

# ALL PAWS RESCUE NEWSLETTER!

### SAVING ANIMALS, ONE LIFE AT A TIME

### **SEPTEMBER 2016**



Thoughts from Michelle, our Founder:

Three years ago I would have never thought I'd be sitting down writing a piece for my Rescues monthly newsletter, how amazing is this! I started off with a few volunteers, a couple of members and no team to back me up and I often think, how did this happen? How did I go from having nothing, to this!

When I sit and think about what we have accomplished and in so little time it blows my mind. <u>ALL PAWS RESCUE</u> has grown into something beautiful, with an amazing group of team leads, volunteers, donors, fosters, support of 7 Pet Valu stores and almost 4,500 Facebook members.

We have rescued over 500 animals in just 3 years and I cannot even express into words how happy that makes me, so thank you to everyone that supports me and my dreams. I wake up everyday with so much joy in my heart and I have all of you to thank.

We have had a rough time this past month, as we were faced with a number of urgent medical emergencies that left us all heartbroken at animal lives lost and scared as our vet bills were through the roof. Thankfully we work with an amazing Vet Clinic in Brampton, <u>The Cat Hospital</u>. Dr. Kendra Long, Nic and vet tech Sarah have been by our side every step of the way. We do our best to help as many animals as we can, especially the sick and abandoned ones and I am so thankful we get to work with compassionate and loving people like them.

I am so happy to announce that we are in the process of becoming a **Registered Non-profit organization**! This is a big step for our organization. My goal one day is to have a beautiful animal sanctuary, where we can not only save cats and dogs, but pigs and cows too! Well who am I kidding, any animal that needs saving, ALL PAWS RESCUE will be there to help :)

I cant wait to continue this journey with all of you!

Visit our website: AllPawsRescue.ca



"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him."



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All Paws Rescue Fundraiser—Georgetown location Prepayment necessary to book your appointment time. Limited spaces available, book early! Email - supplies@allpawsrescue.ca or contact Amanda via pm on Facebook. Tattoo Artist—Jason Riedel Needle

Generously donating his time and skill to help us help the animals! \$40 1" x 1" or \$100 2.5" x 2.5" - 40 images available or pre-select your own

LOTTO 649 FUNDRAISER GAME! We launched this game in August and it has proven to be a great success. Choose your #'s and play along. Our first winner took home \$335! Contact Erin Schreader @ All Paws Lotto Fundraiser Group or email @ Erin.schreader83@gmail.com to be a part of this fun game that also benefits our Rescue. Thank you to all our players!





### **ALL PAWS SWAG**

This 16oz travel cup with straw is now available. This item is a quality product and proudly shows your support of the work we all do. :) Available now for a donation of

\$15!



Look for our new flag at our next event! You'll know where to find us when you spot this 12ft beauty flying proudly.

Thank you to our flag sponsors for this generous donation.



Launched in August! Our new sister site, The Pawsitively Purrfect Online Garage Sale is a year round initiative that offers items for sale. All items are donated to All Paws Rescue and 100% of the money raised from these purchases goes directly to help our animals Come

and check out the variety of items up for sale, you never know when your next must have treasure will be posted! Thank you everyone for your generous donations and for shopping along with us.

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FUN FOR THE ENTIRE

ALL PAWS RESCUE

ADOPT-A-THON

"SAVING ONE ANIMAL MAY NOT CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT SURELY FOR THAT ONE ANIMAL, THE WORLD WILL CHANGE FOREVER."

DATE: TI ME: LOCATION: petvalu Saturday, September 10, 2016 10 am - 3 pm Pet Valu Richview Square 250 Wincott Dr Toronto, ON M9R 2R4

### Come join us at our next ADOPT-A-THON!

We have a wonderful selection of beautiful cats and kittens looking for their forever homes.

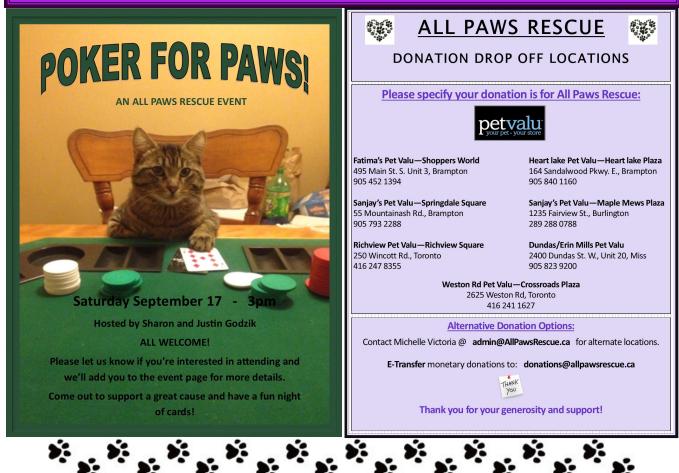
It's a fun-filled family outing including:

face painting baked goods popcorn homemade pet treats pet items for sale raffle prizes and lots more!

