

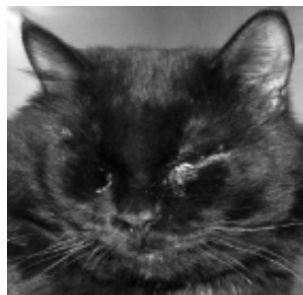
Animal Welfare News



Lanark Animal Welfare Society Newsletter ● Spring/Summer 2010

Spooky & Smokey

I often hear people say, “Oh, I can’t visit a shelter, it’s just too depressing”. But thanks to all our supporters, LAWS is a place of hope, a place of second chances and a place where many animals’ dreams are realized.



One of our cats, Spooky, arrived at the shelter with a dirty, scruffy coat and eyes that were only open a crack. We treated him for corneal ulcers for a month, and once the ulcers were healed, he was diagnosed with entropion – a genetic condition, where the eyelid is turned in and the eyelashes rub against the eye itself. Poor Spooky! His eyes were constantly irritated and he could only open them a very little bit. Thanks to a kind donor, Spooky’s eyes were operated on, and the eyelids tucked. Now he opens his beautiful, green eyes wide and plays and explores a world that before the operation he could barely see! A small thing to be sure, but to a little cat a new world has opened, free of discomfort and pain.

An animal control officer brought Smokey to us as a five-week old kitten. Smokey and his two siblings had been put in a bag and thrown into a burning pile of leaves at the Cardinal dump. They were pulled from the flames and rushed to the veterinarian, but the two siblings died of their burns and smoke inhalation. Smokey, who has seen the best and the worst of humankind, survived and became a very special cat indeed. He is dearly loved in his new home and is very grateful for his second chance!



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Coming Events

WOOFSTOCK

LAWS Open House - Saturday, May 15
A fun-filled day of people, pups & mew-sic!

**see page 8 for details on
all our fundraising events**

LAWS Board of Directors

President - Judy Meyers
Vice-president - Dale Horeczy
Treasurer - Joan Schapansky
Secretary - Holly Ault
Repairs & Maintenance - Melanie Young
Board Members - Linda Bell,
Jim MacPherson,
Marla Shook-Johnson

Message from the President

The last few months at the Shelter have been very exciting and we have had many wonderful changes. To begin with we hired a new Shelter Manager in October. Jennifer Jardine comes to us with many years of business management and animal care experience. She has hired new staff, all of who have a wealth of animal care backgrounds.

We have a fence around the dog kennels now so we can exercise the dogs every day. One of our long-term employees, Sharon, retired in January. Sharon had lovingly cared for all the cats in the shelter for many years. We were sad to see her leave. The good news is she returns to volunteer. Jennifer has started a volunteer program at the shelter. These volunteers walk our dogs, clean cat cages, cuddle our cats, and generally help us keep our animals happy.

Board Member Linda Bell has started a volunteer group to help us raise money. These members help us at our different fundraisers throughout the year. We must raise all the money to run the shelter every single year. LAWS does not receive any government assistance. The more volunteers we have the more fundraisers we can put on. Since the economy has been in a slump, our donations have been much, much lower. We are putting on more fundraisers this year with the volunteers’ help to try to raise enough money for the day-to-day operation of the shelter.

Our thanks go out to many kind people who donate and to the thoughtful people who leave the shelter money in their will. All of these donations help us rescue animals every day of the year and keep the shelter open.

Judy Meyers, Board President

Fundraising Event Volunteers Needed!

LAWS, a non-profit organization, depends completely on financial support from the generosity of private individuals and fundraising events within our community. Fundraising Volunteers donate their time to help raise funds for The Animals in our care. All event proceeds go directly to The Lanark Animal Welfare Shelter.

LAWS sponsors numerous fundraising events during the year and volunteer help is always welcomed to help assist the Fundraising Committee. Many hands are always needed for event coordination, media awareness, raffle ticket sales, placement of posters in the community and help the day of our events.

If you would like to “Help Us Help Them” and have a little time to spare, please call Linda Bell at 613-275-2501

Shelter Report

Our incoming numbers for this quarter were a little lower this year as last year's numbers included several seizures of both cats and dogs. An encouraging note is seen in the number of dogs claimed by their owners. It is always rewarding for us to return dogs safe and sound to their homes, and we are delighted that so many owners with lost pets contact us in such a timely fashion.

