



# Animal Welfare in Focus



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## Greater Protection for Sled Dogs

*Sled Dog Task Force outlines progressive recommendations in the wake of the tragic killing of 100 Whistler-area dogs.*

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On April 5, 2011, B.C. Premier Christy Clark announced ten key recommendations outlined in the much-anticipated report of the provincial government's Sled Dog Task Force, formed as a result of the horrific mass killing of 100 Whistler-area sled dogs in April 2010.

"The report contains strong recommendations which we believe will help prevent another tragedy like the devastating slaughter of the 100 sled dogs," says Craig Daniell, BC SPCA Chief Executive Officer, who was a participant on the task force. While the BC SPCA supports all the recommendation in the report, Daniell says the society is particularly pleased with three key recommendations, including a call for the creation for a mandatory sled dog "standard of care" for B.C.

"A detailed code of practice

setting out clear standards for the care of sled dogs, including housing, food, water, exercise, socialization, 'retirement' plans for dogs and acceptable forms of euthanasia would be an important enforcement tool for our special constables inspecting sled dog operations," says Daniell.

While recommendation number three in the report specifically calls for the creation of a standard of care for sled dogs, Daniell notes that the report, which proposes that "the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act be amended to create a regulatory authority to define standards of care for animals," also opens the door to codes of practices for other types of animal-related operations in B.C. "This authority could be used to stop other kinds of animal suffering, such as helping to eradicate puppy mills and unscrupulous breeding



operations, for instance," says Daniell.

Along with proposed increased penalties for animal abusers, Marcie Moriarty, BC SPCA General Manager of Cruelty Investigations, says the society is extremely pleased with recommendation number seven, that the province "enhance the capacity of the BC SPCA to undertake cruelty investigations." "Without a doubt, we need more constables and funding," she says. "Currently we have 26 full-time constables for the entire province and all of our funding for cruelty investigations comes from community donations."

In 2010, the society carried out a record of 7,147 cruelty investigations but there are areas of the province the society doesn't have the capacity to reach. As part of her remarks,

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# Award-winning animal welfare advocate steps in as new CEO

On July 4, the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) welcomed its new Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Cartwright. Ms. Cartwright brings more than 17 years of experience as a professional advocate for animal welfare, conservation, and humane education. Her work has spanned over Africa, Australia, North America and Europe.

"I am thrilled to begin work at the CFHS as the new CEO," says Ms. Cartwright. "Its dynamic campaigns, like the soon-to-be-launched Finding Fido program, are helping Canadians make the best decisions for their companion animals, while advancing welfare for farm animals and wildlife. Representing hard-working humane societies and SPCAs across the country to move the national agenda forward is an honour."

As the national representative of humane societies and SPCAs, the CFHS works collaboratively and cooperatively with key stakeholders, driving positive, progressive change to end animal cruelty and improve animal protection.

Ms. Cartwright has extensive experience in developing relationships with stakeholder organizations, both federal and not-for-profit, coupled with knowledge of policy and public affairs. She has successfully lobbied for amendments to major federal environmental legislation including the Canadian Environmental Protection Act and the Migratory Birds Act, and has worked on improving animal cruelty legislation. In 2008, working with eBay, she led a successful campaign to ban the ivory trade on its site worldwide.

"We are excited to have Barbara's leadership as we strengthen our national voice for animals," says Vicki Burns, President of the Board of Directors of the CFHS. "We are committed to promoting the welfare of all animals in Canada and Barbara will be a tremendous addition to our critical work."

Ms. Cartwright has received the National Environmental Excellence Award from the National Association of Environmental Professionals, as well as the Governor General's Gold Medal. She is currently a board member of the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada and sits on the advisory council of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance.

The CFHS is thrilled to have Barb join our team, and is excited for her expertise and passion.

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## Focus on fostering

In this eighth month of 2011 "Year of the Cat", we're putting the spotlight on animal fostering programs. Shelters across the country are overflowing with a steady stream of cats being admitted quicker than they can adopt them out. Volunteer fosterers are crucial to help ease the overcrowding of shelters and care for vulnerable cats and kittens.

### Are You Ready to Foster?

by Kelley Tish Baker

You're sold on the cause and you can't wait to jump in feet first. But wait. Before you head off to your local shelter, you need to do some serious reflection about your current life realities.

First ask yourself:

*Do I have the time, energy, space and living situation that fostering demands?*

Fostering is essentially a 24/7 gig. Just the basics of feline physical care can be time-consuming, especially if the cat is sick (as anyone who's ever tried to pill a cat knows.) Even when you're not feeding, playing, giving medications, scooping litter and so on, you are still responsible for your fosterling's physical and emotional well-being. That means closely monitoring the cat's behaviour and health and quite possibly taking the cat back to the shelter a few times for medical care. In terms of space, a foster cat needs a quiet room—meaning low to no-traffic—which is well ventilated, closed off and ideally has a window. All members of your household, including your pets, should be prepared for your new guest. Pets must be healthy, have their shots up to date, and able to tolerate the presence of

an unknown animal. Households where there is a lot of stress (say due to a recent job loss or serious illness), or activity (say renovating) are not good matches.

