

# The SPCA NewsPaws

Dedicated to Animal Welfare in Newfoundland and Labrador

## Cyril Elliott Awarded Lifetime Humane Achievement Award from SPCA

Cyril Elliott has been a dedicated volunteer with the St. John's SPCA for 32 years and a member of the Provincial Board of Directors. He has also been the volunteer treasurer for almost as long and his love of animals and commitment to making a difference in their lives is an inspiration to us all. To honor Cyril, the Provincial SPCA presented him with a Lifetime Humane Achievement Award at the gala on October 3. Debbie Powers, SPCA Shelter Director delivered a tribute to "Cy" which recognized the difference he has made in improving the lives of animals in Newfoundland and Labrador.

In addition to running all the financials for the SPCA (there are 7 branches



Cyril and Kobe - taking a well deserved break

across the province), you'll see Cy at almost every fundraiser. He is the "man on the door" at the flea markets. He is the chili maker, ticket seller and BBQ-er!

Margaret Meade said that "a small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." We think Cyril Elliott is one of those people who is helping to bring about change.

Cyril, congratulations on your well deserved award. Keep up the great work!



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## Spay Neuter Assistance Program

2008 was the year that the St. John's SPCA drafted a proposal for a Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) to provide low-cost sterilization surgery to cats who need it most – those who belong to low income pet owners. We know there are too many cats and not enough homes and therefore believe that a such a program is needed to get our cat population under control. The proposal was sent to all the animal hospitals in St. John's, Mount Pearl, Paradise and Bay Roberts. We had a positive response from the hospitals with the following veterinary hospitals participating in the program:

Terra Nova Vet, St. John's Veterinary Hospital, Torbay Road Vet, Sunrise Animal Hospital, Topsail Road Vet, Paradise Animal Hospital, & Baccalieu Trail Animal Hospital.

The cost to the pet owner will be \$55 for a cat spay or neuter. The participating veterinary hospitals are providing a 20% discount to the SPCA with the SPCA paying the remaining cost. Applicants will be assessed by on their financial need with those with a family net income of less than \$25,000 or a single person with a net income of less than \$15,000 qualifying ( a copy of their 2008 Tax Return is required).

A gala fundraiser was held in St. John's in the Fall of 2008 and again this year to raise funds for the Spay Neuter Assistance program. The gala was hosted by Seamus O'Regan. Our "One Million Pennies = \$10,000" drive was also launched to raise money for the program and the goal was reached within a few months. We are continuing with the Penny Challenge.

The City of St. John's Humane Services has already launched their SN Assistance program which is available to residents of St. John's only. The City will cover St. John's area while the St. John's SPCA will be targeting communities on the Avalon where the need is high.

We hope to expand our program in the near future to include dogs as well. Our current program for dogs requires the pet owner to pay 75% of the surgery and the SPCA pays 25% for qualifying applicants.

Please consider giving the best gift ever this holiday season, sponsoring a spay or neuter of an animal that needs it! For more information, please call Cheryl at the SPCA at 726.0301.

Thank you for your support of this program. We will make a difference.

If you require further information or an application please contact Cheryl Ellis, SNAP Coordinator for the St. John's SPCA at 726.0301.

*"Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow is but a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to This Day." - Sanskrit Proverb*

## Fall Gala Fundraiser for Spay Neuter Assistance Program a Success

Our gala fundraiser on Saturday, October 3 was a great success thanks to our many supporters and volunteers. 250 people donned their best attire and came out to the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland to raise funds for the Spay Neuter Assistance Program.

The gala brought everyone together for a fun evening and a chance to bid on and win some fabulous prizes. WestJet, Hayward's and Exit Realty were our corporate sponsors and we are ever so thankful for their support.

Judging by the crowd on the dance floor with Dana Parsons Project playing, it looks like everyone had a great time!

The SPCA's Spay Neuter Assistance program provides sterilization surgery for animals on the Avalon Peninsula whose owners can not afford it. This is a critical initiative for the SPCA in reducing the pet-over population through targeting animals that are producing the unwanted litters.

