



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Summer and Fall have been extremely busy for us! With the intake of 17 puppies at once, spaying their moms, and numerous cat intakes we nearly booked all the surgical space for September at one of our partner clinics. We also spent the most we ever have over a two-month time period. From Sept 1 to Oct 31, our vet expenses surpassed the \$15,000 mark with donations bringing in just a few hundred dollars.

We have to keep working hard on fundraisers to be able to continue the work we do. November and December are our busiest, biggest, and most important fundraisers of the year. Please consider supporting some of our upcoming fundraisers and if you're unable to support please share on your social media. We have lots of posts on our Facebook page or links can be shared directly from our website.

Recent Rescues:

In August we were contacted by a family who had two litters of pups born a week apart. Feeling overwhelmed with the responsibility of rehoming 17 puppies, they reached out for assistance. We were able to find foster placement for everyone and we also provided SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) help for the family's three dogs. All three were females, (two being the moms of the pups) who were spayed, vaccinated, dewormed, and returned to a very grateful family. Only Egon and Dana remain available for adoption as the rest have already been placed in their forever homes.



MINI MIRACLE

Mimi is a very special intake. Her situation was shared via a Facebook post and one of our members reached out. The person posting was looking for a surrogate mother cat for a litter of kittens that had been rejected. Unfortunately, initially, they were unwilling to surrender the kittens, and by the time they called us again only one tiny kitten remained. Mimi was picked up and brought into emergency. Her cold little body weighed only 115 grams and she was very hypothermic at just 33 degrees (the normal temperature range for a kitten is 37.2-39.2 degrees celsius). We knew she needed all the prayers and love, and the strength of a strong name.



Mimi is short for Mini-Miracle, which is exactly what she is to have made it this far! After 3 days in ICU, she was released to a foster who bottle-fed her every 2 hours. Mimi is not out of the woods yet, having difficulty with ataxia (cause unknown), trauma injuries, and requiring her leg to be splinted to stabilize it. Treatment for her other ailments has continued but we are thrilled to report that she just surpassed the 1 pound mark, a remarkable milestone for this tiny titan.

Mimi's case has caused considerable vet bills, but she's worth every penny. If you would like to donate to Mimi's Fund, donations can be emailed to info@rescuefriends.ca

WILD GOOSE CHASE

Our team of volunteers has a range of expertise and experience, and they exude patience, determination, and perseverance! After a concerned citizen reached out about a trio of domestic geese that had been dumped in a local park, our team mobilized to help. The geese are not wild, and cannot be left to fend for themselves. Unable to fly and not equipped for the oncoming winter, we knew time was of the essence. After previous failed attempts, we are thrilled to announce we were able to secure these geese who previously evade capture. They are now safe, fed, and have found sanctuary with one of our members.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We took in a stray dog from rural Alberta, naming her Ribena, and soon after discovered that she was pregnant. We are happy to announce that Ribena gave birth to three beautiful puppies on Halloween. Fittingly her babies are named Voorhees, Meyers, and Krueger. Don't let the names fool you however, these babies are adorable angels. The little family is doing well and once all are spayed and neutered will be placed up for adoption.



URBAN BUNNY RESCUE

Normally, we do not get involved with urban domestic bunnies, but when we got a call from a concerned citizen about a family of baby bunnies, whose mother had been run over by a car, and who lived under a dumpster in a downtown back alley with no grass to burrow for the winter, we could not ignore it. And instead mounted a rescue mission over two weekends to catch the entire family. All babies are safe now and being socialized and once spayed and neutered will be available for adoption.



OTHER NEWS...

As soon as the thermometer drops, the calls start coming in for assistance and intake of animals. Sadly, we are already very busy with surrender cases. As people return to work, a lot of the "covid pets" (pets adopted while people were home during the pandemic) are now being pushed back to rescue. We have recently taken a number of dog and cat owner surrenders as well as private rehoming placements. Without a shelter to hold animals, we are at the mercy of foster space and availability. Without an open spot, we are unable to help. If you have ever considered fostering, now is the time! We provide direct billing at our partner clinics and provide all supplies. There are no out-of-pocket expenses for you. You only need to provide a safe place and plenty of TLC. If you are interested in fostering, please complete the foster application, available on our website - www.rescuefriends.ca



FUNDRAISERS

We have a number of great fundraisers going on at the moment. For more information on them visit our website at www.rescuefriends.ca



SIP & SUPPORT COFFEE AND TEA

ORDER BEFORE Nov 15th
PICK UP Dec 5th in Rundle (NE)



To place an order email Katie@rescuefriends.ca - To pay (E-transfer) info@rescuefriends.ca

COFFEE

Rebel Bean Coffee is fair-trade, 100% organic Arabica coffee that is freshly roasted in Okotoks. \$20/400g bag of either whole or ground coffee beans.

