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Second Chance Animal Rescue Society Members' Newsletter—Summer 2010

Neglect to nurture—General's rescue story



My name is General and I am a German Shepherd cross with a very sad story. In June 2010, a nice lady spotted me resting under a picnic table in a community west of Edmonton. When she took a closer look, she was horrified by what she saw. I had a serious injury to my leg. She tried to help me but I ran away. That's when she decided to contact SCARS for help and I am so glad that she did.

A caring SCARS volunteer searched for several days and FINALLY found me. I was very scared and it took a lot of time and patience to convince me to go with her. She refused to give up because she knew I had been suffering for a long time. When she finally caught me, we drove straight to the Westlock Veterinary Center.

After a quick examination, the staff at the clinic confirmed that someone had shot off one of my back legs along with part of my ear. My body was also

loaded with pellets and dog fight wounds—all were old injuries. It had been a rough life so far, but I knew that things would finally get better. Before I could be adopted, I had to have my leg amputated and get treatment for my other injuries.

I got the best care possible during my recovery and in August 2010, I finally got my very own forever family. I'm so grateful to SCARS for caring about dogs like me. I am a very kind soul who has suffered immensely.

Dogs like me are the reason SCARS exists and they could use your help to cover my very expensive veterinary expenses. Support from people like you ensures that dogs like me can continue to be rescued. I have so much love to give and thanks to kind people like you, I am getting my second chance!

So far during 2010, SCARS has taken 391 animals into care and rehomed 376.

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Making a difference for dogs

Volunteer profile of Paula Bissell

by Lynsey Franks

As the mother of two (one being a new-born boy, Mason), and wife to an equally dedicated husband, Shawn Molloy, Paula Bissell has her hands happily full. Bissell works as a nurse in her hometown of Wabasca, and she and her husband own the local NAPA Auto Parts. The entire family is 'hooked' on helping. Their four-year-old daughter, Georgia, is quickly following in her parent's footsteps.

"Georgia comes with me to the pound, she's learning at an early age about dogs." The family also has two yellow labs, Bailey and Charlie, which 31-year-old Bissell describes as "fat and happy."

Bissell is an active dog advocate in her community. She started making changes by working with the local governments. "Wabasca is a town surrounded by the Bigstone Cree Nation reserve. There are two governments to work with," says Paula. She has been working with the two governments to improve dog population control methods. "I helped the Municipal District in rewriting their policies for pound operations and encouraged a relationship with SCARS." Bissell is at the pound nearly three times a week be it to help deliver a litter of puppies, to check in and assess the dogs, or to transfer dogs to SCARS.

As a result of the working relationship with SCARS and the local governments, Bissell says that things have improved greatly. "They have been working with SCARS to improve conditions for the dogs." We have been working collaboratively to bring a spay and neuter clinic to the community. "It's the only way that we are going to control the population here," she says. Local issues include packing problems, neglect, and abuse and over-population problems.

There is lack of education and resources for proper animal care; something that Bissell feels is a key factor to overcome in how people treat their animals. "We are 120 km away from the nearest veterinarian. Many people don't have a car to transfer their animals for care; some just don't

know that a dog requires vaccinations, etc. There isn't the basic dog care education that is required in a place where a person can get a puppy at any time. It takes a long time to educate, but I'm starting to see a change, especially in the last few years," she says.

The SCARS organization is making a difference one step at a time. "I think SCARS has made a huge impact on the population of unwanted dogs in the community," she says, estimating that over 1,000 dogs in the area have been rescued by SCARS. "I think that SCARS has done an amazing amount of work in the short period of time. It's a large organization with very skilled people."

After five years of working with SCARS, her dedication to the cause remains. "It feels good to do something good," says Paula. "Honestly, there is usually a handful of people that you get to meet in your lifetime that are truly good people," she says of her fellow volunteers. "They all have such great intentions; they are all just in it to help animals." She has high hopes for the future of SCARS. "You can't save them all, but I think SCARS has the power to make a big difference for so many." Paula loves to see the dogs get adopted.