**See photos on next page of the Gala by "Don Power, SNAP Magazine."**

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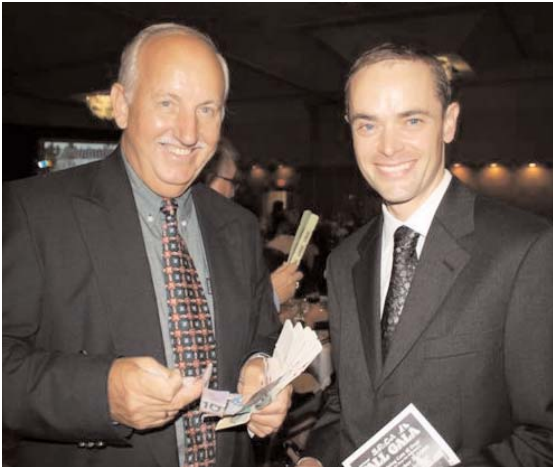
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# NewsPaws



**Ches Oliver (left) and John French**



**Chris Hickman, Robin Hayward, Connie Hayward**



**Carolyn Hickey, Debbie Powers, Barney Powers**



**Gala host Seamus O'Regan**



**Deputy Mayor Shannie Duff and guests**



**Trina Cook and Stan Cook**

## IN MEMORY DONATIONS *by Carolyn Hickey - SPCA Secretary*

Throughout the year, many people donate to the SPCA in memory of beloved friends and family who have passed away. The editors of News Paws have decided to publish these names as a tribute to our late supporters to honour them, and in recognition of their kind contribution to the SPCA.

In preparing this list, we have attempted to be as inclusive and accurate as possible. Please let us know if we have omitted anyone for whom a donation has been made, or if there is an error in how their name appears. We strive for perfection - but we're not there, yet!



<b>APRIL, 2009</b>	Jeanette Singleton	Brianna Lynn McCarthy	Mark J. Fitzpatrick	Myrtle May Williams	Lucy Syms
Caroline Allen	Rosalind Stephens	Lawrence Milton	Kathryn Gizetic	Arend Van Kesteren	OCTOBER, 2009
Joshua Blackwood	Thomas Woodford	Anthony Nemet	Thomas McDonald	<b>SEPTEMBER, 2009</b>	Douglas Abbott
Bernard K. Fitzpatrick	Henry Young	Ruth Noseworthy	Dennis Nolan	George Adams	Heber Andrews
Colin Henley	<b>MAY, 2009</b>	Violet Parsons	Bill Patterson	Joseph Clarke	George Ash
Gertrude Earle King	Dr. Lou Lawton	Leander Robert Peach	Charles Richards	Alexander(Sandy) Colbourne	Gregory Barrington
Ronald Macey	Shelia Mahoney	John M. Power	Jim Richards	Margaret Elliott	Emma Button
Annie B. Martin	Michael McGrath	Bernard Roberts	Rick Wilson	Gerald Gosse	Raymond Connors
Lillian Maud Parsons	Philip O'Neill	Douglas Snow	<b>AUGUST, 2009</b>	Cecilia Hancock	Charles Henry
E. Mary Pike	Jean Mildred Waller	Bill (Willoughby) Tibbo	Joseph Clarke	Eugene Kelly	William Lindsay
Myra Randell	<b>JUNE, 2009</b>	Kathleen Watson	James B. Flemming	Clifton Porter	Cyril Wells
Anna Mary Rex	Alex Alves	Michael Wilton	Joyce Hall	Damien Rice	<b>NOVEMBER, 2009</b> (to printing date)
Daniel Victor Reynish	John Bennett	<b>JULY, 2009</b>	Walter Lundrigan	Marion Rowlands	Bridget Mary Hynes
Rosalind Jean Sheppard	Olive Dill	Eric Baggs, Sr.	Elsie Dorothy Mercer	Betty Scott	Anne Lawrence
	Lane, Margaret Jane	Margo Brewer	Marjorie Morgan	Damien Smith	Mary Louise Power
	Walter Lundrigan		Crauford Monier-Williams		Matilda Vokey
	Sheri Martin				

## 2010, the Year for New Animal Protection Legislation

If you've been following the media coverage, there has been no shortage of stories on the abuse and severe neglect of animals in this province and the woefully inadequate Provincial Animal Protection Act, which is supposed to protect them. With fines as low as \$50 and legislation that dates from the 1970s, Natural Resources Minister Kathy Dunderdale is finally turning her attention to updating the animal welfare legislation.

This legislation is badly in need of change and is out of step with legislation that exists in most other parts of Canada.

It was Gandhi who said that "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Surely it doesn't take a high-powered spin doctor to see that Newfoundland and Labrador's 40-year-old animal welfare legislation does not fit with the shiny, prosperous image for our province that our energy revenues and tourism ads project.

In early October, the Telegram broke the story of the Australian Shepherd dog, Bullet and Pauline Beazley, who is with the Burin SPCA - the person who seized Bullet and removed him from his misery where he "lived" on a dilapidated old wharf. Bullet's story brought to light the many dogs who are chained on in remote places where they often aren't seen by the public and are forgotten about. Without any socialization, these dogs go mad on the end of their chain. ATVs go by and tease them - food is tossed to them from a distance. Their dis-

mal dog houses are surrounded by feces and their short chains often freeze in the ice preventing them from going into their dog houses.

