



HELLO AGAIN to all animal lovers and supporters of the Clareville Area SPCA! The SPCA continues to do everything possible to ensure shelter animals find good loving homes. The efforts of one of our volunteers simply could not go unnoticed. Please read on to find out more. The 2007 shelter statistics also speak to the commitment of the shelter workers and volunteers, and to a job well done! Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations Anne Marie!

In January, the International Fund for Animal Welfare Canada (IFAW) presented Anne Marie Brown with the 2007 Animal Action Award for her passion and dedication as a volunteer with the Clareville Area SPCA. Anne Marie has been a volunteer for the past 15 years and in recent years has held the position of Director of Shelter Operations.

Never one to rest, Anne Marie knew that there was one need that still wasn't being met. This year she decided to start a new rescue group (Bird and Small Animal Rescue) to look

after the birds and smaller critters that often came our way. It is currently being operated from her home, utilizing foster homes when necessary.

A small fee is required when relinquishing a pet in order to help the Rescue feed and care for the animal.

If space is not available, the Rescue can still help by posting the animal on the SPCA website and at www.envision.ca/web/smallanimalrescue/

The Rescue needs used cages for small animals. If you have a suitable one that you are able to donate or if



Anne Marie with IFAW Director Olivier Bonnett, former shelter dog Sheeba, and her award.

you would like to become a small critter volunteer, please let Anne Marie know by phone at 467-4301.

Shelter Statistics (2007)

Over the years, the hard work and dedication of the shelter staff and volunteers have made all the difference in the ability to help animals. Shelter staff and volunteers do their utmost to find solutions for animals that are older or that need medical care – euthanasia is always a last resort. Now, we are proud to say that we have become a “low-kill” shelter. With the continuing assistance of our supporters, who adopt pets from us and make financial contributions for those animals with special needs, we will strive to continue along this path. Below are the shelter statistics for 2007.

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Resident, Dec 31/06	17	13	-	30
Admitted to Shelter	264	188	9	461
Claimed by Owner	9	21	-	30
Adopted	162	130	9	301
Euthanized	80*	1**	-	81
Released to Rescue	2	36	-	38
Resident in Dec/07	26***	13	-	39

* 67 sick or wild cats/13 adoptable cats

** 1 old or sick dog

*** 1 kitten died at the shelter/1 cat went missing from the shelter and found in 2008.

Mr. Buddy Needs a Loving Home

Go to:
www.clarevilleareaspca.ca
for daily updates on new
animals available for
adoption and also animals
that have found their
forever homes.



Mr. Buddy really deserves a great home because he is a great dog. Everyone at the shelter has fallen in love with this goofy guy. They think it is time this beautiful dog was given a good home. If you would like to have Mr. Buddy for your new best friend, please drop by the shelter. Mr. Buddy is shown in the picture enjoying time with one of the SPCA Directors, Wayne Holloway.



Education Corner - Pesky Ear Mites

Ear mites are a problem both cats and dogs experience, and these are the warning signs:

- ✓ excessive and persistent scratching around the ears;
- ✓ head shaking;
- ✓ restless behaviour;
- ✓ the ears are painful to the touch and the pet may cry out in pain;
- ✓ brown material present in the ears;
- ✓ a foul-smelling odour.

The villain is ear mites, tiny parasites that live on the surface of the skin lining in the ear canal.

Ear mites pierce the skin surface to feed, causing inflammation and discomfort. If left untreated, bacterial infections and loss of hearing may result.

Puppies and kittens can acquire an ear mite infection from their mother. Ear mites can be transmitted from one household pet to another. If ear mites are present in a multiple-pet household or a kennel or cattery, it is likely that if one animal is treated, the mites will move to another resident. The best preventive measure is to treat all residents.

Dogs with long, floppy ears are more prone to ear mite infections. Air movement is restricted, promoting infection and bacterial growth. When a dog shakes its head excessively, blood vessels may rupture and soft swellings form on the ear flap. Immediate treatment is needed to avoid pain to the dog and possible ear deformity.

If you suspect that your pet has ear mites, contact your vet for relatively inexpensive treatment.

**** Important Notice ****

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Clarendville Area SPCA will be held
Wednesday, May 21.

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm in the meeting room located at Sobey's, Random Square Mall, Clarendville.

We are in desperate need of new members for the board.

Everyone is welcome.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

The SPCA is seeking funding again this year through the federal and provincial summer job programs.

Students wishing to obtain summer employment at the shelter should watch for our advertisement at the Student Employment Centre.

Shelter Viewing Hours

Monday to Friday
11 a.m. to 12 noon
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday
By appointment only

A Great Idea



What does a young girl's birthday party have to do with the SPCA?

A whole bunch actually!

