



WELCOME to the Fall edition of Paw Prints 2010. We hope you enjoy this latest edition. We've used a lot of space this time to reprint an article concerning euthanasia, no kill shelters and the toll euthanasia takes on those people directly involved. Through this article, we hope you understand more the challenges that face our organization each and every day. If you have received this newsletter by mail and have an email address, please let us know what it is. Every 50 cents saved in postage reduces operating costs. Finally, the need for updated Animal Protection laws continues to be a challenge. Individuals can make a difference. You can make a difference. Your help is needed. Please read on.....

More to be Done to Improve the Lives of Animals...

You already know that the Clarenville Area SPCA gives daily care to abandoned, abused and relinquished animals. You also know that considerable effort is given for fundraising activities. You may not be so aware that we also work with the various levels of government to try to update and change the laws of our towns, province and country.

The new "Animal Health and Protection Act" Bill 30 was tabled in the House of Assembly by the Department of Natural Resources on June 15, 2010. The act is certainly a great start and changing of the law is headed in the right direction, however, the issue of tethered animals was not addressed.

Over the past year, several SPCAs in the province including the Clarenville Area SPCA has brought to the attention of the public and the provincial government examples of tethered animals and their sad stories.

Another focus of the Clarenville Area SPCA has been to have communities ban circus performances that use animals. Municipalities have started to pass such legislation. Unfortunately, the new provincial act does not.

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies has launched this year's version of the "Stop Animal Abuse" campaign.

The reality is that in Canada there are people that deliberately cause animals pain and leave animals to starve to death.

Yes, this happens in CANADA...in our communities, in our province and in our country.

Please take a few moments to visit <http://StopAnimalAbuse.ca> to learn more about the changes that are needed to Canada's animal cruelty law, order a decal to display in your window, and send a message to the Federal Justice Minister that we want our laws changed.



2010/2011 SPCA Board Members

In May 2010, the following Board of Directors were elected for the Clarenville Area SPCA. This board, like those in the past, adhere to the Clarenville Area SPCA mission statement and aim.

- Leanne Avery - *President*
- Krista Chatman - *Secretary/Director of Education*
- Vanda Dove - *Director of Volunteer Services*
- Patricia Connolly - *Director of Fundraising*
- Scott Gouling - *Director of Investigations*
- Diane Butler - *Director at Large*
- Victoria Best - *Director at Large*

- Adele Bryant - *Vice President*
- Jayne Fitzgerald - *Treasurer*
- Nancy Avery - *Director of Communications*
- Jewel Pelley - *Director of Shelter Operations*
- Janet Gosse - *Director at Large*
- Kelly Cooper-Beach - *Director at Large*

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect and care for animals that have no other shelter. When possible, we expand our services to include animals whose owners have to relinquish them for one reason or another.

AIM

To educate people to treat animals with the respect and love that they deserve and to encourage people to be responsible pet owners.

Donation



Many thanks to **OMB Parts and Industry Limited, Clarenville** for thinking of the animals during their "Customer Appreciation Day". All funds raised went directly to the SPCA. Thank you for making us your charity of choice!

Animal Ride



The **Gold Wing Road Riders Association** in memory of **Wayne Tucker** hosted a **SPCA Animal Ride**. A great day was had by all and friends were made. Thank you so much!

Please acknowledge the support of our sponsors by supporting their businesses.



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Clareville Day

It was great to meet so many SPCA supporters that dropped by the SPCA booth at Elizabeth Swan Park during the Clareville Day celebrations.

Great fun was had by all!

In the picture below are 3 SPCA board members that helped at the booth. They are: Pat Connolly, Jewel Pelley, and Adele Bryant.



Fundraising

~ Saturday, September 18 ~

PAWS FOR A CAUSE
at St. Jude Hotel, Clareville.

Enjoy a fantastic 3 course meal with wine, local entertainment, prizes, silent auction, and dance.

Call 466-3489 to order your tickets. \$75 each. A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket cost. Quantities are limited.

~ Friday & Sat, September 24 & 25 ~

The SPCA will have a booth in the annual Craft and Trade Show in the Clareville Events Centre. SPCA items will be for sale including the SPCA cookbook.

Drop by for a visit and a chat.

AGM in Sept.

The Provincial SPCA AGM takes place at 2 p.m. **Saturday, September 18** at the Eastern School District, Vista Regional Office, Memorial Drive, Clareville.

All are welcome.

Thanks to everyone for continuing to support your local SPCA. If you bought a ticket, donated an item, came out to our sales, volunteered at the shelter or at a fundraising event...it all counts. The success of our shelter wouldn't be possible without your support.

The "E" Word

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"No matter what the reason, euthanizing an animal is always a very sad thing. Most pet owners have had to make that painful but caring decision to end the lives of their beloved pets peacefully and humanely by their veterinarian when their time has come. Humane societies and SPCAs too often have to make that difficult decision to end animals' lives.

Some of the reasons animals are euthanized at shelters include poor health, temperament, lack of resources including space, and lack of suitable homes. In some cases, animals are euthanized due to overcrowding when shelters have run out of space, foster homes or other resources to care for the animals. Overcrowding threatens the lives of all animals in the shelter due to stress and weakened immune systems, as well as, increased risk of disease transmission, so it must be addressed.

The overpopulation of cats and dogs and the resulting euthanasia of animals in shelters are community issues caused by irresponsible or uninformed pet owners and unscrupulous breeders. Sometimes, humane societies and SPCAs are painted as the villains because they are the ones doing the dirty work. But most of these organizations are underfunded charities bursting at the seams and doing the best they can to care for as many animals as possible with their limited resources. They wish they could save them all and never have to euthanize. The reality is that sometimes there are just too many animals in need and simply no more room.

There are some humane societies and SPCAs that will not euthanize animals

due to space constraints and will keep every animal as long as it takes to find them a home. While this sounds like the perfect solution, there can be concerns with this approach. In most cases, these are limited admission shelters that only take animals in if they have room. This means they sometimes turn away animals in need. It can also mean that animals are kept for years in a shelter environment, which can really take a toll on some animals.

Open admission shelters give every animal a chance. Some may be deemed unadoptable for health or behavioral reasons that cannot be addressed. And with finite space and resources, some animals are euthanized when the shelter is overcrowded and more animals are coming in. The ultimate goal, of course, is to end the euthanasia of healthy and adoptable animals.

The euthanasia of animals in shelters is clearly an animal welfare issue. But it is also a grave human welfare issue for shelter workers. Animal shelter personnel deal with death more than any other profession, including doctors and veterinarians. Nobody takes a job at a humane society, SPCA or other animal shelter because they want to kill animals. They choose to work there because they love animals and want to care for them. How unjust that they must then be somehow involved in euthanizing them. To make matters worse, many shelters lack the resources to use sodium pentobarbital, the preferred method of euthanasia. This puts even greater stress on shelter workers.

The CFHS is currently working on the implementation of a national euthanasia

training and certification program for shelter workers, as well as, developing a program to improve access for shelters to the best euthanasia methods when it is necessary to euthanize. While the goal is to eliminate euthanasia performed for space reasons, there are valid and humane reasons why animals are euthanized in shelters. It is imperative that we provide those individuals doing this difficult task with appropriate training and the best tools available.

Shelter Viewing Hours

Monday to Friday

11 a.m. to 12 noon

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SPCA Cookbook

Many thanx to **Mercer's Marine** for their continued support.

They have been selling the SPCA cookbooks at their store vigorously for many many months. Without their support, our cookbook sales would not be so successful.

Some SPCA cookbooks are still available.

They are \$10 each.

Don't Shop, Please Adopt!