Telegram columnist Pam Frampton recently brought light to the lack of support the SPCA receives from the Province and the need for a new, rigorous Animal Protection Act.

**Dr. Hugh Whitney** is the province's Chief Veterinary Officer who is spearheading the new Animal Protection Act. Dr. Whitney is intent on bringing the legislative changes about and will be preparing a report to Minister Dunderdale. Once that report is submitted, and following the directive of Minister Dunderdale, the legislative drafting begins. Dr. Whitney anticipates that the new legislation will be ready for the Spring session of the House of Assembly.

The SPCA will need the help of the public to ensure that Minister Dunderdale knows that this is a priority. We encourage you to check the SPCA's website at [www.spcastjohns.org](http://www.spcastjohns.org) for things you can do to help us with this critical initiative leading up to Spring 2010.

If you haven't signed the "Start a Chain Reaction" petition lobbying for anti-chaining legislation, please go to our website to sign it. Including the paper signatures, we have about 10,000 so far and we will be submitting them to Minister Dunderdale soon.

Thanks for your support and we'll keep you updated.

## COIN BOX

## International News at Atlantic Place

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Appearing on counters everywhere - the coin box - placed in a conspicuous location by organizations like the SPCA who know the value of every penny. The SPCA sponsors coin boxes in many locations. Beginning with this issue of News Paws, we would like to introduce readers to some of these locations and those who monitor the boxes for us.

The **International News at Atlantic Place** is owned by Geoffrey Easton - he is an animal lover with two great dogs! The Newfoundland Dog coin box at The International News has been sitting on that counter for at least 8 years from when Sandra Garland began working there. Sandra and her co-worker, Belinda Wills, never let the box become too full - she says that emptying the box frequently discourages theft. They empty the box regularly, count and record the amount of coins in the box, and provide us with the equivalent in paper money.



Belinda Wills & Sandra Garland

## Veterinary Acupuncture *by: Dr. Babette Meister, Paradise Animal Hospital*

Acupuncture is an ancient Oriental method of therapy and is used in a wide variety of human and animal disorders. It is a therapy first developed by the Ancient Chinese over 3000 years ago that consists of stimulating designated and precise points on the surface of the body by the insertion of fine solid needles. These points are mainly located in the superficial muscles and skin.

Veterinary acupuncture is a healing science which deals with the individual animal as a living energetic being, rather than simply as a catalogue of signs and symptoms. According to ancient Chinese medical philosophy, disease is the result of an imbalance of energy in the body. Acupuncture is believed to balance this energy and, thereby, assist the body to heal disease.

In Western terms, acupuncture can assist the body to heal itself by affecting certain physiological changes. For example, acupuncture can stimulate nerves, increase blood circulation, relieve muscle spasm, and cause the release of hormones, such

as endorphins (one of the body's pain control chemicals) and cortisol (a natural steroid).

Acupuncture is indicated mainly for functional problems such as those that involve paralysis, musculoskeletal issues (arthritis), noninfectious inflammation (such as allergies), and pain. Acupuncture and Western medicine work hand-in-hand to reach results sometimes unable to be obtained with one modality alone.

Acupuncture is one of the safest forms of medical treatment for animals when it is administered by a properly trained veterinarian.

The length and frequency of acupuncture treatments depends on the condition of the patient and the method of stimulation that is used by the veterinarian. Stimulation of an individual acupuncture point may take as little as 10 seconds or as much as 30 minutes. Most animals find the experience relaxing and even the most stressed animals tend to relax and enjoy the treatment.

## One Happy Beagle

On NOV. 17th 1999, I adopted a cute little beagle puppy from the SPCA. I'm happy to update you that "Daisy Porter" just celebrated her 10th birthday with us. She was treated with a Wiener Cake. She has brought us great joy & she is a very happy & a loving member of the family. I have had 3 great Beagles in my life starting with Ringo 1968 -1981, then Gypsy 1983-1996 and now Daisy. Beagles are the best! Even my nickname growing up was "Beagle." My motto is, " If you are going to have a dog and treat it like a dog, then you shouldn't have a dog. "

Barry Porter

Porterville, Newfoundland (Central)



## Pawsitive People

### Natalie Higdon & Meagan Tucker with "Juice on the Loose"

Natalie and Meagan initially decided to set up a juice stand on the street in the neighbourhood and donate the proceedings to the SPCA. Business was a little slow, so they decided their sales might increase if they took the juice around the neighbourhood. They made up a sign that said "Juice on the Loose" Donations to go to the SPCA and placed the juice in a wagon and walked around the neighbourhood. Business started to increase as people stopped their cars and made donations. They raised approximately \$70.00 and had a great time doing it.