Always there to care

Volunteer profile of Lorraine Spreadbury

By Lynsey Franks

The organization had only been in existence for roughly three months when Lorraine Spreadbury jumped on board. It was 2002 and Lorraine started as a volunteer just after her mother adopted a puppy from SCARS. Then in 2006, she became a foster home for rescued pets in need of a temporary shelter. Since her beginning with SCARS, Lorraine and her family (shown right) have fostered over 25 dogs, some of which stayed a week, others up to 18 months. “We usually take in adult dogs,” she explains. “They tend to stay in foster care longer than puppies.” During March 2010, the household fostered Shizam, a Border Collie/Great Pyrenees cross, and Elin, a Retriever/Collie cross.

Lorraine gets help from her husband, Wayne Pidsadowski, and their two kids. She says her kids, Tyson, who is 12 years old, and Jayden, who is 10, are a big support to their fostering efforts. “We try to bring dogs into our home, just as if they were our own,” says Lorraine. “It’s an absolutely tremendous learning opportunity for the kids to volunteer and be a part of something where you are giving back to the community.” The family lives on an acreage near Westlock, Alberta, and their house proves to be a welcoming place for furry friends of all kinds. The family has a pet of their own named Happy, and Zoe, a foster dog that “adopted them,” as well as four cats and three horses. Lorraine says that it can be hard to give up a foster animal, especially when their stay is an extended one. “There have been times that they [her sons] would like to keep a dog,” she explains. “But if we kept them all, that’s not really helping to solve the problem.”

Her boys are actively involved in handling, walking and attending vet appointments with the dogs whenever possible. “These dogs are a part of our lives,” she says. “We want to teach our kids the importance of giving back and this is a great opportunity to do so.” Aside from the family’s learning curve, Lorraine also finds inspiration in the dogs themselves. The family often takes in sick, injured or timid animals, most of which leave their care happy, healthy and feeling loved. “It’s amazing to see these skinny little terrified dogs,” explains



Lorraine. “And with a little bit of love, food and rest, all of a sudden they have loving, beautiful personalities.”

Lorraine ensures that the dogs get adopted out to great homes. To describe the fostering experience, she rehashes a statement from one of the organization’s founding members, Sylvia Christiansen, “Eventually they all get adopted, some just take a little longer than others.” She hopes SCARS will continue to do what they’re doing. She expects that, 10 years from now, they will still be providing this service to communities and looking after dogs and other animals in need. “Ultimately, I wish there were really good neuter services out there,” she laughs.

As a sincere and dedicated member of the SCARS team, Lorraine is modest in her assistance to SCARS. “All the people involved in the organization have their hearts in the right place,” she says.

5th Annual Canines & Cocktails Events

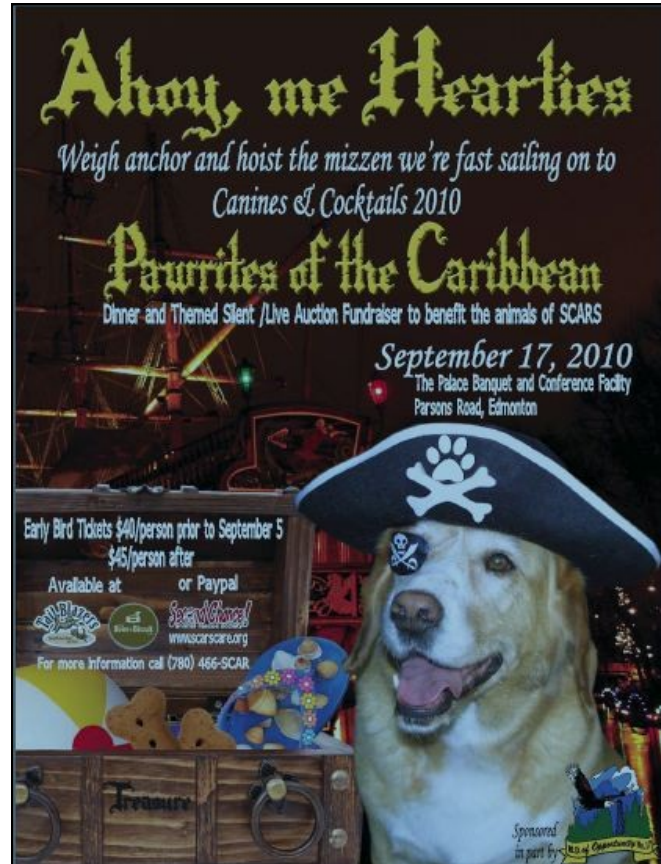
Canines & Cocktails will be held this year on September 17. This annual event is open to any adult (18 or older) who wants to show their support for animal rescue by attending our gala dinner with a fabulous live and silent auction.

