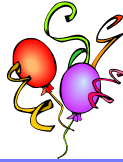




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Message from the Board of Directors

It is hard to believe Tiny Paws has just celebrated its second anniversary. We have saved so many dogs and re-homed them with loving and caring families. Tiny Paws volunteers and fosters feel privileged to have helped these wonderful dogs. In December of 2008, we lost a very special member of our group and a friend, Barb Kemsley. Her passing has been felt by all of us.

Tiny Paws is involved in a number of events this year including the current raffle, the upcoming All About Pet Show, where we will be at the Helping Homeless Pets booth, and of course in June we will be at Wienerfest in Thamesford, Ontario. The new year also brought a brand new look to our website and we cannot thank Kevin enough for all of his work in this area.

Tiny Paws continues to look ahead and we are thrilled with the growth in members and fosters in the Maritime provinces. We would love to see growth in the Western provinces over 2009 as well.

Continued thanks to all of our many supporters. Your contributions allow us to continue the important work of rescuing small breed dogs.

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Missing You - Barb Kemsley 1963 - 2008

All of us at Tiny Paws are deeply saddened by the loss of our friend, Barb Kemsley.

Barb was a founding member and acting Secretary of the charity but more importantly she was a kind, generous person and a great supporter of Tiny Paws Dog Rescue. Barb was a champion for the rights of animals, who spent her weekends and evenings tirelessly transporting dogs in search of happier futures.

The Tiny Paws Newsletter was Barb's initiative and her energy and professionalism were the driving forces behind its production. She took pride in the Newsletter and we were all grateful for the creation of another means of spreading the word about rescue. The sale of Barb's "rescue magnets" was also her inspiration and a source of significant donations toward the care of the dogs.



Plaque in Barb's honour - Samia SPCA

Barb and her husband Don, son Aaron and daughter Candace (an Associate Member of Tiny Paws) have all participated in the rescue and fostering of homeless dogs. It was their support that gave Barb the freedom to be passionate about helping others. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to them for their profound loss.

Tiny Paws has improved because of Barb's contribution and we are all fortunate to have known her.

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Tiny Paws Quilt Raffle

Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada is holding its first raffle and we are very excited. The raffle kicked off at the Halifax Pet Expo on February 14, 2009 and the winners will be drawn June 27, 2009 at Wienerfest in Thamesford, Ontario.

Contest winners will be contacted after the draw if they are not attending Wienerfest. Prizes will be shipped to the winners and shipping costs paid by Tiny Paws.

First prize is a gorgeous Rag Quilt
Second prize is a ladies dog-themed cardigan
Third prize is a beautiful handmade necklace and a pair of earrings



A suggested donation of \$2.00 is being asked for each ticket or \$5.00 for three tickets. Tickets will be sold at upcoming fundraising events and can also be purchased by online donation at our website <http://www.tpdrc.ca>. Cheques for tickets should be made out to Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada and can be mailed to:

Tiny Paws Dog Rescue
c/o Terri Epp
416 Talbot Road East, R.R.#3
Leamington, Ontario
N8H 3V6



If paying by cheque or online, please ensure that your email or mailing address and telephone number are provided to us.

Questions?? email: tinypawsraffle@gmail.com

Coming Events

Spring is just around the corner! With spring comes new and blossoming ideas. We are having our first **Tiny Paws Quilt raffle**. Please support us as the money goes towards helping dogs in need.

With spring also comes Easter. This year Tiny Paws will be at the **All About Pets Show** in Toronto at the Helping Homeless Pets booth. Please come see us there on April 10, 11 and 12.

We will be attending **Woofstock**, Canada's largest dog show on June 13 and 14th in Toronto. Then Tiny Paws is off to Markham to participate in **Barkham** on Saturday June 20th .

This year Helping Homeless Pets is planning a very special event. They will be attempting to set a Canadian record for the **largest simultaneous dog stay**. To break that record we need over 627 dogs. The goal this year is to run this as a trial run to prepare for the World Record attempt in 2010. HHP is trying to win \$10,000 to pay for vet bills for rescued pets in a contest put on by Maxwell House. Visit <http://www.helpinghomelesspets.com/support> and you can watch the video and nominate them to win. By working with Helping Homeless Pets, Tiny Paws could also benefit from the \$10 000 award.

To round off the summer Tiny Paws will be heading to **Wienerfest** - Canada's largest gathering of wiener dogs and a fundraiser for TPDR. At the festival you can see over 600 dachshund dogs. Watch them bob for wieners, see a fashion show, participate in costume contest and the big attraction, the wiener races! Please come visit us in Thamesford, Ontario on Saturday June 27, 2009.

