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Yarmouth SPCA newsletter



President's Message

Yarmouth SPCA becomes a no killing shelter. Let me clarify that point.

"No killing" means we will only euthanize for mercy or excessive aggression. And as staff member Karla Hackett is very skilled at controlling and training aggressive dogs, even that criteria has become a grey area. The bad old days of a dog showing teeth being classed as aggressive are long gone. The dogs have human problems, not the other way around.

Cats pose an altogether different problem; a population problem to be precise. Being no kill means that we will always operate at 100% capacity for felines. It means that we can no longer accept every animal which arrives on our doorstep and we have to come up with new support methods to ensure the health and well-being of the animals. Renata Tweedy, who has joined us as the shelter's Manager, brings a wealth of experience and ideas of how to deal with issues outside of a shelter, such as providing the resources and knowledge necessary to assist an animal in need.

No killing also means a huge and I do mean huge increase in our costs. We expect, based on the first period of no killing, that our vet bills alone are going to quadruple. Our staff are going to be put under immense pressure and the need for good volunteers has never been such a high priority as it is now, for help at the shelter and for fundraising.

Your continued support is necessary to the no killing philosophy and very much appreciated.

Neil Hackett,
President

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AN ACT OF WILL, A MISSION OF MERCY

If you were to stop by the Yarmouth SPCA, you might be greeted at the door by "Will", a resident since the end of March. He's a rough looking fellow with some serious scars and a face some might say only a mother could love. But once you got past the surprise and then perhaps the pity, you couldn't help but see the REAL Will: an easy-going, affectionate fellow who wants nothing more than to curl up on your lap.

You might also have a chance to meet "Mercy". Her beautiful grey coat and her adorable face are an instant draw, and it's not until she stands up that her hard past is evident.

What these two cats have in common is that they both had a front leg amputated since coming into the SPCA's care after being brought in with terrible injuries.

As an organization taking steps toward embodying a "No-Kill" philosophy, seeing pets with special needs in the shelter will become more and more frequent. And with the commitment to never euthanize an animal for space, these pets will have a safe place to stay until they find a forever-home, *no matter how long it takes.*

The expense of providing medical treatment for cats and dogs requiring emergency care will cause new challenges for an organization that relies on the financial support of the community to help pets in need. But the shelter's new manager, Renata Tweedy, is confident that the animal lovers in Yarmouth County will stand behind the SPCA's efforts. "There is no better proof of the SPCA's genuine desire to become a "No-Kill" organization than the presence in the shelter of pets like



Will



Mercy

Will and Mercy, and the commitment to not just saving their lives, but to finding perfect homes for them to spend the rest of their days," says Tweedy. "And that kind of work is worth supporting! It's one of the main reasons why I'm so proud to be a member of the Yarmouth SPCA team." Tweedy joined the shelter staff in

March of this year.

The SPCA has established an "Act of Will, Mission of Mercy" campaign, in honour of its furry namesakes, which will allow supporters to donate funds earmarked for providing emergency veterinary care to special pets. The campaign's opening goal is to raise \$600 to cover the cost of Will and Mercy's amputation surgeries.

Contact the shelter manager at 742-9767 or info@yarmouthspca.com to learn how to contribute to this great cause. Or, better yet, stop by the shelter on Hardscratch Road in Yarmouth to find out more. If you do, be sure to ask to meet Will and Mercy; they would love to say "thanks" for your second chance, made possible by your support!

A Humble Man Leaves A Generous Legacy

Bernard Malcolm Patterson probably considered himself just as an ordinary man. However, those who knew him describe him as "a pillar of society" who supported his community while alive and also took a simple step to ensure his kindness continued long after he was gone.

A native of Tusket, Mr. Patterson served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1943-46. Later, he graduated from New York's Academy of Advanced Traffic and worked as a passenger traffic manager for American Home

Products Corp. in New York. After his father, Sheldon, passed away, he returned to Tusket to support his mother, Alta.

Malcolm Bradshaw, a friend of 30 years, fondly remembers Mr. Patterson's life-long interest in trains, no doubt influenced by the fact his father was Tusket's station master.

