Our First Annual Canines and Cocktails Silent Auction Fundraiser is a Huge Success.

We are stunned by the overwhelming support that we received at our first annual Canines and Cocktails Silent Auction Fundraiser. The silent auction fundraiser for SCARS was held at Schank's Sports Bar in Edmonton on April 28th. Approximately 400 people attended this, first ever, event for SCARS... and they surely did not disappoint.

There were over 150 wonderful items donated by businesses and individuals up for auction at the event. We had sporting event tickets and memorabilia, framed paintings and prints, collectibles, gift certificates, automotive accessories, electronics, gift baskets, clothing, stained glass, jewelry, pet-related products, and many, many other very cool items up for bid. Our volunteers worked tirelessly; organizing and preparing for this event and the businesses and individuals who donated items for auction were clearly very generous.

The supporters who attended the event were ready to have a good time, and raise money for a good cause. It was very nice to see so many people having fun and bidding fiercely. In addition to the auction, we had a few draws (such as guess the number of dog cookies in the jar), a 50/50 raffle ($800), and other door prizes for attendees.

At the end of the day, the Canines and Cocktails Silent Auction raised over $15,000 for SCARS.

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We are humbled by the success of this first time event for us. Because the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society does not receive any government funding, and relies solely on the donations and fundraising efforts of its members and supporters, the money raised through this event means amazing things for the animals in need of a second chance.

Thank you to those who attended and supported the silent auction, we hope to see you all again next year!!

In addition, we would like to extend a special thank you to the following businesses who sold tickets and allowed our sponsors &/or supporters to drop off auction items to be stored until pick up could be arranged. This really helped auction planners and was crucial to the organizing process.

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6844 - Whyte Avenue, Edmonton, AB Ph: (780) 469-3101

Dogspaw Daycare & Training Centre
12209 Fort Road, Edmonton, AB Ph: (780) 471-2275

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CANINES & COCKTAILS SILENT AUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Amanda Amber Andrea Cheryl David
Deb Elizabeth Emma Glenda Jackie
James Kim Lasha Lisa Maria
Neva Nick Nicole Olivia Rachelle
Ryan Shanan Shelly Sue Virginia

Your help with this event was greatly appreciated! Please accept our sincerest apologies if anyone has been missed.
A Special Thank You to All of our Contributors for the Canines and Cocktails Event

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We are very appreciative of each of the businesses and/or individuals who donated items. It is their generosity has made this event hugely successful.

Please accept our sincere apologies if we have missed anyone.

Lasha, a SCARS supporter & volunteer seemed happy with her new purchases.

Chris - member & supporter of SCARS was the successful bidder of a beautiful stained glass piece.
Thank you to Nolan Walker for donating our website, and thank you to Andrea Carin for keeping our website up-to-date. We like what you've done, and hope that you will keep up the great work.

Thanks to two very creative volunteers, the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society can proudly reveal our very own, super-cool, new society logo!

We are very proud the new insignia and look forward to offering a new line of SCARS promotional items featuring our cool new look in the near future. To the artists, Virginia & Emma, we think that you rock!!
Letters from Home...

Dear SCARS:

Our Mattie continues to amaze and delight us! Despite her ongoing, serious hip problem, she continues to love to go for her short walks and she tries to get her “sister” Crash to play with her outside. She barks often with excitement and finds great joy in sleeping in my flower beds and digging under the shrubs!

Mattie never complains despite the obvious pain she’s felt on a constant basis. She loves being near us and purrs when she gets her nightly massages! She soaks up the love and attention and stares at us with those beautiful eyes that look deep into our souls.

Sadly, her hip had gotten worse and the medication we had her on just wasn’t working well enough to control her pain. We have a very patient and kind vet who has explored all kinds of options with us including a total hip replacement. We decided to consult with a surgeon from the Western Clinic in Calgary. In doing his assessment, he discovered what looks to be some old spinal fractures which would complicate the hip replacement. He also confirmed that the dent in her skull is indeed a depressed skull fracture. How heartbreaking to think she has suffered so much and yet has complained so little.