### COME MEET YOUR ALL PAWS RESCUE TEAM!

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## **Featured Pet for September!**



### **Raven - Up For Adoption!**

Meet Raven! This gorgeous Rottweiler / German Shepherd mix is 3 years old and is searching for her forever home. She is a very loving and affectionate dog but needs a little time to get used to strangers and will need an owner that is willing to be patient with her and give her the time she needs to adjust. She is good with children as long as they are respectful of her, so would like to find a home with no small children. Raven is not fixed. She is good with other dogs once she sniffs them for a few minutes and gets to know them. She is an energetic girl that loves to play and be around her owners, she really likes her belly rubbed too! Currently in foster care. Raven cannot be homed with anyone that has cats, as she fatally injured a cat in the past. Adoption Fee \$300

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# ALL PAWS RESCUE

Hockey season begins October 12, 2016! Organized and run by All Paws Rescue Team Leader Jay Maurente \$25 entry fee. Players can submit more than one entry. Season runs from Oct. 12 2016 till April 9th 2017.

Players will be added to our Fantasy Hockey Pool Group for more details.







People that say "money can't buy you happiness" have never paid an adoption fee.

## A look back at AUGUST 2016!

August was another busy month! We are pleased to say that **22** animals found their forever homes this month. Thank you to our donors, our foster parents, our volunteers and all our team. Without your ongoing efforts we could never accomplish this for our furry friends. We currently have over 4200 members in our Facebook group!

Our new Lotto 649 game is off to a great start! Our first winner won \$335 in only 3 draws. We are currently playing the second round. In the month of August this lotto group was able to raise **\$645** for the Rescue. Thank you to Erin Schreader for organizing this fun game and to all the players for participating. Want to play? Come and join us at the <u>649 Lotto Game group</u>. New game will start soon!

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On August 13th we held an Adopt-a-Thon at our partner <u>Pet Valu store</u> at Bovaird and MountainAsh in the Fortino's plaza. Thank you to Sanjay and Shweta Verma for helping us host and to all our wonderful volunteers and supporters for coming out to this event. We really couldn't do it all without your generosity and amazing skills.

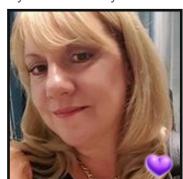
It was a fun day with **7** adoptions, yummy sweet treats, raffles, animal items for sale, face painting and lots of other fun stuff. We were able to raise over **\$1000** To help feed and care for our animals! **100 cans** and **2 bags** of cat food were donated by Pet Valu customers to feed our kitties!

Thank you to Ewa Moores of MissTaken's

Boutique and Sheryl Tughan, Norwex Consultant for displaying their items and donating a portion of their profits to All Paws Rescue.

We would like to thank the wonderful <u>Didi Kirouac</u> who is such a tireless supporter of the Rescue. We don't have space here to list the wonderful things that Didi does to help the animals but one of her many projects is creating wonderful bookmarks, car mirror bling, keychains and other beaded works that she sells and gives the profits to the Rescue. You'll find Didi at many of our events and she will also create a custom piece for you. She also donates these items to our auctions and online garage sale. Thank you Didi for all your efforts.









## A look back at AUGUST 2016!



On August 7th Jon Kowba held a Ball Hockey Fundraiser ir support of All Paws Rescue. It was a fast paced and fun tournament that all enjoyed.

Thank you so much to Jon and all the participants for thinking of us and making us your charity of choice. We hope the guys weren't hurting too much the next day!



Their efforts raised \$225 for our animals and we are so very grateful.

On August 11th we held our first bottle feeding and kitten care seminar with instructors Tara Browne, Laurie Cowan and Caroline John. It was an informative night with great participants who learned a lot about the amount of care and effort it takes to raise these little babies.

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The highlight of the course was when Clara's 7 kittens came out for their meal. It was an engaged group who diligently fed and stimulated the kittens. Thank you to all for making this a great evening.



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**Metro** A very big thanks to the Metro Distribution Center for their amazing donations of kitty litter. We go through so much litter and this was such a welcome donation!



Thank you to Holistic Blend for their donation of My Healthy Pet Grain Free Cat Food. Thank you MY HEALTHY PET also to our volunteers who took the time to pick up these wonderful donations for us.