Mackenzie Dove turned 12 years old this past February and instead of a conventional birthday party, she wanted to host a party and instead of gifts for herself, she requested donations for the SPCA.

As you can see by the picture, she had a phenomenal turnout.

I HAVE DONE SOMETHING

I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter;
the cast-offs of human society.

I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness, and
betrayal. And I was angry.

"God," I said, "this is terrible! Why don't you do something?"

God was silent for a moment, and then spoke softly,
"I have done something," was the reply. "I created you."





Clarenville Area SPCA

Fundraising Information, Spring 2008

Fundraising Recap

The Fall Garage and Bake Sale held in October, once again attracted enough merchandise to fill the hall and part of the parking lot. There were lots of household goods and furniture to choose from and some wonderful baked goods. The meal, as always, was delicious!

The support for the SPCA continues to grow as evidenced by the number of people that visited our sale – as usual, there was a lineup before the doors opened!

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this sale. Volunteers trucked items from storage to the Lions Den, arranged and priced the

goods, made soup, served lunches, sold tickets, checked and bagged the goods, and cleaned up after the sale. A great effort for a wonderful cause!

In late November, the Christmas Bake and Craft Sale enjoyed great success as our supporters came out in droves to purchase baked goodies and Christmas presents for their favorite pets.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason Matthews of Grand Bank, this year's winner of the Christmas Stocking Ticket Sweep. Many thanks to the businesses who contributed to the \$1,000 cash prize and, of course, the many supporters who sold the tickets.



SPCA Merchandise Makes Great Gifts

Ways to Help the SPCA

- ~ Donate your Canadian Tire Money.
- ~ Donate your Sobey's receipts.
- ~ Buy a ticket.
- ~ Sell tickets.
- ~ Walk a Dog at the shelter.
- ~ Cuddle a kitten at the shelter.

Adult and youth t-shirts, hoodies, and sweatshirts bearing the new SPCA logo are currently on sale at the shelter, ranging in price from \$18 to \$41. T-shirts and sweatshirts are available in Nantucket Red and Slate Blue; hoodies come in Navy and Grey Mix. The clothing is also available through the website at www.clarenvilleareaspc.ca.

The shelter also has pet treat bags, leashes, collars and dog coats for sale.



SPCA Merchandise Make Great Gifts!

Upcoming Fundraising Events



Please post this sheet on your fridge or wall to remind yourself of upcoming events .

Saturday, May 10

Spring Garage and Bake Sale

Please mark **Saturday, May 10**, on your calendar - our warehouse is full, and everything must go! The doors of the **Lions Den** in Clarendville will open as usual at **11 a.m.**

There's something for everyone at this event - furniture, household goods, books, toys, CD's, movies, etc. The bake table will entice with its yummy baked goods and preserves; and a lunch of soup or chili, cookies, and tea/coffee will be served.

If you have items to donate that are in good condition, please call the shelter at 466-3489 or email: spsaclarendville@nf.aibn.com. No clothing, bedding or shoes please!

Ticket Sale

The SPCA is really excited about the ticket prize this year. Tickets will soon be distributed to volunteers to sell on the **Caribou and Moose Hair Tufting** work of art pictured below. The winning ticket will be drawn during the Clarendville Day celebrations in July.



The picture is titled **Two Moose**. It is 22 X 34 inches in size, and is appraised at over \$4,000! It was made and donated to the SPCA by Derrick Hewitt. Thank you Derrick!

If you would like to sell tickets, please contact the shelter. Tickets will be on sale at the shelter, Nancy's Pet Boutique, and various other stores in the area.

Sunday, June 8

Walk for the Animals

The annual walk will take place at **Elizabeth Swan Park**, Clarendville on **Sunday, June 8**, at **7 p.m.** Please note that it will be an evening event this year.

June is a wonderful time of year for supporters of the SPCA to get together for some great exercise while raising funds for our shelter. Many families of adopted shelter animals tend to participate and bring along their pets. As you can imagine, there is a lot of tail wagging and barking before, during, and after the walk. In the past, a cat or two has also been known to participate!

Refreshments will be provided, and there will be treats for the four-legged participants as well.

A sponsor sheet is attached. Hope to see you there!

The Biggest Loser - Ongoing

The Biggest Loser is a new fundraiser that started in January of this year. The objectives are to lose weight and become healthier while raising funds through pledges for the SPCA. Participants have weekly weigh-ins, with the last one taking place during the Clarendville Days celebrations in July. There is no fee to join.

Ongoing registration and weigh-ins take place at the Global Gym, 9 Blackmore Avenue, Clarendville, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Currently, there are 12 participants, but new members are always welcome.

For more information or to join the Biggest Loser, please contact the shelter at 466-3489 or by e-mail at spsaclarendville@nf.aibn.com.

