



Second Chance!

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Second Chance Animal Rescue Society Members' Newsletter—Spring 2017

Trex was chained and left to freeze

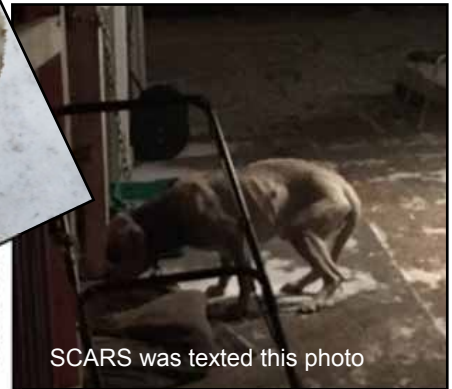
Shortly before Christmas 2016 on a day when the temperatures were quickly dropping, SCARS was asked to help an abandoned “mean” dog that had been chained to a door step. The photo provided to us by text caused our volunteers to scramble. One look and we knew this dog might not survive the night. The two-hour road trip to the location was started immediately.

We indeed discovered an emaciated, dehydrated dog, chained to a doorstep, standing in his own filth without shelter or protection. With a little coaxing and patience, the poor starving boy safely went into a crate and began his journey with SCARS. At the veterinary assessment, we discovered he scored a one on the body condition evaluation. A scale of 1-9 is used by vets and enforcement officers to scale the condition of animals brought in from abuse cases.

That night the temperature dropped to -30 Celsius and the vet assured us he would not have survived. The chain was wrapped tightly around his neck and had been there long enough to discolor his fur. Every rib and bone stuck out. You could not only count his vertebrae, you could see the formation of them. We rarely see dogs in this condition that survive. Trex needed a few weeks of multiple small feedings with digestive formula. For any being, human or otherwise that has suffered starvation (especially for as long as Trex did), too much food at once can cause stomach issues, including torsion and blockage. Needless to say, Trex was happy for every kibble he received.

He has now recovered tremendously. In a few weeks he went from this scrawny half form of a dog to a sizable, sturdy boy who parades happily around the yard. He has made many friends. Trex is good with dogs, NOT good with cats and needs a proper introduction to people. If you offer him a treat, he will quickly become your friend. Trex loves vehicle rides and has great house manners, but does like to counter surf.

Trex will be looking for a home with a confident, experienced owner (older children only). He needs someone willing to continue helping him overcome his past so he can fully realize the good boy he wants to be.



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Celebrating Amazing Kids!

FR HAYTHORNE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Thank you to teacher, Sylvia MacInnes, and her grade 7 and 8 "Animal Rescue" students at FR Haythorne School in Sherwood Park. They held a very successful silent auction and raised \$400 for SCARS. They also posted our wish list near a Christmas tree in the school and collected many items that we will put to good use.



CHARLEIGH'S BIRTHDAY DONATION

Charleigh wanted nothing more than to do something to help the SCARS animals like her mommy, a SCARS volunteer. For her fourth birthday, Charleigh collected items from our wish list instead of gifts for herself. She is super proud of the donations she received and excited to drop them off for us. We are so grateful for kind hearted children like Charleigh. They are the leaders of tomorrow.



RYAN'S BIRTHDAY DONATION

For the third year in a row, Ryan dedicated her birthday to collecting donations for SCARS. This year, she and her friends raised \$250 along with a trunk load of supplies. We are so grateful to Ryan and her friends and family for this generous donation. Ryan's family is also a SCARS foster home.



FULTONVALE ELEMENTARY JR HIGH FUNDRAISER

The Grade 5 class at Fultonvale Elementary Jr High held a bake sale for SCARS on January 29. It was a huge success thanks to the many baking donations made by the Division 2 students and parents. The Grade 5 students were able to raise \$839 for SCARS. Their fundraiser included the students having to come to school on a weekend. Wow, that is dedication at its best. We are grateful for their support.



Preventing Unwanted Pets through SNR

Spay-Neuter-Return (SNR) is a program where we provide spay/neuter of owned pets in rural communities that have pet overpopulation. We transport the pets to our veterinary partner to be spayed or neutered, they spend one or more days recovering at the clinic and then we return them home. Our goal is to enhance the health and wellness of community pets. Because we help reduce the number of unwanted pets, we also enhance the safety and wellness of people in the community. Our program includes providing pets with a shelter and straw foinsulation.

