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**GRANNIE
ANNIE'S
DOGGIE
RECIPES!**

Granny Annie is very popular in her neighbourhood! She loves to make treats for all the dogs. If you have a great recipe you'd like to share, send it in!

Bacon Balls

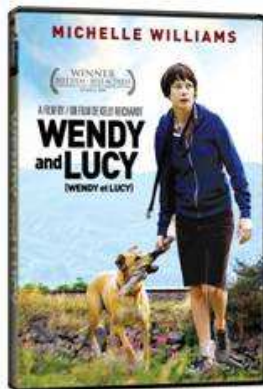
- 5 cups Whole Wheat Flour
- 1 cup Milk
- 2 Eggs
- 10 Tbsp Bacon Fat
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/2 cup Cold Water
- 1 Tbsp Vegetable Oil

Mix milk, eggs, bacon fat, salt and cold water together in a large bowl.

Add the flour one cup at a time until mixture forms a dough.

Pinch off pieces of the dough and roll them into balls about 2 inches in diameter.

Bake in preheated oven at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool completely before serving.



DVD Release & Contest:

Wendy and Lucy: Story of a Woman and her dog.

On May 5, the DVD of *Wendy and Lucy: Story of a Woman and her dog* will be released.

This movie is extremely timely in that it showcases the plight of dogs (and all pets) being given up due to the current recession, as well as confronting the challenges of caring for animals and the importance of homeless animal rescue.

Here is a brief synopsis:

Wendy (Michelle Williams) drives to Alaska -accompanied by her mutt, Lucy - hoping to find steady employment and the start of a new life. When her car breaks down in Oregon, it sets off a chain

reaction that quickly brings Wendy to a state of isolation and despair.

Featuring a luminous performance from Michelle Williams, Wendy and Lucy explores sympathy and generosity at the edges of American life, revealing the limits of compassion and duty in the context of harsh financial times.

You can view the trailer by [clicking here](#)



WIN A COPY OF “Wendy and Lucy: Story of a Woman and her dog”

The first person to email us and tell us the name of the CKC member pictured somewhere in this newsletter with SOAR dog, James Bond, will win a copy of *Wendy and Lucy: Story of a Woman and her dog*

Thanks to the great folks at [Mongrel Media](#) for the pictures and DVD!



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SOAR WAS THERE...

Just to prove we actually are out & about in a neighbourhood near you!

All About Pets Show



James Bond & Sonny Allinson of the [CKC](#)



James Bond & his newest "Bond Girls"!



Rhett & Kaylee



Rhett & Kaylee making new friends!



Leon (L) to Arnold (R): "Are you my daddy?"



Handsome Wallace (from the [DLCC](#) Booth next to us) taking a well-deserved break!



Dioge – thrilled to be there!



WISH LIST

- ✓ Leashes
- ✓ FLAT Collars
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Beds
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Dishes
- ✓ Crates
- ✓ Foster & Adoptive Homes
- ✓ Land to build a shelter of our own!

Of course, any monetary donation you wish to make is always very much appreciated – no amount is too small!



S.O.A.R. SUPPORTERS

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following organizations for their continued support, whether it's items to raffle off, medical services, food, etc. Without their generosity, we would be lost.

Join Our Sponsorship Program

Southern Ontario Animal Rescue (SOAR) is pleased to present our new Sponsorship Program. For just \$5 a month, you can help us pay for vet and kennel bills of the dogs we rescue and help find them a forever home.

As you can imagine, many of them come to us with several medical conditions so we ensure the dogs are healthy and that they pass a temperament test before placing them in the loving home of an adoptive family.

Your sponsorship benefits would include:

- ✓ SOAR monthly newsletter emailed to you which includes pictures and stories of dogs you helped rescue and information on upcoming SOAR events
- ✓ Advance notice/registration of all of S.O.A.R.'s educational seminars & events, including discounted registration fees upon presentation of your sponsorship card
- ✓ Exclusive invitation to S.O.A.R.'s members-only events
- ✓ Annual tax receipt
- ✓ Comfort in knowing you helped saved an animals life!

If you would be interested in being a sponsor, please let us know and we can send you a sponsorship package that will contain all the details about how your payments can be made.



HEALTH WATCH

Swine Flu No Risk to Cat, Dog Communities

Animal health expert says such strain hasn't shown to spread to pets.