For more information visit <http://www.wienerfest.com> or email lindacollier2003@yahoo.com

Emergency Preparedness

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***Rainbow Bridge Angel
Buffy 1994 - 2009***



October 8, 1994 to January 21, 2009

My Beloved Buffy. The love of my life. I miss you so very much. You gave me 14 wonderful years and I only hope that you were happy with me as your guardian.

You were such a fighter this past year battling heart disease and cancer, but I understand that your little body could not fight any more. I know you are not alone in heaven but you are in fact with your brother Randy and I hope you are both having fun and keeping each other company. One day the three of us will be together again.

Love you always Buffy and forever in my heart. Mommy.

The Canadian government has urged all citizens to have an Emergency Preparedness kit in their homes. Did you include your pets in yours? If you had to leave your home abruptly, are you prepared for your pets as well? Follow these tips to reduce the risk to your companion animals during disasters:

Place an emergency pet decal on your front door or window.

Microchip your pets

Be sure to keep the microchip registration up-to-date, and include at least one emergency number of a friend or relative who resides out of your immediate area.

Keep a collar and tag on all cats and dogs

Keep several current phone numbers on your animal's identification tag. Identification on indoor-only cats is especially important. If your home is damaged during a disaster, they could easily escape.

Plan a pet-friendly place to stay

Search in advance for out-of-area pet-friendly hotels or boarding facilities, or make a housing exchange agreement with an out-of-area friend or relative. Search for pet-friendly accommodations at:

- BringYourPet.com (United States and Canada)
- PetTravelCenter.com (United States and Canada)
- PetsWelcome.com (Canada)

Prepare an emergency kit for each animal

Include copies of vaccinations, photographs, emergency contact references, temporary identification, pet first aid kit, food, water and important supplies in an easy-to-grab container.

Use the buddy system

Exchange pet information, evacuation plans and house keys with a few trusted neighbors or nearby friends. If caught outside evacuation lines when an evacuation order is issued, your neighbors or friends can evacuate your pets for you.

Have temporary identification available when you evacuate

Include your temporary contact information and the phone number of an unaffected friend or relative.

Have extra medication in your disaster kit

A replacement supply may not be easily available following a disaster, so keep extra on hand. Don't use expired medication.

Have a carrier or leash for each animal

These should be kept easily accessible, close to an exit (hall closet, etc).

Carry photos of you and your pets

Photographs can prove that you are the rightful caregiver of your pets. Clear photographs of your pets can be helpful to create "lost pet" fliers.

Identify emergency veterinary facilities outside of your immediate area

Carry photos of you and your pets

Clear photographs of your pets, especially if they include identifying marks, can be helpful to create "lost pet" fliers.

Store a week's supply of fresh food and water

If you use canned food, keep a spare can opener with your emergency supplies.

Plan for temporary confinement

Have a plan for keeping your animal safely confined. You may need a tie-out, crate or kennel.

Know where to search for lost animals

Animals often end up at a local shelter. Keep locations of shelters in your community handy.



Tiny Paws Rolls Out on the East Coast!

by Charlotte Estabrooks

On Friday, February 13, 2009 (no superstitions, here) PEI Tiny Paws members Arvilla Roach and Charlotte Estabrooks travelled to Halifax, to support Nova Scotia Tiny Paws members, Amanda Layton-Malone, Diane Prince, Heather d'Entremont, and Joan Murray with two separate awareness & fundraising booths.

The first event was the Halifax Kennel Club Dog Show, held at Exhibition Park in Halifax. Tiny Paws members rolled in Friday night and set up, enjoying the opportunity to meet vendors and when the doors opened the next day, Tiny Paws was well received!

Comments were extremely positive, many brochures and business cards were handed out! As well, it gave us an opportunity to finally meet and put names to faces with Tiny Paws members! I am very pleased and proud of our every-growing group of volunteers in the Maritimes!

Saturday, February 15, 2009 Tiny Paws members, Joan Murray, Amanda Layton-Malone, Arvilla Roach and Charlotte Estabrooks hosted a booth at the annual Doggie Expo, sponsored by Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada, at the Halifax Forum. It was an afternoon of fun, hard work, networking and conversing with dog owners from all across Nova Scotia! And as an added bonus - we raised \$203 in funds for Tiny Paws!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for their hard work, dedication and for continued success in this wonderful organization.