We decided to try a less invasive surgery first, and had a Denervation procedure done on Mattie’s hip which could reduce her pain by up to 80%. The surgery was a great success and Mattie was up and about immediately without even so much as a limp! She has done so well that we are currently reducing her medication with a goal to potentially stopping it altogether.

Mattie has truly been a blessing to us and we love every moment she shares with us. I can not thank you enough for taking her in and giving her the chance to be with our family. Other organizations would have not seen the good in this beautiful dog and I know for certain her life would have not been spared. Your commitment to dogs like Mattie is amazing and we are so grateful for all that you do.

Mattie reminds us daily just how rewarding it can be to adopt an older dog and I hope many others will consider the opportunity. Even though there may be some health issues to deal with (what senior doesn’t have a few), the rewards are tremendous!

Until the next update......

Janice, Randy, Crash and Mattie Koberstein

Do you remember Mattie?

Although Mattie had been rescued from a very hard life and people were moved by her story; there were very few people interested in adopting an older dog like Mattie - even though she was so very lovable. Until one day... A couple asked to meet Mattie... And they fell in love with this little girl. The rest is history.

Hi there. This is an update on Lady the rescued Pyrenees. It has been 3 weeks since I picked her up. She is now called Nanuk Inuit for Polar Bear) and she has settled in nicely and has made new friends everywhere we go. Two weeks ago she was spayed and had entropian repair to her eyes (surgery to stop her eyelashes from touching her eyes, which was causing the dark streaks down her face). She is socializing well at the ski shop with customers and has been meeting all of Grizzly Bear’s friends (and family).

We have taken her out hiking a few times and hopefully with time will learn to be a little more graceful, as she seems to thrash and crash her way through the woods with great joy. She seems to like everyone she meets, men, women, children and dogs. Nanuk has made a wonderful impact on our family and we will continue to embrace her presence for years to come.

Here are some photos of Nanuk. She loves car rides now, the ride back from Westlock was restless for her, but after that 5 hour trip, 30 minutes to her is nothing. How do you fit 2 dogs in a little Kia? Easy.

Cheers
Adrienne

Lady’s Rescue Story

Lady was found on a cold winter day tied to a generator at an abandoned farm. A potential renter came along and found what she thought was a deceased dog. As she approached, Lady barely lifted her head as if to say Thank goodness you found me. As a Great Pyrenees cross she should have weighed close to 90 pounds, but tipped the scale at just 40. After weeks of intensive rehabilitation was adopted, and is loving her forever family.
Animals Up for Adoption

Animals with Special Needs...

"GRACE"
I have a sad story! I showed up at a farm with another dog and I was so frightened that they could not catch me without a live-trap. I am still very shy, but gentle. I just need someone with patience and understanding. Someone who will spend time with me and encourage me. I am only about 40lbs. I am spayed and vaccinated.

"CHUBB CHUBB"
They call me Chubbs, and I am not chubby. I am an older guy, about 6 years. I have spent my whole life chained and I am looking for something better. I am missing some front teeth but that does not slow me down at all. I am super friendly and am medium sized.

"CINDY"
Please help an older girl (about 7 years) find her forever home. I am the most lovable girl ever. I love to cuddle and play with my toys. I am about 45lbs and I am a Hound cross. I’m good with most dogs but don’t like cats. I have been here for some time and I think it’s cause my age, but rest assured I am young at heart.

"SASHA"
Hi I’m Sasha, the tough girl. I am about 7 months old and am a Collie cross. I’ve been having difficulty trusting strangers and have been here for some time working hard on learning to trust you big scary things. I love my foster family and their dogs but it is time to find my own family. I do have special needs and require an experienced dog person. Children scare me so I must not go to a home with children.

"PUMPKIN"
Cute name for a cute girl. I am very sweet but extremely shy and need a lot of work. If you have the patience to teach me to trust, please keep me in mind. I am not ready to be adopted yet but I am interested in hearing from you. I am only about 35lbs and I am a Red Heeler cross.

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"JAZZY & RINGO"
Come on people were growing grey hairs here! We know there are people out there for us....were just hoping they surface soon! I’m the strong silent type. My body is built like a little tank & they say the picture does not do me justice. I’m pretty casual, never really in a big hurry and although I like my walks, I just lumber along. I do like to horde my food...and my toys...bones -all of it! Our litter was found at an abandoned farm. We've been here a long time & been busy learning all the things that good dogs need to know. We prefer to be outside & will need an outdoor run in our new homes. We would do best on a low traffic acreage/farm. Our new homes must be serious about commitment as we have some special needs - please don’t let that scare you.

