

# PAWS FOR A WHILE...

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NASAP is an animal rescue organization dedicated to rescuing and re-homing abandoned and abused animals in Edmonton and its surrounding areas. Since its inception in 1997 NASAP has successfully found new homes for over 6,000 pets. We actively practice and promote spaying and neutering of adoptable animals, and we are dedicated to reducing the use of euthanasia as a means to control pet overpopulation.

The rescued animals are fostered in NASAP's volunteers homes until they can be adopted into new loving homes.

## NASAP COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE EVENTS FROM 2015

The events outlined below were organized by the coordinated efforts of the NASAP board, NASAP volunteers and our wonderful NASAP foster homes and our corporate sponsors.

### "PETS'N THE PARK" JUNE 28, 2015

Pets'n the Park, Edmonton's Official Pet Festival, was back for another year. Pets'n the Park has become a tradition in Edmonton. It's the one and only day of the year that pets are welcomed into beautiful William Hawrelak Park. Over the past 23 years people and their furred, feathered or scaled companions have attended and raised thousands of dollars for animals in need.

### CASINO

The NASAP casino occurred on August 11 and 12, 2015. It was a huge success and we had an overwhelming wave of support of volunteers for positions. We had several people return to volunteer for our casino

and many new volunteers. Over the course of the two days much fun and many laughs were had. Our day shifts were a tight group of people who have volunteered together for years. Our first evening shift was a combination of dog foster home volunteers, all of whom shared lots of stories and advice. Our second evening was a group of new volunteers who bonded over our love of animals. It was really amazing for everyone to put faces to names and continue to build our network and NASAP family. We truly appreciate all of the efforts of our volunteers; we could not continue to run without you! A special thank you to our casino advisers! Our casino event is an important source of funding for NASAP's rescued animals veterinary costs. NASAP's next casino will be held in mid 2017 and we hope to see you all again!

#### ADOPTION DAYS

Petland Southside provided a venue for NASAP sponsored adoption days in early 2015. Many of our rescue animals met their future families through these events.



PetValu Beaumont graciously sponsored two Kitten Adoption Days this past summer. PetValu Adoption was held on October 2 and 3, 2015 in Namao. Some NASAP kitties along with their people volunteers attended. Amy, the manager and her staff were an amazing help, collecting donations for the whole month of October. Thank you for all the help ladies!



### UP COMING EVENT: SILENT AUCTION

NASAP is pleased to announce that we are holding our annual silent auction event very soon!

The 2015 NASAP Silent Auction will take place on Friday November 27th, 2015 at Average Joes Sports Bar, 390 Baseline Road, Sherwood Park AB T8H 2H8. It's a lively and thriving establishment that is very hospitable to charities. We are very excited about this opportunity and hope you can help us make it another success! Our president, Geneieve Horvath, and her band of helpful volunteers are working to make this a really fun event. If you are intersted in volunteering for our Silent Auction contact admin@nasap.ca please!





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A very special range of auction items and a mega liquor basket should garner a lot of activity.

Just a few of the featured items include:

- Hole's Greenhouses/Enjoy Centre –
   a gift basket containing a selection
   of their books, Glasshouse Bistro
   gift certificates and a \$249 gift
   certificate for a 1-hour consultation
   with Jim Hole
- Hooters West end "All you can eat wings night in 1 hour for 7 people party!"
- RenovationFind Membership Discount Package (value \$399) from Ardent Roofing Systems
- Philips Sonicare toothbrush from Glenora Dental (value \$229)
- TaylorMade Golf carry bag from Royal Mayfair Golf Club (value \$229)
- Haircut and color two plus one haircut by Alta Moda Design Group (\$190)
- City of Edmonton Recreation Facility – family passes John Janzen, Muttart, Valley Zoo, 2 adult and 2 kids passes Fort Edmonton (value \$188)
- Collins Chiropractic Envy pillow as seen on Dragon's Den (value \$159)
- Massage for 1 hour PT Health Belmeade Physical Therapy (value \$89)
- Jewelry, books, art, golf equipment, tools, pet supplies plus gift certificates for major retailers and much more!!!

This is an Oilers hockey away night (in Detroit) and what better place to watch the game than at a sports bar! Please rally round NASAP and come out with friends to holiday gift shop, support a great cause and just have a nice social time at NASAP's silent auction!

### DONATIONS & VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

The many businesses and corporate donors who provide goods are greatly appreciated.

### STRATHCONA FOOD BANK

Strathcona Food Bank provided a large donation of dog food in June, 2015 to NASAP.



#### CHAMPION PETFOODS

NASAP received very large donations from Champion Petfoods in February and October 2015. Their products come to us well before expiration and in good quality in accordance with their ethics and commitment to animal care.

#### LEDUC COUNTY

Leduc County thanked us "for the exceptional care and compassion" that NASAP "gives to the unclaimed and abandoned dogs found within Leduc County". The county representative noted NASAP's dedication to caring

for animals until they can be placed with a caring family. NASAP greatly appreciates the kind acknowledgement and support for our volunteer work. It is only through such partnerships that we succeed.

Canada Helps anonymous donators also are acknowledged as a special collection of contributors to NASAP through their online support.

NASAP genuinely appreciates our very special monthly contributors who regularly donate so generously to rescuing homeless animals in northern Alberta.