HOW TO HELP:

- Become a corporate sponsor
- Donate gift cards from stores that sell building supplies
- Become a SCARS volunteer. We need drivers to help transport SNR pets and deliver pet shelters
- Mention Hole's Greenhouse when purchasing a garden shed from Shed Solutions Edmonton and Hole's will donate \$100 to our shelter building program. You can purchase the sheds at the Hole's Enjoy Centre at 101 Riel Drive in St. Albert or anywhere Shed Solutions' sheds are sold. When you make your purchase, be sure to mention that you want Hole's to donate \$100 to SCARS.

Thank you to our supporters for helping make this program successful. For more info, email scars@scarscare.ca.

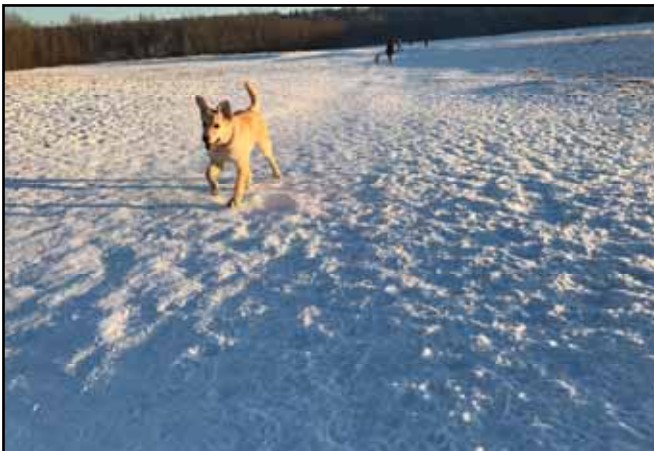


Look At Me Now

Hi SCARS. We wanted to let you know that Monty (formerly Dumont) is doing amazingly well. He's healthy (going on 60 lbs!), loves the dog park, his fuzzy dinosaur and

chewing. He is very affectionate and a quick learner. He'll do anything for more snuggles! Thank you so much for being there to take him in when he needed a home. And thank you for introducing us. We love him very much. — Sincerely, Devin & Krystina

(Note: Dumont is a survivor of canine parvovirus.)



SCARS Needs Stainless Steel Kennels

SCARS is looking for two sets of rolling stainless steel kennels with two large spaces on the bottom and three smaller kennel spaces on top – similar to the picture.

We would be pleased to accept used units in good condition or funds donated towards the purchase of new ones. A tax receipt can be issued for a reasonable valuation of a used item. Depending on the quality and configuration, these rolling kennels cost approximately \$4,000.

You may donate funds at <http://scarscare.ca/how-you-can-help/donate/> or contact our donations coordinator at scars@scarscare.ca. Thank you!



Adorable and Adoptable

Here are a few examples of adoptable pets. To see more, visit www.scarscare.ca. There are approximately 175 companion animals of all ages, types and sizes currently in our care. We are always looking for adopters and more foster homes. If you have room in your home and in your heart for a new friend, contact SCARS.



Flurry is a 1-yr-old female mix



Caesar is a 7-yr-old male boxer mix



Hildee is a female hound mix



Mingo is 2-yr-old male mix breed



Luna is a 3-yr-old male mixed breed



Toffee is a 2-yr-old female mixed breed

SCARS Needs Foster Homes!

Please consider fostering for SCARS. As a foster home, you will provide temporary care for an animal until we can find it a suitable permanent home. Becoming a foster home is easy and there is absolutely no cost or long-term obligation. Foster homes are vital to our success. Simply put, they save lives. Sadly, every day in Alberta there are hundreds of pets waiting to be rescued. Our goal is to make the fostering experience as enjoyable as possible for you and your family.



Munch is a mature male, rottie/lab mix



Bro is 3-yr-old male, mixed breed



Flora and Coral are female, mixed breed rabbits that were born during May 2016

Rutherford Manor Haunt for SCARS

We are grateful to the organizers of the Rutherford Manor Haunt for supporting SCARS and the Edmonton Food Bank with their annual "haunted house" from Oct. 27 to 31, 2016. They raised \$3,022 for SCARS as well as supply donations (pet food and other necessities) in support of our foster program. We are grateful to Thérèse Hansell, SCARS foster home volunteer, and Hugh Flesher for recommending SCARS to benefit from this event.

The Rutherford Manor Haunt is one of Edmonton's Premier Home Yard and House Haunts each Halloween season. The Annual Haunted House is a true labour of love that celebrates the owner's passion for Halloween. Each season hundreds of people enjoy getting the wits scared out of them and help support local charities. For more info, visit www.rutherfordmanorhaunt.com.