CATS

November 2009 to February 2010
Incoming - 152
Claimed - 3
Adopted - 164

November 2008 to February 2009
Incoming - 192
Claimed - 6
Adopted - 227

It remains discouraging that so many nice cats at the shelter are never claimed. If you lose your cat, please call us – and remember, a microchip will help us return your cat to you! Cats rarely wear collars, so a microchip is of huge assistance in their return.

DOGS

November 2009 to February 2010
Incoming - 87
Claimed - 33
Adopted - 46

November 2008 to February 2009
Incoming - 108
Claimed - 17
Adopted – 74

At the shelter, we put a great deal of effort into returning animals to health, and keeping them healthy. Most dogs and cats arrive at the shelter with flea and/or ear mite infestations, some are thin and undernourished, and some have skin conditions and a small number have a physical condition that requires veterinary treatment.

Cadbury was one of the most popular dogs we have ever had at LAWS. This chocolate lab loved everyone he met! He arrived with a large hematoma in his ear, which was expertly repaired, again, thanks to our many kind donors.



It was so difficult to choose an adoptive home for Cadbury – there were so many applications! Finally we decided that his loving nature would be best recognized at an area retirement home - where he is now meeting and greeting residents and guests!

Poor Molly was also brought in by animal control. This sweet senior dog had been living as a stray for a while. She was desperately thin and had a terrible case of sarcoptic mange. Molly's loving and forgiving temperament never varied throughout her treatment, and a long-time LAWS supporter adopted her. This very special girl is also very grateful for the care she received at LAWS.

Pavarotti was surrendered to LAWS. This glamorous, grey tabby had a case of diarrhea that was causing him to scream in agony, whenever he moved. He was treated successfully, and when healthy, had eight abscessed teeth removed. His return to health was dramatic and now this lovely cat is waiting for his new home.



Every donation made to LAWS allows us to make a difference in an animal's life. Sometimes, to us, these are small differences. But to Spooky, who can now see again, to Smokey, rescued from the flames and to Molly and Cadbury who waited patiently (!) to be adopted, they are truly life-changing events. And if these creatures could speak, I know they would join with me in offering our thanks to all of you who make it possible.

Jennifer Jardine
Shelter Manager

Cruelty Report

November 2009 to February 2010 LAWS Investigation Department Statistics

Calls received: 559
Investigations: 72
OSPCA Orders: 3

Search Warrants: 5
Surrendered Animals: 19
Animals Removed: 38

The number of investigations is slightly higher than the last 3-year average for the same time period.

On November 26, 2009, 10 charges were laid against a Beckwith Township woman under the OSPCA ACT as a result of a lengthy investigation into livestock kept on her property. The investigation uncovered animals lacking in adequate care, improper shelter, lack of food and water, deceased and dying animals, and failing to comply with previous OSPCA orders. Next appearance in The Ontario Court of Justice for this case was April 6, 2010.

On Jan 21, 2010 a Carleton Place woman was charged under the OSPCA ACT with permitting an animal to be in distress and failing to provide for the prescribed

standards of care for 18 cats. She had abandoned the cats at her previous residence; they were removed over several days under the authority of an OSPCA Search Warrant. Her next appearance in The Ontario Court of Justice was March 16, 2010.

SNAP

Since taking over the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) in April of last year 70 certificates have been issued. Unlike most spay/neuter programs our program does not require the applicant to pay a financial contribution towards the surgery. Vaccinations, though, are required to qualify.

Dealing With Wildlife Issues

We often get calls for advice on dealing with wildlife on people's property that are perceived as a nuisance. Providing appropriate humane long-term solutions to dealing with conflicts between humans and wildlife are extremely important. Our goal is to discourage inhumane short-term methods that have traditionally been used. In seeking to remedy a situation with wildlife, the key is to minimize the factors that are attracting wildlife to the property. Many people simply want the animal live trapped and taken away without thinking about the possibility of offspring left behind and the uncertain future the animal will face in a strange and often hostile environment. For this reason wildlife should not be live trapped and relocated during the spring birthing months. For information and assistance in dealing with wildlife conflicts or wildlife in need, please contact our reporting line at 613-283-9360.

