



# PAWS FOR A WHILE...



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## NASAP Needs Your Help!

Dear NASAP supporters and foster homes;

NASAP currently has two cats in care with chronic medical conditions that are looking for permanent care foster homes. We are sending out this request for help widely to see if anyone has a living situation that might be able to accommodate one of these cats:

Winston is an approximately 4 year old neutered male cat that came to NASAP in late 2011. Winston is FIV positive. FIV is a virus that affects the immune system of cats. Winston must be fostered in a home with NO OTHER CATS and must remain strictly indoors only. FIV is not contagious to animals other than cats, and consequently he could be fostered with friendly dogs. Winston also has ongoing issues with his ears. They must be cleaned out and drops must be administered on a daily basis. Winston also has a polyp in his ear that requires surgery periodically. As long as he receives regular care, Winston should enjoy many more years of comfort and happiness in his NASAP permanent care foster home.



Bo is an approximately 15 year old spayed female cat that returned to NASAP's care in 2012. She is a lovely, quiet senior that is looking for a comfortable retirement home. Bo has kidney disease and is at the stage where she requires weekly supportive care in the form of subcutaneous fluids. The administration of fluids is something that can be done at home, and Bo tolerates this procedure quite well. As her condition progresses, fluids might have to be administered a couple of times per week. These regular treatments will help Bo remain comfortable for her golden years. She also requires a special low protein diet that is provided by NASAP. Bo would appreciate a quiet indoor-only home where she is the only pet.



Please consider whether your home and schedule might be able to accommodate one of NASAP's special needs cats. Please forward this request to other animal lovers among your friends and family in case they might be able and willing to help.

Thanks very much,

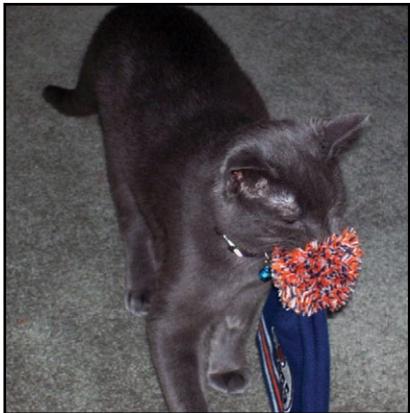
NASAP cat intake



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## Is Fostering For You?

I had grown up in a household full of animals but had never taken the plunge as an adult. I had been thinking about adopting a cat, but had been worried about making a long-term commitment. In January 2009 I discovered fostering and decided that it would give our family the best of both worlds. We could still have our freedom and enjoy the day-to-day living with a furry friend. I never imagined how wonderful and rewarding it would be becoming a foster home.



*Frank at 5 months old, our first foster cat*

Three years later, we've seen many cats and litters of kittens come and go. Some stay a few days, some for weeks, many come to us with sad stories, but they all leave us to begin wonderful new lives in their forever homes.

It can be hard to say goodbye to a cat I've become particularly fond of. However, I am involved in selecting the new adoptive family, getting them prepared for their new family member and smooth out any problems they may have. I keep in touch with all the adoptive homes and get regular updates on their progress. As soon as one cat leaves a new one arrives and I can help another furry friend find a better life. I can't adopt them all (until I win the lottery) so for now this is the best way I can help.

I volunteer with an organization called the Northern Alberta Society for Animal Protection (NASAP). NASAP has been serving the northern Alberta region since 1998 helping to find homes for homeless and unwanted animals. NASAP operates solely through a network of foster homes that treat the animals as members of their own family.

Foster homes provide daily care, safety and routine, basic training, exercise, play and love. NASAP covers all the costs for food and medical care. A foster home life allows an animal an opportunity to settle into a home environment and be assessed for what type of home would best suit

the personality of that particular animal. NASAP mainly rescues cats and dogs, but does help small animals too. New rescues come from other animal shelter agencies and NASAP posts them for adoption on their website.

Fostering isn't for everyone. At times it can be hard and drives me a little bit crazy... a litter of 3 month old kittens can move really fast and make a lot of mess! Foster homes can have existing family pets or none at all. You could have years of experience with animals or be willing to expand your horizons and learn on the job. There is nothing you will experience that NASAP hasn't already seen with almost 5,000 animals they have saved. All you really need is a desire to make a difference in a dog or a cat's life and some time and patience. If you are interested in knowing more you can check out NASAP's website at [www.nasap.ca](http://www.nasap.ca) or come and talk to me about it.

