

Donner Foundation Grant

Friends of Abandoned Pets has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Donner Canadian Foundation. This has allowed us to provide required veterinary care for many cats and dogs. We are extremely grateful for this assistance and wish to acknowledge their generosity. Our thanks go to the Donner Canadian Foundation for their support of our work! 🌟



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Newsletter for Friends of Abandoned Pets

Spring 2010

In Memoriam

FOAP would like to remember the passing of the cats and dogs of our members, volunteers, foster families and adoptive families. We offer our condolences, and hope that those who have lost a pet can take comfort in the fact that they had given their pet a happy and healthy life.

Remembered are Skookums (Linda McKissock), Hobo (Gen Noel and Colin Hazelwood), Annie, Willy, Snowy and Boy Shadow (Roz Brisbois), Batsu (Shelley Dupuis), Skewlee and Cleo (Carmel Bourgeois), Moochie, Simon, Anna and Duffy (Berni Conn), Artemis aka Stinky Williams, Quentin, Benji and Rudy (Rosalyn Dawe and family), Googie (Marsha King), Annie (Gina Bruce), Whiskers (Ilda Coicou), Bob (Wendy and Dave Saunders), Mr. Pumpkin (Cynthia and Ken Throop), Buster (Elizabeth Simpson), Bo and Munster (Hoppy and Pauline Hopkinson), and Pico (Brenda Dunbar and Bob Publicover).

Bellamer was the much-loved companion of Edith Moore and Audrey Starkes. Bellamer died in December 2008, after reigning supreme for many years, enjoying her evening brushing and looking forward to warm towels on laundry day. Belle was a gorgeous Siamese who had many admiring fans. She has left a big hole in her kingdom and in the hearts of many visitors from over the years.

Zeus, a handsome German Shepherd mix, passed away last spring. In April 2007, Zeus went to live with Steve and Heidi Welch on their hobby farm. He had a wonderful time on the farm and his final years were very happy. Zeus is missed by Steve and Heidi.

Taz, adopted by Kirsten Bender in 1995, passed away on June 18, 2008. Taz was an extremely happy dog and Kirsten's loyal companion for thirteen years. Kirsten misses him very much.

David and Julia Dewar are mourning the loss of their beloved and cherished cat, Chi Chi Dewar. Chi Chi moved into the Dewar household four and a half years ago; a frightened, abandoned and abused cat, her first year was spent under the bed. Then, one day she blossomed into an outgoing, happy, charming and (always) beautiful cat. To those who knew her well, she was the most special of cats. She was a good friend and is missed every day by Dave and Julia.

Suzelle and Tony Saab lost their beautiful Golden Retriever, Maya, on November 25, 2008. Maya's sudden, unexpected passing was a great shock to the Saabs. She is sorely missed by Suzelle, Tony, and her furry friend, Cody.

Sadie, a lovely little dog, passed away in late March 2010. Three years ago FOAP rescued Sadie from an abusive home. Since that time she had been lovingly taken care of by Linda Morrissey. She is sorely missed by Linda.

Betsy Winter is mourning the loss of three beautiful cats:

Heather (1995-2009), a beautiful green-eyed tabby, passed away on June 24, 2009, after a short battle with cancer. Heather was a great bird watcher and also an avid Ottawa Senators' fan. She would slip her paws into Senators slippers early in the morning on the day a game was to be played. How did she know? Goodbye, Heather. We'll miss you forever.

Tommy Lee Jones (1995-2009) passed away on September 6, 2009, after a short illness. Tommy Lee Jones was a very handsome black and white tuxedo cat. He looked so dapper with his shiny black patent-leather-like coat and his white marshmallow moustache that his nickname was "Mr. Hollywood". Goodbye, my darling boy.

Paddy O'Neill (1995 to 2009) passed away on November 30, 2009. He was a distinguished-looking black and white cat, with a cloverleaf marking surrounding his nose. Paddy came to live with Betsy and her other felines in the fall of 2004, and his gentle nature filled the household with happiness. He is very much missed by Betsy and her furry friends.

