exercised him.

ThANK YOU for taking care of BEN.

Upcoming Events

August

Kitten Adopt-a-thon

Sat, Aug 15, 10-3
Sun, Aug 16, 11-3

Global Pet Foods
Meadowvale Town
Centre, Mississauga

(905) 819-9255

SEPTEMBER

ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

Sat, Sept 19
Port Credit Memorial Park

10:00 to 2:30 pm

Rain or Shine!

August

Fun-FUND Raising Day

Fri, Aug 21
Noon to 8 pm

LCBO Store
Meadowvale Town
Centre, Mississauga

- **BBQ**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Raffle Draw**
- **Bake Sale**

News & Events

- On May 23, a **Garage Sale** was held at the **Mississauga News** location. A total of \$356 was raised. Thank you very much to Tina Kendall for organizing this and the volunteers who helped.
- On June 6 & 7, we participated at the **Bread & Honey Festival** in Streetsville. We had a little gift store and also a raffle draw. More than \$550 was raised.



THANK YOU

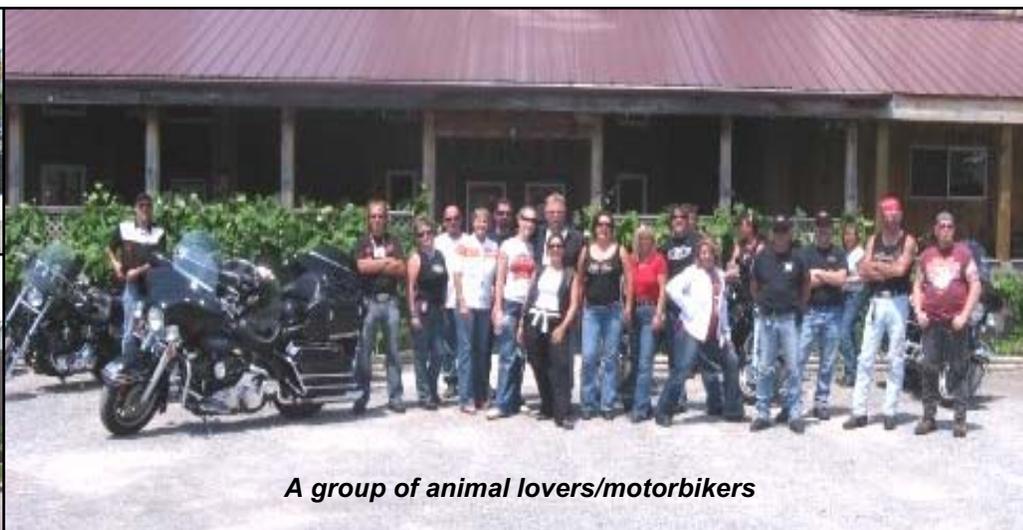
ALTERNA SAVINGS
for donating
the Booth

**Donors of the
Raffle Prizes**

**Volunteers who
helped at
the booth!**



- Sadly, June 19 was the last day of operation of our Cat Adoption Room at Petcetera pet store who had to close down due to bankruptcy. Thank you very much to **Petcetera** for the room since October 2004. Thank you very much to all of the **"cat socialisers"** who volunteered over the past 5 years.
- On June 27, a **Kitten Adopt-a-thon** was held at **Endless Tail Nutrition**. Thank you very much to Cathy Reid the storeowner for hosting this.
- A **Motorbike Ride for Homeless Pets** took place on June 27. A total of \$600 was raised. Thank you very much to Dee Brett for organizing this fun/fund-raising event!



A group of animal lovers/motorbikers

STEPS OF COMPASSION

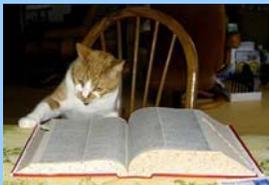
FUR = DEAD ANIMALS

The fur ads you might see in magazines and commercials portray fur coats as a symbol of elegance. But these ads fail to show how the original owners of these coats met their gruesome deaths. Millions of fur-bearing animals including foxes, raccoons, minks, coyotes, bobcats, lynxes, opossums, nutria, beavers, muskrats, otters, and others are killed each year on fur farms by anal and vaginal electrocution and in the wild by drowning, trapping, or beating. **A compassionate lifestyle means wearing cruelty-free clothing – NO FUR please!**

	
Ranch-raised foxes are kept in cages only 2.5 feet square (minks in cages 1-foot-by-3-feet), with up to four animals per cage.	To kill the animals without damaging their fur, trappers usually strangle, beat, or stomp them to death. Animals on fur farms may be gassed, electrocuted, poisoned with strychnine, or have their necks snapped. These methods are not 100 percent effective and some animals "wake up" while being skinned.
	
Every year, thousands of dogs, cats, raptors, and other so-called "trash" animals are crippled or killed by traps.	Animals can languish in traps for days. Up to 1 out of every 4 trapped animals escapes by chewing off his or her own feet, only to die later from blood loss, fever, gangrene, or predation.

Excerpt from www.Peta.com

HUMOUR TIME



*Dr Garfield's
Desk*

What do you get if you cross a cat with a parrot?

A carrot!

What dogs are best for sending telegrams?

Wire haired terriers!

What do you call a very rude bird?

A mockingbird!

off the mark by Mark Parisi
www.offthemark.com



ANIMAL KINGDOM

Surrogate Mother



When hurricane Hannah separated two ultra-prosh white tigers from their mother, Anjana came to the Rescue. Anjana, a chimp at TIGERS in South Carolina, became surrogate mom and playmate to the cubs, even helping with bottle-feeding. Here's the truly amazing part: **Anjana does this all the time, having raised leopard and lion cubs!**



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