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Summer 2008

WANTED:

A fun and exciting way to help homeless and unwanted dogs and cats.

SILENT AUCTION

Saturday September 13, 2008

at

Devaney's Irish Pub from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM
9013 - 88 Avenue (Bonnie Doon)
(formally O'Connor's Irish Pub)

Join in the fun or donate an auction item. For more information stay tuned to www.nasap.ca for updates on donated items and donation suggestions.

Make your dog, cat, budgie, lizard, rabbit, gecko, and/or hamster proud – they will LOVE YOU FOR IT!!!



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A Special Thank You!

Earlier this summer Kendra and Jordan Andrew, NASAP cat foster home volunteers, did something very special for our organization. At their wedding reception they requested that their guests donate money to NASAP each time they "clinked" their wine glasses instead of "clinking" for a kiss.

Kendra and Jordan's act of kindness brought in donations to help us with our animals in care. A special thank you to them for their thoughtfulness and commitment to NASAP.



Foster Tails

We are David and Yasmin Adamson. We have been a foster home for NASAP for around 6 years. Our first foster was a Rotti/Lab cross. She had been neglected, tied up outside for the first two years of her life and came to us with abrasions and scabs around her neck where the rope or chain had painfully rubbed the fur and skin from her neck.

She was with us for about two months before she went to her forever home. It took us quite a long time to gain her confidence. She eventually did come around and became a very friendly and affectionate companion.

And I think that is what keeps us going and what makes us want to continue fostering. No matter what these animals have gone through, they seem to have an infinite capacity to forgive us and give us a second chance.

Gabby's reward was to go to a beautiful home in the west end of Edmonton. And that is our reward too, when one of our foster puppies goes to a neat home such as that.

In addition to our foster animals, we breed, train and show Rhodesian Ridgebacks. The reason I mention our other dogs is to give credit where credit is due. We are often given the credit for training our foster dogs. In reality they are kept in line and shown the ropes by our ridgebacks and training is usually a fairly easy task for us. However, we have been challenged by one or two of our fosters.

I think the greatest challenge was Sadie. Geneieve, our NASAP President asked us to foster a one year old Blue Tick Coon Hound. First of all, I thought she was joking. I had never heard of the breed. A trip to the internet informed me that Sadie was likely to be stubborn and, because she had not been trained early in her life, things would be





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difficult. Fellow dog-walkers at the Sherwood Park off-leash area became familiar with the site of Sadie loping along with that typical coon hound gait, a dog-smile on her face with me in hot pursuit crying "Sadie, come, cookies, mmm nice cookies", trying to teach recall to a reluctant learner.

Eventually Sadie did allow me to train her and now lives in her forever home in south west Edmonton where she is given all the love and affection she can handle.

My favourite foster because of his name, and because who could fail to love a 130 pound lab/newfie cross was Dave. Dave was about a year old when he came to us. I went to pick him up west of the city. My first sight of Dave was amusing. He was trotting along dragging two sweating, grunting grown men around at the end of a leash. "Just taking Dave for a walk" they turned and yelled as they disappeared over a hill. Luckily, Dave liked cookies. He had a particular liking for Arrowroot cookies. He was also smart. He quickly figured out that he would be rewarded when he did as he was told.



He became a lovable, well behaved boy with an occasional inclination for goofiness. Dave now lives on an acreage, east of the city. He has his own couch on the front porch from which he keeps an eye on his acreage.



My favourite story is that of Toby. Toby is a Chesapeake Bay retriever. He came to us as a very overweight five year old with some medical problems. The first time we took him for a walk, he promptly jumped in the North Saskatchewan. His weight and his general lack of fitness caused him to gasp for air as he tried to swim. He took in some water and I was

pondering how to do a water rescue for a dog when he dragged himself ashore. Toby went on an immediate and strict diet.

The diet solved two problems. Toby was allergic to the food he had been used to. His new food solved his medical problems immediately. Secondly, Toby's weight dropped drastically and he was able to run, swim and play with his foster home playmates. Toby found a wonderful forever home. Why is this my favourite story? Well, his new parents continued his training and he did so well that they decided to try him as a therapy dog. Toby now works as a fully certified therapy dog here in Edmonton.

