

Home Again Animal Rescue Newsletter



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December is the month when the holidays inch towards us at the same time as when we're adjusting to white stuff on the ground and icy conditions. Don't forget to include your family dogs and cats in the festivities while making sure they're kept safe and secure!!

And a holiday thank you to everyone who takes the time to read this newsletter. A special thanks at holiday time to those who foster our beasties, adopt them into a caring home, and donate funds to Home Again so that we can continue to save as many dogs and cats as possible.

Without you we can't do the work we do!!

Thank You!

Hunter's Corner



It is so difficult to know how a dog's mind works. Hunter has been progressing so well after his heartworm treatment, but since March has been avoiding his bed. He has been sleeping on the floor, on the couch, on the humans' bed; anywhere other than in his own bed. Remember that this is likely the first bed he has ever had, so the behaviour is strange.

Last week we looked over and there he was in his own bed, just like he had never left it. We think for a while he associated it with being sick, but we'll never truly know what goes on in his fuzzy head!

Spotlight on Community Involvement

Without the help of our community, Home Again would not be able to help as many animals as we do. Here are some highlights of recent contributions of our Home Again Community.



Aside from hosting our Caturday (days when available cats and kittens are displayed for potential adoptions), Pet Valu has run contests which benefit Home Again.

This picture shows Nicole, the manager of Pet Valu, presenting a check for over \$3000 to Christine Walker. As always, thank you Pet Valu!!

Pet Valu is also holding a nail trim event on December 8th from 1:30 to 3:30, with proceeds going to Home Again! Call them at 613-332-5010 for more details!



Remember the warm days of summer when you could go to Millennium Park and listen to music? Home Again received a donation for \$100 from Mineral Capital Concerts collected at these summertime events.

Thank you for your donation!!

Spotlight on Community Involvement (continued)

Cat Nap and Lazy Dog Pet Outfitters in Barry's Bay is doing a Secret Santa which in part is benefiting Home Again.



Thank you Cat Nap and Lazy Dog for thinking of our rescues!!

Lastly, there is you!! We are thankful for having you as part of our community!



Are you looking for a stocking stuffer or last-minute gift? Why not consider making a donation to Home Again? Receive a bookmark to put into *The Call of the Wild*. Or *All Creatures Great and Small*. *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. Or even (ulp) *Cujo!*

Pick up bookmarks at Pet Valu, or email info@homeagain.ca, or call 613-334-8471. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Dogs Available for Adoption



Meet sisters Shylla and Milly, 11 year old female Pug/Terrier crosses who are 12 lbs each. Although they're Golden Girls, little dogs like these ladies can easily live to their mid-teens or more. They are both lively and healthy; they're very loving little dogs who will quickly love their new families.

The girls may bark a bit at other dogs, but are more likely to stay by their human rather than show aggressive. Shylla is the more independent of the two and is won over by belly rubs. Milly is the pleaser of the sisters.

Both are house trained and love their crate.

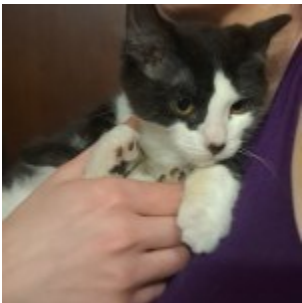
The adoption fee for these sisters is \$600. They have been spayed, their vaccinations are up to date and they have been microchipped.

Adoptable Kittens at Pet Valu December 3rd



Wouldn't you like this spicy kitten to join your family? This is Chipotle, a male kitty born May 21st who has reddish-black short hair.

He is loving and sweet and would make a peppery addition!



Meet Patch, a black and white male tuxedo kitty who is 5 months old with medium length hair. Patch is a relaxed, sweet kitten who was absolutely chill on his first display at Pet Valu. He eats grain-free food, and would love to join your family for cuddles and kisses!

Christmastime Treats that are Dangerous for Pets

At Christmastime we want to share the joy of the season with our pets. There are special treats everywhere!! However, many treats that you might think to share should never be given to your furred friends.



1. Chocolate. Any kind of chocolate can be highly poisonous to both dogs and cats. Even chocolate drinks can be dangerous. Store your chocolate up high so that you can save all of that chocolatey goodness for yourself!

2. Cooked bones. Avoid giving cooked bones to your dog because they can stick, splinter and lodge in the throat. Raw bones are dangerous because they may cause salmonella.

3. Alcohol. Alcohol can cause many serious problems — although you're unlikely to share a glass of wine with your dog or cat, make sure that the glass

isn't in a place for them to find!

4. Nuts. Aside from being a choking hazard, some nuts (in particular macadamia) can be very toxic to pets.
5. Onions, garlic and chives. These won't just give your pet bad breath, they are known to cause stomach and red blood cell damage!
6. Xylitol. Xylitol is a sweetener often used in place of sugar. It can also be found in some toothpastes or mouthwashes and even some peanut butter. It is incredibly toxic to animals.

Buy your furred friend a squeaky toy and forget trying to determine if people foods are toxic!

Happy Holidays from all of us at Home Again in Bancroft!! Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to helping even more dogs and cats in the new year!!