Still interested in fostering? If so, you need to ask yourself this one final question:

*Am I prepared to open my heart to a cat for a few weeks or months, only to have to bid farewell?*

After an often intense period of nursing a cat back to health, you can find yourself quite attached to your "patient." The first few times you have to surrender your now healthy fosterling to the shelter can be very hard. But if you remind yourself of the impact you're making you'll be able to let go with more grace. That's not to say that this is the only loss the fostering experience can bring. Tragically, not all foster cats survive, despite your and the shelters' best efforts. This can be devastating to foster guardians, who may feel like failures and want to drop out of the program. Don't. Instead focus on the fact the cat wasn't able to recover despite all the best care, illustrating the dire predicament of homeless cats. You'll realize you are very much needed and your heartbreak will be tempered.

### CFHS welcomes new additions to our furry family

by Jocelyne Lachance

Here at the CFHS, it certainly has been "The Year of the Cat". The



CFHS kicked off the year with a new addition to our staff's animal family. Our mail carrier brought us a tiny white kitten that he had found abandoned outside in the cold at the end of our street. As it was just a few days before Christmas, no one wanted the kitten to spend the holiday season alone in a shelter.

Lori, our Communications Coordinator, had recently said her final farewell to one of her precious feline friends. She was immediately taken with the tiny white parcel that had been delivered on our doorstep, and she volunteered to take the kitten to the vet to be looked over. When asked the kitten's name, Lori promptly replied "Snowball." The vet delivered merry news, announcing that Snowball was in good health. Snowball now lives with Lori and her other cat, Chloe.



# My Fostering Experience

by Kelley Tish Baker



After our beloved female tabby passed away at twenty-three and the sting of loss was finally fading, my partner and I decided to take stock. We agreed we missed sharing our house with a cat, but also that we weren't yet psychologically or financially prepared to get another "forever" cat. Plus we planned to travel a lot in the coming year. Fostering seemed the logical option so we got in touch with our local shelter, the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS).

Over the next nine months we hosted a succession of cats recovering from various illnesses and conditions, including Calicivirus, URI (Upper Respiratory Infection), dental surgery, and neutering. It was a crash course in cat care. We learned how to coax a reluctant cat into eating, how to clear the nasal passages of a congested cat, and—our biggest triumph—how to pill a cat.

For us, the best parts of fostering were:

- The deep satisfaction of directly helping ailing cats recover. It's very gratifying to see them get better before your eyes.
- Getting to know the distinct quirks and personalities of

each of our charges. Beatrice was fascinated by running water and would only drink from the faucet, Magnolia loved to be walked around the neighbourhood on her harness, and Jerome would scoot up a tree in a flash if you weren't looking.

- The flexibility of being able to take a break when we were going out of town for awhile.

The aspects of fostering we found the most difficult were:

- Dealing with a cat repeatedly in heat. Beatrice went into heat three times, for an average of 7 days each, over the few months she was with us. She was too sick with Calicivirus to be spayed, so we had to learn how to live with the (mostly early morning) yowling and how to comfort or at least distract her from her ordeal.
- Feeling helpless as Ramona, a sweet grey kitten with URI, did not respond to our care, nor that of the OHS when we took her in. Ultimately she kept getting sicker and finally died. Although we'd been warned this was a possible outcome for a foster cat, it still stunned and saddened us.
- Saying goodbye to the cats once they were healthy enough to go back to the OHS for adoption. The first few times there were tears, but believe it or not it did get easier to let go gracefully.

Overall, fostering is an incredibly enriching experience, and I'd recommend it to any able cat lover.

## Spotlight on Ottawa Humane Society

### ~ Foster Program Profile Q & A with the Ottawa Humane Society:

The Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) certainly has a lot going on. Earlier this month the Ottawa Humane Society officially opened their new facility which can house 700 animals; double the capacity of their old location. However, their foster program is still a major part of the Ottawa Humane Society's work, and is required for the continued health and successful adoption of animals. We chatted with the Ottawa Humane Society to get some more information about their foster program.

#### What is the Ottawa Humane Society's foster program?

The goal of the foster program is to provide as many animals as possible with a second chance for a bright future. Vulnerable cats and dogs such as nursing mothers, orphaned kittens and malnourished dogs recuperate from illnesses rapidly in a nurturing home environment and have a greater opportunity to be socialized. During the Christmas season, the foster program provides temporary respite from our busy shelter environment, which is extremely beneficial for our animals.

Each year, approximately 1400-1500 animals who come into the OHS benefit from the foster program.