ADOPTION INFORMATION

SCARS has an adoption process that includes an application process and adoption fees. Adoption fees include spay/neuter, deworming, and first set of vaccinations (not including rabies or bordetella or boosters).

For additional information, visit our website at www.scarscare.org.

Our breed descriptions are based on visual assessments only and, in some cases, may be incorrect.
Currently up for Adoption...

"GRADY"
Ok, I'm looking a little silly but Journey and I have been playing hard and that girl can rough house with the best of them. I am only about 35lbs and am a spaniel/sheltie cross. I am very friendly, house trained and have been good with the other dogs. I can not be trusted with a cat though. I am only a young fellow and have lots of energy. I listen very well and am a smart little guy. I pretend I'm dead when it's time to go back in my run (never works though). If your looking for an energetic, smart, house trained dog then check me out.

"REX"
Hurry up I'm dying to go for a quad ride. If you are looking for a dog with a great personality, I'm the guy. I would say I have that Lab energy but I listen so well and I'm a smart boy so if you have the time and patience to teach me I will be great. I have been good with the dogs I have been out with and I am good on a leash. Really, I'm just a happy guy that's wants to be with you all the time but I'm also good in my dog run by myself. I am medium sized (about 55-60 lbs).

"CEASAR"
HELLO PEOPLE...SMALL HOUSE DOG HERE! Now that I have your attention... Howdy folks, I'm Ceaser. I'm 6 going on 7 years old, but act more like I'm 1. I love everything... kids, dogs, cats whatever you got. They say I'm a Jack Russell terrier cross, but who knows. Can you believe someone left this face at the pound??

"SPIKE"
Any ball players out there? I love playing ball and I am so good at it. I am a large Shepherd cross, house trained and good on leash. I seem to be good with other dogs. I am a little shy at first but such a gentle guy and a friendly one too.

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"IVORY"
I am about 11 weeks old, and I'm up for adoption with my two sisters. Girls rule... Boys drool! We are SUPER friendly and dying to cover you in kisses.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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From Homeless to Hero

To most, the sight of a little brown and white dog walking along the highway in rural Alberta is not a huge deal, and in some areas it is quite normal to see. But to a SCARS volunteer, it’s an emergency. That is just how Jasper came to be one of our dogs.

Jasper was very hungry, but extremely grateful and friendly to hear a kind word and feel a soft hand. He bonded very quickly with his new foster mom and it broke her heart when he got adopted. However, it was not long before Jasper came back to SCARS when some “issues” started to appear. Jasper was adopted out a second time only to be returned again. You see, it had become evident that Jasper bonded extremely quickly with whomever was caring for him. He was very sweet and gentle; however, he tended to become protective of his people and his things when it came to strangers. This behaviour reduced his chances of finding a suitable home, as the society takes behavioural concerns very seriously when matching up potential adopters with their new furry family members.

SCARS decided to consult with a professional canine behaviourist to make an assessment on his adoptability.

After spending a month with the behaviourist, Jasper came back to us with good recommendations and four pages of advice on how to curb his protective mannerisms. The behaviourist also made some recommendations as to what type of home would best suit Jasper. As we suspected, it was suggested that Jasper go to a home without children and little traffic.

It was at this time that Jasper came to stay with me in foster-care. We put a special description of him on our website, hoping that the perfect home would call.

It took a few months before I finally received a phone call from an elderly gentleman asking me if we had a dog for him as his “best friend” had just passed away of cancer and he was very lonely. He told me that other societies refused to adopt to him because of his age. His name was Roy and he described his home as a nice quiet piece of land out in the country. He had two cats, and was looking for an indoor/outdoor companion.

At first, I was a bit leery as I did not know how Jasper would be with cats, but I thought it might also be a great home for him. So I drove Jasper the three hours out to Roy’s place and introduced them.

