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Happy Holidays!

**Winter 2009
Newsletter**

Providing a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Words for animal welfare

There are few things that speak of the comforts of home than pets and books. Now, two New Brunswick writers are sharing their work to make sure more animals are safe and warm, too.

St. Thomas University professor Kathy Mac is donating the profits from her work of poetry "The Hundefraulein Papers" to the NBSPCA. This collection of poems examines the six years she spent looking after the dogs of Elisabeth Mann Borgese, youngest daughter of Nobel Prize winner Thomas Mann.

Meanwhile, Judy Cole of Woodstock has contributed one dollar from every copy of her Tiggy book sales to the provincial SPCA.

Many thanks to these ladies for their generosity. This is a good chance to indulge your love of reading while helping animals at the same time!

Let there be peace on earth

Canada's House of Commons has unanimously adopted a motion which calls on the Canadian government to support (in principle) the development of a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare (UDAW). A campaign has been spearheaded by the World Society for the Protection of Animals over the last few years to convince governments worldwide to support this declaration. The motion was passed unanimously with the support of all parties. The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, of which the NBSPCA is a member, has been actively supporting this effort. More than 75,000 Canadians have signed petitions in support of the UDAW and more than 25,000 individual letters have been sent to Members of Parliament and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. This November 6th decision by Parliament is a big step but is only the first step. Over the next few years the actual details of the UDAW will be negotiated and finalized by key countries. Canada must then agree to endorse the final wording of the UDAW.

Be a "Santa Paws" this Christmas!

Christmas is the perfect time for expressing our love and appreciation to those who enrich our lives. We give gifts to symbolize these wonderful feelings. Because we know that animals are important to you, we would like to ask that when you are making a list (and checking it twice) that you will not forget our animals. With your help, we can do our part to make sure that many of these animals will have a safe and warm Christmas.

Inside this Newsletter you will find our Christmas card gift form. You can have us send one of our beautiful cards to a friend or relative in time for Christmas. This tax deductible gift also includes a membership in the NBSPCA.

We know that you have many demands on your generosity this time of year but please make this one more gift. Your donation will make Christmas so much brighter for thousands of deserving animals.

On behalf of these deserving animals, thank you for your care and concern.

Glen McGuire, Executive Director, NBSPCA

Message from the President

By Joy Bacon

As always the end of the year brings to mind accomplishments from the year that is winding down as well as challenges that are still to be met. It has been a busy year for both the provincial organization and shelter organizations around the province. As most of you are already aware your provincial organization as represented by the Board of Directors took a “leap of faith” to the future by moving to assume responsibility for dog control in unincorporated areas around the province.

The protection of animals has been and continues to be the legislated mandate of the NBSPCA. However, animals that are “at large” for whatever reason are at risk and for that reason it seemed a logical next step. Through the licensing of dogs and the inspection of kennels by trained and professional staff, we trust that the general public will become more aware and there will be fewer animals at risk in this way.

It is also worthwhile remembering that one of the requirements of licensing is vaccination against rabies; an important public health and safety issue in this province as it is elsewhere.

For now animal protection officers must continue to respond to far too many calls; calls where animals are not receiving adequate shelter and/or care. To the end of October this year, officers responded to more than 1350 complaints involving over 9000 animals. It is obvious there is still work to do and I have every confidence that our Animal Protection Officers are more than ready to carry out that work.

Shelters around the province also had a busy year. Animals continue to come to their doors in a variety of ways; animals who have no place to go. Thanks to the work of caring staff, many volunteers and caring communities the majority of these animals find new & loving homes. Financial challenges continue to be a reality for all parts of the network providing for neglected and abused animals in this province. While all components find some ways of earning income, the majority of financial support continues to come from caring community members.

That support has continued throughout the past year and we trust that 2010 will bring the same commitment to providing for animals in this province.

I wish Season’s Greetings to each of you and your family members including those with four legs. Along with Board of Directors of NBSPCA, I look forward to your continued involvement in animal welfare issues in the year 2010.

Thank you!



Merry Christmas
and Happy Holidays
to everyone who is helping
the NBSPCA make
New Brunswick a better
place for animals!

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The NB Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NBSPCA) is a provincial organization whose mission is to promote responsible, caring and compassionate attitudes toward animals. Our primary objective is the prevention of cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals in our province.