Tiny Paws booth at Halifax Doggie Expo event



Tiny Paws Happy Tails



Did you know.....

that Tiny Paws placed over 75 dogs in loving homes last year??



Moffat



Joy



Scrappy



Tia



Lucy



Tobi



Amy



Ellie



Chewbacca



Newf



Bruzer



Grady



*Tiny Paws Happy Tails
Cuddles' Legacy*



It was a frigid fall evening when I arrived home. As soon as I stepped out of my car I heard a familiar voice call to me. It was my next door neighbour Joan, who I was friends with for years. Joan asked me if I wanted another dog; I guess the look on my face must have said that I was not too receptive, both of us knowing I had already a gentle giant (a long haired golden retriever weighting over 135lbs) named Iwo.

Joan went on to say that she has asked everybody she knew and that she would just have to bring this poor little dog to be put down. She then explained how this came about; she had heard about a lady who had been abused and had left her dog in this abandoned car because she could not take the dog to a shelter with her. Joan said the dog had been locked up and kicked by this woman's boyfriend and had been living in this car for days, with no food or water, and was in pretty bad shape.

I could not just walk away knowing all this; I asked if she could take me to see this poor dog. Upon arriving at the car, all I could see were these two little eyes glaring at me. I was not prepared for what I saw. Not only was this poor little angel (long haired Chihuahua) left there cold and hungry, she only looked to weigh about a 1 ½ pounds, and was covered in her own feces. She was missing hair and had what I thought to be a lump on her back. I just could not walk away. I lifted her out of the car, wrapped her in my coat and took her home. My boyfriend at that time asked me what was that in my coat. "A rat!" he yelled out. I said "No, it is our new dog." That is when she became Cuddles (after a bath of course).

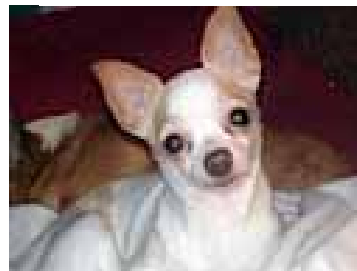
Not only did Cuddles become part of the family, it was not till years later that I realised that I needed her as much as she needed me. It took a lot of time and patience for Cuddles to become not only a loyal companion, but also my best friend. We were inseparable till the day she passed on from cancer 17 years later. Cuddles gave me so much love and joy, I felt that maybe I could give another little angel a good home, of course never to replace Cuddles but as a memorial to her. Then came Shelby, thanks to the help of Tiny Paws and Lynn LeFebvre who help these misfortunate little dogs all the time. Shelby is doing very well and we love her dearly.

For anyone thinking about adopting let me tell you for me it has been a godsend. The love you get back is more then you can imagine. I would like to thank everyone for all the help and support, but especially for Shelby.

Cuddles



Shelby



More Tiny Paws Happy Tails

Wally



Wally is a happily adjusted member of our family since last July. Everybody who saw him at first says he is a completely different dog now. Wally is VERY affectionate - are all dogs like that?? He is also a good listener and he absolutely loves being outside and going in the car. When I go out in the evening to pick up our daughter from work, Wally usually comes too. All I have to say is "Want to go in the car?" and he runs for the door. We get a kick of out him sometimes too as when he gets wound up, he will tear around the home at top speed. It's quite amusing to watch!
H.R.

Josh



Josh is doing great and seems to be very happy in our house. He loves visitors and when we get home from work he follows us around until we sit down and then he jumps on our lap and gives us kisses. He also loves to go for walks and the initial arthritis we thought he had doesn't seem to be bothering him at all. He is eating well directly from the bowl and I have his first grooming appt booked for Tuesday next week. Thanks for checking in. I think Josh is happy with us and we are happy with him, he seems to be the perfect fit for us.
Susan

Moka hanging out with her new brother



Ben loving life!



Another Tiny Paws Happy Tail

Hi, my name is "Alaina" ... (when I was rescued, they called me "Kimi")

I am 8 years old, and a cross between a Shih-Tzu and Lhasa Apso. I live with my new Mom and Dad in a very big house, you should see the backyard, Wow! It is so pretty and there's a lot of space to run. I spotted a few squirrels and I can't wait to chase them in the summer. What fun that will be! I don't really like the cold weather but I still go out for walks with my Mom. She bought me 2 new winter coats and one for spring rainy weather too. I was at the Beauty Parlour and had my hair and nails done this weekend. Don't I look pretty? (but I am **not** looking for a relationship). You wouldn't believe all the toys I have, the squeaky ones are my favourite. I have 3 beds to choose from, and they let me lay on the sofa too - but there is one rule, I have to be on my blanket when I sit on the leather sofa. I've been known to break the rules sometimes, we all forget now and then!