We went inside and chatted for a while as Jasper investigated his new surroundings. It was the perfect home for him and Roy was very kind. Jasper was even friendly with the cats. And so, I drove away and left Roy and Jasper to bond.

Roy phoned me often and kept me updated on how Jasper was doing and I looked forward to these calls.

One night, Roy called me and he sounded different. He began to tell me that a couple of nights ago he and Jasper were sitting quietly in front of the TV when Jasper jumped up and ran to the window. There was a knock at his door and so Roy went to answer it thinking it was probably a neighbor from down the road needing the phone because they ran out of gas or had a flat tire. When he opened the door, two young men, obviously drunk and wielding a knife, demanded that Roy let them in.

Instantly Jasper ran between Roy and the men; and for the first time since arriving at Roy’s house, became aggressive and chased the two men outside.

The last thing Roy heard was a loud “Ouch!” and the sound of the car peeling out of the driveway. Not long after, Jasper returned to the door looking extremely proud of himself.

Jasper was definitely meant to be a part of Roy’s life, and because of this sweet little brown and white dog that was once a lonely stray, he has a new friend, and so do I.

Submitted by Jan Pysyk

Book Review
Recommended Reading...

HOUND HEALTH HANDBOOK
by Betsy Breivitz, D.V.M. Published by Workman Publishing ISBN 0-7611-2795-X
I received a copy of the Hound Health Handbook from a friend of mine as a birthday gift. It has been a really great gift for my family as we have two of our own four-legged, furry family members, and take their health and well-being very seriously.

The book has been an excellent reference guide for us; and although it has not taken the place of the professional advice that we receive from our family veterinarian, it provides very good information about animal health and common ailments. The Hound Health Handbook provides the same information for your pets that you would expect from a family medical guide. Some of chapters include information on raising a healthy puppy, keeping your adult and senior dog healthy, allergies and skin diseases, digestive ailments, parasites and creepy crawlers, behaviour problems, respiratory problems, diabetes, cancer, and dealing with the inevitable. The book also includes some first aid basic information, poison control, and additional resources on pet health.

I think that this is a great book for any dog owner to have on hand.

Submitted by Lisa L.
President's Report

During this year's annual general meeting, President Sylvia Christiansen addressed those present with an overall report for 2005. She began by expressing sincere appreciation for all those that work so hard to ensure SCARS success - foster homes, volunteers, members, and veterinarians. She reviewed the society's most current statistics concluding that, since inception, the society has taken in over 850 homeless dogs.

Sylvia also discussed her concerns about the higher risks, due to the society's rapid growth, for diseases such as parvo and distemper; and she reviewed the current plans to reduce these risks with more isolation areas and heightened sensitivity to the disease's early warning signs.

In addition, Sylvia reviewed the positive direction that the society has taken with the "special needs" animals including Tee Touch workshops for the foster families, consultation with animal behaviourists, and one-on-one dog training / socialization for the shy guys. And finally, she concluded with a "Congratulations" to all those involved with the society for making 2005 such a great year.

Financial Report

President Sylvia Christiansen reviewed the society's 2005 audited financial statements for all those present.

Edmonton / Fundraising Report

Director Jamie Hunter presented a report from the Edmonton Area focusing on the general increase in foster homes, volunteers, and support received from Edmonton businesses and individuals. She also touched on the success of ongoing Meet/Greet & Adoption Days at Pet Planet & Petsmart locations within the city. In addition, Jamie presented a report to the membership reviewing the 2005 fundraisers and events. The membership discussed these events and the following decisions were reached for 2006:

- The Garage Sale will be canceled for 2006 due to excessive manpower requirements to hold this event,
- Participation in local parades will be dependent on volunteer support,
- The Tails on the Trails event may be expanded in 2006 to include an event in Athabasca, and possibly one in Edmonton,
- Many of the smaller-scale fundraisers will be continued in 2006 such as calendar sales, chocolate sales, promotional item sales, bottle drives, and additional placements for donation boxes.

Westlock / Fostering Report

Director Janice Willard presented a report from the Westlock Area. In addition, Janice reviewed the increase of foster homes, the need for more in the Athabasca area, and the ongoing support that will be provided to these wonderful volunteers through education and communication - the addition of a few new participating veterinarians, additional workshops / seminars on behaviour, training, etc., and the availability of behaviourists and trainers for support.

