

ALL PAWS RESCUE GROUP

NEWSLETTER



July

2016

All Paws Rescue Group is a volunteer based Rescue supported by our community that helps animals in need across the GTA. Founded by Michelle Borg, All Paws has expanded across the GTA with the goal to provide a safe and comfortable forever life for animals. Our services include: trapping, fostering, adoption and re-homing of surrendered pets. Although All Paws mainly deals with cats and dogs, we have been known to take in birds, bunnies and guinea pigs. All animals have something different and special about them, so we try to help as many as we can!

Community events and individual/corporate financial donations fund All Paws. These donations go towards vet checks, medical treatment needs, and neutering or spaying. 100% of funds raised go directly to the care and wellbeing of our animals. So many generous people also donate food, formula, litter, toys, beds and crates. All Paws also has ongoing fundraisers such as our Adopt-a-thons, bottle drives, and canned food drives. Thank you to

all of our supporters; and to our partners, The Cat Hospital and affiliate Pet Valu stores for caring for All Paws animals and helping them find loving homes!

Amazing volunteers give so much of their time, energy, and hearts to keep All Paws going. Being part of All Paws means being an active member of your community. Fostering animals and cat cuddling/cleaning in affiliate Pet Valu stores is very rewarding; however it is a responsibility and I am warning you, YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE! So prepare your heart.



TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH!

June

SHOW & SHINE EVENT

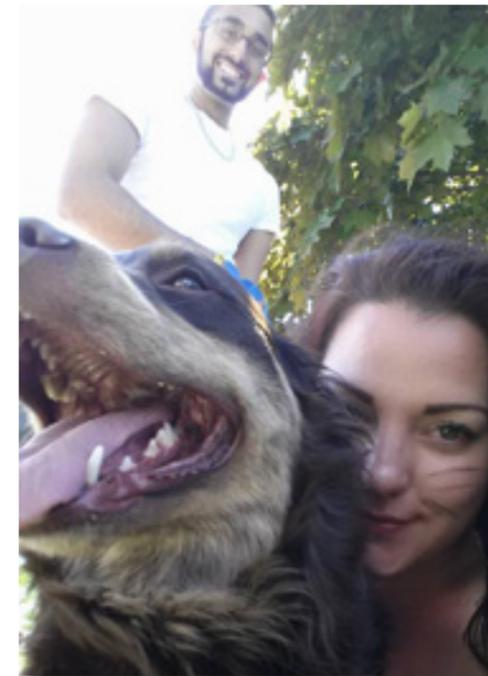
On Saturday, June 4th, 2016, All Paws buckled up for the 7th annual Show & Shine charity event in Brampton. The Brampton Area Jeep Association hosted the 2016 BAJA Show & Shine event and chose All Paws to be their charity sponsor. All Paws was proud to participate in this event, which not only raised funds to support All Paws animals, but also increased awareness about our Rescue group.

Jeep lovers were in their glory as they took turns attempting the various challenges, including the demolition drive, where contestants pushed their Jeeps to the limit to make it over two beaten down cars; and the ramp challenge, that measured how far up the ramp each vehicle could go. There was one bold man who entered the competition; however, he did not have a Jeep. The man saw this as a minor detail, and determined to compete, he found himself some paint and called his truck a Jeep! All Paws founder, Michelle Borg also took part in the competition, riding in the passenger seat while the All Paws Jeep successfully made it over the cars.

Aside from all of the crazy, car crushing action, there were many other activities going on such as, a BBQ, raffles, and hourly prizes. Anyone who stopped by the All Paws booth could enjoy some tasty popcorn



and cupcakes, have their face painted, and browse a variety of homemade pet toys and accessories. Very talented volunteers have crafted different unique pet accessories including: knitted catnip mice, spiraled yarn wands, treat pouches, tote bags, buttons and All Paws window stickers just to name a few! Guests could also sift through our adoption photo album and take pictures with our beloved mascot friend Koda!



♥ School Outreach



One of All Paws' goals is to continue to educate young minds within the community. All Paws goes beyond helping animals with their school outreach. All Paws believes knowledge is power, and with that comes positive change! McHugh Elementary and David Leeder Middle School invited All Paws to speak to their students about what we do and how they can help too! Two of our 12 week old kittens accompanied Koda and The All Paws Team to David Leeder. The kittens and team's stories inspired the students so much that one student ended up adopting a kitten from the Rescue and two grade 6 classes will be organizing an All Paws fundraiser! During the last week of June David Leeder will be holding a school bake sale to support All Paws!



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but it all paid off in the end by raising \$420 for the animals! Every day All Paws takes in new animals that need vet care and proper nutrition, which is why we so greatly appreciate all donations for our cause.