Thank you to Champion Petfoods



Thank you to the staff at Champion Petfoods for sponsoring Gilbert, a SCARS sanctuary dog.

Champion employees hold an annual gift exchange during December. But this

year, rather than buying each other small gifts they decided to pool their dollars and donate to SCARS.

When management agreed to match what they raised, they realized they could collect enough to sponsor a SCARS sanctuary animal for a year.

On December 22, SCARS volunteers Troy and Lori Trudgeon visited their kitchens in Morinville and collected a donation of \$1,020. We are very grateful for their support.

Champion donates pet food products to SCARS throughout the year. We recommend their Acana and Orijen products to our adopters, not only because Champion donates to SCARS, but also because of the quality of their products.



Photo: Morgan Dagg, Josh Haneisak, Debbie Ricciardi, Rameshwar Ghimire, Vanessa Chiriaco, Leigh Newton, Mainul Bhuiyan, Ashley Rocher, Laurie Day, Nidhi Patel, Sonam Gupta, Buddhi Sapkota, Sandra Hollette, Anu Ramadoss and SCARS volunteers Troy and Lori Trudgeon

SCARS Education Sessions

Did you know that SCARS holds free sessions where we provide information on our volunteer programs and dog behaviour? Please watch the events section of our website for upcoming dates.

FOSTER HOME ORIENTATIONS

SCARS needs foster homes. If you think you have room in your heart and home for a dog or puppy, cat or kitten, please join us for a SCARS Foster Home Orientation and Level 1 Dog Handler Training session. This is an open event, no registration is required. We only ask that you arrive on time and commit to the full session. Attending does not obligate you to foster but will give you an inside look at our program. As a thank you, we will share some interesting information about dog behaviour.

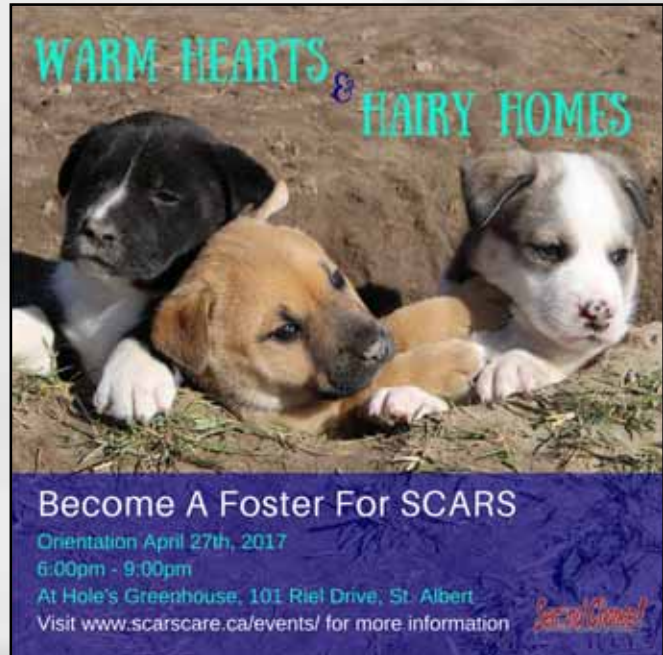
Please **DO NOT** bring your own pet to this event. For general information on fostering, visit scarscare.ca/how-you-can-help/foster or email fosterprogram@scarscare.ca.

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

Are you interested in learning more about SCARS? Watch our website for the next new volunteer orientation session. They typically happen on a week night from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM in Party Room D at the Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes (8330 – 82 Avenue, Edmonton). For more info, email to volunteers@scarscare.ca.

DOG TALES: THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU ADOPT

This is a learning workshop for people who are planning to adopt, but who have little-to-no experience with dogs. We discuss many of the basic issues, challenges and joys that dog owners face. Experienced SCARS volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions. If you are planning to adopt a dog, or are just thinking about it, and have never cared for a dog before, then this afternoon is for you.



Canines & Cocktails 2016

Canines & Cocktails is our largest and most popular fundraiser of the year. On November 4, 2016, we got together with 450 of our closest friends to celebrate another amazing year of rescuing and rehoming homeless animals.

This was our 11th annual themed dinner gala with live and silent auctions. This year's theme was Indiana Bones and we were privileged to have local actor/model Travis DesLaurier play the role of Dr. Indiana Bones. We grossed over \$75,000 for our 2017 SCARS operations.

