

CANFIX 2017 NEWSLETTER

WHAT A YEAR!

— General News

Where has another year gone? So many dogs and so many people to thank! 2017 saw more dogs being helped than ever before, a fantastic new event, more sponsors and donators and a great new logo!

With 99 dogs spayed or neutered this year alone, the impact we are having in the communities is huge! The requests for the intake of abandoned and unwanted litters have dropped dramatically this past year which is exactly the kind of results we want to see! This year we also set a record high for the number of young females spayed who will never have to experience aggressive males fighting for her, having to feed sick and hungry puppies and the emotional and physical stress of having pups she can barely care for.

— Special Mentions

3 very special groups made a tremendous impact on our programs this year. Our second year of grant acceptance from the Animal Aid Foundation, a very generous donation by Animalert and a title business sponsor for our Dogtoberfest event Chizld Design & Construction Ltd. Thank yous are simply not enough to say how much these contributions made a difference in these animals' lives.

We also want to offer a special thanks goes out to Oh My Fur & Whiskers in St Thomas for offering up merchandise space in their pet store to support CanFix! You'll find some great gift giving ideas at the table plus great food, toys and gift items for both the 2 legged and 4 legged members of your house at this great new pet store!



SUCCESS STORIES

— Dear Sisters

These dear sisters started out like any normal CanFix story.

The family wanted to get their dogs spayed as the boys were starting to hang around. Great! We love families who contact us BEFORE a first litter needs rescuing! The appt was all arranged and we arrived for pick up day! Upon arrival the owner mentioned that the dogs were sick the night before and vomiting. We offered to still bring them in to see what the vet said. The owner mentioned that it could be possible ingestion of rat poison as they had put some out recently to protect their trailer. Off to the vet and not only were they too sick to spay, we had to get the started on expensive vitamin K medications right away in case it was rat poison. They will decline quickly without it. We called the owner, let them know the plan and they were totally willing to cover the cost to treat them. They went home with a volunteer for the night so they could be monitored and were doing ok for the most part. One was able to be spayed the next day but the other was still too sick. We brought them both back home with all their syringes full of vitamin k treatments and some canned food. Within a week or so the other girl started doing much better and we decided to go ahead with her spay. Back to the vet we go. Once at the vet, the initial blood pull looked off. The vet suspected a clotting issue, further testing would be needed, more expense but the owner said yes, please do the test! After 3 days of waiting, she did not have a clotting disorder so we were finally able to spay this sweet girl! Because the owner was so cooperative and able to cover the costs of the testing and medications for these girls, CanFix agreed to cover the cost of the spay entirely (usually we like a bit of a donation whenever possible) This family really went above and beyond for these girls and we're so happy they can now live happy, healthier lives!



— Belly rubs please?

We have an amazing volunteer who is in the communities about 4 times per week, looking for dogs in need, chatting with community members about spay/neuter and building relationships. During a visit to a family we were booking a CanFix appt for, she noticed another female dog that was on the property playing with our CanFix girl. After some discussion, she found out who the owner was and immediately drove over to talk about a spay appt. The young owner would love to get her spayed and thanked us so much for being able to offer financial assistance and a ride! This 7 month old lovely girl will never have to have an unwanted litter. Hooray!

EVENTS, GIVING AND THANK YOU'S

EVENTS

While we brought back some old favourites like Mud Run, Pawlooza and games booth, Dogtoberfest, the car and dog wash at Byron Automotive and a charity dinner at Plant Matter Kitchen, we also added a fun new spring dinner event called Mutti Gras and a huge May long weekend yard sale! Our first ever Mutti Gras event was a smashing success that included a sold out dinner, large silent auction, photo selfie booth set up for the mardi gras theme and amazing music by the Peter Karle Combo! They will all make an appearance again in 2018 so stay tuned!

NEW WAYS TO GIVE!

We of course can't do any of the amazing work we do in the communities without YOUR support. From private donations, to auction items, yard sale donations, business sponsorships and more, it ALL adds up to one successful year! This year, we created a brand new "ways to give" donate page on our website! This includes everything from the one time donation, how to become a monthly donor, perhaps a thought given to the future in our planned giving information section and information on how to become a business sponsor as well! We do hope you will continue to support our programs in the communities we serve! The dogs will thank you!



Thank you to all the businesses who donated in 2017! Please support those who support us!

Batty's Bath
Animal Aid Foundation
Plant Matter Kitchen
Byron Automotive
Chizld Design & Construction Ltd
Home Away From Home
Barkenstein Designs
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