



Second Chance!

animal rescue society

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society Members' Newsletter—Fall 2018

Mocha Truffle Beat Parvovirus

Mocha Truffle here and just like my name I am a super sweet little pup. My sister, Sweet Meringue and I were left at a northern pound. We were malnourished and had quite a few parasites.

We were scooped up by the SCARS team and taken to a foster home. It was great. We had food, fresh water, shelter, clean pens, soft beds... like nothing we had experienced before. Besides being in such poor condition, we were happy playful pups. That was until I started to feel awful four days later.

My stomach hurt, I didn't want to get off the bed, and my sister with all her energy made me cranky. I didn't want to eat, and I wasn't happy anymore. Foster mom knew all the signs and knowing where I came from decided to err on the side of caution and get me checked for parvovirus.

She was hoping she was wrong and that I was just feeling overwhelmed by all the changes. Sadly, she was right. I tested positive for parvo, a disease that is preventable with a simple vaccination. The early diagnosis was good news. I was already in care at the vet, on intravenous fluids and getting meds when the worst of the virus kicked in. I thought I felt sick before, but this was awful, awfulness.

Parvo can be a hard battle to win, but defeat it I did. Five days later I was back to my happy self. Thankfully I was with SCARS, not at the pound when the symptoms began or I would have died a horrible, lonely death with no one to care.

Vaccinating your pet prevents diseases like parvo. Please keep your pets safe by keeping their vaccinations up to date.



In this issue

Rutherford Haunt / Vogs & Dogs	2
Rescue Stories	3
Look at us Now / Walls 4 Winter	4
Adorable and Adoptable	5
SCARS Craft Fair / WCB Kitten Cuddle	6
Canines & Cocktails 2018	8
Instabox Dog Job / Original Joe's Mutt Strut	10
Gibb's Story: Rescue, Foster, Adoption	11
What We Do and How to Help	12

Rutherford Manor Haunt Fundraiser



Thank you to Thérèse and Hugh for their amazing donation to SCARS through their annual Rutherford Manor Haunt at the end of October 2018. Here is what they had to say about this year's event...

We would like to thank everyone for making this Haunt season one for the records! We got over

4,000lbs of non-perishable food, four full boxes of pet items and nearly \$4,800 in donations for SCARS! We estimate nearly 5,000 people came by, it was a record year, thanks to all who came out! We are blessed with amazing neighbours, community and volunteers!

We also have a big shout out for our generous corporate sponsors. Site Resource Group provided safety gear, fencing, etc. keeping our victims and volunteers safe this season! A big thanks to our caterer Vaticano Cucina, they kept us all well fed, their meals were AMAZING! We highly recommend you go to this

restaurant and enjoy their homemade pasta, breads and pizza.

Also to Infiniti South Edmonton for donating many flats of water for our volunteers! Scare acting is HARD work, staying hydrated to keep your voice for the season is a priority. Thanks again to our neighbours, visitors, volunteers, and sponsors, without you this record season would not have been possible.

— Thérèse and Hugh, Owners RMH



Fluevog “Vogs & Dogs” Fundraiser

Thank you to **Fluevog Shoes Edmonton**. These ladies went above and beyond organizing our Vogs & Dogs event, which was a huge success. And it would not have been such a success without the support of everyone that attended the event. Although final numbers are being calculated with Fluevog head office, we estimate between sales proceeds, donations, and our raffle that we were able to raise \$6,600 together! This is truly amazing!!

Even more great news is we plan on making this event an annual tradition. Thank you Fluevog Ladies! Thank you to our supporters!



Rescue Stories

Bella was hit by a vehicle



It is hard to imagine having such a happy smile while being in such pain.

Sweet Bella was hit by a vehicle and her pelvis was fractured in three places! The right side was the worst. The veterinary team plated that break, but the left side had moved back into alignment so will hopefully heal with time. Once at the vet we also found that she had an unbelievable amount of bladder stones and a raging UTI.

During the first week progress was slow. She wouldn't stand on her own, but with assistance would allow her back legs to touch the floor. She is brighter now and will eat roast chicken, hamburger and rice but says no to dog food—we are just happy she is gaining strength.

She will be staying at our partner vet clinic to receive the care she needs. We are grateful for all donations to help cover her medical expenses.

Bain was thrown in a dumpster

SCARS received a call from St. Paul Bylaw. They had found a young cat tied up in a garbage bag and thrown in a dumpster. It is unknown if he was beaten but he had severe swelling around his head, eyes, teeth, nose, a broken jaw, and he was completely blind.

The decision to euthanize was considered, but the bylaw officer felt that Bain deserved better. SCARS agreed to give this weary soul a chance. The peace officer drove two hours through brutal winter conditions to get Bain to the Westlock vet clinic. Once there, he had emergency surgery to put in a feeding tube and to help him breathe. His condition was critical with limited optimism for his survival.

Progress was slow but he improved enough to have another surgery to close a hole in his palate. Ten days after he was found, he ate his first piece of kibble. We are hopeful he will recover.



