



PALS PRESS

Newsletter of Calgary's Pet Access League Society
"Pets Helping People"

5th Annual Pet Walk and Fun Day

Spring 2002

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Spring will soon be upon us and we are getting ready for our 5th annual Pet Walk and Fun Day on Sunday May 26th at Fish Creek Park.

Why not treat your four-legged companions to a fun walk with their friends and maybe let them strut their stuff in the costume contest and parade?

Come on out for a free lunch of hot dogs, pop and popcorn. We'll have groomers on hand from Pet Planet to clip nails at a bargain price of \$5.00 per pet. While they are looking their best, you can have their photo taken by our own pet photographer Chris Neil. Remember the proceeds from both of these activities goes to PALS.

Dreyfus Enterprises will also be on hand again this year selling customized dog leashes and collars for your favorite pal (a portion of the proceeds goes to PALS) and there will be several booths on hand with lots of items.

Test your luck and enter our raffle. There will be lots of great prizes to be had throughout the day.

Don't forget to collect those pledges for PALS. As always, we will give out prizes to the top pledge collectors. This year, WestJet has very generously donated 2 return-trip airline tickets to several Western Canada destinations that will be awarded to the person collecting the most pledges (way to fly!).

No matter the weather (we're predicting a sunny day), registration starts at 9A.M. and the walk will begin at 10A.M. All other events to follow.

Please take a walk for PALS. Pick up your registration and sponsorship forms, register on-line, or have us fax you one.

Dates to Remember:

- * Bingo - April 23, June 2
- * AGM & Team Leaders' Meeting - May 4
- * Pet Walk & Fun Day - May 26
- * Calaway Park Fun Festival - August 10, August 11

IT'S A WALK IN THE PARK.



Did you forget to pay your membership dues?

Just send a cheque or call the office with your Visa or Mastercard number.

Annual membership is: Single \$20. Family: \$30.

Thanks

PALS Pet Access League Society
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, May 4, 2002

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Pet Access League Society will be held at the Alberta Children's Hospital 4th Floor Solarium, on Saturday May 4, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. to noon, for the purposes as detailed in the following agenda. Members who are unable to attend are encouraged to make their views known on agenda items by completing the proxy form below.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, February 11, 2002

By Order of the Board of Directors

INVITATION

All PALS volunteers are invited to attend the AGM. However, only members in good standing are allowed to vote or enter into any discussion that arises.

At the AGM, every person who at the time of the meeting is entered on the records of the Society as a *Member in Good Standing* shall be entitled to vote by attending such meeting in person, or by proxy. By-law 10.07

If an eligible member is unable to attend, he/she may send their proxy (clip-out or photocopy proxy below) to the PALS office.

Written proxies will be accepted at the AGM. Any person holding proxies must present them as evidence, to the recording clerk, prior to the official commencement of the meeting. By-law 10.08.

At least 20 members must be present at the meeting to constitute a quorum. We hope to see all of you there. It's a great opportunity to meet other PALS people.

PROXIES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE PALS OFFICE OR BROUGHT TO THE AGM.

AGENDA

(Please note that this agenda is your only copy, please bring it with you.)

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of 2001 AGM.
4. Approval of financial statement and budget.
5. Election of new directors.
6. Adjournment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following Directors will let their names stand for re-election at the AGM: Lynn Dorsay, Natalie Myers & Jocelyn Trimble.

Denise Ronsky, Gus van Heusden, Paul Rintoul, Joan Andersen & Dr. Irene Phillips are into the second year of their terms.

The nomination of a new Director must be submitted by two PALS members and an acceptance letter by the nominee must be received at the PALS office by April 29, 2002.

PALS PROXY FORM

I, _____, PALS Member,
hereby appoint _____, PALS Member,
as my proxy, to vote for me on my behalf at the
PALS Annual General Meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

Signature

Date



Welcome's & Thank You's

PALS would like to welcome Laretta Manering who started working in the office on January 2nd. Laretta brings with her many skills and lots of experience in working with volunteers. She's already proved herself invaluable in both the intake of new volunteers and helping Lynn Dorsay organize the Pet Walk.

