



Proud to be a No-Kill Shelter

Newsletter

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Our Mission

The Arnprior & District Humane Society believes that animals deserve our respect and compassion, that no animal should suffer, and that all animals should have food, shelter and protection. The Society promotes health, safety, and humane treatment of all animals through public education and awareness.

Annual General Meeting

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held April 19th, 2018. The meeting will take place in the Main Hall of the Arnprior Library from 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

2018 Upcoming Events

March 10 th	Trivia Night
March 24 th	Pet Wash (Almonte Pet Valu)
April event weekends	Arnprior Pet Valu (incl. microchip clinic)
April 17 th	AGM
May 26 th	Yard Sale
June 10 th	Walkathon
August 18 th	Barks & Bubbles Dog Wash
September 15 th	Fall Yard Sale (NEW!)
November 4 th	Bake & Book Sale
December 1 st / 2 nd	Pet Pics (Almonte)
December 8 th / 9 th	Pet Pics (Arnprior)

Membership

There are many ways that you can get involved with the shelter, and one easy way is to become a member. As a member, you will receive our annual newsletter, the ability to vote at our Annual General Meeting, and a tax receipt. The Executive Membership also comes with a three-month pet sponsorship.

Single Membership	\$20 ⁰⁰
Family Membership	\$30 ⁰⁰
Executive Membership	\$50 ⁰⁰

Pet Sponsorship

Pet sponsorship is a wonderful way to help that special shelter pet. Your sponsorship contributes to the care of the pet during his/her stay with us. You will receive monthly updates on your pet of choice, and any pet at the shelter is available for sponsorship. This makes a special gift for the pet lover in your life.

There are three Sponsorship options available:

3 months	\$30 ⁰⁰
6 months	\$50 ⁰⁰
1 year	\$100 ⁰⁰

Registration for pet sponsorship can be done via our website (Donate → Pet sponsorship) or in person at the shelter. A charitable tax receipt will be issued at time of registration.

Fostering

Another way to help the shelter is through our foster program. We most often need foster homes for kittens, but on occasion cats with special needs require foster care. For dogs, our usual need is a home that can care for pregnant dogs, or mother dogs with young pups. We provide all supplies necessary to support foster animals.

Exciting New Collaboration – PetSmart

At the end of 2017 we started a partnership with PetSmart Charities. So far, they have generously awarded us a \$5,000 grant to aid with food, general supplies, and medical costs. Starting in 2018 there are plans to partner with them to host adoption weekends and events at their Kanata location. We are extremely excited about this new relationship.

2017 Review of Events

Our 2017 events and the amounts raised:

- Microchip clinic \$917
- Yard Sale \$2,039
- Walkathon \$10,000
- Dog Wash & BBQ \$1,683
- Bake & Book Sale \$2,866
- Pet Pics \$1,435
- Paint Nights \$995
- Berry Fundraiser \$305
- Trivia Night \$830
- Legion Bingo \$230
- 50/50 Raffles \$1,021

Bottle Drive

We started collection of empty liquor, wine, and beer bottles and cans in September 2008 and have been doing so ever since. The first year we raised \$378.95 and have been steadily climbing every year since then – last year we made just over \$10,150 from these donated items. In less than 10 years, with your help and generosity, we have raised almost \$59,000!! Thank you all so much!

In addition to helping the animals, your beer and liquor cans are helping people too! This past summer we had a volunteer ask us if she could collect the tabs from the cans that were donated. In just six months, the tabs she has collected from the cans donated to the shelter have helped to get 7 wheelchairs for some very deserving people.

Feature Pets – Penny & Peanut

On a warm day in June, one of our staff arrived at the shelter to find a Rubbermaid tote, sealed shut with duct tape, at our front door. Inside was a thin and underweight mom, with her very tiny kittens; the kittens were so tiny we weren't sure they would make it through to the next day. But they were fighters, and with regular feedings to supplement what their mom was providing, Penny and Peanut began to



grow. They struggled with upper respiratory infections, eye infections, and bouts of weight loss. But they finally gained enough weight and were healthy enough to be spayed, and are now ready to be adopted together into their forever home!



Longtime residents – ADOPTED!!!

This year has shown that if you are patient, and hold out hope, the right family comes along!



Jake and Duke – everyone knows our two rambunctious Husky boys that were adopted and then came back, right? Well they found their Final forever home and it's all the way in New York!! They are beyond spoiled and pampered, even getting to ride in their dad's convertible! You can check them out on their own Instagram page:



http://picbear.com/we.are.duke_and_jake

Penney – Penney was found lying in the snow in a parking lot in December of 2014, completely shut down and unable to interact. For the first two weeks that she was with us, we would have to carry her in and out to do her business. It took time, but she eventually became comfortable with the staff, then some of the volunteer



dog walkers. Then we observed she loved being with other dogs, playing and being an actual dog. She was adopted this year into a home with another dog, and has slowly become more trustful and settled.

