



The Southern Ontario Animal Rescue

Howler



Welcome!
September was insanely busy & so the newsletter is late! My apologies.

This issue is jam-packed with updates on past events, when to mark your calendars for upcoming events, news, and ways to support S.O.A.R. and, of course, dogs needing homes!

As you'll see in our **SOAR WAS THERE...** section, July was a very eventful month for us – one of the activities we attended was: *"An American Opera – The Greatest Pet Rescue Ever"* Canadian Premiere – an eye-opening and touching documentary about the tremendous effort of volunteers from all over North America dedicated to rescuing the pets people were forced (yes, forced, some at gun point) to leave behind during the Hurricane Katrina evacuation in New Orleans.

July started with us celebrating Canada Day in Chinguacousy Park in Brampton. The next weekend saw us in Heart Lake for the Peel Pride Picnic. We then went to Port Perry for Dog Days of Scugog, where Bond became friends with a Newfoundland Dog, as well as charmed everyone he met.

On top of this flurry of travel, we assessed 3 dogs and Radar was adopted. The month ended with us preparing for Brampton Summer Festival on the long weekend!

Our Canine First Aid Seminar was a success and a lot of fun! The dogs

were amazing in what they let us do to them!
Please check out Luna, who is still in a kennel after a year 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 - 1



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 be consistent with 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!

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 over a year!**

FOSTER FEATURE - 2



Hurley

Hurley is a 2 year old male, neutered, housebroken, up to date

on all shots and has energy to burn with all the typical Border Collie traits. Needs an experienced owner/foster who will teach him manners and give him the daily activity he needs. Gets along with dogs of his own size smaller dogs he is pushy with. Has a fixation with squirrels so no cats. No small children as he is like a bull in a china shop and may knock them down.

FOSTER FEATURE - 3



Inga

Inga is a sweet 5.5 year old, American Staffordshire Terrier cross girl. While it breaks her owner's heart to give her up, he has no choice.

Inga is a snuggle bunny and has lived with cats. She would do best as the only dog in the home.

She is spayed, micro-chipped and up to date on her vaccines. She is well trained and just needs someone to cuddle and love her the rest of her life.

Are you her furever home?
Please contact us ASAP as we only have til the middle of November to get her out of where she is.

Please visit our website for all our available dogs!

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.



Time to Wake Up To the Horrors of BSL

by Lori Gray on Sat 03 Oct 2009 10:19 PM EDT

<http://waqthedog.blogware.com/blog/archives/2009/10/3/4340579.html>



It is due time to "out" the visual and background story behind breed bans.

Please let this burn into your mind. Please share this with as many people as you possibly can. The content is difficult, but what those of us who live with breed bans have witnessed and live with every hour of every day is not to be turned away from.

The only way we can see our way through this is by speaking openly. We must educate people about the facts. There is an alternative. We must show our governing bodies the way. It is our duty as dog owners and citizens of municipalities, towns, cities, counties, states and provinces. It matters not what breed or cross breed of dog you own. It matters not if you even own a dog. It matters not if you even fancy dogs. **This insanity MUST STOP!** We owe it to the innocent.

A dog owner who was forced to move out of Denver because of the pit bull ordinance, passed along a portion of her difficult account of life as a dog owner in Denver.

Many of you B.A.N.D. (Breed Awareness, Not Discrimination) members have been here with me and so many others since Denver reenacted the breed ban in May of 2005. Various members have done and continue to do rescue, fostering, letter writing, phone calls, and every other kind of action that goes into helping those affected or changing

these insane laws to something saner, kinder, and smarter than rounding up family dogs and killing them.

Lately, for several reasons, I've not sent out much information about what is going on with the court cases or what you can do to help if you're looking to. A small part of those reasons is that doing

some of this is hard and awful and I just plain don't want to relive it by telling others--I've pretty much clammed up as a defense mechanism. For me, one of the worst aspects of this is helping people through the system to get their dogs out. Animal control does not make this easy and anyway, almost everyone is scared and crying, and that's just the people.

