

Before Jester arrived at the shelter, some of his diet consisted of oatmeal and Kraft Dinner. But because of your support, the two-year-old Labrador Retriever/Border Collie mix is now fed a high-quality dog food that's fit for a police dog.

It's appropriate, considering this rescued dog went from a neglectful situation to a member of the Winnipeg Police K9 Unit.

Jester is a bomb detector dog. He's trained to recognize 14 common explosive scents. Based on all combinations of the scents, Jester can detect around 22,000 manufactured explosives.

When Jester arrived at the shelter he was malnourished. But he showed plenty of potential because of his high-energy and love for retrieving items. He's also friendly, which is an important quality for a bomb detector dog that works in large crowds.

Jester officially became a police dog in May 2017, but his training is ongoing. It's important to maintain his scent-sniffing skills. Jester's main duties include performing explosive sweeps of VIP vehicles and venues, backstage areas at concerts and NHL teams that travel out of Winnipeg directly to the United States. Whenever there's a bomb threat in Winnipeg, Jester will be on scene keeping his community safe.

Because of your support, Jester's potential is limitless. His story is proof that with the right training and commitment, anything is possible. Jester isn't the only animal with an amazing story!

Tune into 1001 Donations March 24 on Shaw TV and Facebook Live for more amazing stories about WHS animals and how you support them.

# Love: Joey's Best Treatment

If it wasn't for the love from staff and support from you, Joey the kitten might not have survived. When Joey arrived at the shelter he was frozen. His body was limp. He couldn't stand or lift his head during the physical



exam. But WHS clinic staff spent three hours using their body temperature to provide heat for the frozen kitten.

He needed to gradually warm up. If Joey's body temperature was rising too fast, he could go into shock. When Dr. Bowen took her lunch, she held Joey up against her body with a hot water bottle. When her lunch was over, veterinary assistant Benjamin took over and provided warmth by keeping the kitten close to him. He continued to work with his free hand.

Three hours later, Joey's body temperature was relatively normal and he was once again eating and drinking.

Would you like to meet Joey? Hear more about his story at the 1001 Donations Telethon on March 24. Tune in on Shaw TV or the WHS Facebook page.



# Henry lives like a king because of you

Henry is all smiles because of your gifts. The one-year-old French Bulldog was adopted from the WHS in June. He's now living a happy life full of journeys riding in his own personal 'Henry Express' wagon.



His family says Henry loves spending his summer at the lake. He was in heaven chasing around the squirrels and taking a ride in the boat. Henry even explored the water and while he wasn't a big fan he did get wet up to his chest and play with the frogs.

Henry is an example of just one WHS animal who brings endless love to his family. Because of your support you are enriching not only the lives of animals, but the families who adopt them. The 1001 Donations Telethon, live on Shaw TV and Facebook Live on March 24, will have more success stories like Henry's. **Tune** in and learn more about the initiatives and programs you support that give animals the new beginnings they deserve.



Henry thanks you for your donations. Because of your support he lives an exciting and fulfilling life.

# Skipper's incredible lost and found tale



You provide our Intake staff with the resources needed to reunite lost cats like Skipper with their family. Thank you!

Skipper once was lost, but thanks to you was found. The handsome cat was found in the Wolseley area of Winnipeg by a good Samaritan and brought to the shelter. Skipper was at first a little unsettled by his trip, but calmed down when the staff provided him with some attention and petting.

The cat was easily reunited with his family because he had proper identification. A quick search put intake staff in touch with Skipper's family the same day he was brought to the shelter. Skipper was missing from his Headingley home for six months!

His journey will remain a mystery, but one thing is for sure: if your pet is lost, having proper identification increases the chances of them being found and reunited. Losing your pet causes distress, but there are steps you can take to significantly increase the chances of finding them. Make sure your pet has identification, including:

- · Tattoo ID
- · Microchip
- City of Winnipeg licence



# Free-range farming: AN ALTERNATIVE TO FACTORY FARMS

The passing of The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act has

removed two regulations of
The Environment Act that
will allow more hog barns
to be built in Manitoba.
This expansion will put
the welfare and safety of
more pigs at risk.

But there are alternatives to current industrial farm animal practices. For those who eat it the WHS encourages them to consider purchasing meat from locally owned free-range farms. Tamarack Farms, for example, is one of many farms that allow pigs

The manure is not contained in a highly

to express their natural behaviour. A pig's health and welfare is directly related to the health of soil and environment.

These farms allow pigs to express natural behaviours such as foraging, rooting, and nesting. They are fed a diverse and complete diet to meet their nutritional needs.

concentrated area which prevents increased disease. Instead it is spread naturally on the fields, which can be used to grow organic crops.