Thank you to Rescue Foodie for their donation of a skid of cat food for our Rescue Babies! So amazing how animal groups work together to take care of the homeless and needy animals. We have so many kitties in our Rescue right now and the amount of food it takes to care for them is huge.

Ren's Pars Denoit Thank you to Ren's Pet Depot for their donation of gift cards for us to purchase kitten food for our Furbabies. They are hungry little babes and will gobble this all up!

Thank you to all our individual supporters that make it possible to feed and vet 🐚 our animals every month. Without you, none of this would be possible. 🜑

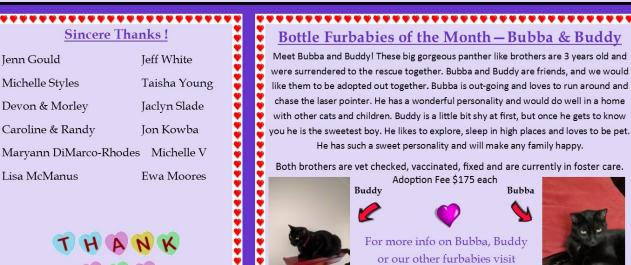
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With your generosity we raised \$83.50 this month!

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Ewa Moores

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Jenn Gould

Lisa McManus

you he is the sweetest boy. He likes to explore, sleep in high places and loves to be pet. He has such a sweet personality and will make any family happy. Both brothers are vet checked, vaccinated, fixed and are currently in foster care. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Adoption Fee \$175 each Buddy Bubba



Bottles to donate to a great cause? Please contact Tara Browne through our Facebook Group or email to bottledrive@allpawsrescue.ca

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## Making a difference



### CHESTER'S STORY



On February 27th 2016, J, (Tara B -Team Leader with All Paws Rescue group) rescued a stray cat outside my building on a windy frigid winter night and my life would never be the same. About to enter my apartment building I noticed a stray cat that while timid and scared seemed to respond to my gentle coaxing. I sat on the ground for hours earning his trust, fed him wet food that I always carry in my bag for these situations. I propped myself up against the wall of the building, sat and watched while he ate frantically. He finished a full tin of wet food and then noticed I was still there. He slowly approached me and as I remained completely still he tucked himself into my side to hide from the wind and cold.

It was then I knew I had to rescue him, that what was just feeding a stray cat had turned into my first rescue with All Paws Rescue.

It took another hour to get him to trust me enough to come inside our apartment building back hallway, with me holding the door open the whole time and coaxing him in with treats and dry food. Every time he would creep closer and closer the wind would blow and he would run off scared. But he kept coming back!

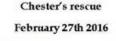
Finally he came into the hallway enough for me to close the door behind him. Into the carrier he went, and once in, he was calm. Like he knew this was the start of his new life. I set him up in my spare room, fed him more food, and set up a heater for him. The look of contentment in his face was apparent.

Poor kitty was malnourished, skin and bones and full of fleas and worms when I first rescued him. The vet approximated him at 2 years old (I wonder how long of that he was alone on the street)! He also was diagnosed with a heart murmur, most likely from eating garbage off the streets. The Rescue dewormed him, treated his fleas and once he was healthy again and gaining weight with proper food, he was neutered.

I decided to name our rescued kitty Chester, after the Cheshire cat from Alice in Wonderland (with that grin is it any wonder why!) Over the next few months Chester blossomed. Once fully recovered, Chester was to be placed up for adoption but by then Chester was part of the family and letting him go wasn't something we were prepared to do. Today Chester (Re-named Bobcat) lives with his forever Daddy Glen Abbott, and his doggy sisters Soria and Cash and loves every minute of his new life.

Without support from our volunteers, supply and monetary donations, and foster parents willing to share their home for a few weeks or months, Chester (and so many other furbabies like him) would not have had a chance at the life they all deserve.

All Paws Rescue and Chester say Thanks!! For more info on how you can help; Visit www.AllPawsRescue.ca







Chester Today!







## Making a difference



These two handsome guys were rescued within a week of each other from the Hamilton streets after sustaining injuries. Moggy had a significant laceration to his neck and Miu, a similar wound on his cheek. Apparently these two were pals on the street and were often seen hanging out together. Looking at them you would swear they are related!

We received the first message about a wounded cat, now named Moggy, in mid-June from an All Paws supporter who was feeding stray cats in their neighbourhood and noticed one was injured. They contacted All Paws to see if we could help. The biggest challenge was that the cat only came around very late at night – usually after midnight - so if we wanted to help him we would have to be able to rush out to get him whenever he appeared. Luckily, he came to visit a little early that night and we were able to pick him up from our supporter and take him into foster care before the stroke of midnight! Moggy was subsequently taken to the vet for treatment of his injury which was quite deep and infected. His neck was partially shaved, his wound cleaned and he began the healing process.