Meet the Newest Members of the Board

SHELLY STEWART - DIRECTOR

Just like all of the Board Members of SCARS, Shelly shares a love of animals and a drive to help the ones in need. Shelly's own family includes five canine members, and three feline members most of whom have been rescued over the years.

Shelly joined SCARS in 2005 when she contacted us to help with resucing a couple of homeless animals in a small northern community. The rescues were successful, but more were forthcoming. Shelly assisted with the rescue of many dogs throughout 2005. She offered her home to foster, and offered to help the society in other ways as well - becoming a telephone contact for the society, picking up animals, attending adoption days, and volunteering at events. And throughout 2005, Shelly had become a very integral member of the society.

Recognizing her contributions, the membership voted to appoint Shelly as a director of the board at the 2006 Annual General Meeting. We are sure that Shelly will be a great asset to the board of directors.

ANDREA ROBBINS - DIRECTOR

I first found SCARS, when a co-worker had posted a flyer with the website address. Having a few months previously lost our family dog to old age complications, I decided to look on the website to see if there was a dog that might suit our family. I had talked with Sylvia and Jan regarding one dog and scheduled a day when they brought in a dog to watch the site daily. Just before Christmas 2004 I found one that she wanted, and we went to Jan's and both became members of SCARS. I had decided shortly after in 2005 that I wanted to become a foster home. In May 2005 I became a foster home. People still ask how you do it, how do you have the strength to take care of these animals and then give them away. I just simply tell them. It is never easy, but if I care for these animals, get them to trust and love, and I am honoured enough to find them a home to love them as much as I do, and then in turn I help the next one to come into my life, it is all the strength I need. Without good loving homes to adopt to, I would definitely keep them all.
Fun for Everyone

Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. Your dog, when he is speaking.
2. What the Veterinarian gives your dog to prevent disease.
3. All dogs like this kind of crunchie treat.
4. A SCARS annual event that includes fresh air and exercise. (4 words)
5. If your dog's coat looks like this, he may be lacking vitamins or nutrients.
6. Many dog foods contain this ingredient.
7. This may be where your dog will stay while you are away.
8. A large, lean breed of dog with pointy nose and tail.
9. You don't want these little guys getting friendly with your pet.
10. If a female dog receives this surgery, it may reduce her risk for certain diseases.
11. An animal who often greets curious pets with a painful surprise.
12. Many of SCARS special needs dogs have this trait.
13. _____ pack, a brand name of dog food.
14. And they lived happily ____ after.
15. A children's game, Red _____. Also a common dog name.

Down
1. A breed of dog, _____ Mountain Dog.
2. The type of professional care that all animals require.
3. Lassie's Breed.
4. When walking your dog, he needs to be on a _____.
5. A dog toy, sometimes squeaky.
6. The name of a recent SCARS dog. Also where your dog keeps his ID.
7. Another SCARS dog name, and we think he's pretty sharp.
8. Dogs love to be scratched behind these.
9. Cats love this stuff.
10. This is an area where your dog can visit and socialize. (2 words)
11. We believe that ____ animal should be humanely treated.
12. Dogs and people can benefit from this type of therapy.
13. A dog with a perm.
14. Male dogs get this surgery to prevent unwanted litters.
15. Be ____ to animals, always.
16. This dog's name is also a name of a well known movie, Old _____.

Maze Puzzle

Do you have an interesting story, funny tale, or heart-warming experience that you would like to share?

We welcome submissions and input from our readers for upcoming newsletters.

Send questions, feedback, and submissions to us at S.C.A.R.S. Box 3045, Athabasca, AB T9S 2B9 or email them to us at scars_animalrescue@yahoo.ca.