Place: The Palace Banquet & Conference Facility
3223 Parsons Road (99 St.)
Date: Friday, September 17, 2010
Time: 6:00 PM Cocktails
7:30 PM Dinner

The goal of this event is to raise funds for SCARS, raise awareness for animals in need, and have a lot of fun doing it. This year's theme is "PAWrites" of the Caribbean!

Tickets are \$40. After September 5, ticket prices increase to \$45. They can be purchased online or at our Saturday adoption events.

For additional information, please contact:
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Husky customer appreciation day in support of SCARS



Above: SCARS volunteers' Liza Russel, Heather Groves and Sylvia Christiansen

Left: Randy presents the cheque to Sylvia

SCARS would like to sincerely thank the Athabasca Husky Market for their \$1,700 donation in support of SCARS operations. Randy and his staff chose SCARS as the charity of choice for their July 31 customer appreciation day.

They invited SCARS volunteers to sell hot dogs during the event and sales were brisk! They provided all the food and supplies and then matched the \$850 in hot dog sales.

There is a tremendous amount of support for animal rescue in Town of Athabasca. This vibrant and scenic community, which is home to Athabasca University, is the gateway by which SCARS rescues needy animals from northern Alberta.

News and a few thank yous

Annual General Meeting

The SCARS Annual General Meeting was held on April 25 in Edmonton. SCARS' members elected a board of directors and adopted new by-laws to facilitate the orderly growth of the Society. Sylvia Christiansen (President) and Jamie Hunter (Vice President) are continuing in their board roles. Newly elected board members include Alison Foxford (Secretary), Karen Davidson (Treasurer) and Directors-at-large Shelly Young, Lori Trudgeon and Beth Whalley. Here are some of the highlights from that meeting. During 2009, we:

- took in 412 homeless, abandoned, and impounded animals and we achieved 430 adoptions. As of the end of March, we had 61 private volunteer foster homes for our rescues.
- implemented a new database tracking system called PetPoint. This system allows us to track detailed information about our animals.
- retooled our web site and revamped our use of social media tools. We have now nearly 3,000 followers on Facebook and over 1,200 followers on Twitter. We also revamped our online volunteer forum where we organize volunteer activity.
- spent more than \$200,000 on veterinary expenses. Despite the invaluable cooperation and generosity of our partner veterinarians, our medical costs are dramatic. As a "no kill" organization we treat and/or rehabilitate any animal—sick or injured, young or old, friendly or timid—until it can be adopted. During 2009, we invested in very expensive surgeries, including hip replacements, burn rehabilitations, and many other costly treatments.

Canada Brokerlink Insurance

SCARS would like to sincerely thank Canada Brokerlink Insurance of Athabasca. For several years now, this generous company has been sponsoring the *Pet of the Week* advertisement in the Athabasca Advocate newspaper. We “paws” atively love you for your ongoing support of animals in need.

2010 Community Spirit Grant

We are very pleased to announce that SCARS received a \$25,000 grant in May 2010 through the Alberta government's Community Spirit Program. We received this grant because of the ongoing generosity of our supporters. Only those organizations that raised donations totalling \$88,000 (or more) qualified for the full amount. For more information on the Community Spirit Program, which includes generous tax incentives for donors, visit www.communityspiritprogram.ca.

Grant from HSI Canada

We are thrilled to announce that SCARS is receiving a \$2,500 grant from the Humane Society International/Canada in support of our ongoing animal rescue operations. Visit them at www.hsicanada.ca.

