

## upcoming events...

- May 27** Adoption Day (Pets in the Park)  
Riverfront Park 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
BBQ and demos
- June 16,  
July 21,  
and Aug 25** Dog Wash  
Shelter 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Donations
- June 23** Grimshaw's Country Fair  
Mile Zero Multiplex

Dog Walk Wednesdays—Coming Soon!

Licenses were due in January. Please come in and renew your license at the SPCA

For more information on any of the above, call 780-624-3633



*Imagine a world where dogs took bad owners to the pound.*

*Now that makes sense.*

### PRSPCA >>>

The Peace Regional Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a provincially-incorporated registered charity dedicated to the welfare of animals.



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## Useful Links

## Meet the new board

## Our Mission

To provide food, shelter, medical care and an opportunity for adoption to surrendered, lost and unclaimed animals while promoting responsible pet ownership through our educational programs and public fundraising.

## Our Mandate

- Finding forever families for adoptable animals
- Reuniting lost pets and their owners
- Controlling overpopulation of small animals through spaying/neutering
- Educating the public regarding responsible pet ownership and respect for animal life
- Securing basic medical services for animals in need
- Cooperate with the Town of Peace River in addressing the problem of unwanted and neglected small animals

For dog training ideas:

[http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/pdf/RehabRescueDog\\_ActionKit80610.pdf](http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/pdf/RehabRescueDog_ActionKit80610.pdf)

To find a good breed of dog for your family:

<http://www.eukanuba.com/en-US/dog-breed-selector.aspx>

To learn more about feeding your pet:

[http://www.dogfoodanalysis.com/dog\\_food\\_reviews/](http://www.dogfoodanalysis.com/dog_food_reviews/)

To help animals in need:

<https://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/store/ars/site?>

Penny Steffen—President

David Jackson—Vice President

Sheila Girard—Treasurer

Joanne Gair—Secretary

Tara Guglich—Animal Health Building

Helen Strachan—Fundraising/

Public Relations

Robin Barnes—Public relations

Maureen Thiessen—Public Relations

Hilary Moss—HR, Grants and Donations

## A message from our President...

It is with great honor that I write to you in our first newsletter in many years. I am thrilled that we have one more avenue for information between the society and our members, supporters, volunteers and the public.

I have been involved with the SPCA for many years as a volunteer but 4 years ago I took the leap to be on the board of directors with some encouragement from my friend and colleague Dr. Tara Guglich – who has been on the board for several years. Two years ago I took the reins from then President George Leger and began a rewarding journey. I have a huge appreciation for our staff at the shelter – they are amazing people. They truly do this job for the love of animals and they provide the best care possible to all the animals and people that come through our doors. They are true supporters to the cause and have been so great to learn from and work with.

We have seen a lot of growth in the organization in the past several years – our board numbers have increased, staff increased as well as the number of animals that we have helped to find forever homes.

I would to thank everyone who has made the organization so successful for the past 26 years. I look forward to many more great things including the possibility of a new facility!

*"The purity of a person's heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals"*

~ Anonymous



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## How to Help >>>

### Donations make the difference

*What better way to honor the pets that share your life than to give back to animals that are not as fortunate.*

The PRSPCA relies on the generous support of businesses, foundations and individuals. Animals cannot help themselves. Please join us.

### Ways to donate

There are many fun ways to donate to the SPCA...

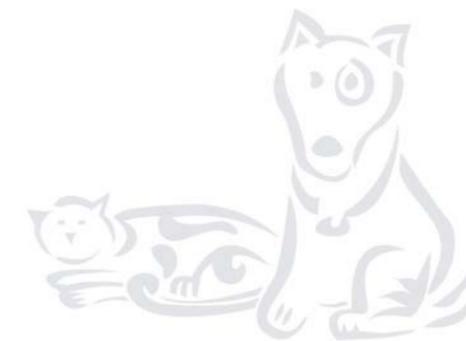
*Holden and Emery collect food and toys for their furry friends at the SPCA in lieu of birthday gifts every year. They have done this for their last three birthdays and take great joy in picking out the treats and toys and then delivering them and watching the animals enjoy their gifts. They even adopted their dog Harley three years ago on one such visit!!*



## Canine Corner

With Dave and Simon

Welcome to "Canine Corner" With each edition of the newsletter this section will provide some helpful tips on how to positively build on your relationship with your furry family member.



