# PARS NEWS

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#### T'S MESSAGE



The fall was another very busy season for PARS. To help find homes for the numerous kittens we took in during the summer months, we held eight KITTEN ADOPTION EVENTS on weekends at several of our partner stores, Pet Valu. From August to October, over 50 kittens were adopted. Thank you to the adopters, our foster parents, and our partners, the Pet Valu stores.

Our first MEGA GARAGE SALE of the year took place on September 27. With over 500 items available, it was so successful that we hosted another one the following Saturday, Oct 4! In total, we raised over \$1,000.

Our ONLINE AUCTION started on November 3 and runs through December 15. With 210 items available, we are hopeful that we can reach our goal of \$3,000.

December is the month of "PICTURES WITH SANTA" There will be four sessions of this annual fundraiser. This festive event isn't just for pets kids are welcome too! Your participation and support are greatly needed. For more details about the Online Auction and the Pictures with Santa event, please refer to page 7.

I wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Lily Chan President

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#### **RESCUE/ADOPTION STATISTICS**



No. of CATS Rescued: 243
No. of CATS Adopted: 145



No. of DOGS Rescued: 77

No. of DOGS Adopted: 59

#### **ABOUT PARS**

- 100% VOLUNTEER-RUN Nonprofit group
- No shelter, facility, or paid staff
- Foster Home Base
- No support from the SPCA/City/Government

**FOSTER A PET SAVE A LIFE** 

WE PROVIDE THE FOOD YOU PROVIDE THE LOVE



### **RESUCE JOURNAL**

## TEAM EFFORT FOR 25 STRAY CATS/KITTENS

In early Novemebr, PARS was contacted by a resident who reported seeing a couple of mother cats and eight kittens on Sombrero Way in Mississauga. As it turned out, there were far more cats and kittens in the area, and one of the females even appeared to be pregnant. With our limited resources, PARS knew we couldn't manage this rescue effort alone. This was a situation that called for TEAMWORK.

We're incredibly grateful to two Cat Rescue groups who stepped in to help. HOME AT LAST Rescue in Etobicoke trapped four adult cats and seven kittens, while ALL PAWS Rescue in Brampton took in five more kittens. When reports of additional cats continued to come in, our dedicated volunteer Marlene spent several days at the location and successfully trapped another four adults and five kittens.

In total, 25 cats and kittens were rescued from the Sombrero Way area - 8 adults and 17 kittens. Without intervention, these cats could have produced thousands of descendants over time. This rescue shows what can be accomplished when Rescue Groups come together for a common cause.















#### **DORI & MISO LUCKY TWICE**



Back in August, when the young owner of DORI and MISO was admitted to a mental health facility, these two young cats were suddenly left alone. At the time, all of our Cat Adoption spaces were full. Still, we could not turn our backs on them. We put out an urgent call for a foster home. Thankfully, Stephanie, who has previously adopted three dogs from us, offered to foster them. The bonded pair was able to stay together.

And then they got lucky again. Just a few weeks later, they were adopted together by Paul, who had adopted two cats (Sam and BooBoo) from us many years ago. Now, Dori and Miso have a forever home, together, again. They are now enjoying the "Playtime" and "Petting" sessions provided by their new family members

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Zella, now known as Ms. Whiskey, was adopted as a kitten two years ago. Her family just celebrated her 2nd birthday, From these adorable photos, it's clear she's "spoiled rotten"!

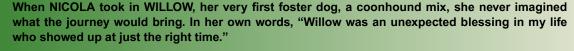


### **RESUCE JOURNAL**

#### **ONE FOSTER MOM** & TWO SUCCESSFUL FOSTER FAILURES

#### **WILLOW & CONNIE**







When Nicola began fostering Willow in August, the first while was quite challenging. Willow was timid, scared, unsure of everything, and not even interested in going for walks. Things began to change the day Nicola gently lifted Willow onto her bed. Within 15 seconds, Willow was rolling around and wanted to be as close as possible—as if being allowed on the bed was her signal that she was truly welcome. That moment became the turning point. Willow slowly opened up, began enjoying hikes, but still felt nervous around other people and dogs.



About a month later, Nicola kindly agreed to take on another dog in urgent need of fostering—a dog named Connie. The moment Connie arrived home, Willow took to her within the first hour. She cuddled right beside Connie, almost as if she understood exactly what Connie was going through, having experienced the same fears herself. Within a day, Connie already seemed more confident. The two dogs came out of their shells together. When outdoors, they stayed close to one another, and Connie quickly became the steady presence Willow needed t Connie even joined Willow in puppy training classes—and Willow graduated first!



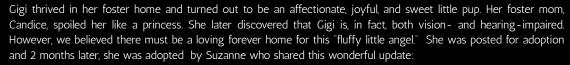
A few weeks later, it came time for the dogs to be listed for adoption. It was as if both girls knew they might be separated. Willow hid under the bed, and both appeared sad. That was the moment Nicola heard a small inner voice say: "The three of you have to stay together."