We are grateful to our event volunteers and our Emcee, Rob Christie from "Rob Christie in the Morning" at 96.3 Capital-FM. We also want to thank the "White Wolf" (Rob Gray) for performing on his classical guitar throughout the evening, Kristen Stanley for creating our amazing video, and Gary Hanna for the exciting live auction.

The evening featured a delicious buffet style dinner and the opportunity to go home with some wonderful auction items.

During the evening, we honoured volunteer, Bev Young, for her tireless dedication as one of our community liaisons. Bev has saved hundreds of animals from starvation, illness, injury and abandonment. She is a true hero.

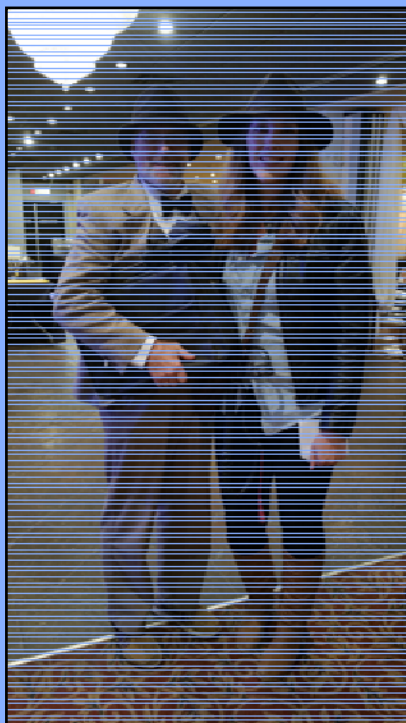
Thank you to our...

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- "In Memory of Clarkie"
- Steve & Larry Bata
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- Leo Elwell & Elaine Rapp
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- Priority Printing
- Karin & Colm MacCarthy

Event sponsors

- American Piledriving Equipment (sponsoring our Puppy Parade)
- Priority Printing
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- Westlock Veterinary Centre





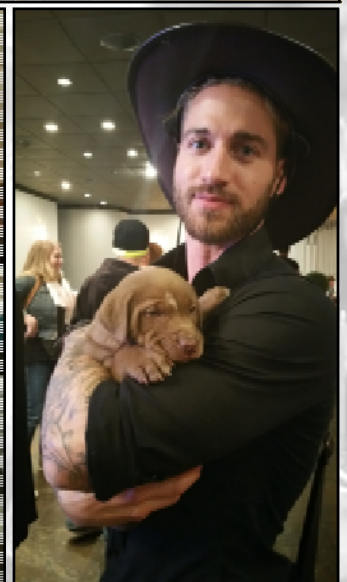
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ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY PRESENTS
CANINES & COCKTAILS 2016 PRESENTS
INDIANA BONES

The Indiana Bones Fund
cordially invites you to
our annual "Night Dinner"
where great beverages will be
served for the taking
during a thrilling evening of
live & silent auctions.

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Walls for Winter Program Update

Between September and December 2016, 71 dog houses, 10 cat houses and one cat condo (fits about 10 cats) were delivered to pet owners who participated in our spay-neuter-return program.

For outdoor pets, the arrival of snow means fewer or no options for a warm, dry place to sleep or seek shelter from a storm. Shelters give pets much deserved comfort and a better chance for survival through the bitterness of winter.

A lot of effort and love goes into every shelter, and many people are involved in the process from design to delivery. The largest dog shelters are approximately 100 pounds each. We make three sizes for dogs as well as a version for cats. All are insulated and filled with straw for extra warmth.

We are grateful to:

- **Details Insulation** and **Bobby Franklin's team** for spraying foam insulation into the bases of our shelters, creating the best warmth spot right under the pet's belly where they generate most of their body heat. They insulated 10 houses and 30 bases in early November and 30 more bases in January. SCARS donated some of these houses to Zoe's Animal Rescue for delivery to their target community west of Edmonton.
- **Deloitte LLP** for allowing their staff time away from work on Friday, October 7 to put together our pre-fabricated shelters as part of their annual "community impact day."
- **Hole's Greenhouse** in St. Albert for loaning us space at their Enjoy Centre for the Deloitte's shelter build day.
- **Moe Duval** of Duval Transport for transporting the assembled dog shelters to the communities.
- **Alberta Job Corp** for building pet shelters for SCARS year round. They provide us with at least 10 every month.
- All the compassionate SCARS **volunteers** who donate their time so generously.

Here is what Moe said about one of his experiences delivering shelters...

