



Second Chance!

animal rescue society

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society Members' Newsletter—Summer 2019

Wabasca Wildfire Disaster Response

SCARS volunteers jumped into action as the emergency evacuation call went out on May 30 for the Wabasca and Big Stone Cree Nation. The community pounds were at capacity and the animals were vulnerable in the face of a raging wildfire. With full support of the community and evacuation officials, our volunteers headed north. Lineups of vehicles headed south and the SCARS truck was one of the few driving through the darkness towards the glowing red sky.

With heart pounding anxiety from the very real danger of fire looming nearby, our volunteers rushed to secure the at risk cats and dogs. Finally, they were able to fit the last crate into a vehicle and make the long drive to safety. At the same time, other volunteers drove through the night to our Athabasca intake facility to transfer some of these scared, weary souls to foster homes in our network. Exhausted, our front line



volunteers made a life and death difference to the lives of these animals. Working with the Alberta Animal Disaster Response team, they continued to visit the evacuation zone to feed pets and livestock that had to be left behind until the evacuation ended.



Above: Cathie Hamers, Eileen Lindquist, Terra Maclean and Paula Bissell. Right: Sylvia Christiansen

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Wagathon Fundraiser Helps SCARS



Thank you, Wagathon! SCARS was humbled and somewhat in shock about the generosity we received from the students of the W.P. Wagner, Kate Chegwin, Svend Hansen, Weinlos, Minchau, and Pollard Meadows schools.

A large number of dedicated youth, through sheer determination and physical strength, raised a WHOPPING \$119,800 for SCARS.

It is the BIGGEST single donation we have ever received, and we can't begin to explain how much we appreciated it.

We are beyond impressed and proud of all the students that participated, and look forward to the future knowing it is students like this that will become our community leaders.



Adorable and Adoptable

Here are just a few of our adoptable pets. To see more, visit www.scarscare.ca/animals. We typically have 200 companion animals of all ages, types and sizes in our care. We are always looking for adopters and volunteers willing to foster. If you have room in your home and in your heart for a new friend, contact SCARS today.



Keelo is a 9-yr-old male, mixed breed



Luna is a 1.5-yr-old female mixed breed



Handsome is 2-yr-old male mixed breed



Koda is a 3-yr-old Female mixed breed



Tails is a 1-year-old male mixed breed



Mrs. Stanley is young 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. We provide everything you need.

Our goal is to make the fostering experience as enjoyable as possible for you and your family. We hold foster home and volunteer orientations once a month.



Blue Eye is a 7-yr-old male mixed breed



Mishu is a 2-yr-old male mixed breed



Tipper is 3-mo-old female mixed breed



Walsh is a 1-yr-old male mixed breed

Raining Cats and Kittens

The phrase may be that “it is raining cats and dogs”, but lately it seems like it is raining cats and kittens at SCARS! This is one of our many recent cat rescue stories.

Recently SCARS got a call about a home with many cats and the occupants were moving, but the cats and kittens would be staying behind. We didn't have much time to rescue these felines, so Sylvia grabbed as many cat carriers as she could, and got on the road quickly.

When she arrived, she was disheartened to find adult males, adult females, 4-week-old kittens, and most heartbreaking—kittens less than a week old living on a dirty mattress which would put them at great risk of infections or even worse, a fall that would likely end with broken bones, if not worse.

With a coordinated effort from the rest of the SCARS team, our foster homes got ready for an influx of felines. They have all been placed in safe and sanitary foster homes where they will be provided with clean bedding and litter boxes, medical care, and nutritious food.

In total, we helped 3 momma cats, 7 one-week-old kittens, 3 four-week-kittens and 4 adult

males. If you're counting along, that's 17 new members of the SCARS family. If you've ever thought about fostering, donating, or adopting... we need you.



Remembering Buddy Holly

We adopted Buddy Holly this winter as a senior with the intention of giving him the best life we could for however long we would have him. He was one of the sweetest dogs I have met. He always wanted to say hi to everyone even if they were down the block and across the street. He never failed to bring a smile to someone's face with his sweet personality, big smile, and fluffy huggable coat.

We took him out on adventures that were tailored to mobility limitations due to his arthritis. We took him to see the mountains and enjoy the crisp mountain air, and we took him to busy places like outdoor festivals so he could enjoy being surrounded by people and getting lots of pets. As his arthritis and mobility issues progressed we had to adjust our adventures, but we still took him for regular walks outside so he could enjoy smells (his only sense that still worked well) and in dog-friendly spaces so he could visit people. Even as his legs started to fail him, his big grin never faltered and he loved his time with people.

