

# Paw Prints



## Hello SPCA Supporters! ☺

We hope that you enjoyed your summer and the beautiful weather that managed to come our way .

The SPCA shelter was extremely busy again this summer. Four students were hired under various funding programs to help with care of the animals. The students gave the shelter volunteers a summer break and the full time workers vacation time.

The care of abandoned, abused and stray animals continues. Please read on to find out more. As well, the Director of Fundraising continues to organize great events to generate income for the SPCA. If you have an article, poem or story you would like to submit for the newsletter, please send it along to the shelter. Take care and we hope to see you at some of upcoming events!

### Animal News

This summer 2 kittens were found abandoned in a dump outside of Clarenville. The kittens were covered in dirt, soot and ash. A mother cat took the kittens as her own and the kittens were subsequently adopted. Around the same time, three newborn kittens were found in a sock near Bonavista on a beach. These kittens were also taken over by a mother cat and were adopted to loving homes. Such ways of getting rid of unwanted kittens are no longer tolerated...it is inhumane and illegal. Both surrogate mothers have since been spayed.

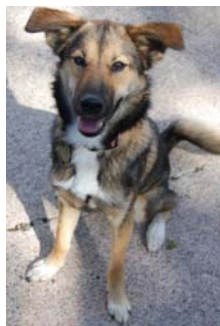
The Town of Clarenville has adopted a policy on the "*Use of Animals for Entertainment*". In 2007, long time SPCA supporter and animal advocate Vanda Dove started to lobby town councillors when she heard that the animal circus was coming to town. After that circus performance, the town council finally agreed to not allow such events in the future to be booked by the Clarenville Area Recreation Association (CARA) but they did not pass it as policy.

At the same time, the SPCA posted a notice on our web site asking people to contact the town council to express their

concerns regarding animal circus events and individual citizens lobbied the town council. These actions helped to finally have this policy in place in 2009. The SPCA is *thrilled to bits* about the policy and hopes other town councils will follow the example of the Town of Clarenville.



**Good news for the animals....**The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has initiated a consultation process to consolidate and update existing animal health and protection legislation with the intent of introducing a new Animal Health and Protection Act. The Clarenville Area SPCA is working with the provincial SPCA to ensure that our voices and those of the animals are heard and hopefully it will be reflected into law.



**Josh needs a home.....**sadly, Josh is back at the shelter. It didn't work out with his last family. They loved him dearly but was not able to houstrain him.

Josh, pictured to the left, is a 1 year old neutered male dog that is fully vaccinated and micro chipped. Josh is a very sweet dog. Once Josh finds a new family to adopt him, the shelter workers feel that Josh should be introduced to a training kennel right from the start. This way he can get started on the right path to becoming a fully houstrained member of the family. Please consider making Josh a new member of your family!

## Upcoming SPCA Fundraising Events

### FALL SALE

The annual Clarenville Area SPCA Fall Sale takes place **SUNDAY, October 25** in the Clarenville Stadium at 10 a.m. As usual, there will be something for everyone.

**NOTE:** There is an entry fee of a can of pet food or **\$2.00** per person.

If you have items to donate, please call the shelter.

### COINS FOR CRITTERS

The SPCA is seeking stray coins currently hiding or lost in your couch, office, purse or washing machine!

All coins raised go directly to the neutering/spaying and other medical expenses of the shelter animals.

Please drop your coins off at the shelter, the ceramic cats located at retail outlets in the region, or call the shelter for pickup.

### SPCA COOKBOOK

The cookbook is published! The books are very attractive and the recipes are great!

Books are only \$10 each and make great Christmas gifts.

They will be available at the Fall Sale or please call or drop by the shelter to get yours today!

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## 2009/2010 Board of Directors

The Annual General Meeting of the Clarenville Area SPCA took place May 20, 2009. Listed below is the Executive and Board of Directors for 2009/2010.

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| ~ President - Paul Dove                         | ~ Director of Fundraising - Jewel Pelley      |
| ~ Secretary - Stephanie Tilley                  | ~ Director of Education - Krista Chatman      |
| ~ Vice President - Leanne Avery                 | ~ Director of Investigations - Wayne Holloway |
| ~ Treasurer - Jayme Fitzgerald                  | ~ Director at Large - Patricia Connolly       |
| ~ Dir. of Communications - Nancy Avery          | ~ Director at Large - Dianne Butler           |
| ~ Dir. of Volunteer Resources - Janet Gosse     | ~ Director at Large - Scott Gouling           |
| ~ Dir. of Shelter Operations - Anne Marie Brown | ~ Director at Large - Adele Bryant            |

### Help keep mailing costs down.

If you currently receive this newsletter by mail and you have an active email address, please let us know your email address.

Our email supporters received several emails from us each year with reminders of fundraising events and when the newsletter is ready.

By using email, the cost of the newsletter has been reduced by several hundred dollars yearly.



Things to know about cats:

- There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.
- Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.
- In a cat's eye, all things belong to a cat.
- Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are god.

### 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