Grant from the MD

SCARS wrote a letter to the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 requesting their support for our annual fall fundraising dinner. The MD of Opportunity is a large area in central northern Alberta where SCARS regularly collects unwanted dogs. The Reeve and Council responded generously by providing SCARS with an amazing \$10,000 donation that we will use towards our Sept. 17 Canines & Cocktails dinner and auction gala. We are so pleased to partner with them in helping to stop animal abuse and neglect in northern Alberta.



Left to right: Leanne Cardinal, Susan Rathbone (MD Council member), Paula Bissell (SCARS volunteer), Marcel Cardinal (MD Council member), Dennis Egyeby (CAO of the MD), and Cris Lupul

Tails on the Trails Pawsathon 2010

Our hugely successful Tails on the Trails Pawsathon 2010 was held on Saturday, July 10 at Lion's Park in St. Albert. The day started out with a bit of rain but the sun was shining by the time the event was underway at 11 a.m. We are thrilled to announce that this year's event, our 6th annual, raised over \$30,000 in support of animals in need.

Congratulations to Deb Kardash for collecting over \$1,800 in pledges and winning our grand prize — two tickets to the August 23 Black Eyed Peas concert (tickets courtesy Instabox). All of this year's registered participants received some fabulous free gifts and those who raised \$100 or more took home an official Tails on the Trails T-shirt or SCARS market bag, and anyone who raised \$500 or more got a Tails on the Trails hoodie. We are also thrilled to report that five SCARS dogs found their forever home as a result of this event—Duke, Rogue, Cedar, Penny and Duce.

Tails on the Trails is an annual event open to anyone who wants to show their support for animal rescue by collecting pledges and then participating in our dog walk. This is how the event works. Participants who want to collect pledges get a pledge envelope (either from a sponsor location or from our website) and collect one or more pledges. On event day, they bring their envelope and pledges to the event registration table between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and then go on the 45-minute walk along the scenic Sturgeon River Valley. SCARS appreciates that not everyone can collect pledges or go on the walk so we provided other ways to support the event. Collecting pledges wasn't mandatory and you didn't need a pet to join in the fun. There were so many ways to show your support.

Here are the highlights. The walk was officially kicked off by the SCARS rescue pack—four previously rescued dogs who banded together to show their support for SCARS. Together, they raised \$930 through online donations. After the walk, participants could spend the rest of the day browsing through SCARS merchandise (we made \$1,290 in sales); bidding on some amazing silent auction items; listening to music; checking out our

adoptable animals; learning about pet first aid; meeting SCARS volunteers; visiting the various vendor displays; collecting stamps to win raffle prizes; playing games with their pets; watching dog agility and fly ball demonstrations; eating Fat Franks hot dogs; playing in the bounce house; eating the delicious cupcakes and cake donated by Happy Tiers; and (take a breath before you read on...) meeting all the friendly folks and dogs who attended the event. Phew... that's a lot of fun packed into five hours!

We held the silent auction under two garage-sized tents that were generously donated by Instabox and Nicholson Chevrolet Edmonton. Our auction was coordinated by some amazing and talented volunteers who spent dozens of hours collecting donations and putting together some amazing prize packages and baskets.

The event, for the first time, also featured live music. Participants got to enjoy some amazing local musicians including The Kurt West Express, Chris Mostoway, Hayley Mandala Morgan, The Mary Thomas Band, Shelley Foss and James Beaudry. We are so grateful to these talented individuals for volunteering their time and talent in support of animals in need. They had everyone grooving and moving to their amazing music and lyrics. They were truly a highlight of the day.



Deb Kardash & her daughters collected the most pledges and won the two tickets to the August 23 Black Eyed Peas tickets concert

Tails on the Trails continued

We were also thrilled at the efforts of our vendors and demonstrators to showcase some of the many ways we help dogs and dogs help us, plus there were vendors who sold their unique and interesting products and then donated part of their proceeds to SCARS. These supporters spared no expense or effort to ensure our participants were entertained and informed.

A heart-felt thank to St. John Ambulance for providing first aid services; to the St. Albert Fire Department for filling the wading pools for the dogs; and to the tireless volunteers who helped with pre-event coordination and spent the day helping with set up/take down, silent auction, photography, greeting and providing information, registrations, prizes, games, adoptions, and the list goes on. As well, we sincerely thank all of our generous sponsors. Visit our website for a list of sponsors and media supporters. Without you, this event would not be possible. We are PAWsitively grateful to each of you!