Greta

Kelly Salmon is a long-standing volunteer with NASAP. On a cold February evening in 2002 Kelly attended a NASAP meeting at Mary Pascoe-Price's home. While at the meeting, another volunteer brought in a very thin, sad looking Doberman named Greta.

Kelly had always loved the breed. This little one had just been spayed so she was woosy and hunched over a bit. She came right over to Kelly, who was sitting on the floor. Though she had not fostered before, Kelly decided that she would foster Greta at that moment.

Greta had been found abandoned in the country somewhere with a pup in -30 degree weather. Her puppy was adopted right away. Greta had been temporarily housed at a kennel until her spay and moving to Kelly's.

Once settled in her new foster home, it quickly became





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clear that Greta had some issues. She did not know how to walk on a leash, she did not like men, brooms, shovels, anything stick-like. She barely slept, she would jump up at any noise and was a very anxious dog. Greta would circle the coffee table over and over. The worst part was that her anxiety caused her to have terrible digestive upset and almost constant diarrhea.

Kelly tried all different foods, attended countless vet appointments, tests and many times she almost gave up because nothing seemed to help. Kelly wondered if this problem had resulted in Greta being beaten and dumped by her previous owner.

Kelly did some research and talked to a psychiatrist who was up to date on the use of medications in animals who have complex behavior problems. Together they decided to try a very small dose of an anti-depressant that targets anxiety. It was like a miracle!

Greta still had some issues, she was still leery of strangers and was still upset around other dogs, but she no longer paced or circled like she once did. She became more relaxed (even snoring!) and her digestive problems subsided.

The phone calls that Kelly received from "potential adopters" were horrible and scared Kelly. Many of them were looking for a protective dog to ride around in their truck. Some wanted guard dogs and would ask "is she mean?". Kelly was mortified and decided that Greta was not going anywhere. Greta can be quite protective of her home and her people but in the end, she is a real softy.

Greta also had a unique talent that was soon to be discovered. Kelly would never have let Greta around a cat or kitten for fear she might do something. However, one day a woman from her work gave Kelly an abandoned, orphaned little kitten named Gus in hopes that he could be cared for by NASAP. Kelly took Gus home temporarily, but she was nervous about how Greta would react.

Greta actually began licking the kitten and Kelly thought she might be trying to eat him! It turns out Greta's

favourite thing in life is to care for kittens! She loves to clean them and cuddle with them. She is diligent and obsessive about her job and she even whines unhappily when one doesn't appreciate her mothering.

Kelly and Greta are now one of NASAP's most active kitten foster homes and they have re-homed many homeless babies over the past two years. We sincerely thank Kelly and Greta for all their help and effort!

Happy Tails

Molson (previously known as Moby)

About 3 weeks ago, my youngest daughter and I were at the PetSmart on Calgary Trail picking up treats for our 2 dogs. We always go look at the cats and give them warm wishes, even though allergies prevent us from having one ourselves. This particular day I started flipping through the NASAP book and fell in love immediately with the goofiest guy in there! Moby!! Well, needless to say we really didn't need another dog, so we went on our way.

That weekend we went camping and goofball Moby was still in my brain. We got back and I went directly to the NASAP website to see if he was still available. I really didn't think he would be because he was just so handsome!

We finally got to meet in real life and I really thought "Well, he's probably not that great in person." I was right, he was amazing!! We fell in love right away! I found out that Moby had actually been in foster care for more than 6 months!!

There is a reason that Molson (that's his new name) needed to be with us, I don't know what it is yet, but I feel it! We are getting used to his sense of humor (you were right Helena, it is weird!), and just loving him to bits!

He has a new brother, a golden retriever named Geronimo and a new sister a Shih Tzu called Zoe. Molson also has two human brothers and two human sisters!



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It feels as though he has always been with us, he is our family now.

Thank you so much to everyone at NASAP who gives these animals the care they deserve, thank you to Helena, Molson's foster mom, who really did an amazing job of taking care of him and making sure he was adopted by the right forever family!

