



Summer is around the corner - What does this mean for your pet?

Summer is a great time for animals but we also need to exercise safety precautions.

We all know how dogs love the feeling of their ears flapping in the wind on a warm summer day. This should not be happening from the back of a pick-up truck however! Every year, there are reports of dogs being seriously injured, killed or strangled to death as a result of riding in the back of a truck.

The real heartbreak lies in the fact these deaths are completely preventable if pet owners secured their dogs properly inside the vehicle.

Things to consider -

1. Keep your pet inside the vehicle. Use a secured crate or dog seatbelt to restrain your pet.
2. If you must transport your dog in the box of a pick-up truck, the saf-

est method for transporting your pet is in a secured crate in the center of your truck box.

3. At the very least, tether your dog with a secure and short leash to ensure safety from strangulation and death.

In a crash, pets become flying objects and can cause serious injury to themselves and to others. According to the BC SPCA, a 50 lb pet, when traveling at speeds of 50 km/hr, has the weight of approximately one ton.

Another concern in the summer is heat stroke as a result of leaving your pet in a car. Just 10 minutes on a hot summer day can be enough to have an impact on your pet's health. A bowl of water and lowered windows can help temporarily but your animal can suffer a heat stroke in a short period of time. If the temperature is

above 30 degrees or if you find the weather hot, leave your pets at home. It's not worth the risk.

Early signs of heat stroke include intense rapid panting, wide eyes, salivating, staggering, rapid heart rate, dull greyish-pink or bright brick red gums. If you think your dog is suffering from heat stroke, place your pet in a tub of cool (not cold) running water or spray with a hose, ensuring the water makes contact with the skin. Thoroughly wet the belly and inside the legs. You'll want to get the temperature to 39.5 or 40 degrees followed by veterinary attention immediately. See www.stjohnsvethospital.com for more information on animal first aid.

We hope these suggestions will help in celebrating a safe summer!

Below are the statistics for the Gladys Groves-Copeland Animal shelter for 2009. Each day a lot of hard work goes into caring for the animals in the Clarenville and Area shelter. This includes meeting with potential families, raising money for the shelter, organizing fund raisers, feeding the animals, walking the dogs, trips to the vet, and the list goes on and on. Please encourage friends and family that do not spay or neuter their pets, to do so.

Shelter Statistics - 2009

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Resident, Dec 31/08	46	13	59
Admitted to Shelter	308	169	477
Claimed by Owner	10	13	23
Adopted	173	140	313
Euthanized	140*	6	146
Released to Rescue	0	10*	10
Unexplained deaths	2	0	2
Resident in Dec31/09	27	15	42

* 121 sick or wild cats / 19 adoptable cats



Summer Students

The SPCA will again this year be hiring summer students to work in the shelter.

If you ...

- ...are a high school student,
- ...have a love for animals, and
- ...want a summer job,

please mail or email your resume to the shelter.



SPCA Cookbook

The cookbook is still available and chocked full of tasty recipes for yourself and your furry friends!

They're only \$10 each.

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.

Many Thanks...

...to Tim Horton's for selecting the SPCA as their charity of choice for the annual smile cookie sale! They raised \$1500 for the SPCA!

...to the students of Catalina Elementary for their "Pennies for Puppies" fundraiser...\$315 is a lot of pennies!

...to the various student groups in the region that drop by with donations of pet food. Some event help clean the shelter and walk the dogs...all much appreciated!



Paw Prints

Fundraising Updates

Fall Sale

As usual, our fall sale was an outstanding success. There wasn't much space left available at the Stadium...a good complaint!

Christmas Bake Sale

Boy did that stuff go fast! Big thanks to the bakers and knitters for stocking our tables.

Christmas Ticket Sweep

Roxanne Rex of Trinity East was the lucky winner of the \$1000 cash prize from our annual Christmas Ticket Sweep. It continues to be a great fundraiser!

Cans for Critters

You've all seen the little ceramic cats peppered at stores in the Clarendville region. Well, we're happy to report we raised almost \$6700 from those little kitties! Thanks to everyone for donating your spare change...every bit counts!

Spring Sale

The annual Spring Sale takes place **SUNDAY, May 2nd** in the new Clarendville Events Centre at 10 a.m.

NOTE: \$2 entry fee.

If you have items to donate, please call the shelter to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

NEW THIS YEAR - tables will be available for \$30 each to local crafters interested in selling their own goods. Call the shelter for more details.



AGM in May

Our AGM will be held May 26th at the Sobey's Community Room.

New board members are required. If you are interested or know someone that is, please contact us.



Lacey's New Life



A report was filed with the SPCA regarding a dog, Lacey, and two young pups forever chained to a dog house. The SPCA removed poor Lacey and her two pups, very thin and dirty dogs, from an old, tiny dog house. The two pups found homes and Lacey stayed at the shelter for a few months. As a result of living outside and chained to a dog house, she was a very difficult dog to handle.



She was eventually adopted out to a wonderful family that loved her unconditionally. They were very patient and tolerant through all the destruction she inflicted on furniture, truck interiors and too many other things to mention! Her family did not give up on her, they worked with Lacey continuously, exhibiting large amounts of training, patience and most of all, love.

Lacey went from being chained on and living outside all day, everyday, to staying in the house with the families two cats and has only had minor issues with pillows and a chesterfield skirt!

Her new owners are happy to report she is very well, loved, spoiled beyond redemption and they don't know what they'd do without her! What a great ending to an otherwise sad story.

Town Council Donation



The employees of the Town of Clarendville recently donated \$1300 from a 50/50 ticket draw. Thanks for making us your charity of choice!

Christmas at the Shelter



Our supporters certainly didn't forget about the animals at the shelter this Christmas! Our baskets overflowed almost daily! Many thanks for including us on your Christmas lists.

Don't Shop, Please Adopt!