When these people go to visit their dogs in the Denver shelter, and have to leave their dogs there--actually walk away--as the dogs are screaming to go with them, it is almost too much to take. And the dogs have no idea how they got from their comfy sofas to that concrete hellhole. I know many of you on this list have experienced this firsthand and some of you have said you've never heard your dog make that panicky sound before.

The point of this is that so many people do not know what the end result of breed discriminatory legislation is. I've heard people say, "Oh, you just can't have them there."

No! That is not it at all. Not even close.

Breed discriminatory legislation manifests itself in the rounding up and killing of good, well-loved, well-trained, passive, sweet, family dogs. I've included photos as proof that that is the

end result of a breed ban. Please do your part and help spread the word. I can attest that these are indeed photos from Denver's breed ban as I took them myself.

Also, there's so much need out there with the dogs, even if you don't want to send these disgusting photos out or don't want to become an advocate for people going through the system,

*there is plenty more you can do with whatever time and resources you have. We need it all and we need it now! Thank you! Your tired friend,
Xxxxx*

About the photos...

These are pictures of just one load of dogs that Denver has rounded up and killed as part of their breed ban. "Well," you might say, "dogs are killed every day in shelters across the land." Yes, they are and it is all awful. But these were dogs who had homes. These were owned dogs that got picked up and killed for what they look like, not for anything they did.

Underneath this pile of dead dogs, but not shown, were something like twelve puppies that were not even weaned yet. The photographer wanted to show them, but didn't have the heart to move the bodies of the adults around to show the puppies. Either way, this is how a breed ban manifests itself--in the rounding up and killing family dogs.

Now, just before you lean back and wipe your brow to think this is a Denver issue or this isn't happening here... think again.

This happens every day right here in Ontario. We have the numbers. Over 5000 dogs have

been killed right here in Ontario since August 25, 2005!



Rescued Pit Bull Is Now A Therapy Dog

http://www.postbulletin.com/news_manager/templates/localnews_story.asp?z=53&a=388967

By Karen Rorie, Post-Bulletin, Rochester MN

Therapy dogs and their handlers offer a calming presence and a break from routine, social interaction. For patients in a nursing home or hospital, they can make the day a little bit brighter.

According to Therapy Dogs International, a group that evaluates and certifies therapy dogs, any breed is eligible to be certified. What matters most is the dog's training and temperament. No dog is a better example of this statement than Hector.

Hector, who is owned by Andrew Yori of Rochester, was recently certified as a therapy dog by TDI. He is a 4-year-old pit bull who spent the first part of his life as part of Michael Vick's dog-fighting operation in Virginia. Rescued in 2007, Hector moved to Rochester in June of last year.

Hector still bears scars from his fights, but he has settled happily into his new peaceful life.

"He's a big goofy dog," Yori said. Pit bulls are a very resilient breed. "Not a lot of dogs could go through what he did and still come out OK," Yori said.

Hector's attitude seems to be, "It's behind me, let's go forward and have a good time."

Hector's journey to becoming a therapy dog began with simple obedience training -- learning to sit, stay and show other good manners -- and passing the AKC's Canine Good Citizen test.

Working

to become a therapy dog seemed like a natural next step for Hector.

"He really enjoys anybody who will give him some attention," Yori said. "Nothing seems to faze him too much, so it seemed like a really good fit. And because of where he came from, it would really shatter a lot of stereotypes."

In order to be certified, each dog and handler team must pass a rigorous, 15-part exam.

"We try to mimic what some of the encounters might be like," said Marcia Fritzmeier, a TDI evaluator who administered Hector and Yori's test. TDI's exam tests each dog's manners, obedience, ease around people and reactions to situations such as loud noises and meeting other dogs.

Fritzmeier was aware of Hector's background before his test and paid special attention to his temperament, extending some of the tests to be sure Hector would be a good therapy dog.

"I could not believe the degree of excellence he passed this test with," she said. "He never stopped wagging his tail. He just enjoyed every second of it."