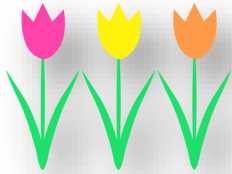
With the help of our vet we managed his health issues as long as we could, but he started having back issues that caused him to lose feeling in his back end. Eventually he had trouble standing or laying down, he fell regularly, walking became difficult, and he had trouble recognizing when he needed to use the washroom. He was a free-ranging, outdoor dog for most of his life, and this loss of mobility caused him significant anxiety. We wished we could keep him for longer, but he was telling us that he had reached his limit and it was time to say goodbye.

We would encourage anyone thinking about adopting a pet from SCARS to consider the older animals. There were certainly challenges in adopting a senior pet, and the decisions

about his end of life came sooner than we wished and were difficult to make. But senior dogs and cats have so much love to give, and they're beyond a lot of the challenges that come with adopting young animals. Buddy made us happy every day that we had him and he made so many people smile. We will cherish the memories we made with him.
— Jessica Haines



SCARS Spring Craft Fair



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2019 SCARS Spring

Craft Fair on May 26 at the Westmount Junior High School. We raised almost \$11,400 for SCARS with this indoor/outdoor market that featured 65 local, small businesses with handmade products/items.

This money is greatly needed given our recent efforts to save as many animals as possible who were left behind due to the wild fires in the northern part of our province!

In addition to the vendors, we had excellent food from JPeats Kitchen, loads of prize raffles, a 50/50 raffle, face painting (thanks to the talented Dream Brushes), and perfect music from The Gentle Yeti. Congrats to our 50/50 draw winner, Terri, who won \$664.50!

We also had great success with our Meet & Greet with some of SCARS' rescued animals who were looking for their forever homes. A special thank you our event sponsor,



Carmen Tocheniuk of Karmalife, and to event organizer, Jill St. Laurent.

Thank you as well to Jess of Happy Hounds Photography for taking beautiful spring photographs for families and their pets.

Mark your calendar for our Christmas Craft Fair on November 17. The event has become so popular that we are moving to the large hanger of the Alberta Aviation Museum on Kingsway. Our 75+ vendor spots are already SOLD OUT. Visit scarscare.ca/event/scars-christmas-craft-fair for more information.





Tails on the Trails 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported our 15th annual Tails on the Trails Paws-a-thon and Bark Party at Lions Park in St. Albert on July 20th. The event was a huge success with tons of activities and NO RAIN. A special shout out to Rex Plex Fly Ball/Agility, Sit-Stay-Squat, Doggy Yoga instructor Melissa Reiller, our vendors and sponsors Instabox and Westlock Veterinary Service. Thank you to all our volunteers who spent endless hours planning and executing this event. And thanks as well to all of you for the continued support of our efforts to help rescue and save so many animals in need.



Our Sponsors

- Westlock Veterinary Center (Protector level)
- Instabox (Rescuer level)

Our Vendors


- Stephen Health Agency Inc
- Sit Stay Squat
- Hummingbird Holistic Wellness for Pets & Animals
- Kritter Kompany
- Fairylight Crafts and Treasures
- EZ Antler Chews
- Barkers Pet Motel & Grooming



Mark Your Calendar

- **SCARS Volunteer and Foster Home Orientation**
August 13 at the Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes
- **Instabox Dog Jog**
September 14, 2019 at Lacombe Park in St. Albert
- **SCARS Volunteer and Foster Home Orientation**
September 15 at the Lessard Community Hall
- **Canines & Cocktails "Woofstock"**
November 1, 2019 at Silvermoon Banquets (formerly The Palace)
- **SCARS Christmas Craft Fair**
November 17 at the Alberta Aviation Museum


For more upcoming events, visit scarscare.ca/events



**FOSTER HOME
& VOLUNTEER
ORIENTATION**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
LESSARD COMMUNITY HALL
AT 11AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
SCARSCARE.CA/EVENTS/





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 over 10,000 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 our care. 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, 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.

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.

Volunteer—We need help with fundraising, adoption events, animal care and transportation, and our daily operations.

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

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.

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.**

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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 City of Edmonton at 311 or 780-442-5311

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