

# SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

## YARMOUTH BRANCH



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*Please note our new hours -*

*Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
We are closed on Monday & Holidays*



### FIRST EVER OFF-SITE ADOPTION FAIR

In our efforts to increase adoptions, the Yarmouth SPCA held it's first ever off-site adoption fair on September 13th at the Yarmouth Mariner's Centre. The day was a huge success with more than 250 people visiting our animals and more than 10 cats and dogs being adopted into loving, forever homes.

We intend to have another adoption fair in the spring of 2010 and hope to see you there.

### 16th ANNUAL DOG JOG

This year's dog jog was held on September 19th, in Beacon Park, under windy and cold conditions. This annual event continues to be our largest annual fund-raiser and this year raised over \$5,200 for the animals in our shelter.

Thank you to our many participants, donors and volunteers. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.



### ECONOMY TAKES TOLL ON PETS

*Some pet owners forced to make difficult decisions about animals due to financial troubles*

You've no doubt read or heard about the impact of the current financial climate on everyone's lives. It has impacted animal lives in our area as well. The Yarmouth SPCA has seen more and more people unable to adopt our shelter pets. We've experienced owners surrendering their animals because they weren't able to afford veterinary care or the cost of food and supplies. The increase of these cases is

adding to the workload of our staff and the costs we incur providing necessary treatment and care. Responses to our most recent direct mail campaign have not met expectations and we struggle to meet our expenses. The effects of the economic downturn come at a time when we find our shelter busier and more crowded than usual. The reality is that no matter the state of the economy, our job remains the same, the many problems affecting the animals in our community fall to the Yarmouth SPCA and ultimately to supporters like you, who help us rescue animals from abuse and neglect, take in stray and abandoned animals, heal them and find them new and loving homes.

Many are surprised to learn that we, like most charitable organizations, must rely on individuals, rather than government or corporations to fund our work. **The Yarmouth SPCA does not receive any government funding.** Last year, 51% of the cost of operating our shelter, came from adoptions, donations and fund-raising efforts. In the end, it is you and your support, that allow us to help the many animals that come in our door. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for that.

Please consider a monetary donation or an in-kind contribution from our wish list on page 4. Help the animals in our community... both now and in the future.

The Board of Directors of the Yarmouth SPCA

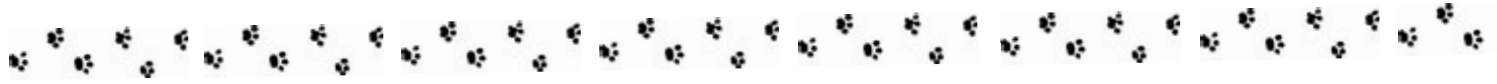
## Hidden costs of free kittens

Many “free” animals are advertised on-line these days, or by the side of the road, but just how inexpensive are these finds?

Here are the five key hidden costs of a kitten obtained for free.

1. Sterilization surgery to prevent pet overpopulation.
2. Treatment for ear mites, fleas and internal parasites.
3. Microchip for permanent identification.
4. First vaccination.
5. Feline leukemia testing.

*\* Compare all of those expenses to the cost of a cat at the Yarmouth SPCA: \$100, which includes all the treatments listed here - and more!*



