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ADHS Supporters Large and Small Lend a Helping Hand!



Nine-year-old Taylor Davidson and Kiarra Hamby of Beeton raised \$198 selling cookies in front of Beeton Foodland on Saturday June 11th. ADHS appreciates all community support, big and small!

The Alliston & District Humane Society would like to thank our local business sponsors for their support.



ADHS would like to thank Mars corporation of Brampton for supplying ADHS animals with pet food for the last five years, as well as Schenker distribution agents who provide help with loading and pick up.

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One of the best Humane Society cat adoption videos on YouTube is the Winnipeg Humane Society's Midnight Madness Kitty Sale Video. (Check it out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4fVsSejI4Q>) This clip is a hilarious parody of a furniture ad and documents the wide variety of cats and kittens for adoption at their shelter. This video is light hearted but the very serious problem of cat overpopulation in Canada lies beneath this production. As the video says, "It looks like someone left the kitty making machine on overnight, and we have a cat-astrophe on our hands."

ADHS and the area it services also face an exploding cat population and the problems this creates. Our lost and found line receives over 2000 calls every year and a significant number of these calls are about abandoned, stray, feral or breeding cats. A pair of breeding cats, which can have two or more litters per year, can exponentially produce **420,000 offspring** over a seven-year period.



ADHS is working hard to serve our community and take in and find homes for the many cats in our area. All cats coming into our care must be assessed, given medical treatment as required, de-wormed, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. The process of moving a single cat through the intake to adoption process can take time if a cat needs health care. We spay or neuter all adult cats for adoption. This is a very expensive process! A number of local vets offer us assistance and we utilize all low cost spay and neuter services available to us. ADHS also attempts to serve the community with its

trap, neuter and release programs for feral cats. Breeding feral cat colonies cause problems and considerable distress for their human neighbours. It can take years to sterilize and re-house or set up healthy outdoor colonies. **All of this takes time, money and patience.** ADHS is currently working in partnership with Shelburne Feral Cat Rescue and the township of New Tecumseth to sterilize several cat colonies in the township. **So what can you do to help?**

Please spay and neuter your own cats. Many local veterinarians provide this service and the high volume, low cost spay and neuter clinics in Barrie and Newmarket do this at a reasonable price. Call Barrie at 705-734-9883 or Newmarket at 1-888-668-7722 for an appointment. **Donate to our cat program!** You can direct a donation to a specific purpose and our cats desperately need funding for spaying and neutering.

Please look for solutions for abandoned or stray cats in your neighbourhood. Many, many people take in these cats, feed them or provide shelter in the form of a garage or insulated dog house. Others canvas their friends and neighbours and find a home for abandoned animals. If you are waiting for our shelter to take in a cat, be patient! We are working as hard and fast as we can on this problem but we cannot take in all the free roaming cats in our area.

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ADHS Volunteer/Member Appreciation Barbeque

ADHS held its annual volunteer/member appreciation barbecue on June 26 at the shelter. More than 100 volunteers attended and enjoyed a barbecue lunch complete with an array of beautiful cupcakes sporting the new ADHS logo! Thanks to all ADHS volunteers! ADHS is 100 % volunteer run and would not be able to help the animals without you!



New ADHS Logo Unveiled

Our new logo was designed by Chelsea McFadden. Chelsea received her Advanced Graphic Design Diploma at Conestoga College in 2014. She lives in Alliston with her pet turtle Melvin. In her free time she likes to walk the paths of local hiking trails, and spend time with her family and friends. Chelsea donated her time to complete a logo and banner for the Alliston & District Humane Society and looks forward to helping more local non-profits in the future. You can contact her at: chelsea.b.mcfadden@gmail.com or view her portfolio at behance.net/ChelseaMcFadden.

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Volunteer Corner

This is the fourth in a series of articles about volunteers that help make our organization run.

In Memory of ADHS Past President Glenna Ogle

ADHS past president, long term supporter and volunteer Glenna Ogle passed away on June 4, 2016. She is survived by her grade school sweetheart and husband Ernest and adored son Jamie (Agnes).

Glenna joined ADHS in 1990 when she and her husband Ernie moved to this area from Toronto. Glenna was passionate about animal welfare and her warm and welcoming Victorian farm home has always teemed with dogs and cats, including her beloved bad boy Jack. Glenna was a long term fundraiser and activist for ADHS. She spent years fundraising in any form for the organization: bake sales, Christmas craft sales, garage sales, silent auctions. Whatever the event, Glenna gave both her time and considerable baking skills to the activity of the day.

