



JULY NEWSLETTER 2021

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Our team has been hard at work. Through the regular "kitten season" it felt like we had so many foster homes sitting empty, waiting to help. Wondering where all the kittens and mommas who needed help were when the calls didn't come. Then, it was as though the calendar page flipped to May 1 and kitten season had exploded upon rescues.



We've been so busy it seems we haven't had much of a chance to keep you updated with some news from behind the scenes. First, let us say a big Thank you to our amazing foster homes who stepped up huge. Every weekend we managed to help place surrenders into our care as part of our network with the Canadian animal task force. The steady intake has continued through June as cats and kittens slowly trickled on to the website for adoption but not as quickly as they were coming in. We have been forced to close intakes as we are out of space in foster homes until some adoptions are complete.

Then, in ONE DAY we took in 29 cats, kittens, and a major medical case. Now, we are still a small and relatively new rescue. 29 intakes in one day is a major undertaking! The financial obligations alone to spay/neuter, vaccinate, deworm, and microchip 29 healthy cats is a heavy burden, and that's only IF everyone is healthy. It seems this year there's a lot of tummy and GI upset, upper respiratory flare-ups. We also took a cat requiring emergency intervention or would need to be euthanized (resulting in some big bills!) He required surgery to unblock and remove bladder stones. We had two other wee ones hospitalized in ICU. Sadly, our dear Patches lost his battle. That is a lot of vet visits. The expenses are stacking up quickly and while we're busy with events and fundraisers for this summer, we would appreciate any help recruiting volunteers for several positions (foster homes, transport drivers, donation coordinator, events committee, and fundraising). If you'd like to help, please contact us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST 1ST - SUMMER SIZZLER ONLINE AUCTION

AUGUST 7TH - MEMORIAL, FAMILY FUN DAY & OUTDOOR MARKET - PAW BUTLER



MEMORIAL, FAMILY FUN DAY & OUTDOOR MARKET

We will be hosting our annual Memorial celebration on Saturday 7th August at 11 am. Paw Butler has graciously offered to host this event for us once again - the home to our memorial tree and our new memorial bench. This event is open to all who wish to attend at no cost.

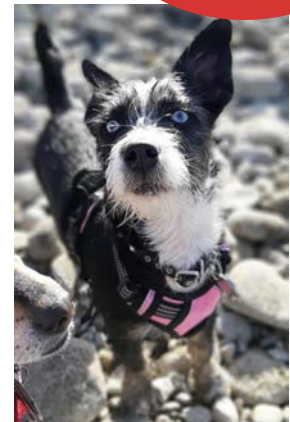
We are dedicating the bench this year in memory of Molly who's help came too late and she sacrificed herself to save her sweet puppies (reminder of her story below). While we miss our dear Molly, we are happy to report that her beautiful babies are safe and loved in their forever homes.

We also remember Patches who we sadly lost after his battle with illness and Fynn who escaped his foster home and hasn't been found.

MOLLY



**MOLLY'S
PUPS
NOW!**



After the ceremony, we will be having our family fun day and outdoor market. We have a large variety of vendors to visit and lots of fun for all the family! We will also have the finale of our Summer Sizzler online auction (more details below) Bring all your 2 and 4 legged family members to join in!



Time: 11am - 3pm

**Venue: Paw Butler,
223169, Range Road 284,
Rockyview T1X0J6**

MOLLY'S STORY: REPOST FROM NOVEMBER 24, 2020

With tears in my eyes and pain in my heart, I wanted to give you an update...I don't even know where to begin. Yesterday was such a good day. We brought in the sweetest little momma Molly and her most gorgeous little babies.

Molly had been abandoned inside a house, left without food and no access to water since Wednesday last week. The circumstances around the situation are complicated and we are unable to comment further. The landlords of the house came about her by fluke and knew they couldn't leave her when they found her Sunday and called us.

We met them yesterday and brought the little family into care. Everyone looked fantastic, eating, drinking, pooping, peeing, bright, alert. Molly was most grateful and spent the journey cuddling with our team and feeding her babies. Her eyes had hope, and her warm snuggles showed her gratitude that we had her babies in our care. These dogs are so special, in a way I can't even put into words. To sum it up, they know. They know they are safe. They know they will be fed, cared for, and loved. But sadly, sometimes they know what we can't see...



Molly passed away last night. Her little babes were found suckling her lifeless body this morning. Molly's help came too late. She literally gave every last drop of life to sustain her puppies and get them to help, at a toll that cost her, her life. She depleted all her nutrition and there was just nothing left to keep her going.

The news this morning was stunning, devastating, and plain, downright gutting. I will never understand how a monster can lock a dog inside a building and leave them to die, especially when little lives depend on them. While some may look at dogs as "beasts of burden", they depend on us to ensure they have access to things that sustain life. I see them as loyal friends, worthy of nothing less than an equally returned dedication to their care. I am heartbroken that another living being can be so cruel and heartless. Molly paid the ultimate price. She may have only been 'ours' for a matter of hours but she was so loved and will be missed. I am terribly sad for her precious babies. I hope they are able to overcome the hardships before them. Rest easy my dear Molly. I am so sorry humans failed you. We've got this now and I promise your life will not be in vain. We will carry on where you left off. We will care for your little babes and do everything we can to ensure they live the most beautiful lives imaginable.

SUMMER SIZZLER ONLINE AUCTION

Crave



...AND MORE!

Once again, we will be hosting an online auction starting on August 1st and finishing at our Family Fun Day on August 7th!

All bidding will start at just \$1 and there are no reserves!

You can view and bid on the items by logging on to:

www.32auctions.com/rescuefriends

All items can be viewed and collected when bidding closes at the Family Fun Day.

A huge thank you to all the companies that donated items.



FALL PLANT FUNDRAISER

www.rescuefriends.growingsmilesfundraising.com

We have teamed up with Growing Smiles again to offer a great selection of fall plants. Orders need to be submitted by August 17th and will be ready for pick up after September 1st. Our Growing Smiles Spring campaign was a huge success so let's make this one just as good!



Mums

\$20

***variety of
colours***



***Tropical
Planter***

\$30



2-pack

Mowgli set

\$40



***Culinary
Herb
Planter***

\$25



***Succulent
bowl***

\$30

SKIP THE DEPOT



Donate with
SkipTheDepot

Our fundraiser with Skip the Depot is proving very successful to help raise funds. Donating through Skip the Depot could not be easier - book your appointment directly through the Skip the Depot app - download the app at apps.skipthedepot.com/rescuefriends pick a time convenient for you and they will come to your house, pick up your bottles and donate the money direct to Rescue Friends! Thank you to everyone who has already done this!



WANT TO HELP US?

Donations Coordinator.

In this position, you will be responsible for ensuring we have supplies for our foster homes and animals in care. You will use social media to make call outs for specific requests and organize pick ups and drop off of items as needed.



Fundraising Coordinator.

In this position, you will be responsible for coordinating our fundraising efforts, finding new fundraising opportunities and working with the volunteer coordinator to make sure we have enough people to help.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please email volunteer@rescuefriends.ca