<http://www.dogchannel.com/dog-news/2009/04/30/swine-flu-no-risk-to-cat-dog-communities.aspx>

Cats and dogs do not appear to be at risk of becoming infected with the swine flu virus that's in the news for making 91 people sick in the United States as of Wednesday.

Sharon Hietala, a professor at the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System, headquartered at University of California, Davis, said that the H1N1 influenza viruses "have never been shown to transmit to dogs and cats."

Hietala, an expert in clinical immunology and diagnostic techniques for infectious diseases in animals, added that at this point, humans only need to be concerned about protecting themselves from the swine flu, but there's no need to worry about their pets becoming ill.

"The novel H1N1 influenza virus in the news right now is being transmitted from human to human, there have been no findings of this virus in any animals," Hietala said.

"Pig populations often have H1N1 influenza viruses, but not the particular novel H1N1 flu strain that is currently in the news."

The health concerns, therefore, are for influenza transmission from other people. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers the following

suggestions on what people can do to avoid influenza virus transmission between people:

- Use tissue to cover coughs and sneezes. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that people stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.



HAPPY BEGINNINGS

This section is dedicated to our Dogs who found their "forever homes".

Each newsletter will feature lucky dogs who have been adopted and are now enjoying loving homes.

Unfortunately, we have had no adoptions since our last newsletter.



BSL targets dogs that fit the physical characteristics of a "Pit Bull." Is your dog next?

as a status symbol or weapon, the RSPCA has said.

It says the current Act is too vague and has led to an increase in dangerous dogs since it came into force in 1991.

It comes days after new guidelines were sent to police and local authorities.

The RSPCA wants more checks on owners and stiffer penalties for people mistreating dogs or keeping them for criminal use.

NHS figures showed the number of dog attacks had tripled since 1991, and many attacks have been blamed on cross-bred dogs which are not illegal.

In 2008, NHS figures showed nearly 3,800 attacks were taking place a year.

David Grant of the RSPCA said: "It's just a completely out of control situation ...my situation here in this RSPCA hospital is actually worse than before the Act came in."

Under the Dangerous Dogs Act four different breeds of dog are banned - the pit bull terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino and Fila Brasileiro.

But critics say the rules over what is a dangerous dog are too vague - even when it comes to identifying the banned breeds.

Dogs Trust veterinary director Chris Laurence told the BBC: "One of the big flaws in the Act is it doesn't tell you how to identify a pit bull.

"You can actually breed a pit bull by accident. If you cross something like a boxer and a Labrador or a Labrador and a

mastiff you end up with a dog that looks like a pit bull.

"The law says if it looks like a pit bull and the police accuse it of being a pit bull then it is a pit bull and it's up to you to prove it isn't."

Mr. Grant said there were many incidences of dogs being abandoned and attacking other dogs, killing cats or attacking people.

On Friday the government rejected a bid to replace the Dangerous Dogs Act with a new law placing responsibility for a dog's behaviour on the owner or person in charge of it.

Lord Redesdale said, who proposed the replacement, said: "The Dangerous Dogs Act was a knee-jerk reaction to deal with pit bull terriers and was intended to lead to the extinction of that breed in this country.

"However research by the RSPCA has shown that there are now more pit bull terriers in the UK than there were when the Act was passed."

In south London, a council has already begun targeting dog owners for using dogs for intimidation, causing a nuisance, fighting with dogs or using them as a weapon.

"What we've done is introduce a registration scheme, linked to our tenancy conditions, which is going to promote responsible dog ownership, and take out sanctions on those people who aren't responsible who are causing a nuisance," said Mark Callis of the Dog Control Unit at Wandsworth Council.

"The ultimate sanction under our tenancy conditions would be eviction," he said.

In January, London's Metropolitan Police created a new unit to tackle the rise in the number of dogs being used by criminals.



Who Are We?

Southern Ontario Animal Rescue's goal is to find loving, lifetime homes for our dogs. We screen all potential foster and adoptive homes carefully, including home visits and follow up visits.

All dogs available for adoption have been altered, vaccinated and microchipped.

When possible, our dogs are fostered with real families to ensure that they are sound, good-natured pets.

S.O.A.R. is a Registered Charity (#85044-6212-RR0001) and governed by a Board of Directors.

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actions are absolutely free! **You can vote once a day, every day, from April 13 through July 26, 2009.**



Every time you vote, or tell a friend to vote, you are making a huge difference for dogs like Sugar, who we rescued from being euthanized (pictured).

Please vote today (see below for instructions)!