Being around too many people is still hard for me to handle as I'm still a bit shy, but starting to come around. I should start hanging around with my Dad more often, but he speaks with an accent and it's hard to understand him. I know he loves me because he shares his supper with me - boy, is he a good cook! If we get company and I am afraid, I can count on my Dad or Mom to hold me and make me feel safe. My Dad likes to play toys with me. When he throws them and I run to get them, I take them to my Mom instead. I think that is so funny - watching him wait! .. one day I will surprise him and bring it back to him, that will be a shocker? Oh ya, and I hardly ever bark, even when the door bell rings - probably because I know it's not for me!

Hey, guess what? I have 3 new cousins - Bella, Mia, and Summer. They were rescue dogs too. I was a bit shy with them at first, but now I really like going to their house. I even slept over one weekend. We went on two walks a day and played with toys and chased each other around the house - gosh, I was so tired, I had no problem sleeping. I must say that I sure am lucky to have a family who loves me so much. Well, I have to go now because I hear my Mom calling me - we are going for a car ride to Nana's house ... Yeah, life is good!



Thank you to everyone who donated to Tiny Paws to honour the memory and work of our dear friend, Barb Kemsley





Tiny Paws Pet Angel Program



A pet angel is a kind and caring individual who recognizes that our rescue dogs require special medical attention due to a variety of circumstances. Angels may not be able to physically assist or care for a dog but through medical sponsorship they can enrich their lives and make a 'special' connection.

To become a Pet Angel, please view the available dogs shown on our website.

We offer four pet angel categories:

\$25.00: assists with the cost of a consult and/or examination with the veterinarian for the dog you wish to sponsor.

\$50.00: assists with the cost of all required vaccinations plus an examination fee for the dog you wish to sponsor.

\$75.00: assists with the cost of dental work due to neglect and infection for the dog you wish to sponsor.

\$100.00: assists with the cost of a spay or neuter for the dog you wish to sponsor.

Any donation level will receive a tax receipt. As well, your first name will be listed at the bottom of the pet's biography stating you are that dog's pet angel and you will also receive a Tiny Paws Pet Angel pin as a thank you from us.

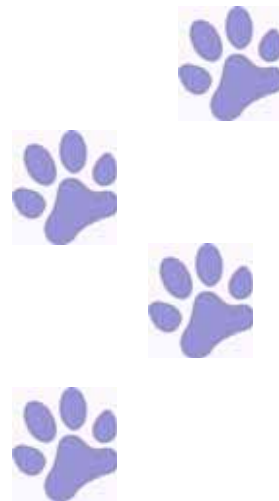
To pay by personal cheque, please e-mail donations.tpdr@gmail.com and you will be sent the mailing address for your donation. PayPal payments can be entered on the Tiny Paws website. **Please include your full name and address and a note about which dog you wish to be an "angel" for.**

10 Most Common Surgically Removed Items

Source: VPI Pet Insurance

<http://press.petinsurance.com/pressroom/227.aspx>

1. Socks
2. Underwear
3. Pantyhose
4. Rocks
5. Balls
6. Chew Toys
7. Corn Cobs
8. Bones
9. Hair Ties/Ribbons
10. Sticks



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Small Dog Activities for the Pomeranian

By Roberta Malott
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Although the Pomeranian is small in stature, they possess the attitude of their larger counterparts. Keeping them busy is the secret to preventing trouble from arising. This article will outline the activity of "carting". Yes – these little bundles of fur are quite capable of pulling carts (soundness of individuals should be confirmed by your veterinarian prior to beginning any activity). Carts should be built in proportion to the dog's size and the dog fitted with a harness that is comfortable. Comfort is the main requirement when fitting a harness. By introducing the dogs to the harness first, and allowing them to wear the harness around the yard or house (supervised at all times), they soon learn it does not impede their movement. When the dog is comfortable with the harness, the shafts are then attached to the sides of the harness or the girth strap. This is an important step, by putting the dog in between these two shafts, they are becoming vulnerable to danger from other dogs, and they must be sure that you are there to protect them. These training sessions are kept short and the cart is only attached when the dog is once again comfortable with the shafts and the harness. These training methods are very easy, by using a clicker and treats – (wonderful treats that the dog loves – not just his/her everyday kibble) their good behaviour is reinforced with treats. Usually cart training can be accomplished in a very short time. Never ask the dogs to pull more than 10-15 lbs including the weight of the cart. It would be wonderful to see the carting regulations adjusted for the different weights of the participants, however, until that time, we will continue to participate only in the fun events such as parades and demonstrations. Our Pomeranians participate in many of the performance events, and the smaller breeds are very capable of doing most activities that are performed by the larger breeds. Common sense is required to know the dog's abilities, and soundness is the first requirement.