The silent auction



The SCARS rescue pack



The Mary Thomas Band



Games



Look at me now

Falling for Dewy

April 2010 update from Dewy's adoring forever home... It's true!! You can meet the man of your dreams on-line!! Since I already have three cats and a dog, I had no intention of adding another critter to the household. Us girls were doing just fine. But sometimes I still like to visit a couple of the rescue websites just to see the latest Who's Who line-up. And it's always great to see the tag "adopted" next to the names.

So on a slow December day at the office, I decided to have a peek at the SCARS site. Things were going just fine, until... I saw this gorgeous blonde staring back at me with the most beautiful golden eyes. He was tall, had a great smile, appeared to be in good health (although he appeared to need a good home-cooked meal), and looked well kept.

Oh, boy... was I in big trouble. I tried to put him out of my mind, but I just couldn't, and I kept returning to look at his picture. I tried to talk myself out of it, called a few girlfriends for their advice, thought about what it would be like to have a guy move in, and still couldn't come up with any reason why I shouldn't just go meet him.

When the day arrived that I would get to meet him face-to-face, I drove out to his place, thinking of all the things that could go wrong. What would he think of me? Would we get along? Would we have enough in common to get us past the initial "honeymoon" stage?

Well, one look at that handsome face...and I was smitten. He was a little shy at first, and it took him a while to warm up, but I could tell that he was



interested in getting to know me better. I was also really nervous meeting his mom and dad. What if they didn't think I was good enough for their "fair-haired boy"? You know how moms can be about their sons.

Well, Dewy's been making himself comfortable for about 3 months. He's filled out, fluffed up, and is blossoming with new-found confidence. We've been going to puppy classes and he's doing great (despite my sometimes less-than-stellar instructions). The "girls" enjoy his company, and I need to get a bigger bed. He loves to hang out with me, he's a big furry cuddle-bug, and considers himself my number one lap dog. He's the best!!! You just can't help smiling when you see him. In other words, he's the best guy a girl could ever hope for. A HUGE thank you to Dewy's four-pawed mentor Luis, Beth & Frank (his two-pawed foster parents), and SCARS for all the work that you all do.

Jersey girl

June 2010—Hi SCARS! I just wanted to send a quick update on Jersey (formerly called Reva). I adopted her in January 2009. She started as this very timid girl, afraid of anything with a shadow. Now she's the life of the party. So much energy that sitting can only be accomplished with a quivering foot and frustrated sighs. Lovingly nicknamed "Lady" or "Furby" for her enormous ears, Jersey has discovered a long-lost soul mate in my sister's adopted dog, Shredder. They're the best of friends. Jersey can't get enough of Buena Vista off leash park, although she has yet to realize what she's missing by avoiding the water and not chasing balls thrown for her. She'll catch on soon, I'm sure! Thank you for bringing Jersey and I together! Keep up the fantastic work!

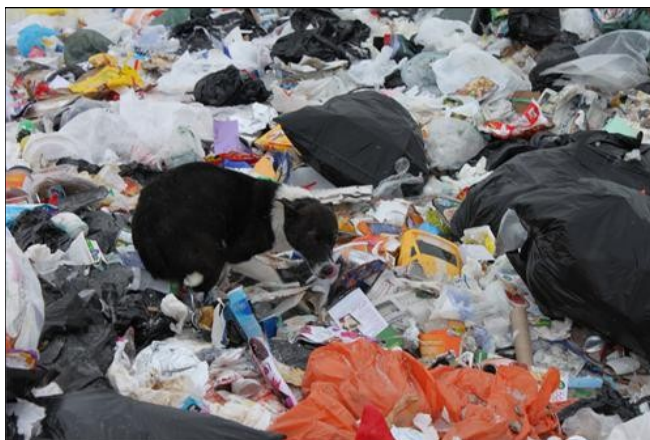


Rescue stories

Lia's story—found at a dump

Hi, I'm Lia! I'm not a very big girl. I'm about 35 pounds and only about seven months old. Can you spot me in the picture? This is not the normal place you should expect to find a companion animal living. Sadly, there are hundreds and hundreds of dogs like me that try to survive by looking for food at rural garbage dumps. You get pretty desperate when you're trying to survive. SCARS has even found very young puppies at dumps—isn't that awful?