Visit: www.theanimalrescuesite.com & click the purple button. This will take you to a new page. At the top of this page, you will see a button that says "Vote Now". Click that button. A new window will open.

Scroll down to "Search & Vote for a Shelter", change the country to Canada. Wait for the page to reload, and then enter "Southern Ontario Animal Rescue" under "Shelter Name", click "Search". Click on "Vote" beside our name. Alternatively, you can enter "Ontario" as Province & "Brampton" as City - then click "Search" and then click on "Vote" beside our name.

PLEASE VOTE FOR US EVERY DAY - THE SITE WILL EVEN SEND YOU A REMINDER IF YOU SIGN UP!!! A FEW SECONDS OF YOUR TIME COULD MEAN A LIFETIME OF LOVE FOR A DOG!



THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

This is where we remember our pets who are waiting for us at the Bridge. Please contact us if you have a pet you'd like remembered here.



Chance

Loved & missed by The Sisson Family



Angus

Loved & missed by Rose



Murdoch

Loved & missed by Annie & Jan



Endal

*Loved & missed by The Parton Family
(read his story by clicking the picture)*



RSPCA wants dangerous dog rethink

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8018046.stm

The Dangerous Dogs Act needs to be changed to focus instead on owners keeping aggressive dogs

Hamper back by the end of the month, after she moves into her own home.

"They say he is getting along with everybody," said Weeks, 29, who gets updates from PAWS staffers but isn't allowed to visit Hamper during his foster stay.

Similarly, dogs named Sasha and Kaiser had to adjust to life at PAWS Chicago's Little Village shelter after their owner lost her home in unincorporated Hinsdale.

"All my reserves were gone," said Maria D., 48, a real estate agent who didn't want her full name published because she was ashamed of temporarily giving up her dogs. She is now living with her adult daughter in Burr Ridge, a home where the dogs are not welcome.

Since March 31, Maria's dogs have shared quarters at PAWS while staff members search for a foster home. The program is designed to accommodate 30-day foster stays, although pet owners in crisis sometimes request more time, Michalek said. Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis. In some instances, people end up relinquishing ownership.

Of course, animal welfare workers would rather owners bring their pets to a shelter than leave the animals to their own devices.

Sandra Alfred, acting executive director at Chicago Animal Care and Control, said her staff members have been picking up more and more ostensibly "lost" dogs who are outfitted with microchip IDs—tiny chips injected under the animal's skin that contain the owner's contact information.

"We call, and they say, 'Um, we can't take him back,' " Alfred said.

True street animals seem to have an easier time in the shelters, observers said. Perhaps the animals appreciate the steady

food supply. Once-pampered animals, on the other hand, often experience terrible stress, bark and pant like mad and obsessively pace in circles inside their cages, Michalek said.

At PAWS Chicago, 35 percent to 40 percent of the dogs are purebreds, up from 20 percent to 25 percent in previous years. On a recent day, a sampling of such dogs at the Little Village shelter included a 6-month-old golden retriever; a young, fluffy white Samoyed; and an 8-year-old Pomeranian who likes to eat wet food only.

Their fate hints at a new desperation that many pet lovers never expected to face.

Allison Rhode, a house painter from Rogers Park, placed her dog, Dollar, in PAWS foster care after she was evicted from her apartment.

She took him back a little more than a month later, after she settled into a new place.

Pets "make you forget about hard times," she said. "They are the one thing that helps you get through."



Do You Think S.O.A.R. is Doing a Good Job?

If so, why not honour our amazing volunteers by nominating them for an IFAW Animal Action Award

Help IFAW find the next Animal Action Award hero!

IFAW is searching all across Canada for people who do amazing things for animals...and they need your help to find nominees.

You can nominate a family member, friend, colleague, or anyone who has gone the extra mile for animals.

Maybe they raised funds to help animals in distress...provided care for injured animals...reported an act of cruelty...or rescued an animal in need.

[E-mail IFAW today](#) to tell them about your nominee...what they do for animals...what makes them special...what makes them a hero for animals.

Make sure you include:

- your name, address, and day-time phone number;
- your nominee's name, address and daytime phone number

Please hurry; all nominations must be received by June 30th, 2009.



Help SOAR Win a \$20,000 Grant!



Imagine how many dogs we could help with \$20,000!

Help us win! All you have to do is click the image above to help rescued animals, and then vote in The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge. Both of these

health care and find homes for unwanted dogs. The 2009 goal is to raise \$150,000 for dogs in need!