An avid reader who enjoyed exercising, Mr. Patterson's humble lifestyle included regular support of charitable causes. He showed by example how even modest support,

applied steadily over a period of time, has a tremendous impact.

In his will, he bequeathed gifts of stock to the Yarmouth SPCA and seven other charitable organizations. We thank and pay tribute to Mr. Patterson's generosity by ensuring his gift helps provide care for the abandoned and needy animals in his community.

Animal Quotable

Until one has loved an animal, a part of ones soul remains unawakened.

Anatole France

Look at these faces

For Adoption Information Please Call

742-9767

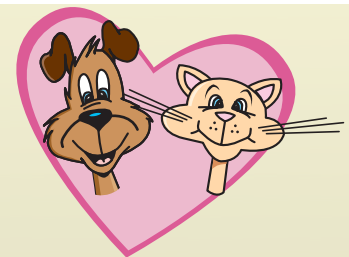


Our Shelter's Wish List

You can make a real difference by providing the following items:

Non-clumping kitty litter
Dog treats and toys
Kitty treats and toys
Powdered kitten and puppy
milk replacement formula
Sheets, blankets and towels

Laundry detergent and dish soap
Bleach
Garbage bags
Paper towels
Office supplies,
(including printer paper)



Your generous donations mean that more of our financial resources can be used for paying/neutering and providing emergency veterinary treatment for pets in need.

Meet Renata Tweedy - Shelter Manager

Renata Tweedy is a native Ontarian that has called Atlantic Canada home for the last decade. Her most recent East Coast address is in Woods Harbour, where she lives with her husband, her two owned cats ("Emma" and "Pajamas"), and an ever-changing collection of foster pets waiting to be adopted into forever-families. It was fostering that first introduced Renata to the animal rescue world; through her continuing involvement with PET Projects, a branch of the Beulah Burman Memorial Animal Shelter Society in Shelburne County, she has seen well over 50 foster cats and kittens adopted from her home. "I've always loved animals, and have always been a vocal advocate for those who are unable to speak for themselves. Fostering combined the two in a way I found incredibly fulfilling. When my first foster cat, Mattie, went to his forever-home and I received an overjoyed report from his new family, I was hooked."

And she hasn't looked back. Through PET Projects, Renata immersed herself in the "No-Kill" revolution, and gained experience in building programs and systems to support the philosophy. After learning that the Nova Scotia SPCA had announced its intentions to take steps towards ending needless euthanizations, Renata accepted the position of Manager at the Yarmouth Branch shelter. "It's my hope that through establishing supporting programs and partnerships with local rescues, the Yarmouth SPCA will lead the way in this province in embodying the "No-Kill" philosophy, and that in the local community "SPCA" will no longer seem synonymous with being the "last resort" in cases of pet homelessness. I want us to be known as a proactive force that will serve to educate the public on animal issues, and to support and resource animal lovers and private rescuers to become a part of the solution." She is also passionate about providing the best possible experience to the



shelter's adoptable pets, and is hard at work developing procedures and protocols that will raise the standard of care. And she admits she's having a lot of fun in the process. "I LOVE going to work every day! Who COULDN'T love working in an environment with such a great staff team, and where playing "fetch" with dogs or having cats sleep on your desk is part of the daily routine? I am truly blessed!"

Email Renata at info@yarmouthspca.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 11
17th Annual
Dog Jog

OCTOBER
30 & 31
Visit us at
Tookie's Craft Sale

DECEMBER 4
Pet Pics
with Santa



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*All donations of \$10.00 or more are tax deductible

Your donation will help us realize our dreams to save more animal lives, to provide better care for the animals in our shelter and to spay and neuter more animals in our community. There are many cats and dogs in our shelter awaiting a loving home. If you cannot consider adoption at this time, please think about sponsoring an animal. Your sponsorship helps offset the cost of veterinary care and food. It also makes the pet much more likely to be adopted, as we reduce the adoption fee by the amount of your gift. You can also make a difference by becoming a foster family, especially for cats and kittens. Please call the shelter (742-9767) and ask for details, if you can help.



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