Larry Wilkinson, OSPCA Inspector, LAWS

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PLANNED GIVING

Including Lanark Animal Welfare Society (LAWS) in your estate planning allows you to make a profound and lasting impact on the future of our life-saving programs. It also ensures that your generous spirit will continue to help us rescue countless animals in need.

When naming the shelter in your will, you may leave a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of your estate, or a particular property. You can also name the Lanark Animal Welfare Society as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank account, mutual fund, etc. Each of these options may help you reduce your estate taxes.

Please let us know if you have included Lanark Animal Welfare Society in your estate planning so we can thank you and celebrate your generosity! Call the shelter at 613-283-9308 or send an email to: shelter@lanarkanimals.ca. Friends of the Lanark Animal Welfare Society are encouraged to consult their financial or legal advisors when considering estate planning options.

LAWS Financial Recap

	Jun 1, 2008 - Feb 28, 2009	Jun 1, 2009 - Feb 28, 2010
REVENUE		
Shelter Revenue/Cruelty Income:	\$ 84,613	\$ 76,264
Donations:	\$ 69,693	\$ 59,273
Fundraising:	\$ 49,934	\$ 43,790
Total Revenue:	\$204,240	\$179,327
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EXPENSES		
Admin/Other:	\$ 33,765	\$ 15,815
Fundraising:	\$ 4,644	\$ 13,465
Cruelty:	\$ 4,482	\$ 10,424
Shelter:	\$ 21,801	\$ 50,023
Veterinary/Medical:	\$ 49,895	\$ 57,504
Wages:	\$127,331	\$153,818
Total Expenses:	\$241,898	\$301,049
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NET INCOME	-\$ 37,658	-\$121,722
OTHER REVENUE		
Bequests and In Memoriams:	\$226,347	\$ 44,299
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EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES:	\$188,689	-\$ 77,423

Our Current Financial Situation

The past 9 months have been challenging for the Board of Directors. The economic climate has resulted in a decrease in revenues. Along with this, we have seen a considerable increase in shelter maintenance costs due to the ageing of the shelter. Added to these challenges have been the increases in the pet population which require increases in medical care and staffing costs. Staffing costs have also increased due to the two recent minimum wage increases by the Province. As you can see, we are running at a considerable deficit this year.

Our staff has done an amazing job of caring for the animals and keeping the shelter in the best condition possible. If we are to maintain the level of care we believe the animals deserve, we must make a special appeal to you, the public.

- We appeal to you to assist us to meet our commitments to the animals by:
- increasing your donations this year
- supporting our fundraising efforts
- joining our fundraising volunteers
- remembering LAWS in your wills

Our animals need your help.

*Sincerely,
Joan Schapansky, Treasurer*



In Remembrance

Since our last newsletter, LAWS has received donations in memory of:

Mike Arycz	Nancy Dunlay	Susan Kingston	Dr. Malcolm Park
Richard Ash	Auntie Edna	Richard Lacasse	Gail Plaunt
Ethel Ashurst	Paula Elliott	Ingrid Lueders	John Raminsh
Christine Auger	Marie Filton	Mary MacDonald	Norma Standen
Romeo Belanger	Jayne Elizabeth Flemming	Alan Manahan	Fred Stanley
Dorothy Boychuck	Walter Earl Foreman	Morag Mansfield	David Steele
Ted Carnochan	Marie Georgison	Gertie McClymont	Geneva Stevens
Heidi Megan Clow	Terry Goodenough	Fred McInnes	Gwen Taylor
Larry Dagley	Isabel Graff	Ken Moir	Genevieve Turner
Pearl Davis	Madeleine Hanrahan-Foley	Lorna Moore	Bill Walsh
Betty Dawson-Peake	Robert Peter Henriksen	Ethel Neadow	Guy Wenger
Harold Diceman	Marie Jacques	Lorraine Noble	Earl S. Whitney

In Loving Memory

Companion animals remembered through memorial donations:

Molson - Bruce Bowen	Tom - Guy Paris (Joann)
Little Bones - Brian Peckover	Bucky - Cheryl Robertson
Murry - Dana Hines	Sydney - Susan & Bob Wilkes
Gizmo - Gail Lem & Patrick Hagarty	Cookie - Lorraine Eggens & Jim Hawkins
Reggie - Gail Davis	Maggie, Juliet - Mary K. Young
Boots - Karen Bryden	Blue - Paula Timmins
Gyp - Ross & Linda Marsden	Daytona - Suzanne Bauder
Maggie - Richard Frizell	Doc - Aida Bodier
Powder - Cathy Younger-Lewis	