The Ogle kitchen was command central in the early days of the ADHS and Glenna would answer calls for help with animals all over this community. One of her best stories was the call from a panicked Banting High School administrator half an hour before guests were to arrive for graduation. A flock of chickens had been released in the hallowed hallways by pranksters! Glenna dropped what she was doing, hopped in her car and proceeded to round up the flock, a chicken under each arm, as she shooed them through the halls to safety as guests began to arrive! Glenna and her husband were long term foster parents to a huge and unending stream of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens, as ADHS struggled to cope with the needs of the animals in this community using only foster homes.



Glenna, Ernest and K.D. Lang

During her tenure as ADHS President from 1999-2006, Glenna's hard work and determination to see a shelter in this community led the board of directors to take the scary financial plunge and purchase the 50 acres on which the present shelter stands.

For the last decade, Glenna has been a tireless volunteer, answering the ADHS phone lines from home, transferring messages and dealing with difficult callers in her classic firm, humorous down to earth but plain speaking manner. ADHS is the only organization in the country that still writes personalized hand written thank you notes to supporters. Glenna took pride in doing this, and acknowledged the donations and contributions of every ADHS supporter.

Glenna was also a long term volunteer for the Innisfil Friends of the Library, the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute and the local Historical society. In 2004, she received the South Simcoe Hall of Fame Award for her volunteerism. Glenna was a warm, generous woman of substance whose life was marked by her dedication to family and to the welfare of animals. ADHS

has been able to evolve from a small grass roots, ad hoc group to a thriving organization of over 150 volunteers and members running a full service animal shelter, due to the unwavering dedication of people like Glenna. Her legacy to this community is the current strength of this organization. ADHS owes her a large debt of gratitude and plans a tribute memorial garden and stone pathway with benches and a plaque in her honour on the shelter grounds.

Catnip Demystified

So let's talk catnip. Catnip (*Nepeta Cataria*) is a member of the mint family. Easily recognizable, it grows pretty much everywhere around here. I've found a lot of it even on the ADHS shelter property. Catnip is one of my favorite herbs, not just because of what it does to cats, but also because it's pretty useful for humans too. We'll get to that. We've probably all seen what it does to cats, but have you ever wondered why? Put on your science hats!

Catnip contains a chemical compound called nepetalactone (4,7-Dimethyl-5,6,7,7a-tetrahydrocyclopenta[c]pyran-1(4aH)-one). It exerts its effect by binding to protein receptors in the olfactory bulb that triggers a response in the amygdala and hypothalamus, controlling emotional and behavioural responses, respectively. The effect is similar to the reaction to cat pheromones, which make our cats act pretty crazy. This response only occurs in about 70% of cats. It seems that the response is hereditary. Kittens generally have no interest in catnip, as the pheromone mimicking reaction only occurs in cats that have reached sexual maturity. Another interesting fact: catnip doesn't just affect domestic cats. Wild cats, including tigers and lions, are also susceptible to nepetalactone. I'm not entirely sure that I'd want to see a catnip crazy tiger though.

So that's all pretty interesting, but I said something about it being useful to us as well. Being a member



of the mint family, catnip is a refrigerant. That is important to us because refrigerants can bring down fever. Yes, really. Especially in children. Try catnip, ginger root, and honey in a tea next time your child is sick. Catnip also acts as a natural relaxant, helping children (and adults) rest. My best advice is to find some



ADHS kitten Mary chills out after a play with her catnip mouse.

catnip yourself. Store bought catnip is usually dried out, and rarely contains the flowering tops of the plant. Fresh leaves and flowers are the best to use if you are making tea. You can also make an amazing iced tea by brewing some mint green tea in with it. It will definitely help you beat the heat on those brutal summer days. If you're in a pinch, you can also just chew on the fresh leaves to help regulate your temperature.

Now here is the part we all love; catnip (particularly nepetalactone and a few other isomers) is actually an effective insect repellent. It is more effective than DEET as a spatial attraction inhibitor, and only slightly less effective than DEET as a topical inhibitor, as found in a study conducted by Ulrich R. Bernier, Kay D. Furman, Daniel L. Kline, Sandra A. Allan, and Donald R. Barnard in the *Journal of Medical Entomology*.

So when the insects are driving you crazy, you can rub some fresh catnip on yourself to help keep them at bay. I would just suggest using extreme caution with this if you happen to be in the company of tigers.

Jeremy Nagy

Would you like to contribute to ADHS ?

There are **TWO** ways to donate money to ADHS. Donors may contribute monthly or make a single donation by credit card through canadahelps.org. This option is available through our website. Go to allistonhumane.com, click the DONATE NOW button.

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Cheques can also be dropped at the shelter during our open houses, the second and fourth Saturdays of each month 12-4 or by appointment. The shelter address is:

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Call us at 705-458-9038

You can also contribute by volunteering, providing a foster home, running a fundraising event and donating items listed on our wish list.



