

# Paw Prints



**HELLO AGAIN to all animal lovers and supporters of the Clareville Area SPCA!**

**This summer has been a flurry of activity for the many volunteers who give of their time to the SPCA. Various fundraisers have taken place; and, as well, our shelter has received a much-needed facelift. Many animals have found refuge at the shelter, and most were fortunate in finding loving homes. We invite you to read on...😊😊**

## Shelter Update

Visitors to the shelter this fall are in for a huge surprise---after two months of renovating, the shelter has received a well-deserved facelift!

After admiring the improvements to the outside (new ramp and railings, raised planting beds, shutters and window boxes), you are invited to step into the newly tiled entrance and take a walk through the freshly painted shelter.

Both the foyer and office are sporting bright new paint and window blinds. New storage cabinets have been placed in the office; a display cabinet has been built in the hallway to showcase SPCA clothing and other sale merchandise and new shelving has been constructed for the laundry area and janitor's room. Both kitchens have had all their cabinetry painted and fitted with new hardware.

The feline residents are enjoying new windows in their rooms, freshly painted outdoor runs, and new ramps. Of course, and for their utmost comfort, all of the furniture in these rooms has been repaired and painted.

There are no complaints from the dogs either! Their area has been totally refurbished with brightly coloured paint and a new epoxy floor, while the inside dog room has been fitted with four new pens. Dog fencing around some of the outside runs have been upgraded and new sunshades have been ordered to keep the animals comfortable on sunny days. There are now nine outside dog runs plus a huge exercise yard.

These enhancements will serve to lighten the workload for employees and volunteers and provide increased accommodation and comfort for the animals. Many

thanks go to Service Canada for helping with the funding for this project.

### New Shelter Employee

Please help welcome Pam Peddle, who has been hired as the second shelter coordinator. This addition to the staff was necessitated by the increased traffic, both coming through the shelter and via telephone and e-mail, over the last few years. The bonus with two employees is the increased viewing hours (Monday – Saturday) and also the reduction in workload for weekend and evening volunteers. Pam joins Tina Peddle, who has been working at the shelter since 2005.

Go to:  
[www.clarevilleareaspca.ca](http://www.clarevilleareaspca.ca)  
for daily updates on new animals available for adoption and also animals that have found their forever homes.

**Animal Circuses Banned...** On August 7, 2007 the Town Council of Clareville passed a motion to ban animal circuses from town facilities. The Town of Clareville has, in our opinion, made a wise decision.

## Chico - 10 years old and finally happy!

Chico is a 10-year-old neutered male Samoyed Husky that was relinquished to the SPCA as a result of an investigation. Chico was being kept outside in a small pen and was severely matted and dirty. He was suffering from one of the worst ear infections ever seen by the SPCA investigators, and his toenails had grown so long that some of them had actually curled around twice. This made walking very difficult, and he would stumble and fall very easily.

A family found it in their hearts to adopt a senior dog and to care for him unconditionally. Chico was adopted in July of 2007, and his new mom has been sending updates since then. They are posted under "Success Stories" on our website. Here are quotes from updates that she has sent...

*"It is a month today that Chico started his new life...even our neighbours comment daily on how well he is coming along, I never thought he would get to the point he is now, he is nearly up to walking a mile with my husband in the mornings...that saggy skin by his hind legs has tightened 50 percent, he has never had a poopie accident in the house, its been a week since we've had a pee accident, his ears are cleared up, he still doesn't hear so well, we're working on the skin infection, when he walks now, he prances with his head held high, not like the first day we took him, you had to nearly drag him, with his head hung low... my only regret in all this is his age, I really wish he was younger so we would have more time with him, that he would have more time enjoying the life he has now, anyway, his golden years are going to be his best..... To anyone out there that has second thoughts about*

*adopting a senior dog, please don't, cute puppies are great, but one day they will be the senior dog. At 10 (years of age) Chico's time with us might not be as long as we would like, but it will be his best time. I think every dog, senior or puppy deserves that."*



**Chico one month after finding his new home. What a happy looking dog!**

## Mark Your Calendars!

### ✓ October 27 - Annual Fall Garage Sale

#### Lions Den in Clarendville

Doors open at 11 am. As in other years, a lunch of soup or chili, a roll, tea or coffee and sweets will be served. The bake table will be set up as well.