"I am feeling emotionally mixed up. I had the opportunity to participate in delivering free dog and cat houses yesterday. The SCARS volunteers (Sylvia, Trish, Alyson and many others) knew what they were doing and often referred to residents and their pets by name. They knew which pet gave birth to which puppies and where they lived. They talked to the residents about their free spay/neuter program, dropped off houses for pets that have already participated and collected homeless pets. One of the homeless dogs had given birth to four beautiful little puppies a week ago. They were laying on a sheet of plywood out in the open, curled up in a ball to stay warm. I learned so much about SCARS and what they do to help homeless pets and assist pet owners. It's truly awesome."

SCARS is always looking for more volunteers. Please join our team. For more info, visit www.scarscare.ca



Greenland Garden Pooch Parade

Thank you to Greenland Garden Centre for inviting SCARS for a second year to their Howl-ween Pooch Parade.

The event took place, Sunday, October 23 and featured a Pooch Parade with prizes for best dressed, most outrageous and best owner/pet matching costumes.

This year's winner was a SCARS alumni who was adopted last May. There were also pet photos and a mini-trade fair. Over \$500 was raised for SCARS.



Gredda Classic Golf Tournament



June 23, 2017
08:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Goose Hummock Golf Resort
For info, visit
scarscare.ca/event/gredda-classic

A white dog wearing a red collar and a blue harness is standing on a paved path. In the background, there are other dogs and people. The scene is outdoors, possibly at a park or event.

**Tails
On The
Trails
Bark
Block Party**

Collect pledges and join us for a fun evening of food & drinks, music, dancing and of course dog walking!
When: July 29th @ 4pm
Where: Lions Park, St. Albert

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What We Do and How to Help

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) is a non-profit, registered charitable organization (Reg. no. 863478467RR0001) that is dedicated to reducing the number of abandoned animals in Alberta. Since 2002, SCARS has rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed thousands of homeless cat and dogs, and we have helped communities become safer and healthier.

Our mission is to promote the humane care and protection of all animals and to prevent cruelty and suffering. We take in as many animals as our resources allow. We typically have over 200 in care and rehome 1,000 plus each year. The animals live with our volunteers who get to know them and begin the training process in a positive environment. For dogs, it includes crate training, leash training, house training, and more. We provide our volunteers with training and ongoing support. This helps us match pets to families that are suitable to the pet's needs and the needs of the adoptive family. All pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped and provided with whatever veterinary or behavioural care they need. Our adopters can return pets to us for any reason for the life of that pet. **Once a SCARS pet, always a SCARS pet.**

In addition to our rescue efforts, we provide education, spay and neuter, and resources like pet shelters to families in rural communities where poverty and lack of pet services can lead to animal neglect. Our goal is to reduce the number of unwanted pets and help people who own pets provide adequate care. Stray animals can create health and safety risks to people (especially children), but happy, healthy owned pets bond with their families and contribute positively to their community. Here are some ways you can help:

Donate or sponsor—our veterinary expenses are enormous. Please consider donating to our rescue efforts. When you donate online, you get a tax receipt by email the same day.

Foster an animal—we rely on our volunteer foster homes to provide temporary care until we can find suitable permanent homes. There is no cost to becoming a foster home. We will provide everything you need.

Adopt an animal—provide a needy animal with a loving, permanent home. To see pictures of adoptable animals, visit www.scarscare.ca.

Volunteer—we need help with fundraising, adoption events, animal care and transportation, and our daily operations. As a volunteer, you will become an integral part of a team that saves animals' lives.

Please be a responsible pet owner—spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinate your own pets. And remember, all pets need food, water, shelter, healthcare, exercise, love and attention.

Buy our merchandise—purchase SCARS calendars, clothing, totes, leashes, lunch bags, or one of our "Gifts from the Heart" certificates.



ResQWalk—Log your walking miles in support of SCARS with the ResQwalk app

Please subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.scarscare.ca, watch us on Global TV Edmonton every Saturday morning at 9:50 AM, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We welcome feedback or suggestions, please contact scars@scarscare.ca or 780.466.SCAR(7227).

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Please support our participating vet clinics. Look for them on our website under animals/adoption information/participating vets. For pet emergencies in the Edmonton area, trust:



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Please Support Champion Petfoods



At Champion Petfoods, our mission is clear and strong: we make Biologically Appropriate Dog and Cat foods from Fresh Regional ingredients in our own local kitchens. With shared passion to support those cats and dogs who need us most, we thank SCARS for their work in communities, and we are pleased to support them with ongoing ACANA and ORIJEN food donations.

