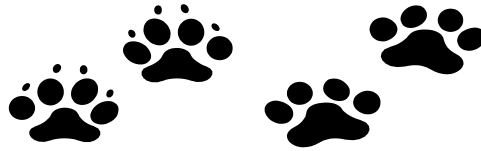




# PAWS FOR A WHILE...



November 2013

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## Howl'oween Pooch Parade

NASAP participated in the Howl'oween Pooch Parade event at Greenland Garden Centre in Sherwood Park on October 27, 2013. Participants were invited to pick a pet costume and join the parade!

1st prize in the pooch parade went to this lovely pair!

Adoptable NASAP dog Radar was dressed as a spider. He was adopted a few days later to a wonderful family that met him at the event!

Adoptable NASAP puppy Flint was dressed as Tigger! He looks GREAAAAAAT!

Other former NASAP animals enjoyed Halloween 2013 fun in their new forever homes:

Benji with his new family carving the pumpkin!

Teddy (formerly Colter) in his vampire costume! How cute is he!



Radar



Benji



Flint



Teddy



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## *ATCO Bake Sale*

NASAP wishes to sincerely thank Donna C. who set up this bake sale table at her work place (ATCO Gas) on October 30, 2013. Her goal was to raise funds for and awareness about NASAP during their charity week. During this time, employees also had the option to donate out of their wages to various charities. ATCO Gas will tally up all the donations from the bake sale and employee contributions and present this generous donation to NASAP! Thank you so much for your support!

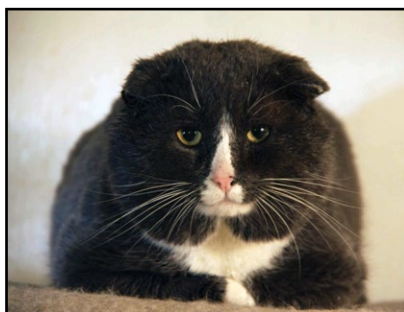


## *Plea for Permanent Care Home*

NASAP currently has a cat in care with a chronic medical condition that is looking for a permanent care foster home. We are circulating this request for help widely to see if anyone has a living situation that might be able to accommodate this cat.

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 on-going issues with his ears. They must be cleaned out and drops



must be administered on a daily basis. Winston 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.

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

### **NASAP Cat Intake**

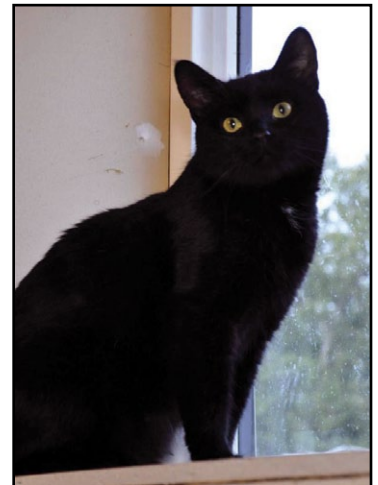
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## *Foster Tails*

### *Adoptable Cat Vira*

Vira came to us from our partner pound with her two newborn kittens. Her kittens have since been weaned and adopted out to loving homes.

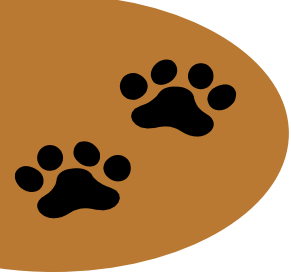
Vira is extremely affectionate and she loves to snuggle. She is quiet, very well behaved and loves the company of people. Vira loves to play and has kitten-like curiosity and personality. She would likely do well with any family with well-behaved, respectful children.



She is currently fostered with kids ranging in age from 7 to 17. She is quite content to let them pet her, and she allows everyone to pick her up. She loves to be around people but does not need to be on a lap at all times. She has decided that her daytime place is next to her foster mom's desk where she has a blanket to sleep on and an overturned box that she can climb up on to look out the window.

Vira recently spent time in a foster home with a resident dog and she had no issues at all. In fact, she even curled up and slept with the dog. She is slightly more hesitant about other cats at first, but we believe she certainly has the ability to get along with any friendly pets given the





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***Adoptable Cat Vira (con't)***

appropriate introductions.

Vira has been spayed and is now available for adoption! Please inquire about adopting her today!

***Friedrick***

Friedrick is a two and a half year old brown and white tabby male, domestic short haired cat. If you're looking for the all-around perfect cat, then this boy is for you! He LOVES to cuddle and will curl up with you for as long as you will sit with him! He is also happy to curl up in the sun and snooze solo. Playing with cat toys is one of Freddy's favorite things to do, and he will happily play with his person or on his own.