### ✓ November 29 - Craft and Bake Sale

#### Random Square Mall, Clarendville

Sales starts at 10 am. Baked goods, craft items, new SPCA t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies will be on sale plus dog and cat tree ornaments. A great place to get some of your Christmas gifts!

*If you would like to donate to either of these sales, please email or call the shelter. Popular baked items include fruitcakes, loaves, fancy cookies and squares, fudge, and preserves. Used articles include furniture, household items, tools, children's games and toys, books...really, anything of value EXCEPT clothing. Items can be dropped off at the shelter prior to the sales, or call 466-3489 for alternate drop off or pick up times and locations.*

### ✓ Annual Christmas Ticket Sweep

Tickets are currently being sold by many of our volunteers and can also be purchased from the shelter, Nancy's Pet Boutique, Mercer's Marine, Clarendville Irving or the Community Veterinary Hospital. The winning ticket for a cash prize of \$1000 will be drawn on December 18. If you are willing to sell tickets, please call the shelter.

### ✓ October 4

#### World Animal Day

This is a day which marks the significant improvements that have taken place in animal welfare. World Animal Day also serves to highlight the ways we can change our behaviour so that animals can live on this planet without fear, neglect, abuse, etc. To learn more about animal care or to find out how you and your family or school can become more involved, check out their web site at [www.worldanimalday.org.uk](http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk).

## Community Support

While the SPCA as a group spends a lot of energy fundraising, we have always been fortunate to receive considerable assistance from other groups and individuals.

Honourable mention goes to George Rogers and his late wife Marg for their unwavering support over the years. Again this winter, George was busy in his workshop crafting a wooden wall clock and quilt rack. Both these items were donated to the SPCA along with an afghan knitted by Marg. Tickets sold on this

prize package raised \$838, bringing their total contribution over the years to the SPCA to more than \$3500!

In April, Adele Bryant organized a Goods Bingo in Princeton, donating the proceeds of \$1,035 to the Spay and Neuter Fund. Your hard work was certainly appreciated, Adele!

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's Tour de Rock roared (OK, peddled) through Clarendville this June, stopping just long enough to host a car wash and

BBQ with the proceeds, \$990, going to the SPCA. Thanks to Doug Snelgrove and his enthusiastic team of cyclists for their help.

The SPCA were also recipients of a cheque for \$1,500, courtesy of the 50/50 draw sponsored each week by the Clarendville Area Consumers Co-op and Clarendville Lion's Club.

## Education Update

After a long vacancy, the SPCA is fortunate to have a new Director of Education. This is a volunteer position that Leanne Avery of Clarendville has recently accepted. She is seeking suggestions from you on ideas and ways she can work with schools, groups and individuals to education people on the needs and care of animals. Please send your comments to the attention of Leanne by email at [spsaclarendville@nf.aibn.com](mailto:spsaclarendville@nf.aibn.com).

### Winter Pet Care Tips!

With winter just around the corner, please be sure you are educated on the ways our pets remain warm and healthy. Please pass these suggestions on to others...

**Housing:** It is best to keep pets indoors during the winter months, but if this is not possible, outdoor pets must be provided with proper shelter. Homes should be elevated off the ground to prevent moisture accumulation and have a door of some kind to keep out winter winds, sleet and snow. Homes should also be insulated or heated.

**Food and Water** must be available to the outdoor pet at all times. Frozen water does not count as available water. Outdoor pets also require extra calories, so feed your pet increased portions during the winter months. Indoor pets should have a warm, draft-free sleeping area that is slightly elevated off the floor. In severe cold weather or inclement weather, no pet should be kept outside. Like humans, pets can get frostbite.

**Snow and Salt** should be removed from pets paws immediately. Snow removal products should be kept out of reach of pets (and small children) since they can be toxic.

**Roaming cats,** house pets, or other wildlife may climb onto vehicle engines for warmth during cold weather. Be sure to check under the hood before starting your vehicle, or honk to startle any animals seeking shelter there.

**SPCA Clothing:** Adult and youth t-shirts, hoodies, and sweatshirts with the new SPCA logo are on sale at the shelter and will be at the fall sale and bake sale. The clothing is available in navy blue, grey mix, nantucket red, and slate blue from sizes small to xx large. The clothing will soon be available through the web site at <http://www.clarendvilleareaspca.ca>

Thank you again for all your support.  
Have a safe and happy winter!