Once the paperwork is processed in a few weeks, Hector and Yori will begin making visits to nursing homes. Yori says bringing a bit of joy to another dog lover is the best part of the job.

"You really see the people who had dogs and love dogs, their eyes just light up," he said.



Vick's Pit Bulls Now Vicktory Dogs Thanks To Animal Sanctuary

By [Janice Lloyd](#), USA TODAY

http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/pets/2009-08-18-vick-pitbulls_N.htm

Cherry would not walk anywhere. He would just lie down all the time.

Georgia probably never had a playful day in her life.

Both pit bulls are among the 22 dogs that the [Best Friends Animal Society](#) renamed the Vicktory Dogs after rescuing them from the Bad Newz Kennel in Virginia owned by [Michael Vick](#). More than 70 dogs were taken from Vick's compound. He was arrested in 2007, pleaded guilty to dog fighting charges and served a 20-month sentence.

The rehabilitation of Cherry and Georgia is just about complete. John Garcia is heading up their care at Best Friends in Kanab, Utah. He spent a month getting acquainted with the dogs before relocating them in January 2008 to the no-kill animal sanctuary. He expects all but two of the dogs to be ready soon to leave for new families.

"We feel that in the very near future, Cherry may be ready for foster care," says John Polis, spokesman for Best Friends.

"When we first got him, he would just splay down on his belly. He had just totally shut down. John had to carry him everywhere in

the beginning. He's doing very well now."

And Georgia is a star on television and in the publicity arena.

She was on *Larry King Live* Monday night with Garcia and makes the rounds with him to spread the word about the dogs' recovery from a life of abuse.

"She had experienced fighting her whole life," Garcia says. "Now she's going around meeting people all over with us in places like the Beverly Hills Hilton. We hope that sends a very powerful message. She's gone from rags to riches. These dogs were the victims. All it has taken is patience."

For Georgia, make that patience and a ball.

Georgia loves to push a soccer ball around with her nose.

"She's a soccer player," Polis says. "When we went to the interview with Larry King, we noticed she'd been dirty from playing soccer all day and pushing the ball around in the dust."

She cleans up good, though. And she'll be heading out of Best Friends at some point. Only Meryl and Lucas cannot leave.

"Because they were so heavily involved in the fighting, the court wants them here," Garcia says.

But they're thriving, he says, and defying the odds. Other pet groups wanted the dogs euthanized.

One of the 22 dogs has been adopted and another has gone to a foster home. Before they can be adopted, Garcia says, the dogs have to pass a canine "good citizen" 10-part test that is "very difficult to pass," and they go to

new families that are heavily scrutinized by Best Friends.

"We want to set the dogs up for success," Garcia says. "They are good dogs. We believe every dog deserves a second chance."



GUEST COLUMN

A RACCOON REUNION

By Cynthia Post, DVM

On Thursday, April 2, during the evening animal care shift, PROCYON WILDLIFE received the first orphaned raccoon. She was a 5 week old female whose mother had been killed in a trap.

The person who found the mother called the York Region OSPCA, He told them that there were two babies hanging around the mother. However, there was only one baby present when the OSPCA officer arrived on the scene. She brought this baby to me. The baby responded well and was named "Maggie" by a couple of Animal Care volunteers who were there when she arrived.

Maggie was pretty lonely so we all made an effort to give her lots of love and snuggles each time we fed her. We even put a mirror in her kennel so she would feel like she wasn't alone [though, actually, raccoons are way too smart to fall for that little trick].

Maggie thrived and grew and I planned on keeping my eyes opened for other orphans from the same geography in which she was found so she wouldn't be alone for too long.

Then, on April 7 I received another phone call from York Region OSPCA. Maggie's rescuer had found three

more baby raccoons in the same place that Maggie had been found. The OSPCA had rescued the babies and they were on their way to us. We were all jumping around and so happy!!

The babies arrived safe & sound, in pretty good condition considering they had been without their mother for five days.