The Winnipeg Humane Society Farm Animal Compassion Committee advocates for the humane treatment of all animals – including farm animals – during all phases of their lives. To learn more about free-range farming practices, visit winnipeghumanesociety.ca.

Information from: Tamarack Farms

# WHS Volunteers: Helping kids in the community

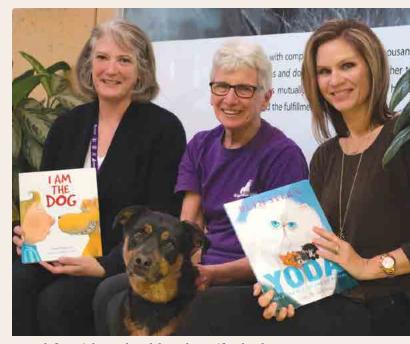
The See Spot Read program operates in partnership with St. John Ambulance thanks to dedicated WHS volunteers Beth, Adele and Jennifer. The program connects students with attentive dogs through the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog program.

The kids read to the dogs once a week for 10 weeks and develop their reading and comprehension skills while getting the enjoyment of reading to an animal. The students also work on word puzzles, book discussion and other reading-related activities with the three volunteers.

Their hard work to help students is truly appreciated and builds positive relationships with animals from a young age. The See Spot Read program isn't the only education opportunity for your child.

Turn to page six and learn how to register your child for WHS Spring Break Kid Camp.

There's over 700 volunteers at the WHS and you can learn more about their value and worth to the WHS during the 1001 Donations Telethon on March 24. It will be on Shaw TV and stream live on the WHS Facebook page.



From left to right: Beth, Adele and Jennifer thank you for supporting the WHS. Because of you, they have the opportunity to help students develop reading skills.

You support animals in need through a variety of creative events and initiatives. Here are just a few of the ways you helped support the WHS.

A special thank you to **Maija Buduhan** for raising over \$200 for the animals at your birthday!

Thank you to **River City Ford** for raising \$30,000 for the animals this past July and help spread the word on not keeping pets in hot cars.

**Coldwell Banker Preferred Real Estate Home for Dogs Project** was held at
Assiniboine Park on September 9<sup>th</sup> and
was a great success! Thank you for
helping the WHS!

Thank you to **MPI** for having casual day in support of the WHS. They raised \$843.55.

A huge thank you to **Priya**! She continued her annual fundraiser called **Mimo** and Kirry Give Back, in support of the two cats she adopted from the WHS. The \$2,650 she raised through her social media network will go towards the WHS Clinic and foster program.

**Our friends at RBC** on Taylor Ave. stopped by the shelter with donations of treats, toys and supplies. We were more than happy to take them around for a tour of the facility. Thank you!

**Shannon** won a \$500 prize from radio station Peggy 99.1. Instead of accepting the money, she donated it to the WHS instead. Thank you!

The Home Ec students from **Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute** sewed together and donated 67 cat blinds! These blinds are used in the back area of the shelter and reduce stress by providing cats with privacy.

#### Ethan, Jackson, Sophia and Austin

took advantage of some nice weather in September and operated a lemonade stand in support of the WHS. Thank you!















From top left, clockwise: Home Ec students from Daniel McIntyre Collegiate sewed together 67 cat blinds for the WHS!; Thank you to River City Ford for raising \$30,000 for the WHS in July.; Amelia and Sydney raised \$77 at a freezie sale.; Ethan, Jackson and Sophia operated a lemonade stand in September with proceeds going to the WHS.; Shannon won a \$500 cash prize from a radio station and donated it to the shelter.; Thank you Priya for her annual Mimo and Kirry Give Back fundraiser in honour of her cats from the WHS.; Thank you to our friends at RBC Taylor for dropping off a donation of treats, toys and supplies.

### Critter Caretakers

Sophie Comte Haedyn Hamilton-Fair Sasha Wang Anastasia DeGagne Nya Urciuoli Daisy Larsen Savannah Matthewson Gabriela Suver

# Cars for Critters\*

Bill Muloin John Pawluck Cindy Reynolds Patricia Janusz John Nichol Richard Alms Steven Hunter Hein Hulsbosch Ronald Mykytyn Randolph Rummery William Wellborn John Petroff Edward Allman Julia Gamble Stephanie Glowacki Kelly Human Gordon Legrand Deborah Gowen Timothy Fleming Pamela Mislawchuk Jeffery Moore Thelma Marchello Evelyn Chubaty Ronald Mahoney Heather Goerten Janna McBurney-Dhoot Alexandria Shmyr Delvin Jacobson Christopher Stasiuk Sonja Musto Christopher Herc Owen Colin Joseph Mercer Amber Martyszenko Lindsay Mcbean Sandra McKelvey Jason Batchelor Cheryl Ginter Carlos James

Verna Udell

Merv Marchenski Barbara Hinds Ashley Toews Maxime Desjardins

## Other Fundraisers

Thank you to Integrated Power Services for helping raise funds and items for the WHS animals!