One of the first things you'll notice about this kitty is his adorable little chirping noises! Friedrick settled in quite quickly to his new foster home and is now figuring out how to properly play with his little foster sister, Maggie, and is tolerating the resident dog nicely. He would do well with or without animal companionship. You will absolutely fall in love with this sweet, friendly cat!

Friedrick was with NASAP when he was about a year old. He was adopted out but was recently surrendered to NASAP after a year and a half in that home. Shortly after Freddy came back into care, his foster home noticed that he was vomiting quite a lot. This past July, he was taken to the vet to be examined. Fecal test results showed no problems and the exam showed that he appeared to be a healthy cat.

However, Freddy continued to vomit and he returned to the clinic multiple times throughout August to try to determine the cause. He was given an antacid and put on a diet to support gastrointestinal health. Unfortunately nothing seemed to stop Freddy from throwing up. Blood

tests and x-ray results were all normal and gave no clues to what was wrong.

Freddy's health continued to deteriorate and in mid-September he was hospitalized for lack of appetite and lethargy. He was given fluids and the next day he underwent exploratory surgery to biopsy his internal organs in hopes of finding the cause of his excessive vomiting. A feeding tube was inserted to help feed Freddy while he recovered from the surgery.

The biopsy results showed helicobacter gastritis in his stomach and vacuolar hepatopathy in his liver. Freddy was given a course of antibiotics and he has now recovered from his surgery. He is now eating without the feeding tube but is still throwing up intermittently. He has been switched to a hypo-allergenic food in hopes that this dietary change will help his condition.

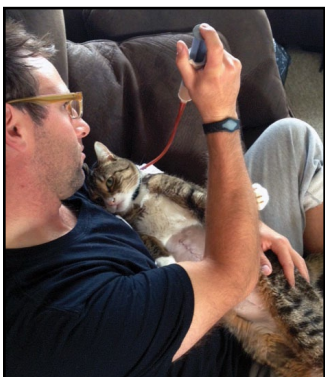
We are still hopeful that we will be able to help Friedrick live a healthy and happy life, but his medical condition represents an ongoing challenge for Friedrick, his wonderful foster parents, NASAP volunteers and his veterinarian.

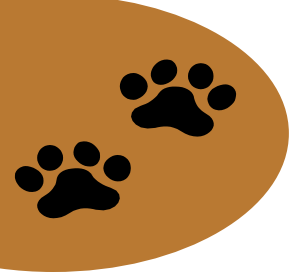
Friedrick's ongoing vet appointments, testing and his exploratory surgery have been costly. If you would like to make donation towards Friedrick's care and vet bills please contact us at 780-922-0250 or email donations@nasap.ca.

***Christmas Wish List 2013***

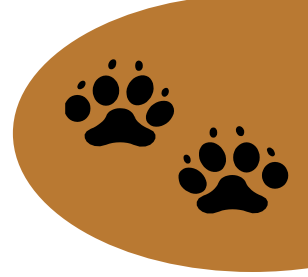
Please think of the homeless animals and consider making a donation from NASAPs 2013 wish list! Please email donations@nasap.ca to arrange drop off of items! We are especially in need of the following:

- ♦ Cat litter (clumping clay, unscented) November 2013:CRITICAL NEED!!
- ♦ Premium cat/kitten food (wet/canned) November 2013:CRITICAL NEED!!
- ♦ Puppy pads
- ♦ Cat scratching posts
- ♦ Litter for small animals (swheat scoop and yesterday's news softer texture)
- ♦ Office items: paper towels, toilet paper, boxes of tissues, windex, stamps





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## *Pet Reminder*

NASAP would like to remind all pet owners that with all the snowy fun that comes with winter, there are also some hazards that we all should look out for. Here are a few to consider:

In the colder months even outside dogs should not be left outside unsupervised, or without a heated shelter. Access to a warm dog bed and adequate shelter is a must. A heated dog bowl can also keep water and food from freezing.

Watch those little paws! We know not many dogs like their booties, but they keep their feet safe from salt on walkways and give them grip on ice.

Watch out if your dog has short or thin hair like a Chihuahua, or a Greyhound. A sweater or a jacket can protect their tiny bodies from wind and cold.

Try not to let your pup eat snow or ice, there could be hidden objects or chemicals in there. Plus it could upset their stomach or even cause hypothermia.

Beware of antifreeze. It is highly toxic! Even though exposure to antifreeze is an all year thing, the risk is especially high during the colder months. And antifreeze tastes sweet to dogs, so make sure you watch your dog all the time. If you suspect any exposure, take your dog to the vet immediately.

To sum up please use common sense, dogs are not able to communicate through words that they are cold. But if you are still concerned contact your vet if there is any abnormal behaviour or signs of illness.