Puzzle Solutions can be found on Page 16
**SCARS TRIVIA**

1. In what year did SCARS become an incorporated, non-profit society?
   - a. 2000
   - b. 1987
   - c. 2002
   - d. 2005

2. How much does SCARS charge for a one-year membership?
   - a. $25.00
   - b. $50.00
   - c. $25.50
   - d. $85.00

3. Where does SCARS keep the animals until they have been adopted?
   - a. at the pound
   - b. in private foster homes
   - c. at the hockey rink
   - d. at the SPCA

4. Where does SCARS get the funding to rescue and care for the animals?
   - a. from the government
   - b. from their family members
   - c. from the adoption fees
   - d. from members and supporters

5. Which of the following is an item from SCARS wish list?
   - a. Dry Adult Dog Food
   - b. Dog Sweaters
   - c. Insulated Dog Houses
   - d. Cardboard Boxes

6. What should you do if your pet disappears:
   - a. Call SCARS
   - b. Call the Veterinary Office
   - c. Put up posters and call the radio
   - d. All of the above.

7. Are any of the Board Members, Foster Homes, and Volunteers paid a wage or salary?
   - a. Yes
   - b. No

8. How many animals has SCARS rescued over the years?
   - a. 100
   - b. 200
   - c. 450
   - d. Over 800

9. Does SCARS take dogs from other areas of Alberta?
   - a. Yes
   - b. No

Answers to Trivia Questions can be found on Page 16.
OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

Cayla Supports SCARS as Part of a School Project

Cayla, a grade seven student, was inspired when her teacher suggested a class project where individuals would actively support a non-profit, charitable group of their choice.

For Cayla the choice was simple, she wanted to support a group that helped homeless and abandoned animals. Cayla has always been drawn to animals and they seem to be drawn to her, and although she has no canine members of her own family, she has a very close relationship with her neighbor’s two rescued dogs (one of which is Mattie - a SCARS rescue dog).

Cayla was moved by Mattie’s rescue story. Mattie was an older dog and bore the scars of a very hard life, and many people felt that she had limitations that would work against her at finding a new forever home. SCARS didn’t see it that way, they truly felt that time was all that it would take for the Mattie to find a new home. Obviously, they were right, but even they couldn’t have hoped for Mattie to find the wonderful, loving home that she did with Cayla’s neighbors.

Cayla set out to find out what our society needed to help with our rescue efforts. She visited our website and found our Wish List - then she set to work. One of the requirements of the project was that a certain percentage of each student’s care package be comprised of items that they themselves purchased or donated; however, the students could ask for additional items to be donated by friends and family. Cayla ended up with a huge care package of blankets, towels, paper towels, leashes, collars, dog food, treats, and toys.

Cayla also worked hard to create a scrapbook that explained why she had chosen SCARS as her supported charity. She told about her love of animals, included Mattie’s original heartbreaking rescue story, and included more recent pictures of a happy dog, Mattie, in a wonderful, loving, caring home.

Finally, Cayla wrote SCARS a letter, providing some background of the class project and of why she chose our group as the recipient of the results of her hard work.

Thank you Cayla... you have done a great job! We feel such appreciation for your hard work and are inspired by your love and dedication to animals (especially those in need).

Shannon Spends Quality Time with the Rescued Animals at SCARS.

Shannon is a Volunteer Animal Assistant for the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society. She is 11 years old and already aspires to become a veterinarian to help animals.

The foster home where Shannon volunteers is truly impressed with the dedication that she has shown towards the animals. Shannon arrives at the foster home a couple of evenings each week. She tries to spend time with each of the animals either walking them, or just sitting with them and petting them. And surprisingly, although she has only been volunteering for about a month and a half, Shannon already knows each animal by name.

Shannon is affectionate to all the dogs but seems to have a special bond with our shy girl, Grace. Grace has even snuck in a few kisses to show her appreciation for Shannon’s kindness.

WE SALUTE OUR VETERINARIANS

Our rescue efforts would be in vain if it wasn’t for the care and support from our participating veterinarians.

There are very few rescued animals who do not require some type of additional medical treatment when they are brought into our care. Recognizing this, many of our Veterinarians also donate a portion of these vital services, as well as participate in our spay/neuter program.

Thank you to the following:

- Athabasca Veterinary Services (Athabasca)
- Westlock Veterinary Centre (Westlock)
- Boyle Veterinary Services (Boyle)
- Lac La Biche Veterinary Services (Lac La Biche)
- Lakeland Animal Care Group (Lac La Biche)
- Stony Plain Veterinary Clinic (Stony Plain)
- Whitemud Creek Veterinary Clinic (Edmonton)
- Edmonton Holistic Veterinary Clinic (Edmonton)
- Herbers Veterinary Services (Sherwood Park)
- Westside Animal Clinic (Edmonton)
OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

BECAUSE OF THE LOVE OF OUR FOSTER FAMILIES...