On the day I was rescued (February 2, 2010), my foster mom and another volunteer set out on a rescue mission and figured they would find some dogs if they visited a garbage dump. They were right! Sadly, several dogs ran away but they caught me and another beautiful German Shepherd cross. I was just looking for my next meal when they pulled up and noticed me at the bottom of the pit. Although I let them catch me, I was pretty scared and it was not a fun car ride to my new foster home. One of first things they did was give me a bath. Apparently, humans don't like the smell of garbage. I turned out to be a really gentle dog and it didn't take long for SCARS to find me a forever home. Next time you're driving in the country and pass by a dump, remember there are lots of other dogs like me that need help. Please support SCARS!



Above: Lia on the day she was found at the dump.
Below: Lia in foster care!



Libby—the tragedy of preventable Canine Parvovirus

On January 17, 2010, Libby came into SCARS care from a northern pound. She was an approximately four-month-old Corgi cross with short legs and a long body. She was a very sweet and adorable puppy that followed her foster mom everywhere. All SCARS dogs receive an initial veterinary assessment to ensure they are healthy and to provide vaccinations, micro chipping and spay/neuter (if they are old enough). On arrival at SCARS, Libby was very thin and needed treatment for parasites, but appeared to be otherwise healthy.

However, within a few days, she began to show symptoms of Canine Parvovirus. Libby was rushed back to the veterinary clinic, but because of her weakened condition, we knew her fight would be difficult. SCARS was able to provide the best veterinary care possible, but unfortunately for Libby this help came too late. She passed away on January 23. We are grateful to the staff of the Athabasca Veterinary Services for easing Libby's suffering. Puppies like Libby are the reason SCARS exists. Because of your support, we are able to give puppies like Libby a fighting chance, and show them someone cares. Many of our sick puppies survive and go on to find their forever homes. At SCARS, we believe every dog is important. The greatest tragedy is that Canine Parvovirus is so easily preventable through vaccination.



Thank you to our adoption event venues

We hold adoption events in the Edmonton area every Saturday. SCARS would like to thank the following venues for their ongoing support.

- Global Pet Foods—2027 – 111 Street, Edmonton
- Infinite Pawsibilities (and Dr. Dan Martin, Certified Animal Chiropractor)—10012 – 167 Street Edmonton
- Sadie's K9 Stay & Play—8521 Argyll Road, Edmonton
- Tail Blazers (United Centre)—7520 Gateway Blvd, Edmonton
- The Bone & Biscuit Co.—14119 – 23 Avenue, Edmonton

For more information on our adoptions events (including directions to the venues), visit www.scarscare.org.



A summer adoption event at Tail Blazers (United Centre)

Canada Day Parade

Every loves a parade. SCARS was very excited to participate in the Canada Day long weekend parade in Athabasca. Led by their official mascot for the day, a horse that belongs to a local SCARS volunteer, 15 lovable SCARS dogs strutted their stuff as the crowd cheered. We are very grateful for the generosity and support of the area residents of the Town of Athabasca.

Following the parade, SCARS set up a small display next to the ATB Financial and provided information to passersby. It was a wonderful day!



Physically disabled pets can live with dignity

by Lori Trudgeon

It wasn't until I became a SCARS volunteer that my eyes were opened to all the possibilities for helping physically disabled pets continue to live fulfilling lives. I have learned there are many ways to help animals that have disabilities such as blindness, limb amputations or even paralysis.

I was first inspired by the amazing story of Harrison, a rescue who came to SCARS almost fully blind due to untreated Glaucoma. Harrison was adopted and has adjusted amazingly well to his new life. His forever family is even able to take him for bike rides and walks. As well, there is the inspiring story of

Sonny (shown right), another SCARS rescue who successfully adjusted to life with three legs.