We loved that idea. When Nicola made her decision, the two girls jumped around and played joyfully to celebrate! Nicola is now the proud Mom of both foster dogs! Nicola Shared:

"I was not expecting to successfully fail as a foster mom after losing my fur baby recently Both of them definitely know how to teach lessons of patience, but I wouldn't change it for the world. They both brought me back to life, and together the three of us couldn't be happier!"

## GIGI 10 YR-OLD, VISION & HEARING IMPAIRED

When PARS was asked to take in GIGI from a shelter, we expected it would likely be a long-term foster. She is about 10 years old and partially blind, but we could not turn our backs on her. Gigi came to us in August. We believe GIGI spent much of her life being used for breeding. When she could no longer produce puppies, she was left behind in a shelter.





"Senior dogs are such a gift. It's been about 2 weeks of having Gigi — the most loyal and happy sweetheart at home! Sweet Gigi has sight and hearing issues, but she looks at me with the purest joy and can definitely hear the soft crinkle of a treat bag. In the mornings she wakes me up with a couple squeaks of her favourite toy, then immediately jumps up for kisses and cuddles. I love watching her open up and gain confidence every day. She's so chill, affectionate, and only wants to be next to me doing literally anything. She's exactly what I needed. HUGE thank you to everyone at PARS and to foster mom Candice, for keeping Gigi warm for me ......



















































































### DONATE NOW!

























## NEWS & EVENTS

#### MEGA GARAGE SALE





To help raise the much needed funds, PARS hosted two Garage Sales on Sep 27 and Oct 4, two Saturdays in a row. There were over 500 items for sale! Both events were very successful, and we raised over \$1,000 in total. This will certainly help with the veterinary care of our dogs and cats.

Thank you to the participants and the Donors.



## HALLOWEEN Page 7 SPOOKY SOUK BELLYDANCE PARTY

We would like to extend a huge THANK YU to ANDREA & MICHELLE, two of PARS' wonderful adopters, for hosting a Halloween Fundraiser in support of PARS! The "SPOOKY SOUK PARTY" was held on October 25 at the MAYADA BELLY DANCE SCHOOL

A total of \$435 was raised from Ticket sales. The funds will go toward our veterinary bills.



#### ONLINE AUCTION



Our 2025 **Online Auction Fundraiser** launched on November 3 and runs until December 15. With 210 amazing items up for bidding, there's something for everyone — pets and humans. It's perfect for Christmas shopping or treating your beloved pet(s) or yourself.

When you place a bid, you're not just getting a great deal — you're helping save lives. Our highest value items are **Two \$500 PET VALU Gift Cards**, each with an attractive starting bid!

Auction site: new.biddingowl.com/PARS

**Our Goal is \$3,000**. As of November 28, the total raised is \$2,404. With your help, we hope to reach our \$3,000 goal before the Auction closes.

### PICTURE WITH SANTA for PETS & KIDS



Our annual Christmas fundraiser, "PICTURE WITH SANTA" will be held again this year at the two locations of Sheridan Nurseries. There will be four sessions in late November and early December. from, 11 am to 2 pm.

Pets and Kids are welcome. The fee is only \$20 for 3 digital photos, which will be emailed to you.

West Mississauga 606 Southdown Road

Saturday, Nov 29 Sunday, Dec 7 <u>East Mississauga</u> 2069 Burnhamthorpe Rd

Saturday, Nov 30 Sunday, Dec 6













#### **THANK** YOU

**Adopters** 

**Donors** 

Foster Parents

Volunteers

**Partners** 



doptions! Throughout the months of Auust to October, PARS hosted 8 Kittne Adoption Events on weekends at our various PET VALU adoption locations. Over 50 cats/kitten found adoptive

Thank you to all the adopters who opened their homes and hearts to these deserving animals. Thank you to our dedicatd foster parents of these kittens.

A Huge THANK YOU to Our Amazing Partners. List of Pet Valu locations are show below.







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## **3** CAT ADOPTION LOCATINS

#### **MISSISSAUGA**

Pet Valu - 440 Burnhamthorpe Rd W (Webb Dr)

Pet Valu - 3077 Mavis Rd (Dundas St)

Pet Valu - 195 Lakeshore Rd (Hurontario St)

Pet Valu - 4141 Dixie Rd (Rockwood Mall)

Pet Valu - 980 Southdown Rd

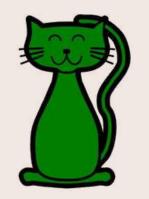
Dundas East Animal Hospital - 966 Dundas St

#### **BRAMPTON**

Pet Valu - 150 West Drive (Hwy 410)

#### **OAKVILLE**

Pet Valu - 1923 Ironaok Way



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