Misty, Piksis & Stray Cat - Dennis O'Grady

Mindy Vadenhoff, Muffy Flynn - Jean Dunning & James Reain

In memory of Elmo, Big Ben, Terra & Daisy - anonymous donor

Finder, Smith, Taffie, Dakota, Miss Casey, Shaw - anonymous donors

A Tribute To Our Volunteers

The Lanark Animal Welfare Society was founded by a group of dedicated volunteers and their legacy continues today. LAWS volunteers are the heartbeat of The Lanark Animal Welfare Society. LAWS is so privileged to have been chosen by our volunteers as a way to help us to help the animals in our care.

The entire LAWS team of board members and shelter staff are so grateful and appreciative of your compassion, hard work and continued support. We thank you. The LAWS volunteer is a very special person. They arrive at our shelter with smiling faces and work in harmony under the guidance of the shelter manager and a very small number of paid staff.

Our volunteers are here because they know the animals in our care did not arrive at the shelter by choice. Many were abused, abandoned or victims of unforeseen circumstances. You may have seen our volunteers while at the shelter. They are walking the dogs, stopping along the way to give them a little scratch behind the ears or a pat on the back. You may have met one chopping the ice or raking the leaves around the outdoor kennels, allowing the dogs the opportunity for a little fresh air in a clean run.

Perhaps you recognized your neighbor in one of our cat and kitten rooms as he or she was cleaning the cages, emptying soiled kitty litter, or cuddling one of the many cats striving for their attention. Many kindhearted volunteers open up their homes to help foster newborn kittens and puppies. Often they are called upon to provide comfort to animals with special needs or help care for an animal recovering from an operation.

Beyond our shelter door is a group of energetic and supportive individuals who, along with members of the private and professional community, continue to help bring awareness to LAWS. They are the helping hands at our fundraising events, they spend endless hours sewing cat bed liners, they are there enhancing the shelter with new signs, planting flowers, aiding with winter snow removal. And they are the little children with big hearts.

Thank you because you care.



Zack "The Big Boss"

LAWS' mascot and "greeter", takes a well-deserved break from his duties.

Happy Endings!

Calvin says hello,
Calvin is settling so well at his new home. He is so friendly and has not been hiding at all. So nice - even when our 3 1/2- ear old grandson came to visit yesterday, Calvin went right up to him and pushed his head against Jackson's leg to be petted. We are having a little difficulty getting to sleep at night as Calvin likes to share our pillows. He is quite a large cat - bigger than the one we had before. We both think we made the right choice in picking Calvin or letting him pick us!! Thank you. I know we are going to enjoy our new pet.

Mike and Eleanor Thompson

Hello all,
Yesterday our family adopted Buster the Rottweiler from LAWS and happily took him home. We called the LAWS office before 4 p.m. to let everyone know he was doing well. Here is the update since yesterday afternoon: Buster is very intelligent and learning new commands quite quickly and eagerly (especially with the help of treats). Buster and Teddy, our other very old Rottweiler, are getting along well which we think will make Teddy's last days happier. Teddy is showing Buster the ropes around the house and it's wonderful to see them both so happy. Thank you so much for adopting Buster out to us and we will definitely keep you updated on his progress.

Shirley White

Hello,
We adopted Grace the 2-year old beagle and wanted to let you guys know that she is doing very well. She wasn't sure about car rides but is getting better. She is a very good dog. She likes to jump on counters where the food is, but we are teaching her that she can't jump on the counters. My mom was the one who adopted her but she is my dog. I'm Natasha and I'm so happy to have Grace in my life and in our house. She loves my guinea pigs. If they are placed in another room she goes looking for them. Her and my father go for a long walk at night. She's very good. We are extremely lucky to have her in our family. We just wanted to let you guys know how she was doing I will keep you posted and if you like I can send some pictures of her.