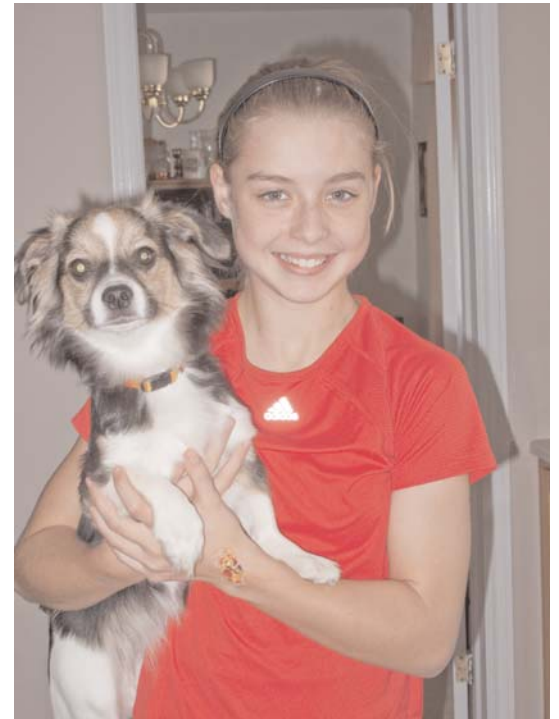
## Mun Alumni Affairs & Development

Left - right Tracy Edwards,  
Jennifer O'Neill, Dana English

### A Big Thank you to Alana Careen and Sophie

To the left is a picture of thirteen-year-old Alana Careen and her puppy Sophie. During May and June of this year, Alana set out to collect spare change at Macdonald Junior High where she goes to school. In total, she collected \$51.00 to donate to the SPCA.

Thanks so much Alana for thinking of the SPCA. The future of the shelter will be bright with dedicated young people like Alana interested in the SPCA.



Alana and Sophie

## Volunteer Corner

**Carolyn Hickey,  
SPCA Secretary, Board of  
Directors**

*Our editor caught up with Carolyn Hickey, Secretary of the SPCA, for a quick chat on how she got involved.*

Volunteering with SPCA was something I had always promised myself I'd do when I had time. For 30 years I taught regular and special education at the elementary level. When I retired from teaching in 2001, I found that time to start working with the SPCA. I think it's important in life to make time for things that you really want to do because time can go by so quickly. I'm happy that I made the time and eight years later, I still enjoy the work - and the people!

When I first got involved, I quickly discovered that I couldn't do much work with the animals directly - because I didn't have space at home for all of them! My two pets Sadie & George were direct adoptions from the SPCA. And Molly had been captured on her way to the SPCA via a friend of my son's 5 years before so, I have my own brood of creatures to care for at home.

In 2002, I became the correspondence secretary for the Provincial Board of Directors - finding this a good way to contribute my time and fill a need. The volume of letters and correspondence keeps me busy, but I enjoy the work - it's always interesting and different.

I just recently moved into the position as Secretary with the Board of Directors which involves working with all 7 SPCA branches. Like many volunteers, I wear many hats. I have been the tea and coffee person at the Fall fairs for the past 3 years and have been a strong advocate for Provincial Government funding. At the end of the day, I like to think that we received a few helpful donations because of my advocacy. This makes it all worthwhile, knowing that in some way I am making a difference.

I'm also involved as coordinator with the library at Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's and I'm a mediator and trainer with Community Mediation Services. In my spare time I like to read and create stained glass artwork.

Carolyn can be reached at [spcastjohns@gmail.com](mailto:spcastjohns@gmail.com).



Carolyn with grandson Nathan & dog Sadie.

### Upcoming Fundraising Events

**December 5** Pet Pics with Santa, St. David's Hall, 98 Elizabeth Avenue

To book appointments, please call 757.4051, Walk ins are welcome! Bring the whole family!

**December 21:** Christmas Stocking Draw filled with lots of Christmas Cheer and Goodies!

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 (Call 726.0301)

**2010 Calendar** featuring more than 400 entries from our Annual Pet Photo Contest.

Makes a great gift for the pet lover on your Christmas list for just \$10 (Call 726.0301)

**Pet Tribute Tree:** When you visit our Shelter on RCAF Road you will see our Tree illuminated in our front office in honour and in memory of our pet friends.

With a donation of \$5, you may light a red bulb In Honour of or a white bulb In Memory of a special pet. To purchase a bulb, please visit our shelter, call us at 726.0301 or mail us at

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Special Message to longtime members! Next time you decide to renew your SPCA membership, why not find just **ONE MORE** new member: maybe your parents, your siblings, a friend or co-worker. The animal problems that we deal with daily are not lessening and the more members we have, the more we will be able to do for the strayed, abandoned and abused animals in this Province.



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