ADHS is always looking for maintenance volunteers! Maintenance team members John Clark and Carl Hodgins bring their handyman skills to the shelter weekly. Interested in helping out with maintenance? Call 705-458-9038

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We are on Facebook – **please friend us!!!** You can find us by searching for **Alliston & District Humane Society** in the top search bar. We are using Facebook to help spread the word about all our wonderful animals looking for homes, but also to share the many events we hold and participate in every year. We hope that those of you who have adopted from our shelter will share updates about how your new family member is doing. We love to hear how our pet clients are adding to your lives.

Find us on 

Sometimes we will post call outs for things we need at the shelter and we certainly appreciate that we always get a positive response from all of our members and Facebook friends. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to support us by visiting our page and sending us a friend request. You will be helping us spread the word about the great work going on in the shelter day-to-day.

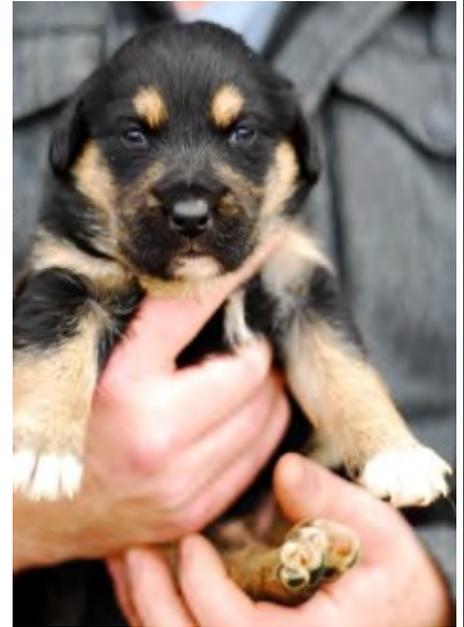
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Puppy Fever: Things to remember about adopting a puppy

It's puppy fever time when ADHS has puppies for adoption! Cute, wiggly, adorable little canines receive more potential adoption calls than any other animal and often we have waiting list for these adorable babies. But it isn't always joy and cuddles! The recent return of a puppy 24 hours after his adoption points out the need to consider carefully when selecting an animal for your family. Puppies will depend on you for daily feedings, walks, potty training, exercise, training and socialization. When considering a puppy, remember:

- 🐾 Puppies require patience. Puppies often take more time to train than older dogs. Potty training is a process and new owners need to be prepared. The difference between inside and outside may not be obvious to a puppy right away.
 - 🐾 Have everything ready for a puppy. Toys should be available for chewing and beds and food dishes should be available. Having everything set up and ready will make the adjustment easier.
 - 🐾 Immediately establish a routine and rules. Set a consistent schedule for feeding time and potty training. Consistency will minimize stress and help your puppy adjust.
 - 🐾 Have time set aside for your puppy. Close supervision is important as your puppy is in completely new surroundings and may not like being left alone at first. The first couple of nights are potentially the worst as true separation anxiety may set in and you may find your pup whining, howling or barking all night..
 - 🐾 Puppies are like newborns. Your puppy may cry all night, want to play at 5 am and need taken outside for potty training at any hour of the day or night. Puppies poop and puke, so be prepared for clean up duty.
 - 🐾 Puppies need loads of socialization and training. Puppy classes are a good place to meet other puppies and learn appropriate social behaviors. Early socialization and training can be started as soon as your puppy comes home.
- Puppies are a handful! Your puppy will need ongoing training, exercise and mental stimulation for the rest of his life so read, research and consider your choices carefully when bringing a new puppy into your family.



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Dr Stefani Warmington

The Furry Avenger

Story based on true events

The earliest memories I have are of the pet store that I was born in. I was just like all the other rabbits in the store: young, hopeful and excited to find people of my own. That day was quick to come; late one evening a man came and picked me. He said I was perfect, that on Easter morning his daughter was going to be so happy. The next morning the man and his wife put me in a green basket with ribbons all over it. They put a ribbon on my ear and giggled excitedly. Their happiness made me feel happy too. I then got to meet the little girl who became my first friend. We played every day; mostly she liked to dress me in doll clothes. The clothes were tight and uncomfortable but the pieces of carrot I got to eat during the tea parties made it worth it.

But one day something changed. The girl spent less and less time with me. I often got bored and began to seek ways to entertain myself. I found myself chewing on everything just to pass the time. Sometimes even a wire or blanket that happened to be in my reach would fall victim to my boredom. Then the man came, took me from my cage, brought me to the yard and placed me in a new pen. He said that I was wrecking the house so I had to live outside. At first outside was fun: fresh air, leaves and grass to chew. But then it got hot out. So hot I could hardly breathe. I had to lay flat in the dirt to try and keep cool. I dug shallow holes to try and stay comfortable during the hot days. Night time was cool but scary. I could hear strange noises that I had never heard before. One night while I slept something got into my cage. I had never seen anything like it before. It growled and went after me. I still don't know what it was that came after me late that night. But I do know whose fault it was.