Different dogs have different energy levels. Ensure the breed you have is receiving his or her required daily exercise. If you don't know what the exercise requirements are for your breed, the internet, library, your local vet or dog trainer will be able to get that information for you.

Dogs are also social animals. They need "hanging out" time every day with you, your family and other dogs. Who wouldn't want to hang out with their own kind? You may not be able to socialize your dog with other dogs every day but try as often as possible, say 3 or 4 times a week. Finding a dog that your dog enjoys being around may take a bit of work but once you find the right match, play dates can be arranged. Daily socialization with you and your family is important as this builds relationships between the dog and family members and between the family members themselves. Consistency in the application of the house rules by all the family members will be beneficial as the dog will not be confused as to what he is supposed to do if family members are using the same rules.



Dogs have needs just like we humans do. Dogs need to have proper exercise and socialization activity each day. Set time aside every day for your canine companion. Being the caretaker of an animal has responsibilities attached with it. Avoid different or random times for your dog's daily needs. Dogs like structure. Same time, every day. In fact, so do we. Dogs need to have physical exercise each and every day that depletes that daily energy build up. Yes every day! A tired dog will tend to be a better behaved dog without all that daily energy build up.

Next time there will be more information on socialization outside the home in the human world and not forcing your dog into situations he isn't comfortable with. Until then get out with your dog. It's good for you too!

## The Shelter

The Peace Regional SPCA Shelter was first established in 1985 and has been a home for those that have none ever since. The SPCA has made great efforts to stay true to the overall mission, which has been to provide shelter and temporary refuge to those animals who are homeless or are in need of respite from cruelty and neglect.

## How to Volunteer

Volunteers are the life blood of any organization. The PRSPCA depends on community volunteer efforts. Our committed staff members meet the immediate needs of the animals at the shelter, but we count on animal loving individuals to help implement facility development and new programs as well as assist with dog walking and other shelter duties.

### Volunteer of the Month

This is Ashley Hanet, our volunteer of the month for February 2012. Ashley has been coming to the shelter for the past couple months, walking our dogs, taking pictures of the animals, and helping with the clean on most Sundays. Ashley moved to Peace River from Iowa in July 2010 and has a great love for animals. We appreciate everything she does for the animals and hope that she continues to help out! !



### Animals of the month >>>

#### Hi. I'm Buster!

I am a Rottweiler/shepherd mix. For my adoption fee of \$225.00, I will be neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped, de-wormed and I will receive a free vet exam (honored by select vet clinics).



## A Tail Wagging Ending

Spencer was found as a stray, with his front leg extremely injured. As a family we had been talking about adopting another dog, so I went into the SPCA and put my name down for a dog adoption. When I met him, Spencer came in and sat on my feet and we said hello. I went home and talked with my girls. They asked why I didn't bring him home! So the next day I took him home for the weekend as a trial. We knew he was ours by Saturday morning. Since his arrival we have been walking more and enjoying it. We even feel safer in our home.

Thank you so much to the S.P.C.A. for saving Spencer's life. It was certainly meant to be and we can't imagine our lives without him.



#### Hi. I'm Jenae!

As an SPCA cat I will come to you spayed, micro-chipped, de-wormed and I will have my first set of vaccines. All of this for \$150.



### Our wish list

- Dog leashes and collars
- Dog and cat food and treats
- Dish soap and candles
- Towels
- Blankets
- Kitty litter
- Bottles (for recycling)
- Front load washing machine