

YOU AND YOUR PET

Paws for the Cause

Petsathome Georgetown recently announced its Paws for the Cause campaign with proceeds going to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF).

Petsathome will donate 10 per cent from the sale of each reflective paw print lanyard or pink ribbon carabiner to the CBCF. The lanyard sports three raised pink foam paw prints on either side with the clear buckle showing the pink breast cancer ribbon.

The pink ribbon carabiner comes with the fun inscription of "look after your puppies". The cost of the lanyards is \$8.75 (plus tax) while the carabiner sells for \$5.75 (plus tax).

For more information on how to purchase a lanyard or carabiner please visit www.petsathome.ca or call 905-873-8579.

Stamps for strays

Strays.ca is raising money to help animals by buying and selling collectible postage stamps. In the last few months they have raised enough money to pay for Cats Anonymous to spay/neuter and vaccinate 50 feral cats, and have just committed to help Animal Alliance's "Project Jessie" rescue 100 dogs from pound seizure (being used in experimental labs).

Many people have stamp collections they have

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inherited and do not know what to do with. For those that want to sell them, Strays.ca buys them at fair market value, breaks them down, and sells them to collectors all over the globe. Those that wish to donate stamps receive a charitable tax receipt for the full selling price. All profits go to help stray animals. Those wishing to help by selling, donating or buying stamps are asked to visit : www.strays.ca.

Microchipping and Rabies Clinic

The Upper Credit Humane Society will be holding a Microchipping and Rabies Clinic on Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Elmira Farm Service, the John Deere dealership in Ospringe. While having your pets microchipped (\$30 per pet) and/or vaccinated against rabies (\$15 per pet), you can enjoy a barbecue (nominal fee), pet show and entertainment.

Caroline Bolduc of Bold Canine will be on hand to give advice and demonstrations. Amanda Russell of Shadowdancer will be demonstrating round pen training your horse.

For details call the dealership, 519-833-9332 or the UCHS Shelter, 519-833-2287.

Upper Credit Humane Society Thrift Shop loses its mascot

Michaela, our much loved friend and Georgetown Thrift Shop mascot passed away suddenly in August. She was a special girl with a wise and gentle soul, and she touched many people's hearts.

When I adopted Michaela from Guelph Humane Society, as a stray, she hadn't known the better side of human beings. She had a large lump on her chest and her teeth had been worn and broken, likely from being kept tied on a metal chain. She needed two surgeries at the Humane Society before adoption. When I first got her home, she cringed, fearing she would be punished for coming inside. During recent x-rays that were done, it was also discovered that she had been shot in the past—she had four shotgun pellets in her.

In the 23 months I had her she has known only love and kindness from everyone. At the Thrift Shop, she just thrived on all the attention and affection. How she loved to wait patiently at the back room doorway for a new customer to 'discover' her, and exclaim 'What a beautiful dog!'.

Michaela would just beam with



happiness. She soon got to know her 'regular' fans, and her face would light up when she heard their voices. She adored being the centre of attention at her 'photo shoots', and rejoiced in finding that her talent and charisma had finally been discovered.

I know I can speak on Michaela's behalf and say 'thank you' to everyone who gave her the love and affection she so richly deserved. Please know that it was returned many times over.

—Peggy, Thrift Shop volunteer

To see more pictures of Michaela advertising the great finds at the Thrift Shop go to www.uppercredit.com and link to Thrift Shop ...She will be sorely missed by everyone who met her.

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