

BRANDON HUMANE SOCIETY



President's Message

April 1, 2007 through to June 30, 2007

First of all, we would like to say "sorry for the delay" to our members on the quarterly newsletter. Because of the board member change in mid-March 2007 and the changing of responsibility for the newsletter as well, we were unable to finalize anything by the end of March. We do not anticipate any future delays.

This has been a very exciting and busy quarter for the organization. Tracy Munn has continued to visit the local personal care homes in Brandon. The BHS had created a program known as "Everyone Needs a Friend" in late 2006 and was sponsored by our friends, Manitoba Community Service Council (MCSC). Thank you to MCSC for supporting such a worthwhile cause!

The BHS is always looking at more innovative ways to raise operating dollars for the animal care as well as creating programs to offset the cost of exciting new opportunities. As such, we have created 2 "new programs" consisting of:

1. Donate a Cat Kennel Program

As a one-time opportunity, you can donate a Cat Kennel and have a brass name plate placed on the kennel to honour your generosity. Your inscription can read on behalf of your family's name, a pet's name or in memory of a loved one (family or pet).

The cost is \$225 and we currently only have room for 4 more name plates. Fourteen (14) of the eighteen (18) Cat Kennels have already been purchased as of end of June 2007.

2. Adopt a Kennel Program

The BHS has created a new program known as the "Adopt a Kennel Program," which will be used to assist in placing funding where it is really needed, for the care of our animals.

Through this new program, people will be able to sponsorship a “cat” or “dog” kennel on a monthly or annual basis. We are hoping to have local businesses; children classrooms at the schools or families adopt a kennel on an annual basis. We do however; welcome anyone that would like to just adopt a Kennel on a monthly basis. Our organization will also welcome schools who want to donate more than one kennel.

The cost is \$25 per month for Cat Kennels and \$35 per month for Dog Kennels. All sponsors will have a placard placed on a kennel. Book now, space is limited!

The annual Yard Sale held outdoors in June 2007 at the shelter was a huge success this year. This was all thanks to Jenny & Dorothy. Thank you so much from all of us for your hard work! It is so gratefully appreciated. We would also like to say thank you to everyone who assisted in the setup and teardown for this event.

In a new fundraising effort the BHS is working to put together a cookbook. We are asking people to submit their favorite recipes - people or pet - for inclusion in the book, which will hopefully be ready by the end of November. To submit a recipe, please e-mail it to recipes@brandonhumanesociety.ca. If you are interested in picking up one of these great little stocking stuffers, please refer to our website at www.brandonhumanesociety.ca for purchase information in the next couple of months.

On a final note, we would like to express a special thank you to all of the children and/or youth that are working together and providing their hard earned cash back to the shelter. We had a group from Kirkcaldy Heights School host a fundraiser and give all of the proceeds back to us. We also have an ongoing special group of kids that ask for cash in lieu of presents in order to give to the animals. Your caring nature is admirable and on behalf of the animals at the shelter, they would like you to know that it is going to a great cause.

As usual, the BHS would like to again say thank you so much to the hard working volunteers that continue to commit their time to our organization as well as the local businesses that continue to support us.

Sincerely,



Robert Lavin
President – Brandon Humane Society