Our foster homes are so very important to the viability of the society, we simply cannot express our gratitude enough.

Foster families open their homes to our animals and offer them all the things that rescued animal needs - and a lot more.

Because the animals that we take in have been rescued, many of them are in the poorest condition of their lives - thin, tired, frail, wounded, diseased, and haggard. SCARS does not take owner surrendered animals, there are simply too many homeless animals who are desperate for our help.

Our wonderful foster families see these animals at their worst and reach out to give them love, attention, warm bedding, fresh water, nutritious food, and a place to feel comfortable until their forever home is found. It is the dedication and the care from our foster families that make each rescue a success.

To date, we have rescued over 1000 animals in need. To the foster families that selflessly open their home, we offer a very sincere thank you... You are truly outstanding individuals!

PET PEEVES THAT DOGS HAVE ABOUT HUMANS

- Blaming your farts on me... not funny... not funny at all!!
- Yelling at me for barking... I'm a dog, you idiot!
- Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
- Any trick that involves me balancing food on my nose... stop it!
- Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when your not home.
- The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whoooo hooo, what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
- Taking me to the vet for "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
- Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, But I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
- Dog sweaters. Hello!? Haven't you noticed the fur?

Now, lay off me on some of these things... we both know who's boss here! You don't see me picking up your poo, do you?

JAMIE & JILL ARE LENDING A HAND AT SCARS

Jamie and Jill are two valuable volunteers at SCARS. These two cousins from Westlock stop out as often as they can to help out at one of the foster homes.

Jamie and Jill spend time working with the puppies - teaching them to walk on leash and giving them the quality TLC that is so important for each of the animals awaiting a new home. Many of the animals have never experienced such affection from humans.

The dogs are always overjoyed to see these two when they arrive.

SCARS would like to thank the R.F. Staples High School Red Cross Club in Westlock who donated $200.

Birthday Presents for SCARS

These twins, Daelynn & Kristen, asked all of the friends and family who attended their birthday party to bring dog food and treats for SCARS instead of presents for them. We are very grateful for their wonderful support!
Are you looking for a fuzzy feline friend to warm your heart and your home? If so, be sure to visit the Tizzie Bazalcat Shelter for Homeless Cats located at Old Crow Antiques and Framing in Athabasca. Call (780) 675-4400 during regular business hours.

S.C.A.R.S. is a nonprofit volunteer-run, charitable organization. We do not receive any regular funding and therefore rely solely on memberships, donations, sponsorships, and fundraising. We have no paid staff and foster our rescued animals in private homes. Please understand that we are only able to take in the number of animals that our resources allow us, and that we do not have authority or jurisdiction to intercede in cases of animal abuse (please report all cases of abuse to the Alberta SPCA), however, we will always try to do the very best that we can to help an animal in need, and your ongoing support is essential and greatly appreciated.
Benji's Rescue Story

Benji arrived at Second Chance Animal Rescue after living as a stray. He was severely matted and was covered in dog bites and other war wounds. Once groomed, we realized the true extent of the damage suffered: he had abrasions and rashes all over his little 5-pound body.

Sadly, soon after his intake, Benji quickly fell very ill. He became lethargic and would not eat or drink. The vets realized that this little dog was in extreme distress and recommend that he be put into an incubator, put on an IV and kept on 24-hour watch.

Throughout the next few days, Benji continued to decline in health and we started to worry that Benji would not recover. After frequent consultations with Benji’s vet, we decided to perform a plasma transfusion, an expensive procedure but one that may increase his chance of survival.

Despite the seriousness of Benji’s condition, SCARS did not give up on him. And thankfully, because of the support that we receive from our members and supporters, we were able to proceed with the procedure that saved this little guy's life. We are proud to report that Benji is currently doing well and on his way to recovery.

For All of the Folks Involved in Rescue...