Look At Me Now

Finnegan (formerly Gable)



Hey SCARS! Thought you might like an update on Finnegan (formerly known as Gable). Finn is growing into a big, rambunctious guy! The vet couldn't believe how big he was for his age. He's quite active, enjoying lots of long walks,

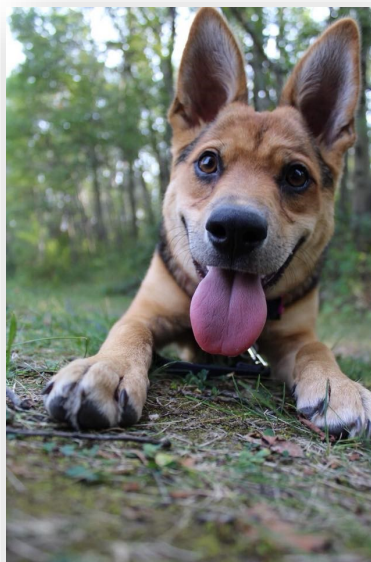
and chasing Daddy around the house. Nothing is more fun than biting Dad's shorts and stealing Mom's slippers!

He's a very social guy as well. When Mom & Dad's work schedules overlap, Finn hangs out with his Grandparents. No one can say no to spending the day with Finn! He looooooves going to Grandpa's house. They go on lots of long walks together, and Finn gets to hang out in a nice big yard. He loves being

outside as much as possible. The other Grandparents run a mechanical shop. Finn loves playing with the mechanics and visiting his Aunty at reception.

We are so grateful to have Finn. He makes friends everywhere he goes and never fails to entertain us with his talking and clumsiness. He does so well in new situations and is learning very quickly.

Lily (formerly Cher)



Hi SCARS, This is Lily (formerly known as Cher).

We adopted her at the end of April of this year. This spunky girl loves her squeaky toys and playing in the water.

She has quite the nose on her which helps her to do some tracking, but this currently leads her to mischief. There is never a dull moment with this happy puppy.

Walls 4 Winter Pet Shelter Delivery

SCARS volunteers delivered pet shelters to Buffalo Lake on December 15.

Please support our **Spay-Neuter-Return** and **Walls-4-Winter** shelter building program that prevents unwanted litters and helps dogs and cats stay warm during our cold Alberta winters.



Adorable and Adoptable

Here are a few of our adoptable pets. To see more, visit www.scarscare.ca. There are typically 200 companion animals of all ages, types and sizes 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.



Target is an adult male, mixed breed



Marlee is 1.5-yr-old female Shepherd mix



Adley is one of the many available puppies



Molly is a 3-yr-old Female mixed breed



Holly a female adult calico



Lil Peep is a 9-mo-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.



Dorothy is a 3-yr-old female mixed breed



Zeus is a 2-yr-old male, shepherd mix



Bella Bee is 3-yr-old female, mixed breed



Leonard is a 3-yr-old male, collie mix

Christmas Craft Fair 2018



Thank you to everyone who supported the 2018 SCARS Christmas Craft Fair held on November 18, 2018.

Thirty-five vendors participated and over 850 people came out to shop in support of SCARS! The unique handmade products combined with the fact that you could bring along your pets, provided a one-of-a-kind shopping experience! We were thrilled to see SCARS alumni like Grizzly Adams!

Thank you to Happy Hounds Photography for donating their time to take our Santa photos and re-touching the images to perfection! Thank you to the man himself for taking time away from the workshop during his busiest time of year! A huge shout out to all of the volunteers, and the faculty and students of Westmount Junior High School. Without you, the event would not have happened!

Thank you as well to the event sponsors. Because of your donation, a greater portion of the event proceeds goes to the animals. Over \$11,000 was raised to help provide rescued animals with a second chance at life!

And, even more great news... ALL of the animals at the Meet & Greet have been adopted and will spend Christmas in their forever homes!

We hope you can join us at the 2019 **SCARS Spring Craft Fair** at Westmount Junior High School on May 26, 2019.



Grizzly Adams

Kitten Cuddles at the WCB

Thank you to the employees of the Workers' Compensation Board for hosting a kitten cuddle event. They raised \$1,220 for SCARS!





Canines & Cocktails 2018

Our 13th annual Canines & Cocktails dinner gala took place on November 2, 2018 at the Palace Banquet Centre in Edmonton was a great success with a sold out crowd.

Thank you to the over 450 people who attended and made this success possible. This year's theme was "Year of the Dog" celebrating 2018 in accordance with the Chinese tradition under the lunar calendar.

