

# YOU AND YOUR PET

## 'Mom' Zoey saves 11 kittens but now needs home

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The Upper Credit Humane Society has seen so many deserving animals pass through its doors and none more so that beautiful, nurturing Zoey. I learned about Zoey from her foster mother who has helped considerably with this article.

Zoey is a two-year-old, sweet, attractively marked brown patch tabby with arresting eyes who came to UCHS in early June this year as a nursing mum with two kittens. Zoey nursed and lovingly cared for her own two kittens and fostered four orphans who had been rescued at the same time.

At six weeks the kittens were removed from Zoey for weaning and Zoey went into a foster home to get healthy and strong ready for her spay surgery.

Foster mum chose the name Zoey which means "Life" because in the days that followed she helped save the lives of another five kittens including the life of a one-day-old baby, and four two-day-olds abandoned with umbilical cords attached.

She valiantly nursed them for about another week until her milk dried up. Foster mum



and Zoey became a team; foster mum would bottle feed every two hours and Zoey cleaned and nurtured the babies, fussing over them all and teaching them all about being feline.

All the kittens thrived and Zoey is responsible for saving the lives of 11 kittens who all found great homes... but no such luck for Zoey.

The one who gave so much to others does not have a home to call her own, and we all

feel this lovely girl truly deserves more than her life is now.

She loves to be petted and have her tummy stroked gently, but does not enjoy being picked up. Zoey likes the other cats and would fit into a family with other felines nicely.

This young lady has given so much and it breaks our hearts to see her in multiple residence, surely patience, love and self sacrifice should be repaid in kind? If you think Zoey might be the girl for you, please come soon and meet her by calling the Shelter, 519-833-2287.

### Thrift shop opens

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## Calendar girl

Rachel's a calendar girl again. For the second time, Georgetown couple Sue and John Witzenhausen's five-year-old American cocker spaniel, Rachel, is featured in the 365 Puppies-A-Year calendar.

The dog's picture, taken when she was just 11 months old, made it into the 2007 calendar. A colour photo of a puppy is featured on each day of the year and Rachel is the dog for Saturday, Jan. 27. The caption includes the name of Rachel's hometown—Georgetown.

The puppy photos are judged by the Workman Publishing Company staff based on their ability to set the tone for the day. Rachel is one of only 20 dogs from Canada (10 from Ontario) in the 2007 calendar.

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