All Paws hosted their first yard sale on Saturday, June 18th, 2016 in Georgetown. There was plenty of books and unique items to browse! All Paws volunteers put in hours sorting, selling, sweating and sunburning,

ADOPT-A-THON

On Saturday, June 11th, 2016, All Paws and Maple Mews Pet Valu in Burlington held another successful Adopt-a-thon. These Adopt-a-thons help give All Paws cats and kittens an opportunity to find a forever home. This month's Adopt-a-thon also celebrated the new management of Maple Mews Pet Valu! Thank you to Sanjay, Shweta and their staff for being such wonderful hosts for this event.

Pet Valu and its independent owners play a huge part in helping our furry friends get adopted into their forever homes. Pet Valu staff and All Paws store volunteers ensure that each cat brought in for adoption is well taken care of and is happy. Every cat and kitten up for adoption at Pet Valu is monitored for health and behaviour; and all of our store volunteers have a sign-in sheet which incorporates a check list and kitty comment box. Our store volunteers often spend extra time walking the cats around the store and generously donate extra goodies like cat grass and toys to help the cats settle in to their new environment. One Heartlake Pet Valu employee in Brampton even adopted Mischief

from their store this month! We love it when one of our volunteers adopts their store cat.

Not only did so many of our fuzzy felines find a forever home at the Adopt-a-thon, but All Paws was able to raise money from adoption fees and all the items available for sale which will be going straight towards vet care, medicines, surgeries, formula and other supplies for the animals. For all of our new pet parents, our kitties thank you! We hope you enjoy your new family members!

If you missed this month's Adopt-a-thon, you can visit our website to see more of our lovable animals searching for a forever home. Also, please consider becoming a foster parent to help care for our fur babies prior to adoption.

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BAKE SALE



All Paws had another successful Bake Sale on June 19th at the Heartlake Pet Valu in Brampton! There were a variety of treats for pets and people to drool over such as coconut oat bars, salted caramel brownies, and chocolate peanut butter squares.

The dog treats were 100% natural and perfectly decorated. Even though most dogs will devour the blueberry bone cookies within seconds, we like to believe they stop to appreciate their beauty between bites. The organic cat treats were also popular, and so neatly packaged! Thank you to everyone who helped prepare all of the goodies for the bake sale!



Frozen Pumpkin Treats

*Mix together half parts pumpkin and half parts water. Pour into a mold or ice tray and wait until completely frozen.

1 can of unsweetened pumpkin puree
OR fresh pumpkin
water

This limited ingredient treat is great for all dogs, especially dogs that spend the summer playing outdoors and for dogs with digestive problems.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BAKING FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, OR IF YOU HAVE RECIPES TO SHARE, PLEASE LET US KNOW ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:
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Chicken Cranberry Cat Treats

*Bake at 350 for 15 minutes

1 cup rolled oats (finely crushed)
3 tablespoons unsweetened dried cranberries (finely crushed)
4 ounces cooked, plain chicken (no salt or seasoning added) chopped small
2 tablespoons + 1/2 teaspoon olive oil
1 heaping tablespoon dried catnip
1 large egg

This cranberry infused treat is ideal for cats needing extra urinary tract support!

HAMILTON HOARDING

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Monday, May 23rd, 2016, All Paws received a phone call from a Hamilton resident in serious need of our Rescue team. The caller explained their situation, revealing a hoarding problem which included multiple cats and kittens. Rescue Team members, Laurie Cowan and Carol Buckton, acted immediately saving a total of 16 felines; two mother cats and 14 kittens. The All Paws team reported on the condition of the animals when they first arrived, "the poor kittens had terrible



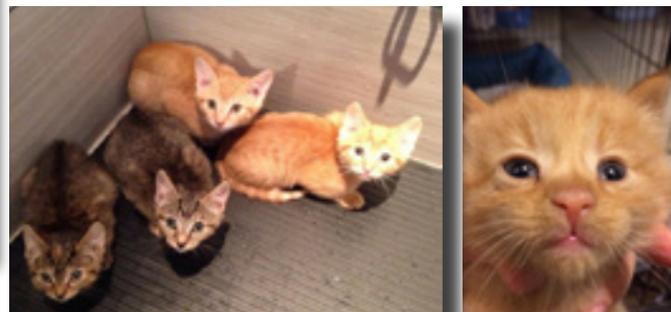
eye infections which left some of the kittens with their eyes sealed shut. The cats and kittens also had flea and ear mite infestations, worms and were underweight. It was also unknown what kittens belonged to each mother cat." The rescue mission was chaotic. The team had to sift through trash, filth, overwhelming odor and cockroaches to recover all 16 felines that were running in all different directions. One of the mother cats was suspected blind; but after a full vet inspection, Honey suckle (bottom left) can see after all! Our first priority



was to have these cats treated by a veterinarian and then placed into foster care. Within days of receiving adequate nutrition and medical care the mother's and their kittens were in much better condition! The foster parents who

took these desperate kitties in have done an amazing job restoring their health and socializing them. Both mothers may be pregnant again and will be assessed at a further date. We are happy that these cats and kittens have a chance to be healthy cats, and to live out the rest of their nine lives in comfort. The eldest 7 kittens will be ready for adoption soon!