Rescue is possible because of YOUR support!

When: Sunday June 14th, 2009

Where: Woofstock – St. Lawrence Market Toronto

The K9 Rescue Me Booth will be located in Berczy Park, approximately 30 feet north of the corner of Front & Scott Street. (1 block west of Church Street)

Time: Registration for the Walk-a-thon begins at 9am on Sunday June 14th,

The Walk-a-thon will kick-off at 11am. Be sure to show up early to allow yourself time to register and pick up your gift!



Giving Up Pets: Animals' Fortunes Fall In Tough Economy

More owners blame finances for giving up animals to shelters

By Sara Olkon | Tribune reporter
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-giving-up-pets-21-apr21,0,7594287.story>

When people showed up to give away their dogs and cats at a local shelter last year, the main reasons they cited were "no time" and accidental pet pregnancies. This year, the No. 1 reason is a lot simpler: no money.

As the recession takes hold, Chicago animal control workers are taking in about 11 percent more pets than they did a year ago. And shelters are caring for

more high-priced pets, including purebred and "designer" dogs, as people who are unaccustomed to economic distress start feeling the pinch.

Animal care workers are seeing more neglected pets, as well as animals who have had ID chips implanted, indicating that someone loved and cared for them before the financial downturn made ownership untenable.

"People are making very hard choices," said Rochelle Michalek, executive director of PAWS Chicago, a no-kill shelter. "Do I put food on the table? Do I feed my kids? It's heartbreaking." Jeff Lapp, 47, is among those making difficult choices.

The Braidwood man was laid off from his job as a personnel investigator last June. By March, Lapp and his wife had lost their home. With four dogs to care for, they decided their two youngest and healthiest dogs would have the easiest time getting adopted.

Lapp called Midwest Dachshund Rescue, which found a new home for 2-year-old Sammie. They brought Thor, a 6-year-old Norwegian elkhound, to PAWS, where he was snapped up within two days.

"You feel like you let them down," Lapp said of letting the two go.

For now, the motel where they are staying is letting them keep Rex, a purebred golden retriever who is 11 and has epilepsy, and Art, an elkhound-coyote mix who the couple found orphaned and rolling in mud a decade ago in Aurora.

At Chicago Animal Care and Control, staff took in 11.5 percent more animals that were lost, abandoned or surrendered in the

quarter ending March 31 as compared with a year ago. Charles Craft, director of programs and services, said 5,201 animals were taken in during that period, versus 4,666 from the same period in 2008.

Some pet owners bring in animals in need of expensive veterinary care. In one case, a pet owner turned in a 7-year-old toy poodle that had multiple mammary tumors, staff later learned. The dog received surgery and was adopted, Craft said.

In March, Nadine Walmsley, vice president of development for the Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago, watched as 33 pets were relinquished by owners citing poor finances. In March 2008, only four pet owners cited money as the reason, she said.

About twice as many dogs who end up homeless these days appear to have come from good homes: Their coats look good, they are plump and they are well-socialized, Walmsley said.

"They were in a very stable environment—and suddenly they are in a cage," Michalek said.

The difficulties can reduce the most stoic of pet owners to tears. In February, Rebecca Weeks' divorce was finalized, shortly before her family's Bartlett home went into foreclosure. Forced to crash with friends, she was heartbroken to learn that she couldn't take along Hamper, her 4-year-old collie-Rottweiler-shepherd mix.

Desperate, Weeks searched online and learned that PAWS Chicago had a foster program for pet owners in crisis. A week after she left Hamper at PAWS, a family scooped him up for safekeeping. Weeks plans to take

WE *DESPERATELY* NEED FOSTER HOMES!

We are in desperate need of foster homes. There are dogs in need that we cannot help because we simply do not have enough foster homes. We are turning away approximately **5-10 dogs per day** because we have nowhere to place them.

If you are interested in becoming a foster home for one of our dogs or would like more information on fostering, please contact us.

We provide the food and medical care. As a foster, all you have to do is provide the home and love.

Adoption & Foster Policies

All rescued dogs have been spayed or neutered, microchipped, fully vaccinated and vet-checked.

Applications are NOT processed on a first-come, first-served basis as we strive to match the right dog to the right home.