Sonny's front limb had to be amputated due to severe damage from being shot and then left without medical care for more than a week. And then there is the inspiration of SCARS President, Sylvia Christiansen, who owns a mixed-breed blind dog and a chocolate lab who is missing a rear limb. Her happy, healthy dogs are clearly unaware that they suffer from disabilities.

Sylvia says, "It took time for my dog, Cash (shown below), to adjust to being blind. For a while, Cash would bang into things and his house training reversed somewhat, and he also became a bit destructive around the house. I'm sure he felt frustrated, but he slowly adjusted and within a few months he returned to his former self. Now he



moves in and out of the house almost as well as my sighted dogs.

I admit that I worried about him during his adjustment period, but my patience paid off. I still have my best friend and he is as

happy and healthy as ever!" Although many dogs function very well on three limbs, such as Sylvia's dog Bruno, it is possible to order custom made braces and splints, prosthetics, and even wheel-chairs that give pets with paralysis or limb amputations support and mobility. There is even safety gear such as a blind dog helmet with whiskers that can help your pet avoid obstacles such as walls, furniture and doorways.

There are also many new options for therapy that can help pets eliminate pain and increase mobility. There is ultrasound, Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES), Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS), therapeutic laser, underwater treadmills, therapeutic exercises, and therapeutic massage, and much more. The possibilities are almost limitless provided you are prepared to give your pet the time and help it needs to adjust. And, of course, it is important to seek the advice of a professional before making decisions about the ongoing health and wellness of your pet.

Gone are the days where euthanasia was thought to be the only kind option for a beloved pet that could no longer see or had lost one or more of its limbs. With patience, love and the help of tools such as dog wheel chairs and therapy, you can now give your handicapped pet a chance to live comfortably to a ripe old age. Ultimately, our beloved pets trust us to do what's best for them, especially in times of crisis. The first step is always to seek the advice of health care professionals, starting with your veterinarian. If cost is a limiting factor, a drive to a rural veterinary clinic can save a significant amount of money for some types of services. Happily, there are so many wonderful new options that can allow us to follow our hearts—no one wants to say a premature goodbye to a beloved friend. For additional information on these services and products, explore these websites:

- www.edvetrehab.com/EVRC/index.cfm
- www.dogsaquatherapy.com
- www.caninerehabinstitute.com
- www.handicappedpets.com
- www.samsdoghut.com
- www.ferno.com
- www.doggonewheels.com
- www.avma.ab.ca

How you can help

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) is a non-profit, registered charitable organization dedicated to reducing the number of homeless animals in Northern Alberta, Canada. To date, SCARS has rescued and rehomed over 2,500 animals.

Our mission is to promote the humane care and protection of all animals and to prevent cruelty and suffering. We believe there is a suitable home for all homeless animals: young or old; large or small. We provide veterinary care and foster homes until permanent homes are found. Our foster homes provide the animals with warm shelter, food, exercise and tender loving care—something that so many of these animals have never experienced. We also promote responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering, and community awareness.

We rely solely on money raised through memberships, donations, sponsorships and other fundraising efforts. Because we have no paid staff and use private homes for fostering, we can only take in as many animals as our resources will allow. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- **Donate or sponsor**—our medical expenses are enormous. Please consider donating to our rescue efforts. We will issue tax receipts for all donations over \$20.
- **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.
- **Volunteer**—we are always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising and adoption events, animal care and transportation, and our daily operations. As a volunteer, you will become an integral part of a team that is dedicated to giving animals a second chance.
- **Buy an annual membership**—memberships cost just \$25 and include newsletters, a calendar and opportunities to volunteer.

- **Adopt an animal**—provide a needy animal with a loving, permanent home. To see pictures of adoptable animals, visit our website. Their stories might make you cry, but they will also fill you with love and hope. There are so many people who care and the animals are so grateful.
- **Buy our merchandise**—please buy SCARS clothing, our calendar, or one of our “Gifts from the Heart” certificates. Visit our website for more information.
- **Please be a responsible pet owner**—spay or neuter and vaccinate your pets! And remember, all pets need food, water, shelter, healthcare, exercise, love and attention.

For more information, other ways to help, or to provide us with feedback or suggestions for this newsletter, please contact:

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