To all the donors who have answered our requests for contributions: thank you for your generous giving to NASAP. All financial support enables the many volunteers to continue their animal rescue work.

Thank you to our Foster Parent Homes for caring and proving a nurturing environment that all animals require to succeed in their future homes.

Thank you to the dedicated board for steering NASAP, and to all the short term and long term NASAP volunteers who help in so many ways.

When seeking an animal companion please consider adopting a rescued NASAP animal and joining our family of NASAP adoptive parents.

## ONE OF NASAP'S SPECIAL ANIMALS

Stella is a young short haired calico female cat that came to NASAP from our partner pound. She was impounded with a severely embedded harness which had cut a gaping wound into her right armpit and neck. She has required two surgeries to trim the edges, suture





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the wound closed and to deal with an infection. She was also severely underweight and it took some time before she could be spayed and placed up for adoption. She is slowly recovering from the traumas of her recent past and is settling in to foster care. First impressions are that she is gentle and friendly. Stella likes to curl up next to you and get rubs. She will purr like crazy and even starts to drool in pleasure. Stella is looking for an indoor home where she will be safe for life. We are not sure yet whether or not she will get along with other animals.

NASAP's emergency fund allows us to help homeless cats like Stella that are in desperate need of urgent medical care. Please donate so that we can replenish this fund and help cats like Stella that will undoubtedly need our help in the future.

For all of November 2015, NASAP has reduced our adult cat (6 months - 10 years) adoption fee to only \$100! This fee includes spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, deworming, microchip, feline leukemia/FIV testing and a post adoption health check exam! If you have been considering adding a feline friend to your family, there is no better time than right now!



### INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD

### **Geneieve Horvath, President**

Years with NASAP: 11 years ago I volunteered answering phones, then Dog Intake, then VP and now president for a number of years.

Animals at your house: 3 NASAP dogs, all fosters that never left: Zoe, Chase and Noah.

Reason for joining NASAP: Helping place homeless animals in forever homes is food for my soul.

### Iona Haggard, Vice President

Years with NASAP: 8 on the board as treasurer, director and now VP.

Reason for joining NASAP: Love of dogs and animals in general sustains me.

### **Cherise Frederick, Treasurer**

Years with NASAP: I have been a dog foster home with NASAP since September 2013. I joined the board in April 2015 and the Dog Intake Team May 2014. I am also a helper with Facebook.

Animals at your house: Currently I have my own dog Willow, who is a 7 year-old Husky Rottie cross. She was my third foster dog and from the moment I found her at the pound we were completely bonded. I also have a cat named Bones, a tiny 11 year-old tabby cat. I have been fostering Gremlin since February 2015.

Reason for joining NASAP: I have been a part of NASAP since a good friend invited me to an event and I signed up as a dog foster home. I love being able to give these animals a second, third or fourth lease on life. Seeing their ability to forgive

and endless supply of love warms my heart. They give me the drive to follow up on the next dog coming into care. Also, our team is amazing: the board is a great team of individuals who are wonderful to volunteer with as they go above and beyond every day. Our volunteers who devote their time so selflessly to furry family members who do not have their own voice, keeps me motivated and devoted to this cause.

### Jaclyn Gallop, Secretary

Years with NASAP: Foster home for 2 years where I fostered 15 dogs and then 4 years on the board.

Animals at your house: Currently I have 2 dogs, a giant 100 pound chocolate lab named Hazel and a tiny miniature schnauzer named Heinrich.

Reason for joining NASAP: I lived alone in a house with a big yard and wanted to help animals through fostering. Before I knew it I had two dogs and I was working on the board with other animal lovers.

### **Sheila Krivisky, Director**

Years with NASAP: 4 years

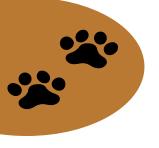
Reason for joining NASAP: I was a small dog foster home and then joined the board. I enjoy NASAP's personal interaction with the volunteers and I am very happy to see the animals get an opportunity to have happy outcomes in their new homes.

### Jenny Graydon, Director

Years with NASAP: 9 working as a volunteer on the board and working in Cat Intake and adoption events.

Animals at your house: 3 cats (Paddington, Momoko and Agnes) and 1 horse (Wise Guy).

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Reason for joining NASAP: Since I was old enough to earn money to pay vet bills, I have been involved in cat rescue. There is an overwhelming number of homeless, sick and injured cats that need help in our community. Being part of NASAP allows me to help so many more than I could ever deal with on my own.

### **Judy Mills, Director**

Years with NASAP: Less than 1 year.

Animals at your house: Marley the cat.

Reason for joining NASAP: I am an ardent walker and love animals. Through my many walks per week, I rarely meet dogs that I can't befriend!

### SPAY AND NEUTER NOTES

Please be a responsible pet owner and ensure that your pets are spayed or neutered before your animal is 6 months of age. All rescue organizations are being inundated with phone calls from people finding stray pregnant animals or baby kittens and puppies. We cannot rescue all of these animals. Simply picking up the phone and booking an appointment with your local veterinarian for this straightforward procedure would help with the disturbing overpopulation problem of stray, unwanted animals. Please also encourage your friends and relatives to spay and neuter to help reduce the growing number of homeless animals.

Thank you from NASAP for being a part of the solution.



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