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"Pets Helping People"

PALS Pet of the Month

Fall 2007

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Molly, a six pound Maltese, is a gentle and loving dog who is very popular with children and adults alike. Molly is new to the PALS program and thoroughly enjoys lapping up the affection of seniors at The Beverly Centre in Midnapore.

Want to nominate a pet for Pet of the Month?
Email us at petofthemonth@palspets.com



Dates to Remember:

- * Pet Screenings Sept 30, Oct 21
- * Art Market Nov 15-18
- * Dogs in the Mall Dec 19, 20
- * Casino Feb 14, 15 2008

Fall Fun - Pet Safety

As temperatures cool, a few things to keep in mind.

With cooler temperatures, your pet may need an extra lap around the park to tire them out.

Fall is wasp season and your pet may think that chasing the now lazy wasps is the best latest game, but a sting can be very painful to their sensitive noses. Try to discourage your pet from chasing these stinging pests by keeping their play area clear of leaves, lighting deterrent candles or by tossing their favorite toy when you notice wasps in the area.

If you are a hiker, keep your pet close by or on a leash during fall hikes. For bears, this is eating season and a pet wandering on their own could lead to a dangerous situation.



Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the mother told the volunteer.

"What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked.

"Puppy size!" replied the mother.

"Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for."

"I know...we have seen most of them," the mom said in frustration ... Just then Danielle came walking into the office.

"Well, did you find one?" asked her mom.

"No, not this time,"

Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?"

The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed. "You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend," she said.

Over the next few days both mom and dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking any more," Dad finally said in frustration.

"We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size either," Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, you're not the one."

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer. "Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" she screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!"

"But it's the same size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks," Mom said.

"No not size... the sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed," she said. "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both. "Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said.

Then holding the puppy up close to her face she said, "Mom, he loves me . I heard the sighs of his heart!"



UPCOMING EVENTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Art Market - November 15th - 18th

The art market showcases the work of local artisans, including sculptures, paintings and many handicrafts. PALS volunteers provide much needed breaks for the exhibit workers. The art market makes a much-needed donation to PALS for their efforts and if anyone is interested in helping out, please fill out the attached **volunteer form** or visit <http://www.palspets.com/members/> for an on line form and send it to the PALS office by email, fax or post.

Dogs In The Mall - December 19th & 20th

Eaton's Centre will once again play host to our Dogs in the Mall Christmas Raffle. This annual fundraiser has become a favourite event for Calgary's corporate community where office workers can receive a little canine therapy, support the PALS program through donations and go back to the office with some warm fuzzies on the inside and a bit of pet hair on the outside. It's important that we get lots of pets out to this event because they attract a lot of attention and, without them, soliciting donations and selling tickets is difficult. If you and your pet are interested in being part of this fun event, please contact Sandra at the PALS office.

Casino - February 14th & 15th

This is PALS largest fundraiser of the year, bringing in \$83,834 last year. This year we were given the opportunity to work February 14th and 15th. This may seem like an inopportune time but here are some different ways to look at it.

You can volunteer for a great cause rather than sitting around waiting for a date to ask you out

You can bring a date to come with you and celebrate Valentines' day by giving back to the community - spending time with someone you love for a cause that you love

No restaurant reservations needed

No expensive bill – raise money instead of spending it

If you can volunteer your time for this event, please fill out the enclosed **volunteer form** or visit <http://www.palspets.com/members/> for an online form and send it to the PALS office no later than December 7, 2007.

United Way Donor Choice Program

Many of you are aware of the United Way Donor Choice Program and participate in this program through your work. What you may not know is that you can choose where the money you donate goes to! If you would like for your deductions to go to PALS, all you need to do is to select Pet Access League as the designated recipient of your funds and cite registration # 10781 1879 RR0001. For complete information and a link to the United Way Donor Choice Program go to <http://www.palspets.com/donate/UnitedWay.shtml>