Thank you,
Natasha

Hi!
I thought you may want a short update on Toby. He is quickly learning his way around the house and property, his boundaries and his special spots just for him. He is getting adjusted to a routine and training. I am finding the clicker training quite helpful (as shown to me by Doggie Styles). He is such a sweetheart and eager to please and learn. He loves to be brushed and have his belly rubbed. Our parents' Golden Retriever, Sam, and him are best friends. Sam is teaching Toby how to obey and come when he is called, and Toby is teaching Sam to relax and go with the flow. I will send another update soon, with a picture of Toby in his new home.

Cheers,
Sarah

YES...I would like to help LAWS help animals!

Enclosed is my donation of:

\$100.00 \$50.00 \$20.00 \$10.00

A Tax Donation Receipt will be issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.

Please mail to:
Lanark Animal Welfare Society,
P.O. Box 156, Smiths Falls, ON
K7A 4T1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____

Become a Member Today!

Please enroll me as a member of the Lanark Animal Welfare Society.
I have enclosed a cheque for \$20 per person.

Yes, I would like to become a member Date: _____

(Please sign) _____

(Please sign) _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____

L.A.W.S. is a registered charity No. Bn 11900 4893 RR0001

**“Tom The Cat” Raffle
Draw May 15 - LAWS Open House, WOOFSTOCK**

Many of you may remember the heart-warming story about Grace and Quinn (formerly Sweet Pea) in the last issue of the LAWS newsletter. Artist Tineke Doornbosch and her husband Dan Woods adopted Grace and Quinn in August of 2009. As first time pet owners, Tineke and Dan have discovered the boundless joy and rewards of sharing heart and home with the two felines.

We were thrilled when Tineke generously donated one of her unique garden sculptures - the fabulous Tom the Cat – to LAWS for the WOOFSTOCK May 15 raffle. Tineke doesn't create many animals; as a matter of fact this is her only cat. So it's really ONE of a KIND. There are no molds, so no duplication is possible.



Tom can reside in the garden year round and can tolerate temperatures from -40C to +40C. Of course, if people wish, they can keep him indoors as well. There are no rules other than hosing him off with the garden hose when he gets dirty! You can find Tineke's sculptures at www.gardenspirits.ca

Thank you, Tineke for your kindness and generosity!

**FUNDRAISERS FOR SPRING & SUMMER 2010
COME JOIN US!**

- **SPRING BAZAAR - April 10. This successful event raised \$2000.00**
- **MAPLEFEST BOOK SALE - April 24, Perth, raised \$2675.00**
- **WOOFSTOCK – May 15, LAWS Open House, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: First garage sale of the year, Art Show and Sale, LAWS Coloring Book for Children launch, shelter tours, barbecue & refreshments, music, Tom the Cat raffle and much more!**
- **KITTEN SHOWER - June 5 at the Courtyard Cafe, Russell St. East, Smiths Falls. Bring kitten gifts for all of our kittens at the shelter, canned food, beds, toys, etc.**
- **FOODSMITHS DOG WASH - June 19, Perth, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **SMITHS FALLS TRIATHLON - June 20**
- **SMITHS FALLS CANAL/RAILWAY FESTIVAL - July 17-18**



*Sponsor a Shelter Animal,
A Very Special Gift*

Looking for a meaningful gift for the friend who has everything? Why not consider our “sponsor a shelter animal campaign” to honour a friend’s birthday, anniversary, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, etc. We will provide you with a personalized certificate made out to the recipient, stating that a donation has been made to LAWS in honour of their special event or day. It will include a photo of one of the animals in our shelter (your choice of cat or dog), a story about that animal as well as how your donation will specifically assist this sponsored pet. Why not put this certificate in an elegant frame and present it to your friend or loved one on their special day? It just might be the best gift they have ever received.

Contact President, Judy Meyers at 613-275-9479 or email jmeyers3@sympatico.ca with details of your name and address, as well as that of your recipient and the nature of their special occasion. Make sure to include your preference for a sponsored cat or dog or even if there is a specific animal you have in mind. Donations may be made by phone (using your Visa), through our web site using Pay Pal, through the mail by cheque, or in person at our shelter. All certificates are mailed and we ask for at least two week’s notice. Cheques should be sent to: LAWS., P.O. Box 156, Smiths Falls, ON, K7A 4T1.

**LAWS is located on Glenview Road, off Highway 43
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