Thank you Jodie Muntain for having a headband fundraiser for the animals and raising \$100.

Thank you to Graeme Foulkes for saving his money and donating \$38 to the animals!

Thank you to Amelia and Sydney for raising \$77 at their freezie sale!

## Wedding

Stephanie Bevacqua and Rui Santos Amanda and Thomas Selby

## **Lemonade Stands**

Meredith and Penelope Stewart Stella and Miles Isaac Riyansh and Krishan Koticha Sophia Chauson Tess Mandzuk Mikyla McCarroll and Caden Brown Rylan and Nora Hoehn Miley Sigurdor Keaton, Liam, Mack and Callum Long Keandra Broughton

## Garage Sales, Bake Sales, Casual Day

Orton Harrison Judith Shavna Lynne Lachance Carol Strange Dylan Weinstein George Obradovic Shelley Price Dianne Logan Sylvia Ireland Cathy Willows Margaret Platte G. Dederick Robert Gunn Holly Mackie Eleanor Bochen **Bob Morgan** Alex Capstick Maria Presingular Katie Wright Amalia Hickerson JP Barnabe Lori Ricard Bell Reagan Gruener Maureen Blake James Miller Dean Mazur Michelle Adams Susan Crookes



If you would like to donate your old 'clunker' to the Winnipeg Humane Society, just call Associated Auto Auction at 204.895.9790.



# PAGES FOR PAWS

USED BOOK AND DVD SALE MAY 5 + 6

Support the development and care for over 8,000 animals each year when you purchase items from the WHS Used Book and DVD Sale.

Every great book needs a bookmark. Use this bookmark for your reading material and reminder to visit the WHS Used Book and DVD sale.

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your child the chance to learn and practice responsible pet ownership and have a lot of fun at the same time!

#### MARCH 26 - 29 · \$150

- Behind the scenes shelter tours
- Crafts, games, and fun animal welfare-related activities
- Lots of animal interaction

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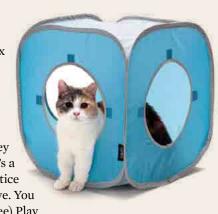


# GIFT SHOP

ALL MONEY RAISED SUPPORTS ANIMALS AT THE WHS

## KITTY PLAY CUBE \$10.99

The Kitty Play Cube is like a pop-up tent, but for your cat! Simply remove it from the box and it'll pop into shape, providing your cats with tons of entertainment. There's three openings in the cube for your cat to explore the world from and play hide-and-seek. If they get tired of peek-a-boo, there's a dangling tassel which will entice your feline's natural prey drive. You can connect two (or even three) Play Cubes together for twice the fun.



#### BARKERS DOG TOY \$13.99 OR \$16.99

The Barkers dog toy from Charming Pet is built to last and comes with the K9 Tuff Guard seal of approval. The toy is denier lined, double stitched in the seams and reinforced with nylon infusion at ripping points. With realistic looking fabric and tree branch arms that pull through, this natural looking plush toy is a perfect playtime pal for when you want to bring a little of the outdoors inside. Available in two sizes: small and large.

## OMEGA PAW TREAT BALL \$21.99

The Omega Paw Treat Ball provides hours of fun for your furry friend. Just fill the ball with treats and let your dog play. As the ball is pushed around the treats fall out and your pup is rewarded. It's a great way to keep your dog occupied and stimulated on those days it's too cold to go for a walk. It can also be used at meal time to encourage slower eating habits while providing a challenge.



#### BMO

Every time you tap your credit card, you can help cover the cost of care for an animal in need.
The BMO Winnipeg Humane
Society MasterCard supports the necessary medical care and



behaviour support an animal needs for a successful adoption. Every time you use the card for your everyday purchases a donation is made to the WHS from BMO at no extra cost to you.

#### PETPLAN

When you sign up for Petplan Pet Insurance the WHS receives \$30 per adopter. Not only does Petplan provide a safety net for your own furry loved ones, signing up is also a great way to



donate to pets. You help our animals by helping your own.