WITHIN DAYS
OF BEING RESCUED...



F . FELINE
I . IMMUNODEFICIENCY
V . VIRUS



Some of our All Paws foster cats (and foster fails!) have tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, which is similar to the AIDS virus in humans. FIV weakens the immune systems by attacking a cat's white blood cells. With a suppressed immune system, FIV cats are highly susceptible to secondary viruses and infections. FIV is a feline specific virus that cannot be passed to other species or humans.

Signs and symptoms of FIV persist over a long period of time before FIV takes over completely. Blood tests are the most accurate way to diagnose FIV and once infected, a cat's life expectancy is approximately 5 years with proper monitoring and medical care.

FIV is most commonly transmitted through deep bite wounds from another infected cat. This is why the most vulnerable are outdoor cats, often the males who get into fights. Other ways a cat can get FIV is through sexual transmission and mother to their kittens. It is best to keep FIV cats indoors and sometimes (if aggressive) kept isolated from other household cats. FIV cats should also avoid raw diets and their health and behaviour should continuously be monitored.



Meet Kirk. This beautiful guy was found with his kitty wife and kittens on an industrial site before being brought into the care of All Paws. The poor guy had a broken leg so All Paws raised money for his surgery and he spent months recovering at The Cat Hospital. While recovering, more testing sadly revealed that Kirk has FIV. Kirk's story has a happy ending though; the vet couldn't bare to let him go so they decided to adopt him! Thank you to the amazing people at Sotawall Inc. for alerting us to Kirk and his family and for generously donating towards his care.



CAT CRAFTING

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CAT HERB GARDEN

Have you ever caught your cat sneaking a few bites of your household plants? Cats always seem to go for either your favourite flowers, or ones that make them sick. However, it is in their nature to consume different plants, so why not build them their own cat garden! It is important to know what plants, herbs and flowers are safe for cats and what ones are suitable for your own cat's special dietary and medical needs. Below is a list of 'cat parent approved' plants:



Cat Garden 15 Plants Cats Love

- Wheat or Oat Grass
- Johnny-Jump Ups
- Lemongrass
- Thyme
- Catnip
- Rosemary
- Mint
- Valerian
- Parsley
- Spider Plant
- Zinnias
- Silver Vine

HOW IT'S DONE...

1. You will need a pot, soil, a few different plants, and any other special items you want to add to your garden.
2. Then it is as easy as putting the soil in the pot, arranging your plants and other items!
3. Some plants need less water and sunlight than others so be careful when caring for your cat sanctuary.

For more information on building your garden visit:

CRAZYCATCRAFTS!



Callen - Up For Adoption!

This sweet guy was rescued from the outdoors and is approx 3yrs old. He is fixed, vaccinated and dewormed and was also given revolution. Callen needs a home without pets so he can roam free and be his affectionate self all the time. Extremely friendly, great with kids and loves to snuggle. Unfortunately Callen has Feline Aids so will need to be the only cat in the house. He still has a lot of life in him and he understands that people may not want him so he waits patiently in his foster home for the right person to come along :(If you want to save this sweet boy, despite his condition, let us know! Adoption Fee \$150

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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS MONTH...

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ADOPT-A-THON

On Saturday, July 9th from 10 am to 3 pm, All Paws will be having an Adopt-a-thon at the Shoppers World Pet Valu (495 Main St. S #3) in Brampton!



SUMMER AUCTION

The auction will be held online on the separate All Paws Rescue Facebook event page. The bidding starts in the evening on Wednesday, July 6th and ends on Monday, July 11th at 8 pm.

UPCOMING COURSES

TRAPPING & BOTTLE FEEDING

This summer All Paws will be teaching classes for trapping and bottle feeding. The trapping course will be organized by Laurie Cowan, the head of the Trapping Team. The bottle feeding class will be run by a few of our experienced kitten fosters this summer. Please stay tuned for dates and times. If you would like to become a member of our Trapping or Foster teams please contact us.

We always need more help!



Thank you . . .

All Paws would like to thank all of our volunteers, our partners, and the incredible people in the community who donate to help the animals. We could not do it without your support! Our Rescue is growing rapidly and we are always looking for extra help; currently we are recruiting volunteers for Foster Team, Trapping Team, Store Volunteer Team, Transportation Team, and Marketing Team. We also have many other needs for volunteers! If you would like to join our team, follow us on Facebook at The All Paws Rescue Group, visit our website at AllPawsRescue.ca or email Info@AllPawsRescue.ca.



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