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The 3 Amigos – A year later...

The end of 2016, beginning of 2017 brought us 3 very special boys – Walter, Merle, and Monty. All three had various medical issues that came with hefty veterinary costs. We are happy to report that all are doing well and 2 have found their forever homes.



Monty came to the shelter as a stray, only bearing weight on three legs. Examination and x-rays revealed that his front leg was broken after being shot. Due to the extent of damage to the leg, and the amount of time that had passed since the initial injury, it

was agreed that it was in his best interest to amputate. Monty, now named Colt, is a much healthier, happier cat, ruling the roost over his doggy siblings!



Senior Merle was found scavenging for food from a dumpster the end of 2016; he was deaf and declawed, and had dreadful eye issues. He was with us over a year, having necessary eye surgeries while patiently awaiting his new home. Well, in 2017 Santa delivered Merle's only wish! Just weeks before Christmas he was



adopted and went to live with his forever family!! We received an update telling us that he quite enjoys his laser pointer but mostly sleeping with his new mom and dad!



Last, but certainly not least, is Walter. You may remember that he came to the shelter with a huge tumor hanging over his eye. Since his surgery he is doing well, only experiencing some occasional swelling that is controlled with medication. He is currently one of our Hallway cats and gets spoiled rotten by all the staff and volunteers, as any 14-year-old cat man should.



Did You Know? and Shelter Facts

- Each year we are paid \$18,000 to act as the pound for Arnprior (dogs and cats) and McNab/Braeside (dogs only). All other funds to care for the animals and to run the shelter come from fundraising events, donations, and applicable grants.

- Our community is so generous, that at times we have more dog food than we can use before it will expire. When this happens, we reach out to other organizations to re-donate that surplus to people in need. The Fountain and the Pet Resource Bank are two such charities that also benefit from your donations.

- Cat supplies used the week of December 12-18

Non-clumping litter	506 lbs
Clumping cat litter	480 lbs
Dry cat food	175 lbs
Wet cat food	13,481 grams

- No matter the weather, or if it is a holiday, there is always someone to look after the animals in our care. 365 days a year, 7 days a week, a staff member is on site for our furry residents.

- # animals in 171
animals adopted 130

- We do not have a veterinarian on staff; we work with multiple vets throughout the Valley to ensure the best care for our animals.

And the Volunteer of the Year goes to... Sue Fraser!!

Sue has been volunteering 2 days a week since July 2014. She has been a huge support and an integral part of the shelter. As a retired Royal Bank of Canada employee who volunteers a certain number of hours per year, the RBC donates \$500 on Sue's behalf! On top of that, Sue organizes a day of volunteering at the shelter with current and previous RBC employees; by doing this the RBC donates ANOTHER \$1000!! We will never be able to thank Sue enough, but as a small token of our appreciation, we presented her with a "Volunteer of the Year" certificate.



Volunteers

We appreciate your interest in volunteering with the Arnprior & District Humane Society. Our volunteers play a vital role in the lives of the animals that pass through our doors and they are very valued members of our organization. We simply could not function without the help of the fantastic volunteers who generously donate their time and skills. As a volunteer with the ADHS, you are helping to provide the extra love and support our animals need to prepare for their forever homes. At the end of the day, you'll know that your time had an impact on the animals, and we're sure they'll have an impact on you, too. If you are ready to put up your hand to help, we've got the volunteer options to suit you. Our volunteers are involved in all areas of the Arnprior & District Humane Society, including: Cat cuddling and socializing, cleaning, dog walking, organizing and attending special events, fundraising, yard work and gardening and light maintenance work.

Please visit our website and sign up today
www.arnpriorhumanesociety.ca

Wish List

Monetary donations are much appreciated, but we are also always in need of supplies to help run the shelter. Some of those items include:

- Dry cat & kitten food
- Dry dog food
- Cat scratchers for cages
- Liquid bleach
- Laundry dryer sheets
- Cat treats
- Toys for cats & dogs
- Wire cat grooming brushes
- Lysol wipes
- Paper towels
- Canned cat, kitten & dog food
- Clumping & non-clumping litter
- Washable towels & blankets
- HE liquid laundry detergent
- Greenworks or Method cleaning products



Thanks!

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of our donors, members, and volunteers. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped to keep the shelter running, caring for our animal wards, advocating for those who have no voice – the shelter volunteers, dog walkers, event helpers and planners, fundraising committee members, Board of Directors. It is because of you and your support that the Arnprior & District Humane Society can keep its doors open.