It is difficult to believe that I am now starting my 8th year working for PALS. My tenure began as a two-year commitment but time flew past and there was always some new challenge that kept the job interesting for me. I've accomplished quite a bit however there were a few things that needed to be done but I never found the time. Take for example the **FOUR FILE DRAWERS**. Not exactly what nightmares are made of but, if anything went in any one of those drawers, retrieving it took forever. Then there were **THE BINDERS**. Volumes of clippings, notices, you name it. The fuzzy logic was if you needed to put something away and you couldn't find an existing binder with an appropriate label, you started a new binder. Anyway, it became evident that someone needed to go through the files and binders and give them a sense of rhyme and reason. Oh yes and throw out the junk. Susan Douglas and Michelle Day answered my pleas for help and they have been going over their respective tasks with great success. I can now find things!! There is order to my world!! Thank you ladies you are doing a great job!!

Last but certainly not least, Darren Wessley, PALS new webmaster has been working hard on changes and updates to our website. He has a great program that changes almost any file you want into a PDF so now our newsletters appear on our website exactly as our Newsletter editor had intended. In addition, people can now print off a copy of our application or pet history form. If you haven't visited our site in a while, check it out at www.palspets.com

The copier at the PALS office finally decided to quit. It continually broke down and, even on a good day, it would not perform even the most basic functions well. I spoke with Lynn Dorsay who works for PanCanadian and she immediately put in a request for funding to help pay for a copier that would work. So, thanks to a \$1000.00 grant from the P.V.I.P. program, PALS now has a functioning reconditioned copier.

Over the past seven years PALS has received an incredible amount of support from PanCanadian through their P.V.I.P. program. They donated most of our office furniture and provided grants for other capital purchases.

PALS certainly appreciates the ongoing support and we would also like to thank the PanCanadian employees who donate their time to PALS.

Earlier this year Brian Wheatley, an employee of Clarica Life Insurance Company, selected PALS to receive a donation of \$750.00 from Clarica. These funds came from their volunteer recognition program that they launched in 2001. Clarica's Contribution was established to recognize and support their employee's personal volunteer time to community programs.

Brian, his wife Michelle and their dogs Jacob and P'ing visit at the Alberta Children's Hospital. In addition to regular visits they contribute many hours to interviewing PALS applicants.



Calgary Humane Society's Pet of the Year.

Congratulations to PALS volunteer Josie Barrett for being chosen the Humane Society's Pet of the Year in 2001. Josie, a possible Shih Tzu cross, and her owner Laurie Barrett joined PALS in October 1997 and are part of the Fanning Centre team.

Way to go Josie!

Bingo

We are beginning to sound like a broken CD but we continue to have difficulty coming up with enough volunteers for our bingos. We currently have fewer than 90 PALS volunteers willing to work bingos and when we are required to have 47 volunteers at some of the events, it is next to impossible to get the required number. In February PALS was fined \$400.00 for being short of volunteers. In March the weather was awful which reduced the crowd size and our volunteers worked extremely hard so we were not fined but for the volunteers who worked the bingo, it was an exhausting evening. A total of 7 people worked both shifts (8 hours) and our bonanza sellers were run off their feet. Everyone did his or her best and I cannot thank them enough but is discouraging to see these dedicated people pushed so hard.

Thank you to all of the truly wonderful bingo volunteers who really do go above and beyond.

The Next PALS bingo is scheduled for April 23rd. If you can volunteer for this event, please contact Roy at 238-1443



This year Calaway Park is hosting its 4th Annual Family Fun Festival and PALS has been invited to participate! The event is a five-day festival of exhibits, activities, music, and good ol' family fun!

PALS will be participating on August 10th & 11th from 10 am to 8 pm each day. This means we need lots of PALS volunteers, both 2 legged and 4 legged, to help us with this event. If you are interested in working a 1 ½ hour shift at the PALS booth call Joan Andersen at 249-3484 or email her at jandersen@shaw.ca

Team Leader's Meeting

May 4, 2000

Team Leaders please refer to the enclosed insert for details.

PALS Scarves

Thanks to a \$1000.00 grant from the Shell Canada Community Fund, new PALS pets will continue to receive the scarves that identify them as part of the PALS program.

These funds were awarded to recognize and support Larry Best, a Shell Canada employee. Larry, his wife Maureen and their dog Rielly visit seniors at the Bethany Care Centre.

Shell believes that contributions of time, effort and caring to non-profit organizations benefit the entire community. Through the Community Service Fund, they recognize and support Shell people who give personal time to non-profit organizations across Canada.

PALS would like to thank Shell for its support. Also, thank you to Larry, Maureen and Reilly for their time and support.



Trapper Enders & Scout Johnson wearing their PALS scarves.



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