If the application is approved, your references will be checked and a home visit will be conducted. Please go to our website for more information.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friends for Life Campaign – Entire month of May – see below for more information

Pet First Aid Course – Postponed - Brampton – St. Jude’s Church

5th Annual Garage Sale – June 6 - Brampton

Woofstock – June 13 & 14 – St. Lawrence Market, Toronto

Canada Day Celebrations – July 1 – Chinguacousy Park, Brampton

Peel Pride Picnic – July 12 – Heart Lake Conservation Area, Brampton

Dog Days of Scugog – July 18 & 19 – Port Perry, ON

Brampton Summer Festival – August 3 – Chinguacousy Park, Brampton

International Homeless Animals Day – Candlelight Vigil – August 15 – TBD, Brampton

Brampton Fall Fair – September 17 – 20, Brampton

2nd Annual Howl-o-Woof Party – October 24 - St. Jude’s Church, Brampton

5th Annual Christmas Party – November 28 – St. Jude’s Church, Brampton



Are YOU Ready to *Walk & Howl?*

***The 6th Annual Rescue Me Walkathon at Woofstock!*
Sunday, June 14th 11:00am**

Join us for the biggest & best Pooch Parade of the year!!!
Mutts & Purebreds, Grab Your 2-

legged minions and meet us at the

Rescue Me Village by 10:30am on Sunday, June 14th!

We'll unfold & unroll those unused muscles, and then we'll mark the route throughout the St. Lawrence Market!

You don't need to actually do the walkathon – but we'd love it if you could collect pledges on our behalf – take your pledge sheet to the office, school, soccer practice, family gatherings, etc! The more people we have collecting pledges, the better!

[Click here](#) to download our SOUTHERN ONTARIO ANIMAL RESCUE (S.O.A.R.) Rescue Me Walk Pledge Form & start collecting or [register on line!](#)

Help us make dreams come true for homeless dogs!

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for our fur babies!

Can we do it?

With YOUR help, Howl, yeah!

Please note that although the pledge for states tax receipts for all pledges of \$25 or more, **SOAR will be giving tax receipts for pledges of \$10 or more!**

The K9 Rescue Me Walk-A-Thon supports canine rescue across Ontario. It is the main fundraising event for k9 Rescue Groups, supporting the financial needs of the care of the pets in the programs.

Your support means one more dog can be saved and have a second chance.

K9 Rescue Me is a non profit organization consisting of rescue groups who work together to raise awareness and funds, provide



The Southern Ontario Animal Rescue

Howler



Welcome!

Summer is fast approaching and, as always, S.O.A.R. is busy, busy!

This issue is jam-packed with events, news, ways to support S.O.A.R. and, of course, dogs!

While we, unfortunately, had to postpone our Canine First Aid Seminar, we have found a wonderful instructor who will be teaching a very comprehensive course, and the cost to our supporters will be cheaper! Some things are blessings in disguise!

Please be sure to download your pledge sheet for the Woofstock Walkathon ([click here](#) to download). You don't need to actually do the walkathon – but we'd love it if you could collect pledges on our behalf - take your pledge sheet to the office, school, soccer practice, family gatherings, etc! The more people we have collecting pledges, the better!

Please check out Luna, who is still in a kennel and would love a foster or forever home of her own.

We have a very busy year planned – please don't forget to check out our **Upcoming Events** & mark the dates on your calendar.

*The Gang at SOAR
(Furry and otherwise)*

FOSTER FEATURE



Luna

Luna is a sweetie - very smart & eager to please!

Rescued with only hours to spare before being euthanized, this little girl is approximately two years old, 45 lbs., and 23' tall. She has a scar on her throat from being tied to a chain her entire life. She behaves like she has been hit and will cower down.

Luna needs to be in a forever home that will follow our rules and guidelines that will allow her to come into her full confidence as a beautiful, bright, loving companion. Luna is smart as a whip and would make a great agility or fly ball team member.

She is currently in a wonderful kennel, where the owner has taken her to obedience classes for us! Here is what she had to say, recently:

"I am taking her to my obedience classes and she has been absolutely awesome....no kidding she would be competition material if she was a purebred.

She has become a real sweetie and she has been out playing with all the other dogs.....An intact bitch, a spayed bitch, intact male, neutered males. She plays like she did with Kiera with an Akbash mix I have here right now, but she is sweet and gentle with my 17 year old blind Siberian....licks him in the face.

At class tonight she was a star. So please don't adopt her until the classes are finished - she will be really an awesome dog by then. She is making me look good in class."

Cats are a definite no-no for Luna.

If you are interested in adopting or fostering Luna, please contact us ASAP, she has been in the kennel now for almost a year!