*Jayne Custance*  
*The foster cat lady*



*Augustus*



*Matilda*



*Lara*



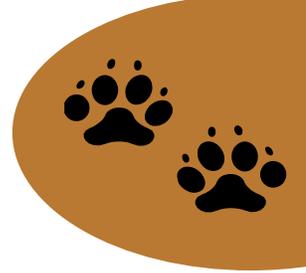
*Weasley*



*Ferney*



*Ernie*



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## Foster Tails

### Marley

Marley is a knee high shepherd x (most likely with a high energy breed like border collie or jack russel) who is an owner surrender. He is responding to positive reinforcement and once he knows what you want, it's done before you even have to ask.

He enjoys riding in the van, and will sit in the driver's seat and wait for your return. Marley jumps in the back when he sees you approach, and sits beside your seat ready to head to the next destination. He is discovering how fun it is to ride in a car and feel the wind in your hair!

He has learned sit and stay, and is quite good on the leash. We are continuing to work on heeling. He is excellent at the dog park, great recall, and sticks with the pack no problem. In the house Marley understands cats are not to chase, although he does his best to entice them into a game of wrestling. He is fine with kids but may do best with older kids he can't knock over, and who can run and play with him. Marley is a great watchdog and barks whenever anyone approaches the property, but is not an annoying barker once he understands you have control of the situation.

Marley needs a home that will understand his high energy level and his need for mental stimulation, entertainment and continued training. Marley does best with daily exercise (he is currently visiting the dog park twice a day, about an hour and a half each visit, and this works well for him). He also needs a home that will be patient with him as he learns your rules and schedule. Marley is a dog who loves his people and wants to be with them all the time.

He does not get into any trouble if you give him items that hold his interest (he likes rubber Chuckit balls and plastic bottles that snap and crack when he chews on them).

If Marley seems like the dog for your family please come visit him!



### Sweet Pea, Scout, Violet & Cookie

Four baby bunnies were surrendered to NASAP by a caring individual who humanely trapped them on her property outside of Calgary. These bunnies were born to a rabbit who was once someone's pet, and was, along with other rabbits, carelessly dumped in the country a few years ago. These rabbits multiplied, and now landowners in that area are snaring and shooting them to prevent them from becoming nuisances. Luckily this momma rabbit chose the right patch of land to have her babies. They are now safely in the care of NASAP and looking for their forever homes. Momma is still out there, with injuries to her back and neck (possibly from escaping a predator and/or a snare), and she will be welcomed into care as well, if she can be caught.

Sweet Pea has a distinguishing beauty mark (round black spot) on her nose. Scout is a handsome young black bunny, the only male of the litter. Violet is a little shy, but not skittish. She is easy to pick up and sits nicely on your lap while you visit with her. While Cookie is the "Oreo" coloured one, she seems to be the most curious of her siblings. Cookie is often the first to hop on top of a cardboard box in their cage, and she was once seen napping with her siblings — laying on her back.

These bunnies are spayed/neutered and microchipped, and available for adoption. If you are interested in adopting any of these young rabbits, please contact NASAP.



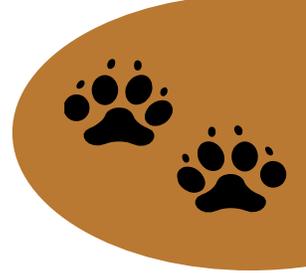
Scout



Cookie



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## *Petland South Adoption Event*

On March 23, 2013 NASAP held an adoption event at Petland South. A presentation was made and NASAP was given a cheque in the amount of \$1,887.55 from Petland. Through Paws for Hope and Share the Love, Petland collected all the donations from in-store donations from their customers. NASAP sincerely thanks Petland for this generous donation and their ongoing support.



## *NASAP's Board Members for 2013*

NASAP would like to announce the new board for 2013. Genevieve Horvath has returned for another year as President. Jenny Graydon also returned as Vice President. Pat Mash holds the Treasurer position and Jaclyn Gallop as Secretary. NASAP would like to welcome Iona Haggard, Vera Missen and Sheila Krivsky as our directors. Looking forward to a great year everyone!

## *Thank You's*

NASAP would like to send out great thanks to Amanda Bailey and Iona Haggard. These wonderful ladies have spent countless hours, and have also provided supplies to renovate our worn and dingy office space.

The project started with renting a storage bin to remove everything from the office. Carpeting was then removed and new vinyl flooring installed. While furniture was still in the storage bin, Amanda painted the whole space, as well as installing new baseboards and bringing in contractors to update electrical and plumbing. Then Amanda and Iona organized bringing in all the furniture and finding newer pieces that suited the renovated space.

Thank you so much Ladies!