Thank you to:

- Rob Christie, for his enthusiastic hosting of our event again this year,
- Gary Hanna and Ted Power, our live auctioneers
- Gerry Rasmussen for doing caricatures during the event. Gerry is a cartoonist who draws the daily syndicated comic strip, *Betty*, which you can read in the Edmonton Journal.
- The Canadian Ging Wu Kung Fu Martial Arts Association for providing a traditional Lion Dance
- Rob Gray for his acoustic guitar
- Shauna Chambers for creating our video, and all of our tireless volunteers who put their hearts into organizing this annual celebration

Sponsors

- Instabox (Benefactor level)
- Escape Journeys (Benefactor level)
- Paula Bissell, in memory of Thelma
- Christensen & McLean Roofing Co. Ltd.
- Priority Printing
- Westlock Veterinary Center

Table hosts

- Alexis & Fil Ksiazkiewicz
- American Pile Driving Equipment
- Cassie & Steve Cayenne (in memory of Lady Patricia)
- Instabox
- Lara Onyskiw
- Mobile Augers and Research Ltd
- Mr. Darcy
- New Paradigm Engineering Ltd.
- Robert Stumber and Grace
- Sherritt Services Inc.
- Tanis Liebreich & Corey Johnson
- TNT Event Planning (in memory of Koko)
- Trac Engine Services Ltd.
- Winnie Wong, Emily & Paisley
- WRC Rehabilitation Services





Instabox Dog Jog 2018



SCARS is grateful for all the support that is provided by the folks at Instabox over the course of every year!

On September 8th they sponsored their second annual **Instabox Dog Jog** at Lacombe Lake dog park in St. Albert. In spite of threatening weather more than

forty-five runners and walkers enjoyed the 5K and 10K courses, raising much-needed funds for SCARS. Thanks to Eric Miller at Instabox, and the folks at the Running Room for organizing the event, and to all the donors who provided food, dog treats and participant prizes for the event.

Instabox also is a major sponsor of several SCARS fundraising events, and is currently the proud sponsor of Goose, one of SCARS' sanctuary animals (shown above).

Instabox.com
DOG JOG FOR SCARS

Bring out your dog for a 5 km or 10 km fun run in support of Second Chance Animal Rescue Society

100% of proceeds go to SCARS.

All dogs must be leashed during the run!

Free Technical T-Shirt for all registered racers, plus lots of great prizes!

Saturday, September 9, 10 am—2 pm
Lacombe Park Lake, St. Albert
151 McKenney Avenue



Original Joe's Mutt Strut



The 4th Annual Mutt Strut for SCARS took place on September 22 in Whitecourt. Despite the unexpected snow, there was a great turnout for the annual 5 km dog walk/run in support of SCARS. We are very grateful for the \$6,500 raised in support of animal rescue.

The adoptable SCARS puppies were a big hit with participants! The event is co-sponsored by Global Pet Foods and Original Joe's. It included prizes, a 50/50 draw, and everyone who participated got a swag bag (courtesy of Global Pet Foods). The event also featured the Original Joe's food truck and a photo booth by Fatina of Pet Spa and Portraits.



Gibb's Story: Rescue-Foster-Adoption

Rescue. I'm Gibbs (formerly Rambo). I came to SCARS as a surrender through a summer 2018 Alberta Spay Neuter Task Force pet wellness clinic at a rural community.

I was a skinny fellow trying to find my place in the world. Bad luck turned to worse when someone shot me in the face. The BBs destroyed my eye and filled my mouth and body. And things got even worse when I broke my femur after likely being hit by a vehicle. But that's when SCARS came into my life. They love to help dogs like me!

A volunteer drove me to the kind folks at the Guardian Veterinary Centre. They performed surgery to remove my eye and also removed some BBs that were lodged under my tongue (ouch!). They also fixed my broken leg and neutered me!

Foster. You would think — having been through a lot of pain — that I would be as gruff as my name. But I was a very sweet, mellow boy who loved attention. I was so glad to finally feel safe and especially happy to have food. Did I mention how skinny I am?

I received loving care from a SCARS foster home volunteer. She spent lots of time tending to my wounds and showing me how great life can be when someone cares about you. I was given lots of time to recover and put on some weight.

Adoption. I'm so glad that SCARS helped me. I hit the jackpot when I was adopted by a wonderful couple name Bonnie and Richard.

They called me Gibbs. I'm doing great and I'm definitely Richard's best friends. They told SCARS they are very glad they adopted me. My leg healed and I just love my new back yard.



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 cats 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 1,100 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 family adopting. All pets are spay/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, services 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. 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.

Adopt an animal—You can 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.

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.

Please support our participating vet clinics—Look for them on our website under animals/adoption information/participating vets.

Buy our merchandise—purchase SCARS calendars, clothing, toques or one of our “Gifts from the Heart” certificates which are symbolic of donating pet supplies or services.

Please subscribe to our e-newsletter at scarscare.ca, **watch us on Global TV Edmonton** Saturday mornings 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).

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society
Box 3045
Athabasca, AB T9S 2B9

www.scarscare.ca



Report Animal Abuse and Neglect

Animals can't speak for themselves. If you suspect animal abuse or neglect in Alberta, please report it confidentially to:

- Outside Calgary and Edmonton - call the Alberta SPCA at 1-800-455-9003
- In Calgary—call the Calgary Humane Society at 403-205-4455
- In Edmonton—call the Edmonton Humane Society at 780-491-3517

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.