Our sincere apologies if we have missed any names or there have been delays in recognising your pet's passing. In Memoriam stories can be sent to newsletter editor Pat Winter at P.O. Box 67052, Ottawa, On, K2A 4E4 or to information@foap.on.ca for the next newsletter and to be listed on the FOAP website. 🌟



Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering with FOAP, please give us a call at 613-729-9820 or email information@foap.on.ca. Our volunteer coordinator will be in touch with you to discuss what you might like to do and how much time you have available.

Future Directions

Since its inception in 1992, FOAP and its volunteers have been responsible for rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing thousands of cats and dogs. We are proud of our work, knowing that we have been able to improve the lives of so many cats and dogs.

Over the years, FOAP has taken part in significant rescues which have involved the relocation of abused and neglected dogs living in horrific conditions without food, shelter, or human interaction. Without our intervention at properties close to Ottawa, seventy-five dogs would have continued to suffer terribly. Another example of our organization's history of rescuing animals are the more than twenty-five feral cat colonies involving hundreds of cats and kittens, all living outside, many without a source of food or proper shelter, summer and winter alike. FOAP volunteers have trapped, transported, arranged for veterinary care, provided food and shelter for cats and kittens living in these colonies and continue to be responsible for their well-being.

These have been huge undertakings, involving many hours of coordinating, transporting cats and dogs, finding temporary boarding facilities to accommodate large numbers of unvaccinated animals, dealing with emergency and routine veterinary issues, fundraising, interviewing potential foster and adoptive homes and dealing with animal behavioural issues. These are but a few examples of the responsibilities taken on by our Board of Directors and volunteers as a result of these rescues.

Annual General Meeting

Members are encouraged to attend the Friends of Abandoned Pets Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9th at the Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street, where you can meet other members and hear about FOAP's good work over the past year. Refreshments will be provided.

Current FOAP Board members are:

Berni Conn, President
Carmel Bourgeois
Roselyn Green-Brisbois
Linda Marcoux

Robyn Mustill
Wendy Saunders
Lorraine Stewart
Pat Winter

Questions for your Board members? They can be contacted by e-mail at information@foap.on.ca or by calling 613-729-9820. 🌟

In addition to these special rescues, FOAP has continued, for the past 18 years, and on a daily basis, to assume responsibility for numerous abandoned, abused and stray animals. Cats and dogs were always welcomed into our care, even if they might not be good candidates for adoption. This, coupled with the unprecedented number of cats and dogs being returned to our care from previous adopters, has meant that we now have approximately 150 aging and mostly not-adoptable cats and dogs in long-term foster homes. This has placed considerable demands on our financial and volunteer resources.

In keeping with our mandate, which includes a no-kill policy, FOAP continues to be morally and financially responsible for all the pets in its jurisdiction. This means that in order to remain

dedicated to this large number of cats and dogs our attention has needed to shift completely to their well-being. This is our current and ongoing priority, making it difficult to assume responsibility for any additional stray and abandoned pets.

In order to lessen the number of pets that FOAP is responsible for, we hope to encourage foster homes to adopt their foster pet(s) and, in the coming months, we'll be in touch with many of them to discuss this further. Of course, FOAP accepts responsibility for these older and mostly unadoptable cats and dogs for as long as they are in our care.

We trust our supporters will understand. We welcome your questions and comments at information@foap.on.ca or 613-729-9820. 🌟

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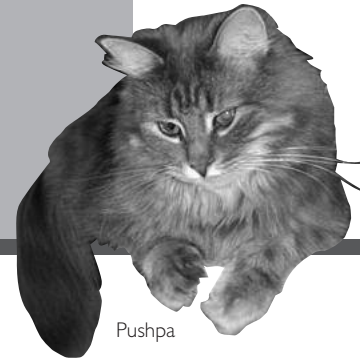
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Memberships

FOAP's annual 2010 memberships are due for renewal. Many of our members have already renewed, in spite of our tardiness in sending out this newsletter. If you'd like to renew, or join as a new member, please just complete the insert enclosed. Annual individual memberships are \$30; annual family memberships are \$50; a lifetime pet membership is \$25 (and includes a special FOAP tag as a gift). ❀



Pushpa

Some adoptable and long-term dogs and cats ...