While we've often discussed becoming more committed to volunteer work in the past, this is the first time we've committed to something long-term and we feel strongly that Procyon Wildlife is a cause that is aligned with our values and will provide the best possible reward – knowing that we are contributing to the survival of wild animals in their natural habitat.

Now, after the four days needed to establish the new raccoon pups and transition them onto formula, they have been reunited with Maggie. It took them a few minutes to remember each other but within a short period they were playing happily together - and then they curled up together for a contented nap.

The new pups are named Morris, Meaghan and McKenna and, with sister Maggie, are happily eating and growing every day.

Thanks to PROCYON, the OSPCA and a caring citizen, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

PROCYON WILDLIFE is dedicated to providing skilled care to orphaned, injured and otherwise distressed Wildlife. Animals are cared for by veterinarian, Dr. Cynthia Post and trained staff of volunteers.

The animals are released into their original natural habitats as soon as they are healthy and able to fend for themselves.

Procyon Wildlife is provincially licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and is located close to Tottenham.

Compassionate members of local and surrounding communities bring needy animals they have found to our facility for care.

In 2008 alone, Procyon Wildlife cared for some 300 wild animals including a variety of mammals and birds.

Although we are recognized by the province of Ontario, we receive no funding whatsoever from the province or from our municipalities. Therefore, Procyon Wildlife has to rely on the generosity of local businesses and

of all caring people to help us help wildlife.

Every dollar we receive is greatly appreciated and assists us in purchasing much needed items such as medications, vaccines and veterinary supplies. One of our current priorities right now is to build new enclosures for the safe housing of all the animals we expect to arrive in the Spring.

PROCYON WILDLIFE also offers tours of the facility as well as presentations to community and school groups. Please contact Pauline to make arrangements.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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



Love Bingo? Love Dogs?

Help Southern Ontario Animal
Rescue Save Dogs’ Lives AND
have fun at the same time...
Maybe even win big!

SOAR will be at Bingo Country
Bingo Hall in Brampton (Bovaird
Drive) the following dates:

**SATURDAY, October 10 - 12:00
pm to 3:15 pm**

**WEDNESDAY, October 14 – 9:30
pm to 12:30 am**

**SATURDAY, October 17 - 12:00
pm to 3:15 pm**

**WEDNESDAY, Oct 21 - from 9:30
pm to 12:30 am**

**SATURDAY, October 31 - 12:00
pm to 3:15 pm**

**SATURDAY, November 7 - 12:00
pm to 3:15 pm**

**SATURDAY, November 14 -
12:00 pm to 3:15 pm**

**SATURDAY, Dec 5 - 12:00 pm to
3:15 pm**

**SATURDAY, Dec 12 - 12:00 pm
to 3:15 pm**

**SATURDAY, Dec 19 - 12:00 pm
to 3:15 pm**

**Come play bingo – win big
money & support SOAR at the
same time!**



**Russian Stray Dogs Travel
for Food Via Subway**

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/277599>

Stray dogs have learned to use
the subway in their search travel
for food. They board the trains
daily and travel back and forth
without paying any fares; quite a
feat for supposedly “dumb
animals.”

According to Russian biology
professor Andrew Poyarkov, dogs
in Moscow have learned to use
the city’s underground rail system.
he told the press that he has seen
them travel into the center of the
city, where they can more easily
find food, each morning and travel
back to where they live each
evening.

In his words: “They do not just go
to the subway station, they
actually board the trains. They
seem to have learnt how long they
need to stay on the train to leave
at the right station. Sometimes
they fall asleep and miss their
stop. Then they get off take
another train back to the centre.”

Moscow ecologists believe that
this phenomenon began in the
early 1990s after the Soviet Union
collapsed and Moscow fell into the
hands of new class of Russian
capitalists. This commercial
revolution, which was marked by
the removal of Moscow’s
industrial complexes that had
served as shelters for homeless
dogs, eliminated access to
habitual feeding places like trash
bins. The dogs were forced to
make lemons out of lemonade, so
to speak, and find new ways to
reach different feeding grounds.

It is as if the animals commute in
the same manner as their human
counterparts; they travel to the
center in the morning and back
home again in the evening.