# Wish List:

#### FOR THE ANIMALS:

- · Canned cat and dog food
- · Newspapers

#### FOR THE OFFICE:

- · Laminating sheets
- · Blank CD's

#### **ADOPTION**

- Yarn for our volunteers who knit animal blankets.
   If you would like to knit blankets the ideal size is
   2 x 2 feet
- · Durable dog toys

#### BEHAVIOUR

- Gentle Leader headcollars (size: medium and large)
- Soft dog treats

#### CHINIC

- Used medical equipment
- Towels (bath size preferred)

#### **FOSTER**

- · Kitchen scales
- Small to medium cat carriers

#### ANIMAL PROTECTION

- Small/Medium plastic carriers
- USB drives

#### AIRMILES

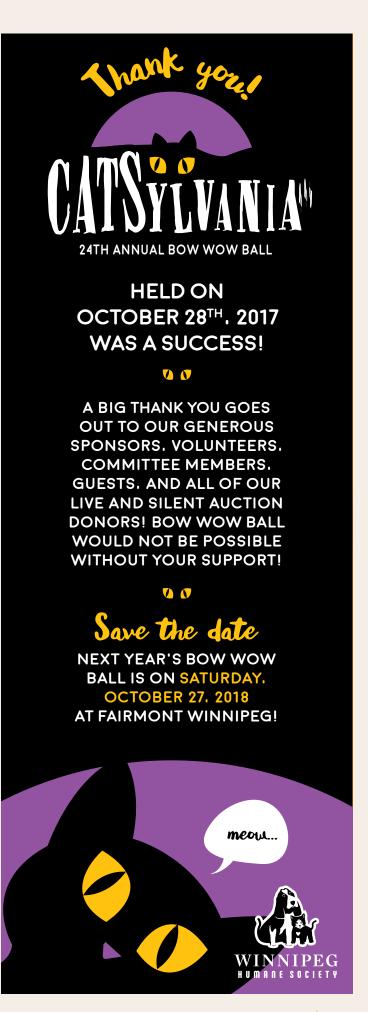
 You can also help the WHS help animals when you use the WHS Air Miles Card.



## SHOW THEM THEY'RE A GOOD DOG

 Soft dog treats are a high-value reward that reinforces a dog's good behaviour. Donate soft treats to the shelter today so every dog can feel like the good boy or girl they are.





# What's New AT THE WHS?

# **Upper Respiratory Infection policies**



As part of the Million Cat Challenge, the WHS is working with UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and implemented changes to the way cats with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI) are managed and cared for at the shelter.

URI – a common cat cold – cannot be

eliminated from the shelter. But there are effective and lifesaving methods to manage it. Stress is the main cause of URI within a shelter, which means it can be reduced by allowing cats to be as comfortable as possible.

All incoming cats are now provided with double caging. These cages increase the cat's floor space and provide the feline with a place to hide, a hard surface, a soft surface, scratching area, and keeps the cat's food and water separated from the litter box. The amount of floor space a cat has in the first seven days at the shelter plays a big role in whether a cat gets sick with URI.

In the past, cats that displayed symptoms of URI while on the adoption floor were moved to the back for treatment. Now, if the cat displays mild symptoms they remain available to adopt with a sign on their door.

These new policies are creating positive change for the cats at the shelter and it's because of your support.

## **Welcome Home program**

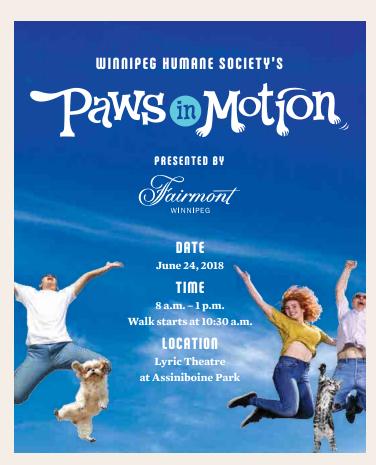


Pets need a veterinarian in the same way a human needs a doctor or dentist. The Welcome Home Program connects new WHS adopters with veterinarians across Manitoba.

Each year the WHS adopts over 4,000 pets to people across the province and many of these individuals do not have a pre-

existing relationship with a veterinarian. A vet is a crucial point of contact for your pet's growth and development.

New adopters are presented with a list of 46 participating clinics offering one free consultation appointment. The program helps pet owners develop an immediate relationship with a clinic and encourages ongoing visits to maintain the pet's health. The program aims to not only help pets find new homes, but also creates new ways to ensure they stay there when injury or illness occurs.



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**Behaviour Help Line** 204.988.8808

**Cruelty & Abuse Complaints** 204.982.2028

Emergency (Animals in Distress) 204.982.2020

**Donations & Tax Receipts** 204.982.2041

Pet Loss and Grief Support 204.988.8804