Nuk-Nuk

Chinook (a Siberian Husky), also known as Nuk-Nuk, came into the care of Friends of Abandoned Pets almost two years ago. Sweet-natured Nuk-Nuk quickly found a home, but, sadly, through no fault of his, was recently returned to FOAP. Nuk-Nuk is eight years old and is friendly with everyone – adults, children, dogs and cats. Although he's a little older, Nuk-Nuk has many good years ahead and with a family to call his own, he'll be one of the nicest dogs anyone could hope for. Nuk-Nuk is available for adoption.

Mr. Handsome and his sister, Princess, are nine-year old domestic long-haired cats, who are looking for a home where they remain together. Although they're shy initially, they're warm and cuddly cats who are great companions. Both are neutered/spayed and vaccinated and are looking for a permanent, indoors-only, quiet home. As with all FOAP cats and dogs, these two wonderful siblings will remain in FOAP's good care for as long as it takes.



Mr. Handsome

Freya is a wonderful senior Rotweiler mix who came into FOAP's care three years ago. She's had her health issues - she arrived with a severe injury to her nose, which required surgical intervention to repair. Freya's arthritic and suffers from seasonal allergies, but, despite these things, she's a happy, good-natured dog. Freya is extremely well-looked after in her foster home, where we anticipate she'll spend the rest of her life.

Pushpa came to Friends of Abandoned Pets when she was only six months old. Pushpa arrived with an injury that left her sight-impaired in one eye. She now has a luxated lens, a condition which has left her completely sightless in her other eye. Pushpa also suffers from Inflammatory Bowel Disease. None of this has fazed this good-natured little girl, who gets along with other cats and with her dog friend, Eddy. Pushpa's health issues have made her difficult to place, so she will remain in FOAP's care for the rest of her life. ❀



Freya



Princess

Charitable Giving

Remember that you can direct your United Way donation to the charity of your choice – and we're hoping that's FOAP. Just provide our full name, Friends of Abandoned Pets, and our Charitable Registration Number – 13622 4037 RR0001 – and you're on your way to helping some very deserving dogs and cats. You can contribute in lump sum payments or through payroll deduction, or you can arrange a fundraising event at your workplace. The choice is yours!

Other ways to contribute to FOAP through your workplace involve charitable employee giving programs or matching donation programs. Why not see if there's a similar program at your workplace? You might be surprised at the number of employers who are pleased to support charitable works by their employees.

Bingo

Looking for something to do on Friday afternoons? We've got just the thing for you! Play bingo or volunteer to help raise money for animals in need. Bingo is our most successful fundraising initiative.

Consider coming to the Overbrook Bingo Palace, 1150 Lola Street (near the baseball stadium), at 4 p.m. FOAP bingo coordinator, Hoppy Hopkinson, will put you to work with his team of dedicated volunteers. Just let us know in advance that you'd like to help out.

If you enjoy bingo, stop in to play – and bring your friends and family. No matter when you play, you'll be helping FOAP – the hall's proceeds are shared among a number of participating charities. ❀

Entertainment Books

The campaign to sell Entertainment Books for 2010 was a huge success, thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

This coupon book contains hundreds of two-for-one vouchers for restaurants as well as providing discounts for area hotels, attractions, merchandise and services. Your Entertainment membership card also entitles you to fine dining, hotel and car rental discounts throughout Canada and the U.S.

Check back with us in the fall for Entertainment Books for 2011. ❀

Dog Walk Update

We wanted to let you know that last year's Dog Walk fundraiser turned out to be a success, raising pledges of \$22,500. The event featured pet product vendors, pet health booths, and plenty of green space for dogs and their owners to mingle.

Leading the walk was FOAP mascot, Chloë, a stray who was found near Ottawa in poor health and with a wound to her shoulder from a pellet gun.

Kenny B of Hot 89.9 Radio did a superb job as emcee for the event. The beautiful weather brought out more than 160 animal lovers to participate, many with their dogs (and one cat in a stroller!). Our event photographers did a great job capturing the fun; their photos are available to view through the events schedule section of our website at www.foap.on.ca.

Congratulations to the top pledge-gatherer, Marion Marshall-Hardy. Second prize was awarded to Nancy Boase. Third prize went to Gaylinne Robert.

Well done everyone!

For various reasons, we are unable to hold a dog walk in 2010. ❀



Chloë