Amazingly, these dogs have the
ability to usually not miss their
stop while traveling by subway.

Biologists feel this talent relates to
an innate sense of timing. They
also know to cross the street on a
green traffic light, which scientists
feel has more to do with the
picture that appears on the light
rather than the color. The dogs
usually choose the first or the last
car on the subway, which are
generally the least crowded.

Despite their desperate
existences, the dogs often play
while they travel back and forth.
They often jump into the train just
seconds before the door closes
and risking injury to their tails.

This is a sad commentary on the lot of stray animals but its message is clearly one of survival. The world may be going to the dogs but not without the dogs adjusting to it and marking it with their own particular stamp of animal ingenuity.



Help SOAR Win a \$20,000 Grant



Vote for us at [The Animal Rescue Site](#) and we could win \$20,000 to help dogs in need.

The Animal Rescue Site is hosting a special challenge with the grand prize being a \$20,000 grant, and they will be awarding many other

grants to rescue groups with the most votes - a total of \$100,000 in grants for animal welfare organizations.

Think how many dogs we could help for \$20,000!

All you have to do is click the link to help rescued animals, and then vote in The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter Challenge. Both of these actions are absolutely free!

You can vote once a day, every day, from now through to December 20, 2009.

Every time you vote, or tell a friend to vote, you are making a huge difference for us. Please

vote today!



Visit: www.theanimalrescuesite.co

m & 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, then enter "Ontario" as Province & Brampton as City - click "Search". Click on "Vote" beside our name.

On behalf of abused, abandoned & neglected dogs everywhere – we thank you!

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.

The following has circulated many emails, but we thought it appropriate for this section.

A Dog's Purpose
(from a 6-year-old).

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, 'I know

why....'

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, 'People are born so that they can learn how to live a good Life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?' The Six-year-old continued, 'Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long.'



Dogs Get Nod In Study To Help Vets With Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/pawprintpost/post/2009/09/dogs-get-nod-in-study-to-help-vets-with-post-traumatic-stress-disorder/1>

A new study is hoping man's best friend can help veterans struggling with post traumatic stress disorder.

The U.S. Department of Defense is starting a 12-month study to find out exactly how the dogs help by comparing soldiers with PTSD who have dogs with a similar group of soldiers without a dog.

Researchers will measure changes in symptoms and medication use.

These psychiatric service dogs have been assisting people with a variety of mental illnesses since the late 1990s. About 10,000 such dogs are now in use.

Joan Esnayra, president and founder of the [Psychiatric Service Dog Society](#), has a message on their website for veterans: They have a "soulmate in their dog who is ever loyal and compassionate" and a community that understands them.

And that has the military interested, according to a *Kansas City Star* [story](#).

"It's a powerful intervention. We expect a very large effect," research psychologist Craig Love told the *Star*.

Love will be conducting the study at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center with Esnayra.

The two researchers presented their work Thursday during a military health research conference held this week in

Kansas City. Love and Esnayra surveyed 39 people with PTSD who were teamed with psychiatric service dogs.

Eighty-two percent have reported fewer PTSD symptoms since they have had the dogs, and 40% said they were using fewer medications.

Sharon L. Peters wrote about a [holiday gift](#) in 2007 for stressed troops in Iraq: two long-eared, highly sensitive black Labrador retrievers that military officials hope will help soldiers navigate the ragged emotions of life in a war zone. They were trained by [America's VetDogs](#).



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.

S.O.A.R. Board of Directors:

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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.
- ✓ 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

Lymphoma A Prevalent Cancer In Dogs

By Jeff Kahler, D.V.M.
http://www.mercurynews.com/homeandgarden/ci_13311375?nclick_check=1

Teri and John have received bad news about their 7-year-old golden retriever.

Harlo has been diagnosed with lymphoma, and they are wrestling with treatment options.

Harlo was diagnosed by his regular veterinarian and referred to a veterinary cancer specialist, an oncologist.

Lymphoma is the most common form of cancer veterinarians deal with in canine patients.