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Tiny Paws Dogs Still Looking for their Forever Home



Debi female Shih Tzu
8-10 years



Dozer male Chihuahua
14 months



Kandi female Shih Tzu



Lily female Jack Russell mix
8 years



Miko male Shih Tzu
8 years



Muffit male Shih Tzu
3.5 years



Toddy male Cocker Spaniel mix
7 years



Wiggles female Maltese mix
9 years



Harry and Heidi Dachshunds
10/9 years



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Helping Your Dog Overcome the Fear of Loud Noises



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It's not uncommon for dogs to be frightened of thunder, firecrackers or other loud sounds. These types of fears may develop even though your dog has had no traumatic experiences associated with the sound. Many fear related problems can be successfully resolved. However, if left untreated, your dog's fearful behavior will probably get worse.

The most common behavior problems associated with fear of loud noises are destruction and escaping. When a dog becomes frightened, they try to reduce the fear. They may try to escape to a place where the sounds of thunder or firecrackers are less intense. If, by leaving the yard or going into a certain room or area of the house, they feel less afraid, the escape or destructive behavior is reinforced because it successfully lessens the fear. For some dogs, just the activity or physical exertion associated with one of these behaviors may be an outlet for their anxiety. Unfortunately, escape and/or destructive behavior could also result in physical injury to the dog.

Things that are present in the environment whenever a dog hears the startling noise can become associated with the frightening sound. Over a period of time, they may become afraid of other things in the environment that they associate with the noise that frightens them. I.e. thunder may later be associated with wind, dark clouds and flashes of light that often precede the sound of thunder. Dogs that are afraid of firecrackers may become afraid of children or to go in the backyard, if that is where they usually hear the noise.

What You Can Do To Help

Create A Safe Place: Try to create a safe place for your dog to go to when she hears the noises that frighten them. This must be a safe location from their perspective, not yours. Notice where they go, or try to go when frightened, and or if trying to get under your bed, give access to your bedroom. You can also create a "hidey-hole" that is dark, small and shielded from the frightening sound as much as possible (a fan or radio playing will help block out the sound). Encourage them to go there when you are home and the thunder or other noise occurs. Feed them in that location and associate other "good things" happening there. They must be able to come and go from this location freely. Confining in the "hidey-hole" when they don't want to be there will only cause more problems. The "safe place" approach may work with some dogs, but not all. Some dogs are motivated to move and be active when frightened and "hiding out" will not help them feel less fearful.

Distract Your Dog: This method works best the dog is just beginning to get anxious. Encourage them to engage in an activity that captures their attention and distracts them from behaving fearfully. Start when they first alert you to the noise and are not yet showing a lot of fearful behavior. Try to interest them in doing something that they really enjoy – ie. get out the tennis ball and play fetch (in an escape proof area) or practice some commands that they know. Give a lot of praise and treats for paying attention to the game or the commands. As the storm or the noise builds, you may not be able to keep their attention on the activity, but it might delay the start of the fearful behavior for longer and longer each time you do it. If you cannot keep their attention and they begin acting afraid, stop the process. If you continue you may inadvertently reinforce the fearful behavior.



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Behavior modification techniques are often successful in reducing fears and phobias.

The appropriate techniques are called "counter-conditioning" and "desensitization." This means to condition or teach your dog to respond in non-fearful ways to sounds and other stimuli that previously frightened them. This must be done very gradually. Begin by exposing them to an intensity level of noise that does not frighten them and pair it with something pleasant, like a treat or a fun game. Gradually increase the volume as you continue to offer something pleasant. Through this process, they will come to associate "good things" with the previously feared sound. For example, make a tape with firecracker noises on it. Play the tape at such a low volume that your dog does not respond fearfully. While the tape is playing, feed them dinner, give a treat or play a favorite game. In your next session, play the tape a little louder while you feed them or play a favorite game. Continue increasing the volume through many sessions over a period of several weeks or months. If at any time while the tape is playing, they display fearful behavior, STOP. Begin your next session at a lower volume - one that does not produce anxiety - and proceed more slowly. If these techniques are not used correctly, they will not be successful and can even make the problem worse. For some fears, it can be difficult to recreate the fear stimulus. For example, thunder is accompanied by changes in barometric pressure, lightning and rain, and your dog's fearful response may be to the combination of these things and not just the thunder. You may need professional assistance to create and implement this kind of behavior modification program.