FOREVER HOME BLEND (Medium Roast): Normally sold as Jitterbug, this is Rebel Bean's most popular medium roast blend, rebranded to support Rescue Friends Animal Foundation. Whether you choose this blend because of its name, its custom-designed label, or its mellow, bright, caramel-infused flavour, this is an easy-drinking cup.

DARK ROAST: Coffee lovers will enjoy the bold intensity of this blend. Earthy Central and South American beans are roasted to bring out the nutty flavours and spicy characteristics in this coffee.

ESPRESSO: Easy Rider is a smooth, sweet, easy-to-drink Espresso. Beans from Indonesia, Central, and South America combine to offer a caramel-infused cup with a beautiful, rich crema. Easy Rider is perfect on its own or when combined with frothy steamed milk.

DECAF: This single-origin coffee from Peru has been naturally decaffeinated using the Swiss Water Process method. Rebel Bean's Peru Decaf has become sought after for its nutty fragrance, creamy richness, and chocolatey flavour.

TEA Sold as \$10/50g bag

ARABIAN MINT TEA Ingredients: Peppermint, spearmint, ginger, orange peels, everlasting flowers.
Caffeine: None

CHINA GREEN TEA Ingredients: Organic Sencha Green Tea. Caffeine: Moderate

EARL GREY CREAM Ingredients: Black tea, cornflowers, oil of bergamot, natural flavours.
Caffeine: Robust

ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA \$10/50G

Ingredients: Black Tea. Caffeine: Robust

LOOSE LEAF TEA STEEPER \$10

A simple and easy-to-use tea steeper with a stainless-steel mesh. Perfect for making one cup of loose-leaf tea

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CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE

ORDER BEFORE Nov 21

PICK UP IN Rundle (NE) Dec. 5th

PLACE ORDER THROUGH THE LINK:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1156701-85771>

Easy to do!

Register your email. Set up your account. Click SHOP ONLINE. Click Marketplace. Select Items. Pay!



CHRISTMAS PLANT SALE

We have teamed up with Growing Smiles again to offer a great selection of Christmas plants. Orders need to be submitted by November 14th and will be ready for pick up on November 29th. Our Growing Smiles Spring campaign was a huge success so let's make this one just as good!

LAST ORDERS NOVEMBER 14!

Christmas plant fundraiser!

Poinsettas (\$13), planters & wreaths (from \$35)

The advertisement features a green background with several images of Christmas plants and wreaths. A red circular badge in the top left corner contains the text 'LAST ORDERS NOVEMBER 14!'. The main text is in a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant cursive fonts. At the bottom, there are logos for 'RESCUE FRIENDS animal foundation' and 'Smiles FUNDRAISING'.

www.rescuefriends.growingsmilesfundraising.com

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GRINCH TREES

They were a hit last year and sold quickly!!

Pre-order your grinch tree!

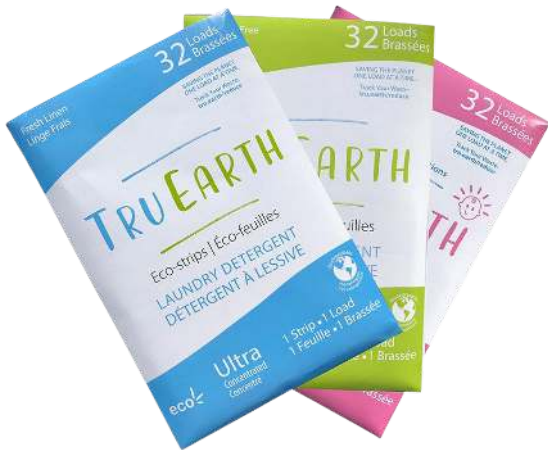
Trees will be ready after Dec 1, and pre-orders will have the first selection of trees as they are made available.

First come, first choice!

Book early.

Visit our online store to get yours today

<https://rescue-friends-animal-foundation.square.site/shop/pre-order/5>



TRU EARTH

Tru Earth sell a variety of cleaning products made in Canada along with other environmental products saving thousands of plastic containers.

Rescue Friends receives 20% of our sales and products will get shipped directly to you.

To order use the following link –

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/RescueFriends>

OUR RESCUE FRIENDS ONLINE STORE IS ACTIVE!

Shop for cozy and stylish gifts!

<https://rescue-friends-animal-foundation.square.site/>



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?



We are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, transportation, adoptions, donation coordination, and fostering. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to volunteer@rescuefriends.ca



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Join other Rescue Friends Alumni and share updates, pictures, and stories.

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