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Message du Président

Par Joy Bacon

À la fin de l'année, on réfléchit sur les réalisations accomplies au cours de l'année qui vient de s'écouler et sur les défis de l'avenir. La SPCA provinciale ainsi que les refuges d'animaux partout dans la province ont certainement été très occupés cette année. Comme la plupart d'entre vous le savent déjà, le conseil d'administration de la SPCA provinciale a fait un « acte de foi » en assumant la responsabilité du contrôle des chiens dans les régions non constituées en municipalité. La protection des animaux a toujours été et continuera d'être le mandant de la SPCANB tel qu'il est prescrit par la loi. Cependant, les animaux errants, quelque soit la raison, sont à risque et, pour cette raison, ces nouvelles responsabilités semblaient être la prochaine étape logique. En nous assurant que les chiens portent une plaque d'immatriculation et que les chenils sont inspectés par du personnel professionnel et qualifié, nous espérons augmenter le niveau de sensibilisation au sein de la population et diminuer le nombre d'animaux à risque. Il est également important de se rappeler qu'avant de pouvoir acheter une plaque d'immatriculation pour leur chien, les gens devront le faire vacciner contre la rage. Il s'agit-là d'un enjeu de santé et de sécurité publique dans notre province et ailleurs. À l'heure actuelle, les agents de protection des animaux continuent de répondre à un nombre bien trop élevé de plaintes concernant des animaux qui ne reçoivent pas de soins adéquats ou qui sont hébergés dans des abris inadéquats. À la fin d'octobre cette année, les agents avaient répondu à plus de 1 350 plaintes concernant plus de 9 000 animaux. Il est évident qu'il y a encore beaucoup de travail à faire mais j'ai confiance que nos agents de protection des animaux sont à la hauteur de cette tâche.

Les refuges partout dans la province ont également été très occupés cette année. Ils continuent à recevoir des animaux de diverses sources - des animaux pour qui le refuge est la dernière option. Grâce au travail du personnel, des bénévoles et de la collectivité en général, la majorité de ces animaux trouvent un nouveau foyer aimant.

Les défis financiers continuent d'être une réalité pour tous les membres du réseau d'organismes offrant des soins aux animaux négligés et maltraités dans notre province. Ces organismes trouvent tous différentes façons de recueillir des fonds, mais la majorité des revenus proviennent des membres de la collectivité qui se soucient du bien-être des animaux.

Je vous souhaite à vous tous ainsi qu'à votre famille, y compris tous nos amis à quatre pattes, de passer de joyeuses fêtes. Le conseil d'administration de la SPCANB se réjouit à la perspective de continuer à travailler avec vous dans le domaine du bien-être des animaux en 2010.

New Year dog jogs

Team up with a pet to reach your New Year's resolutions!

When you are ready to get more exercise, a dog can help you get moving and provide company while you do it. If you don't have the time or space to be a full-time dog owner, many SPCA shelters will welcome you to help them walk the dogs who are in their care.



Dates to remember

January 1

First day of dog licenses for many municipalities

Dec 14, 2009 to Jan 5, 2010

National Christmas Bird Count

Check our NBSPCA calendar on our www.spcanb.ca web site for more great events!

You can donate to the NBSPCA easily by using the Canada Gives button on our web site. The donation goes through immediately and you get a tax receipt right then and there.

SPCA shelters are playing with matches!

We know birds of a feather flock together, and now cats and dogs are getting in on the game. A growing number of SPCA shelters are adopting the new Meet Your Match program in an effort to make the best pet and parent combos possible.

As many pets are relinquished to animal shelters due to behaviour problems, getting potential adopters to think about the personality and energy level of their desired new animal can go a long way to making permanent placements.

Cats are ranked in one of three categories according to their personalities. Outgoing adventurers are in the green group, while moderate personalities are placed among the orange felines. The quiet companions who love to snuggle are given purple grades. This ASPCA-launched program helps prospective adopters know which feline personality would best fit with their household.

The idea has been so successful among the feline set, a similar program has been launched for dogs. Check with your local SPCA to see which personality colour you are!

Thank you, Hartz!

A huge THANK YOU goes to Hartz pet products for the 100,000 pet toys and care products donated to members of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies.

The Kibble Pet Food Bank Network needs cat food and pet supplies to assist pet parents this holiday season. Contact your local Kibble Pet Food Bank in Sussex, Hampton, Oromocto or Moncton to learn how you can help!

Learn more at <http://kibblecanada.tripod.com>

Make this a safe and healthy winter for pets

You can help your animals thrive this winter with a few simple steps.

Livestock must have weather-proof shelter, either natural or constructed, and a steady supply of fresh water to withstand the worst winter weather. Cattle and horses have body shapes that allow them to happily handle cooler temperatures than humans find comfortable, but still require shelter, food and water to stay healthy.

Top up or change your vehicle's antifreeze at your neighbourhood garage, where animals are less likely to go. This reduces the chance of accidental poisoning as pets like its sweet taste.

Use sand or kitty litter to provide traction on slippery ice, while avoiding salt where possible. This is easier on both the environment and your pet's sensitive paws.

Allow your pet outdoors for brief runs only during the really cool temperatures. Most cats and dogs do not handle cold conditions well, and appreciate being indoors with you when the winds blow.

Use artificial decorations placed well out of reach of curious paws when it's time to deck the halls. Your cat or dog is less likely to chew or break them.

Stick with your pet's regular food to avoid stomach upsets. People foods such as raisins, alcohol and chocolate can poison your cat or dog if they eat enough.