Consult Your Veterinarian: Medication may be available which can make your dog less anxious for short time periods. Your veterinarian is the only person who is licensed and qualified to prescribe medication for your dog. Do not attempt to give your dog any over-the-counter or prescription medication without consulting your veterinarian. Animals do not respond to drugs the same way people do, and a medication that may be safe for humans could be fatal to your dog. Drug therapy alone will not reduce fears and phobias permanently, but in extreme cases, behavior modification and medication used together might be the best approach.

What Not To Do

Attempting to reassure your dog when she is afraid may reinforce the fearful behavior. If you pet, soothe or give treats when they are behaving fearfully, they may interpret this as a reward for the fearful behavior. Instead, try to behave normally, as if you do not notice her fearfulness.

Putting a dog in a crate to prevent them from being destructive during a thunderstorm is not recommended; they will still be afraid when in the crate and is likely to injure themselves, perhaps severely, while attempting to get out of the crate.

Do not punish your dog for being afraid. Punishment will only make them more fearful.

Do not try to force your dog to experience or be close to the sound that frightens them. For example, making them stay close to a group of children who are lighting firecrackers will only make them more afraid, and could cause them to become aggressive in an attempt to escape from the situation.

Obedience classes will not make your dog less afraid of thunder or other noises, but could help boost their general confidence.

Animal Behavior Specialists If your dog has severe fears and phobias and you are unable to achieve success with the techniques it may be time to consult a behavior specialist.



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Tiny Paws and Helping Homeless Pets - Working Together

Tiny Paws is one of 17 rescues who belong to Helping Homeless Pets (HHP), a support group for pet rescues, similar to the United Way for human organizations. HHP was founded by Rob Goddard on the principle that together the rescues could achieve more than they could alone and that HHP could provide organizational support for the rescues, leaving them free to do what they do best; save lives.

HHP helps rescues fundraise for vet bills, educates the public about rescue and about ways to prevent homeless pets and provides a network for rescues to assist each other with transports, home visits and pets in need. Because HHP organizes booths at various shows through the year, HHP has a master liability insurance policy allowing rescues to obtain their individual liability insurance at significant savings, formerly impossible for some rescues to afford. Rescues sign up for shifts at HHP events and net proceeds from these events are distributed to the rescues based on the number of shifts each rescue supplied volunteers.

Rescues have a link from the HHP home page and an "Available Pet Notice" is automatically sent to subscribers each time the list is updated. This helps to widen the exposure of pets looking for adopters.

Rescues can earn revenues in other ways; magazine subscriptions can be purchased from the HHP site, with the funds directed to the rescue of the purchaser's choice. Rescues can also earn web ad revenue from links on the HHP site. Recently HHP held their first on-line action. Items were offered directly on behalf of rescues, as well as for HHP general funds. (As the general fund grows, it will be available for rescue vet bills). HHP also has a special fund started for the mill dogs from recent seizures. 16 of these dogs are being cared for by HHP rescues, including two with Tiny Paws. This fund helps to relieve the extra costs of these animals' long term neglect as well as educate the public about puppy mills and the source of those cute, pet store puppies.

In contests where total votes win a cash prize, totalled together, all the votes for HHP member rescues could possibly win the prize. For example, currently, HHP is asking member rescues to pool their nominations in the www.brewsomegood.ca contest for \$10,000. The prizes are not being awarded by volume of votes alone; however, assisting animals through 17 rescues has a greater impact than any one rescue's efforts and a volume of nominations would gain more attention. All of these actions help TPDR with fundraising and public awareness.

HHP is in the final stages of becoming a charity as well. While this may not have a direct impact on Tiny Paws, the charitable status will directly benefit other rescues that are not a charity, and due to size and lack of resources might never have the means to become a charity.

The cornerstone of Helping Homeless Pets is that 'together we can make a difference'. It's rescues like Tiny Paws that make a difference everyday in the lives of the pets we rescue. HHP is working to help us to Help more Homeless Pets as well as prevent future homeless pets.

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