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34 Years of Caring for the Animals in the Niagara Region

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\$10.00 or more

AAS

Freezing cold weather means suffering stray cats. Financial donations are appreciated.

Upcoming Events

THE AAS CHRISTMAS BIG BAZAAR & HUGE SILENT AUCTION

Date: Saturday, November 22nd

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Ukrainian Black Sea Hall, 455 Welland Ave.,
St. Catharines

Please join us at our largest fundraising event!

Giant Auction, Rummage, Bake & Craft items, Penny Table,
Luncheon, Raffles and so much more!

Auction items needed, call Jeanne 905-646-1442 to help or
donate an auction item

or call Tammy to help or donate to the Bazaar 905-354-9061. Please drop off auction/ bazaar items
to the Hall on Friday Nov 21st, from 3pm to 9pm.

We are in need of silent auction items, rummage items, baked goods, knit, crochet and craft items, specifically knitted mittens.



AAS RESCUE STORY

Joy was brought to St Catharines Animal Hospital because the owner thought she was pregnant. It turned out that her belly had enormous growths. The owner could not afford to help the cat and AAS was contacted by the clinic to see if we could help. The cat was signed over to the AAS and after talking with Dr. Boctor it was decided that the prognosis would be good if the growths were removed. As you can see from the picture the growths were massive and the healing process was going to be slow. We are happy to report that Joy came through with only minor issues with re-stitching in a few spots. She has been adopted by one of the vet technicians. She is a lovely kitty who is now happy and safe!

The life-saving surgery performed on this wonderful kitty brings joy to our hearts. It is because of dedicated volunteers and our generous donors that make rescue stories like this possible. Joy's surgery was quite expensive and although we have already raised a considerable amount thanks to PetValu Thorold's Paws Drive, we would like to encourage donations so we can continue to bring these types of miracle rescue stories to you in the future!



Remembering Mina

Mina Schnurr was a dedicated supporter of AAS who loved animals.



This letter was written by one of our members Terry Quinsey in memory of her late sister Mina Schnurr who was also one of our faithful supporters. Mina was a strong advocate of AAS and had a deep love for all animals her entire life. This is a tribute to Mina's life, her love for animals and her love for people.

"Mina was born in 1928 in a farm house with neither electricity or running water. She worked hard doing farm work and house chores until she became a Bell telephone operator, got married, and then moved to Fort Erie, Ontario. Her home was her castle and she kept it spotless!

She helped care for her parents, mother-in-law and husband in their later years when their health faded. Mina loved animals and always had at least one or two rescue cats. She died suddenly as a result of a fall in the hospital, after almost making a full recovery from heart surgery.

Mina was a kind and generous big sister to my brother and I, and although eight years my senior, she was my best friend. I'm sure she would be pleased to know about the wonderful things her estate is providing to animals and to people far and wide. Thanks for all your work on behalf of animals." - Terry Quinsey

Birthday Wishes

Hailey Andrews honored Animal Assistance at her 8th birthday in March. Instead of gifts for her; her classmates brought gifts for cats and dogs.

Some of the food went to our foster families, toys went into gift baskets to be won at our dinner at Club LaSalle in the spring.

Hailey loves cats and dogs. Thanks Hailey!



A big thank you to Summer Conrad who asked her friends to donate cat and dog supplies to Animal Assistance instead of birthday gifts on her 10th birthday!

Mya Ajandi is an animal lover too! She chose to forgo gifts for her 9th birthday party and instead she collected pet food and supplies for AAS.

Many thanks Mya!



Past AAS Events & Community

PetValu, Glendale Ave.

An adoption event, BBQ and Bake Sale was held at PetValu, 210 Glendale Ave. on Saturday, Sept 20. The event was a lot of fun and very successful. While no cats or kittens found new homes, \$790 dollars was raised!

Huge thanks to Maggie for organizing the event and Donna and Dayle of PetValu for hosting. Thank you to Dr. Murray for providing the Catmobile.

To all the bakers and all the volunteers - it wouldn't have happened without you! Thank you!

Spring Bazaar and Silent Auction

Thank you to all of our sponsors, supporters and volunteers who came out to our Spring Bazaar and Silent Auction, held on April 26th at the Ukrainian Black Sea Hall, 455 Welland Ave., St. Catharines.

We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of \$6,500.00! Another successful fundraiser.

Ruffin's, Hartzel Road

Thank you to Ruffin's for their cash donation and dog and cat food donations.

PetValu 4th Ave

Special thanks to PetValu 4th Avenue, St. Catharines who collected over \$2,000 worth of pet food donated by their generous customers in April.