## Cold Weather Tips for Pets

- Be sure to provide proper shelter for your pets. If yours is an indoor pet, his bed or crate should be kept in a warm, draft-free area, preferably elevated slightly off the floor. If your pet is kept outdoors, provide a warm insulated pet house or shelter. The house should be elevated enough so that moisture cannot accumulate inside. If possible, provide a “door” (perhaps of canvas) to keep out the winter winds. If your pet is in a pen, you might block the wind and water with bales of straw and stretch canvas over the top of the pen. If the wind chill or other weather conditions become severe, please bring your pet inside.
- **Please watch for frostbite!** Remove ice and snow from your pet’s paws and coat at once. Frostbitten skin may turn reddish, white or gray, and it may be scaly or sloughing. If you suspect frostbite, take your pet to a warm place immediately. Thaw out frostbitten areas slowly by applying warm, moist towels that are changed frequently. Continue until the affected areas become flushed. Contact your veterinarian as soon as possible; he/she will probably want to evaluate the seriousness of the condition.
- Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Even a very small amount of antifreeze can be fatal. Precautions are necessary with all antifreeze products on the market. Read labels and warnings carefully. Keep containers closed tightly and store them where pets cannot get to them. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.
- Thoroughly wipe off your dog’s legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice. Some substances produced to melt ice and snow have low to moderate toxicity, depending on the ingredients and amount ingested. Read the labels and take necessary precautions. Keep these products stored in tight containers out of your pet’s and children’s reach.
- During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
- Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
- Staying warm requires extra calories, so feed your pet accordingly when the temperature drops. Talk to your veterinarian for advice on feeding your pet. Always have fresh, clean water available for your pet. If your pet is kept outdoors, be sure to check his water frequently since it may freeze.
- Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly.
- Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY TIPS

- Increased activity and visitors during the holiday season can upset your pet’s routine. Try to keep your pet on his regular schedule for feeding and exercise and be sure he gets plenty of love.
- If you are planning to take your pet with you when visiting friends and relatives during the holiday season, be sure to contact them in advance to find out if your pet is welcome. Because of the excitement during this season, it might be best for you and your pet to board your pet or hire a reputable pet sitter.
- Alcoholic beverages, holiday treats such as chocolates, rich, fatty food scraps and bones from poultry, pork and fish can be harmful or toxic to pets. Keep your pet on his regular diet and caution visitors against giving your pet “special treats.”
- Never put ribbon or yarn around your pet’s neck and do not allow your pet to play with plastic or foil wrappings or six-pack beverage holders.
- Cover or tack down electrical cords.



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PLEASE JOIN US • WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your membership in the Yarmouth S.P.C.A. runs from January to December in any calendar year, so all memberships expire in December. To insure that your membership continues, please complete and return this form. As a valued member of the Yarmouth S.P.C.A., we greatly appreciate the support you have shown us in the past and hope that you will renew your membership with us for the up-coming year. We need more members and encourage you to join us!



NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL

Membership renewals are due each January.

Kindly send back this form in order to join or renew. Thank You

Regular Membership - \$15.00

Student Membership - \$5.00

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your cheque payable to **Yarmouth S.P.C.A.**

Yes, I/we wish to become a member(s) for an annual fee of \$15.00 per person.

OR

renew my/our membership for 2010 for a fee of \$15.00 per person.

I would like to make a further donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* We issue tax receipts for all donations \$10.00 or more

*Your donation will help us save animal lives, provide care and treatment of the animals in our shelter, and better inform all members of our community to have respect for all animal life through education and intervention. On behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves - and all those who work daily to protect them...*



Thank You



Please visit our new website at:

[www.yarmouthspca.com](http://www.yarmouthspca.com)

See the top right of the home page for  
Adoptable Pets or go to the Adoption Page

Donate securely on our site by clicking on  
the *Donate Now through Canada Helps* logo



## OUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

WE URGENTLY NEED *NON-CLUMPING CAT LITTER, KITTEN FOOD, CANNED CAT FOOD, CANNED DOG FOOD, PUPPY FOOD, KITTEN MILK, CLEANING SUPPLIES, DOG & KITTY TOYS.*

PLEASE SANTA, CAN YOU BRING US A VAN? OUR 1994 TRUCK HAS ALMOST GIVEN UP. WE'LL NEED TO REPLACE IT BEFORE SPRING. A VAN IS THE BEST VEHICLE FOR US TO TRANSPORT ANIMALS SAFELY AND SECURELY. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*



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**2010  
Calendars  
Only \$5.<sup>00</sup>  
Donation**

We *Thank You* for your continued support!