Almost a week to the day later, we received a new message from the same supporter about another cat in the neighbourhood who was also injured, this time on the cheek. Same situation as before, this fellow only came around late at night. We waited by the phone and around midnight got the call to come and get him. Miu, was quickly assessed by the vet who advised that his wound had likely abscessed and rup-tured and that he had considerable scar tissue on his face. In order to assess the wound properly, the vet shaved the fur from half of his face. Due to the scar tissue, it's possible that this fur may not grow back fully.



Moggy and Miu were so happy to be reunited in foster care! Both have made amazing recoveries, their wounds have healed and they are adjusting to life in their foster home. Moggy and Miu have very friendly, affectionate personalities. They love to purr and enjoy lots of attention, neck scratches and head rubs. They especially love dinner-time too, clearly remembering when food was hard to come by on the streets!

We are so grateful to our supporters for looking out for these cats and for bringing their situation to our attention. Both cats have now been neutered and are completing their treatments. Moggy will be available for adoption soon. Miu, who unfortunately tested positive for FIV, will be under evaluation by the Rescue to find the best long term solution for his care, hopefully within an FIV+ home.

## Medical Corner - PanLeuk<sup><</sup>

Sadly this terrible disease has affected many kittens this year. Our vet reports many cases with terrible outcomes for the little kittens infected. This disease can be prevented by routine vaccinations in kittens over 8 weeks.

**Panleukopenia** is a severe, highly contagious viral disease of cats, kittens, raccoons, and mink. The panleukopenia virus tends to invade cells which are rapidly growing such as those of the digestive system, bone marrow (which makes blood cells), lymph tissue, and developing nervous system. This explains the common symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, low white blood cell count, and seizures. A vaccine is available to protect against the disease.



#### What are the characteristics of the feline panleukopenia virus (FPV)? Panleukopenia

(feline distemper) is caused by a virus very similar to the one that causes parvovirus disease in dogs. It is very stable in the environment and can survive years at room temperature. It survives well in lower temperatures as well, and is not killed by many of the common disinfectants. Contact with a bleach solution of one part bleach to 32 parts water (1/2 cup of bleach to a gallon of water) for 10 minutes will inactivate the virus.

**How common is panleukopenia?** The feline panleukopenia virus is widespread in nature, so virtually all cats are exposed to it within their first year of life.

**How is the panleukopenia virus transmitted?** FPV is most commonly transmitted when a susceptible cat has contact with the feces or urine of infected cats. Infected cats shed the virus in their feces and urine up to 6 weeks after they recover. FPV can also be spread by contact with urine- or feces-contaminated items such as food bowls, water dishes, clothing, shoes, hands, bedding, and litter boxes.

The panleukopenia virus is also transmitted from the mother to the developing kittens within her uterus. It can also be spread by fleas.

#### What are the symptoms of feline distemper?

The symptoms of panleukopenia can be similar to those seen in dogs with parvo or canine distemper (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and seizures), which is why the disease is sometimes called 'feline distemper.' Panleukopenia in young unvaccinated kittens is usually fatal.

Young Cats: Many older cats who are exposed to feline panleukopenia virus do not show symptoms. However, young (3-5 months old) unvaccinated cats can become seriously ill. The incubation period (time from exposure to the virus to the development of symptoms) is 4-5 days. The onset of symptoms is sudden and cats will start out with fevers of 104-107°F, depression, and will not eat. These symptoms appear so suddenly, some owners think their pet has been poisoned. Three to four days later they will start vomiting and can become severely dehydrated. Severely dehydrated cats may hang their heads over the water bowl, but not drink. Diarrhea can also occur and may be bloody.

A cat who becomes severely dehydrated may develop a lower than normal body temperature hypothermia, become weak and even comatose. Such a cat is very susceptible to developing a bacterial infection in addition to the viral infection.

Cats who survive the symptoms for longer than five days will usually survive, but complete recovery (regaining of weight) may take several weeks.



Pregnant Cats and Their Litters: Pregnant cats who become infected with panleukopenia may abort or have stillborn kittens. In some cases, some of the kittens in the litter may be born uncoordinated and have tremors, especially of the head. These nervous system changes are caused by the panleukopenia virus affecting the cerebellum, the part of the brain responsible for coordinating muscle movement. The condition is called "cerebellar hypoplasia". Mentally, these cats appear normal. As the kittens grow, they may be able to compensate and lead relatively normal lives. **We currently have kittens in the Rescue who are likely affected by cerebellar hypoplasia.** :(