Love, The Borgeson Family



NASAP Clothing

NASAP now has some great clothing items in stock. We have comfy yoga pants in all sizes – great for chilling out in at home, even if you've never heard of a "downward dog". We have T-shirts in every colour under the rainbow and some neat Capri pants with matching jackets. We have baseball caps sporting the NASAP logo – it's a great way to advertise the organization and keep the sun out of your eyes at the same time!

One of our latest lines is a variety of colourful canvas bags – some smaller with lots of zippers and pockets and other bigger spacious ones, ideal for the beach or a picnic, or for somebody who doesn't like to leave anything at home just in case!



We will be selling all these items at the upcoming

adoption days as well as at other functions where NASAP has a table. You can also see them and purchase online at clothing@nasap.ca. If you want to pop into the office during office hours (Friday evenings 4:00 PM till 7:00 PM, Saturdays and Tuesdays 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM) you are very welcome to come and take a look at all our clothing and try things on if you wish.

So why not add some NASAP clothing to your wardrobe. You can look good and do good at the same time!

Daytimer

The 2009 Day Planner is on sale now.

These planners are great for organizing your busy schedule or as a gift for family and friends. The cost is only \$15 each with proceeds going towards the ongoing care of local rescued animals. To get your planner please e-mail admin@nasap.ca.

Adoption Fees

Often NASAP volunteers are asked why there is a fee to adopt a cat, kitten, dog or puppy.

What does the NASAP adoption fee include?

Spay/Neuter Surgery – All NASAP cats and dogs are spayed or neutered before they are adopted into new homes. Kittens and puppies are adopted out with a coupon that is provided to our veterinarian when the kitten/puppy is old enough to be spayed/neutered. This coupon covers the cost of the surgery.

Retail cost at a selection of Edmonton Veterinarians:

Feline Neuter \$50 - \$150

Feline Spay \$120 - \$200

Canine Neuter \$205 - \$260 (depending on weight)

Canine Spay \$260 - \$330 (depending on weight)

Vaccination – All NASAP cats and kittens are vaccinated before adoption with 3-way vaccine (Feline Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia Vaccine). Dogs



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and puppies are vaccinated with Canine Distemper-Adenovirus type 2-Parainfluenza-Parvovirus Vaccine. If kittens or puppies are still in care when the booster is required, it is also included in the adoption fee. If they are adopted before the booster is due, it is the responsibility of the new owner.

Retail cost at a selection of Edmonton Veterinarians:

Cat/Kitten Vaccine (single): Approximately \$55

Dog/Puppy Vaccine (single): Approximately \$55

Treatment for Parasites – All NASAP cats/kittens and dogs/puppies receive a dose of dewormer and (if necessary) Revolution before adoption to ensure they are parasite free.

Retail cost at a selection of Edmonton Veterinarians:

Dewormer: Approximately \$15

Revolution: Approximately \$45

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus/Feline Leukemia Testing – All NASAP cats and kittens are tested for the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) before adoption. NASAP is the only rescue organizations in Edmonton (to our knowledge) that tests ALL cats and kittens for these two diseases before they are placed up for adoption.

Retail cost at a selection of Edmonton Veterinarians:

FIV/FeLV test: \$60 - \$80

Post-Adoption Vet Checkup – At the time of adoption, the adoptive parents of NASAP cats/kittens and dogs/puppies are provided with a coupon for a post-adoption health checkup at a partner veterinary clinic.

Retail cost at a selection of Edmonton Veterinarians:

Exam: \$60 - \$80

Additional Veterinary Care – Some animals come into NASAPs care perfectly healthy, but many others are in need of immediate additional veterinary care to return them to a happy and healthy state. These procedures often include dentistry and/or tooth extractions, complete shaves (due to fur matting) and nail trimming. These additional procedures are all performed prior to adoption at NASAPs expense.

ALL of these services are included in the NASAP cat (\$180), kitten (\$200), dog (\$190) and puppy (\$290) adoption fees. Compare that to the total market value of care that your new NASAP cat or kitten has received and it is obvious that our adoption fees are not only reasonable, but an excellent deal!