PetValu Lundy's Lane

A special thanks to PetValu in Niagara Falls for their food and cash donation.

PetValu Bunting Road

A special thanks to PetValu on Bunting Road for their \$385 gift card donation.

Fat Cats Pizza

Fat Cats Pizza's on-going support of AAS is very much appreciated. They conduct regular 'charity' draw events, donated the proceeds of their September golf tournament and invited AAS to join them in the Labour Day Parade and following barbeque to raise funds

PetValu Virgil

'Thomas' the resident cat at Virgil PetValu celebrated his birthday on June 22nd. He received cash donations from many customers who stopped by. The proceeds from this fundraiser went to AAS in the amount \$357.00.

Paws Up 4 Dinner

Thank you to all the great volunteers who helped with Paws Up 4 Dinner held on March 30 at Club LaSalle and to the bakers who provided the Delicious desserts. Thank you to everyone who donated the prizes for the Penny Table and Silent Auction. Thank you to our sponsors Dodd's Greenhouses Ltd., Dr. Elke Krach, Gloria's Catering, Indoor Shoes Music and Patti Gaye Welch. The event raised over \$2000!

AAS Summer Yard Sale and Barbeque

Thanks to the volunteers and AAS Friends who donated to and organized the yard sale/barbeque in the Black Sea parking lot in August.



Through community pet store programs and private adoptions, we were able to adopt out over 220 cats and kittens in 2013!



Above, Joe and Julie from PetValu Thorold, presented AAS with a cheque for \$2,600 from their Paws Drive. Many thanks!

Notice: AAS Meetings

Meetings start at 6:30 p.m., the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to June.

*All are welcome!
We hope to see you there.*



Tis the holiday season for giving and sharing. All donations are appreciated to help those animals in need!

Volunteers and Foster Homes Desperately Needed:

We are in URGENT need of EVENT VOLUNTEERS, TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS and FOSTER HOMES - please contact the AAS pager phone at 905.322.6429

AAS Raffle Winners

SPRING RAFFLE WINNERS ARE...

1st prize – \$300 cash to Chantelle Taylor

2nd prize – \$150 LCBO gift card to Tracey Lowther

3rd prize – \$100 cash to Gloria Dupuis

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Winter raffle tickets are now available.

Look for them at PetValu (Thorold, Pendale, Virgil Global Pet Food, Scott Street in St. Catharines and also at many veterinary offices located throughout the Niagara Region.

Mark your calendars – the draw date is Monday, December 17th at 11 Ottawa Street, St. Catharines.



AAS Membership

Donation:

\$200.00 \$100.00 \$50.00

Other _____

Membership (Jan. to Dec.)

Adult Membership \$15.00

Family Membership \$25.00

I prefer to be a Silent Member

In Memoriam (human or animal)

Congratulatory Message



Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

In Memoriam: _____

Congratulatory Message: _____

In Memoriam

Judith, Albert, Amanda and Don Wright in memory of Kathleen "Kitty" Burnett

Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Quinsey in memory of Mina Schnurr

Mrs. Dorothy Wray in memory of Midge Tarran and all her cats

Mr. David Surgeoner in loving memory of his wife Vivian

Anonymous in memory of Helen Auch

Betty Ralph in memory of Ted Burgess

Rose Cole in memory of all of her deceased furry friends

Judith Allan in memory of Veronica Kemp

Patricia Bradley in memory of Nellie Molnar

Walker Industries in memory of Veronica Kemp

Nina Slack in memory of Eddie - forever remembered in our hearts

Barbara Harrison in memory of "Tommy Boy" - tried to help but too old & smart to be caught

In Honour

In Honour of Stubby, now Merlin, we've managed to find a home for another of our neighbourhood stray cats. Thank you for helping us defray the veterinary costs.

In Honour of Lucy, thank you to Lucy when we were left with so many abandoned stray cats. I'm glad to hear that most have been adopted and taken care of. Your organization is great! Keep up the great work. - Rick and Vicki Dekker

In Honour of Ryan Kent.

In Honour of Alonso-Crasto Wedding

Anthony Savoia generously videotaped our wedding ceremony. This donation is in his name. I know this charity means a lot to him. - Meghan and Aaron

In Honour of Ron Pietrobon's 'Special Birthday' - Happy Birthday Ron, we love you

From fast Eddie on behalf of all the kitties on Elberta Ave, Niagara Falls

In Honour of Zara from Margaret Lafleur

In Honour of Princess & Cally from Rose Cole

Just a friendly reminder that all 2014 membership fees are due. Please forward your payment.