



SPCA Celebrating 20 Years!!



Twenty years ago a small group of people came together to discuss the need to provide care to abandoned, abused and stray animals of the Clarenville Region.

It was during these early years that the annual Fall and Spring sales were established. These fundraisers have continued with many of the same volunteers still helping.

Times have changed and the general attitude towards animal welfare has certainly improved; but, unfortunately, there is still much to do.

This small group started an answering machine service and took turns answering the many calls from the general public who had concerns over stray cats and dogs, abandoned and/or abused pets. They took on the task of raising money to support the costs associated with caring for the animals and opened their homes to provide foster care.

Along the way, enough funds were raised to build the Clarenville Area SPCA shelter. More volunteers came forward to do daily shelter duty, care for the animals, and the countless day-to-day activities required.

With the continued help of the many volunteers that have contributed to this effort, we anticipate many more years of success in educating people on the care of animals and in providing care to the animals that need it most.

Several of these same volunteers took the necessary training and became Special Constables so they could investigate the reports of abuse. Some wrote educational pieces to "The Packet," and visited schools. They brought the animals to and from the vet clinic as required. More volunteers came forward to bake and sew and cook for the many fund raisers.

Ms. Gladys Groves-Copeland recognized the efforts of the SPCA and began providing financial support. Her foundation continues to do so each year. To recognize her contributions, the shelter was renamed the "Gladys Groves-Copeland Animal Shelter".

If you are one of the many volunteers that have contributed in any way to the SPCA, you are one of the reasons the organization remains successful.

Her contributions enabled paid staff to be hired and along with volunteers, the main goals of 20 years ago are being better met today.

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!

The First Success Story



Twenty years ago on May 24th weekend, a young cat was found in the Deep Bight dump. She had been left in the dump to somehow survive.

The newly formed SPCA took her and one of the volunteers brought her home to provide foster care for the weekend. The kitten that came for the weekend stayed until her untimely death many years later. With adequate food, water and loving care, this little cat shed her tattered brown fur and she grew a black luscious coat that forever shined. During her life, Brownie welcomed other strays that her human companions brought home and later meowed, fussed, and worried over the human babies she had to share her home with! She always remained a lady.

Brownie was the first animal to come into the care of the Clarenville Area SPCA and the first success story.

In 20 years, there have been hundreds if not thousands of success stories. It has been the volunteers and shelter workers that have made the success stories happen. On behalf of Brownie, the little cat left in a dump, we thank you for helping. 😊

Summer Students

A thank you to summer students Victoria Best, Alexandra van der Linde, and Andrew Avery for working in the shelter this past summer.

The hiring of summer students gives the regular evening shelter volunteers the summer off. It also allows staff to take summer vacation.

Along with many other duties, the students ensured the dogs were able to cool off in Shoal Harbour river during those hot summer days. Good job!

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

WANTED IMMEDIATELY!!

Shelter Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to clean the shelter on a weekly basis or as an alternate when the regular shelter volunteers are unavailable.

To express your interest, please call the SPCA at

466-3489 or

email at:

spcaclarenville@nf.aibn.com

Paw Prints



Cans for Critters—World Animal Day - October 4



SPCA supporters very generously donate food to the shelter all the time. Each bag or tin of food donated is a cost we don't incur and this keeps the cost of food down.

This past year, although donations of bagged cat and dog food has continued, the donations of canned food has decreased. This resulted in an increase in the yearly food bill of over \$2,000!

To highlight the need for canned food, a "Cans for Critters" food drive will be held in celebration of World Animal Day.

To aid the shelter, we will be asking all 15 schools within the Vista Region of the Eastern School District to participate in this cause.

Students are encouraged to bring a can(s) of pet food to school to donate to the SPCA. A representative of the SPCA will visit the participating schools for an official presentation of the goods.

We hope that organizing something of this nature will encourage everybody to use this special day to commemorate their love and respect for animals by doing something special to highlight the importance of animals in the world.

To learn more about animal care or to find out how you and your family or school can become more involved, check out the World Animal Day web site at www.worldanimalday.org.uk.

Please remember World Animal Day is a day of celebration for anyone in the world who cares about animals and it gives us the opportunity to show how thankful we are for the way in which animals enrich our lives.



Mark Your Calendars!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CRAFT AND HOME SHOW

Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4
Clarenville Stadium

This is the first year that the SPCA will take part in this event. A booth will be set up to educate people about the SPCA, the needs of animals, and to sell merchandise. Tickets on the Christmas draw of \$1000 will also be sold at the booth. See you there!

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### FALL GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

October 25, 2008 at 10 a.m.  
Lion's Club, Clarenville

This event always has something for everyone: furniture, household goods, books, toys, CD's, movies and sometimes even a kitchen sink! The bake table is always yummy and a lunch of soup or chili, cookies, and tea/coffee will be served.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 10 a.m.  
Random Square Mall

SPCA volunteers are fantastic bakers and the items don't last long. It's a great time to get some Christmas goodies.

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CHRISTMAS TICKET SALE

Draw Date: Friday, December 19

Tickets will soon be sold by volunteers and can also be purchased from the shelter, Nancy's Pet Boutique, Mercer's Marine, Clarenville Irving or the Community Veterinary Hospital. Cash prize is \$1000.

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*If you have items to donate to the October 25 or December 4 sales, or if you would like to sell tickets on the December 19 draw, please call the shelter at 466-3489 or email [spaclarenville@nf.aibn.com](mailto:spaclarenville@nf.aibn.com).*

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## Scooby is looking for a home.



Scooby is a sweet mixed breed who looks like a cross between a Labrador Retriever and an English Setter (has orange freckles). He is between 4 and 5 years old, about 80 lbs, in good health and is neutered. Scooby is very friendly.

While under the care of Heavenly Creatures he stayed at a boarding kennel where he got along great with his canine friends. Scooby knows some basic commands and can sit and give his paw. He enjoys a walk, but he needs to learn a few manners on the leash - he is very strong! While Scooby is doing well at the shelter, a guy this sweet deserves a home of his own. If you are interested in meeting him, please call the shelter at 709-466-3489.

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Congratulations to Melanie Dyke of Bonavista. Melanie won the Caribou and Moose Hair Tufting work of art valued at \$4,000 that was donated to the SPCA by Derrick Hewitt.

Melanie's name was drawn at the Clarenville Day celebrations on July 23, 2008.