Rabbits are living and feeling animals, not toys to be given for birthdays or Easter presents. They need attention every day and should be kept indoors. They are as much work as a cat or dog and as such, a big responsibility. The Furry Avenger found a new home in July of 2016.

Crystal Roth



10 Reasons Why Rabbits Are The Most Misunderstood and Neglected Pet

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1. People do not spend enough time with their rabbits.

Failing to interact with your rabbit is a huge mistake. Until a rabbit learns to trust you & see you as a friend, rather than a predator, they will be very wary of you. Some people just accept this is how a rabbit is and do not do anything about it, but they couldn't be further from the truth. Once a bunny learns to trust you, they are completely different – funny, loving, entertaining & cheeky too. Sadly many people fail to put in the time to spend with their bunny, so no connection & no friendship is made & the poor rabbit remains shy, reserved & nervous. They are then seen as unfriendly & boring.

2. People don't realize small cages are cruel.

Many people still think it is ok to keep rabbits in a small cage/hutch like they did back in Victorian times, when rabbits were kept as food. Many people wrongly think rabbits are rodents and they believe they will be happy to be left alone in small cages for long periods (sometimes even forever). Rabbits need space to live a happy healthy life! Stuck in a small cage, rabbits become bored and depressed, because they cannot do anything. They are then classed once again as boring.

3. People want their rabbit to suit them.

People either want a rabbit that is more outgoing than the one they have or not so active than the one they have. They fail to realize rabbits have as much personality as a dog does & every single one is different. People are so shocked when you say that rabbits can learn commands and are easily trained just like a dog. They do not realize that rabbits are very intelligent. Like any animal you should accept the way they are and love them unconditionally, but sadly many people don't when it comes to rabbits.

4. People think they are cuddly creatures, almost like a toy.

They fail to realize rabbits need to learn to trust you before they will enjoy being fussed or cuddled by you. You are naturally seen as a predator, as rabbits are bottom of the food chain. Most rabbits hate being picked up & they will either scratch & bite or completely freeze with fear. People fail to realize that interacting with rabbits, without picking them up, is the best way (just like you do a dog – we don't pick them up). So leave them on the floor & get down to their level!

5. Rabbits don't have rights

The fact there are no rights when it comes to rabbit welfare will make people fail to realize what they are doing wrong. We need proper rights put in place to educate people and help reduce the amount of rabbits that are being neglected and abandoned.

6. People think 'Oh it's just a rabbit'

They are not thought of in the same way as people think about cats & dogs & sadly not valued the same. People fail to realize rabbits have just as much personality & just as many emotions too.

7. They are bought & sold too easily

Again no guidelines or rights in place for when you buy or sell a rabbit. More rabbits are bought/sold at Easter & Christmas time & people buy them as a gift & purchase them on impulse without doing their homework on what it takes to care for a rabbit. Sadly many realize they have made a mistake or decide a rabbit isn't for them after all and they then get rid of the rabbit as easily as they bought the rabbit. Such a vicious circle, that ends up with the rabbit rescues suffering badly because of it.

8. They don't bark or cry

It is very difficult to tell if a rabbit is in pain or unhappy, as they do not make noises like a cat or dog does. This is why it is very important to get to know their personalities and know what their normal behavior is. Anytime you see a difference in their behavior, you know it can be a sign that all is not well. Unfortunately so many are ignored. If rabbits did bark or cry, then people's gardens would be a much noisier place, with all those rabbits stuck all alone in small cramped cages.

9. People do not realize rabbits need to be neutered/spayed

Rabbits need neutering/spaying for many reasons & it's not just to stop them having babies. As soon as a rabbit reaches maturity, their hormones go wild and their personalities can change. Most rabbits will spray urine, forget their litter training habits and start to act disruptive towards you or certain items in their home or your house. Most people fail to realize that the rabbit needs neutering/spaying and then things will calm down and go back to normal. Sadly most will just give up on their rabbit at this stage and abandon them.

10. People think they are easy, cheap pets

So therefore they fail to educate themselves on what it takes to care for a rabbit in the proper way. They automatically assume that very little is needed and therefore feel they are doing nothing wrong. Rabbits are a 10+ year commitment, they need lots of space & lots of care & attention. They need to be treated & loved like they are part of the family, because given the right chance, that is just what they will become & it is wonderful to share your life & home with them in the right way!

Adoption Corner

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