Had I not made the decision to participate in rescue, I would never have had the chance to meet him. If I had sat here comfortably in my home and said ‘I already have four dogs and I know that I couldn’t take in another - even on a temporary basis,’ I would never have met this dog.

Yes, it takes time to rescue and foster... but who gave me time in the first place? And why or what was the reason I was given ‘Time’? To fill my own needs? Or was there another reason ever so small and seemingly insignificant, like rescuing this one dog that could make a difference in another’s life? Perhaps to add joy, hope, help and companionship to another who is in need?

With great sadness, I sat down on a footstool in my kitchen this morning and watched as this foster dog bounced back into the house and skidded across the floor to sit ever so perfectly in front of me. He was the picture of health, finally. He was all smiles for me... and I smiled back at his happy face. Deep in his eyes, the storm clouds of illness and generalized poor health had blown away, and the clear light of his perfection radiated out from his beautiful soul.

He holds no ill toward man. He forgives us all. I thought to myself as I impressed this one last long look of him into my heart, what a very fine creature you have created. Tears slowly pooled and spilled over my cheekbones as the deeper realization of how wonderful this dog is sank into my internal file cabinet of needful things to remember.

Lord, he’s a dog - but he’s a better human being than I am. He has forgiven quickly. Would I do the same? He passionately enjoys the simple things in life, and I have often overlooked them. He accepts change and gets on with his life! I fuss and worry about change. He lives today and loves today. And I often dwell on the past and worry about the future. He loves no matter what. I am not that free.

This very lovely dog has gone to his new home today and already I miss him. Thank you for bringing this dog into my life. And thank you for the beautiful and tender lesson on how to be a better human.

Author Unknown
S.C.A.R.S Wish List

- Puppy Food (dry or canned)
- Senior Dog Food (canned)
- Insulated Dog Houses
- Square Straw Bales (for bedding)
- Liquid Dish Soap & Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels / Kleenex / Garbage Bags
- General Administration Supplies

All donated items can be dropped off at the following places (please label "S.C.A.R.S. Donation"):
Old Crow Antiques - Athabasca, Boyle Veterinary Services or Call for Pickup (780) 675-3018

S.C.A.R.S. currently has a good supply of dry adult dog food.

SCARS TRIVIA

Answers (from Page 11):

1. c. Although the founding members were rescuing animals long before, the society was officially formed in 2002.
2. a. A one-year membership costs only $25.00
3. b. Private foster homes care for the animals until they are adopted.
4. d. The money that pays for the rescue and care of the animals comes from donations, fundraising, and sponsorships. The adoption fees that SCARS charges only cover the cost of the animal's spay/neuter and vaccinations.
5. c. Insulated dog houses are required for each animal in foster care.
6. d. All of the above... many people make the mistake of assuming that their animal was stolen or taken by predators - PLEASE don't assume. If you take each of these steps, you may have the success of finding your beloved pet.
7. b. SCARS has no paid staff. All of the rescue efforts, administration duties, and fundraising efforts are done by VOLUNTEERS.
8. d. SCARS is proud to say that, over the past four years, they have rescued more than 800 animals.
9. a. SCARS tries to help all homeless and abandoned animals no matter where they are from, and is only limited by its resources.

Check your Score:

6 - 9 Correct Answers - You have obviously taken an interest in our society and our rescue efforts. Your interest and support is very much appreciated.

1 - 5 Correct Answers - Well... you didn't do so well, but we think that it's great that you are interested and have taken the test. Now you know some things about SCARS that you may not have known before. For more info check out our website at www.scarscare.org.

Word Jumble

SECOND CHANCE
LEASH
DOG HOUSE
TRAINING
FURRY
FRESH WATER
DOG COOKIES
WET NOSE
WAGGING TAIL
ROLL OVER

Match Game

Draw a line to match these SCARS dogs with their story

- Grace
  - I like to chase butterflies.
- Jasper
  - They call me 'the tough girl'.
- Sasha
  - I'm Jazzy's Brother.
- Ringo
  - I am a Red Heeler Cross.
- Brutus
  - I'm a hero dog, I helped scare off a bad guy.
- Chubb Chubb
  - SCARS couldn't catch me because I was so scared.
- Pumpkin
  - I'm an older guy about 6 years old.