It involves the lymph system, a part of the circulatory system, and is specifically part of the immune system. It is made up of many feet of lymph vessels and structures connected to them, called lymph nodes.

Lymphoma occurs when lymph cells reproduce in an uncontrolled fashion. It results in an increased

number of lymph cells — lymphocytes — in the bloodstream or as masses in the lymph nodes. It is this nodular form that is most common. This disease is almost always fatal.

In cases of nodular lymphoma, caretakers will feel lumps in various locations on their dog's body. Common areas include under the neck, in the armpits, in

front of the shoulders, in the groin region and behind the knees.

These are normal locations for lymph nodes but, with this cancer, these nodes become enlarged.

Early on, there may be no signs, but any dog with enlarged lymph nodes should be seen immediately by a veterinarian.

There are other possible causes for enlarged lymph nodes, but do not wait to find out.

For Teri and John, the news was devastating, but treatment options provide some hope. They were told by the veterinary oncologist that with medical therapy, they could expect remission of Harlo's cancer and survival times in excess of six months. A long-term cure is unlikely.

Teri and John are concerned about Harlo's quality of life and are considering alternative therapies because of the potential side effects of chemotherapy.

Alternative therapies can be beneficial as part of a therapeutic approach in the treatment of lymphoma. I encourage Teri and John to seek out an expert in this area. I do not recommend alternative therapy over conventional treatment.



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!



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.



Charlie



Radar



Sincere



Roxy

SOAR WAS THERE...

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

Canada Day



Roxy takin' a break



Tish & Miss Brampton 2009!



Rhett & Kaylee

Peel Pride Picnic



Trojan Man!



Pyper, Mike & Maggie Working Hard!

Dog Days of Scugog



Bond & his new friends



Diesel (a visitor to our booth) looking dapper in his Doggles!

Brampton Community Safety Day



Bernadette & Gamble

Dog First Aid Course



Dojo with a "head wound"



Maggie getting her heart rate checked



Dojo with a sucking chest wound

Brampton Fall Fair



Bond getting a belly rub



Rich, Cora & Nick



Bond recruiting more fans!



Kaylee takin' a break



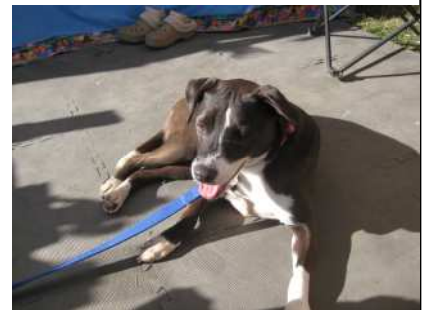
Jada not impressed with the cold



Jan & Kaylee keepin' warm



Peggy, Gary, Kelly, Toby & Tanuja



Blue catchin' some rays



Leon sitting still for a change!



Bond a little confused on the event



Bond & a new friend

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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!

Rrrrisotto

3-4 cloves garlic mashed
500gms/1pound minced meat
1 1/2 cups rice
4 cups finely chopped veggies
(NO onions! they're toxic to dogs)

1 stock/bullion cube
5 cups water

Gently fry the garlic. Add meat & brown it through. Add rice & mix well. Add 3 cups water (with stock cube dissolved).

Bring to boil & simmer gently for 5 minutes. Add veggies & remaining water, simmer very gently for about 20 minutes, till water is absorbed. Add more water if it gets dry!

Cool & serve, or freeze for later.

This is very good for "high-energy" dogs like terriers, who do

a lot of racing around, burning up calories! Or dogs who are a bit fat, and

don't need too much protein in their diet!



If I Didn't Have a Dog or a Cat...

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would have money and no guilt to go on a real vacation.

I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians,

As I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, Sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

I would not talk 'baby talk'. 'Eat your din din'. 'Yummy yummy for the tummy'..

My house would not look like a day care centre, toys Everywhere.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, Treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E,

W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E

I would not have as many leaves (or pine needles) INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.

I would not have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?' from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

How EMPTY my life would be!!!



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