#### What does fostering involve?

Fostering involves a daily time commitment for anywhere from 2 weeks to 3 months depending on the animal and their needs. Some animals will simply need a quiet place to rest while they grow and their health improves. Some



will need medication and coaxing to eat. Others will be kittens or puppies that need to be weaned from their mothers and socialized with people. The animals that will come into a foster volunteer's home will have different needs and personalities—just like people!

In order to become a foster volunteer with the OHS, the interested person must have experience caring for animals. All applicants must complete a Foster Volunteer Application form and submit it to the Foster Service Representative. Volunteers suitable for the program will be contacted for an interview. Once selected by the OHS to become a foster volunteer, the individual must attend orientation and training session that are provided by the OHS, and provide care and treatment of animals as instructed by the OHS. This includes ensuring all owned pets have up-to-date vaccinations and are sterilized, and the ability to transport the foster animal to and from the OHS as required.

### **What types of animals need foster care?**

Mostly dogs and cats. Common reasons for fostering cats include Feline Upper Respiratory Infection (URI), pregnant and nursing cats or orphaned kittens. Common reasons for fostering dogs include bordetella (kennel cough), pregnant

or nursing dogs or underweight or malnourished dogs.

We also foster small animals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, bunnies and chinchillas.

### **How long would an animal need to be fostered?**

The period of foster care depends on the severity of the animal's problem and typically ranges from several days to several weeks. Animals recovering from surgery or finishing up a course of medications may be in foster for a couple of weeks. Some pregnant or nursing mothers and orphan kittens are in foster care for longer until they are healthy enough to be adopted. Mothers who have given birth in a foster home can stay in that home for up to 10 weeks. The Foster Service Representative will always provide the volunteer with a rough estimate of how long an animal may require fostering.

Our objectives are to encourage the normal growth and development of very young, otherwise healthy animals as, well as to encourage the recovery and rehabilitation of animals. This means the foster time period will last until the animal is well enough to be adopted.

The OHS's foster program requires foster volunteers to commit to the entire length of the foster period requested. As well, foster volunteers must be able to commit

to a one-year period of intermittent fostering.

### **Do I choose the animals that I foster, or are they placed with me?**

Animals are matched to foster volunteers by the OHS based on the volunteer's experience, ability, and priority needs of animals. The OHS makes all decisions regarding animals to be placed in foster. A foster volunteer will only receive animals with behavior issues if the individual has previous experience and is familiar with training a difficult animal, and is comfortable with fostering a more challenging animal.

The Foster Service Representative will call to advise of an animal that is available for fostering. She will indicate the animal's needs and the anticipated length of stay required. If a volunteer agrees to take the foster animal home, an appointment is made with the Foster Customer Service Representative for pick up and further home care instructions.

### **Who should participate in the foster program and be a foster volunteer?**

People participate in the foster program for a variety of reasons. Some love animals but for various reasons cannot have a pet, so agree to foster animals as it better

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suits their lifestyle. Others are retired or work from home, and have the experience and time to care for animals and enjoy the companionship. Families or animal lovers in general foster because they have the time, and skills to do so, and enjoy the experience of being a foster family.

**Why can't foster families adopt the animals that they foster?**

The Foster program is designed to nurse the animals back to health so they are ready for the Adoptions program. Fostering prepares them to be adopted. We often have a home waiting for an animal that is in foster care as adopters have applied and been approved to adopt particular animals. We also greatly value the work of our foster volunteers; sometimes when they apply to adopt animals, we lose them as foster parents.

There are always animals to be fostered so we encourage volunteers to continue! The goal of the program is to provide as many animals as possible with a second chance; the more animals fostered, the more volunteers are helping them get that chance.

**The Ottawa Humane Society has recently built and moved into a new building. Will this affect the way that the foster program is run?**

The new 40,000 square foot building replaces the organization's aging and inadequate former location. In addition to housing the municipal animal shelter, an adoption centre, an in-house veterinary clinic, and OHS staff, the new facility will also help fulfill the organization's public education mandate and better accommodate the many thousands of animals

the OHS cares for every year. We will be better able to isolate animals with unknown histories, prevent cross contamination and do believe the animals will be less stressed and more comfortable in the current facility which can potentially lead to a quicker convalescence.

While the conditions of the building have improved, the OHS will still see many animals come through our doors that need the care and attention of a foster family.

There is a new foster reception area, separate from Adoptions, designed to make it easy for fosterers to come to the OHS for appointments and to pick up animals.

For more information about the Ottawa Humane Society and their foster program, check out their website at: <http://ottawahumane.ca/volunteer/fostering.cfm>



**Finding Fido goes online!  
Get connected on Facebook**

We were excited to recently unveil [FindingFido.ca](http://FindingFido.ca). This site will connect potential dog buyers with all the information they need to make a humane choice about getting a dog.

As periodic seizures of neglected dogs from mass breeding operations in places across the country show, cruel puppy mills are a big problem in Canada.

This terrible industry would no longer exist if more people adopted dogs instead of buying, and if all dog-buyers did their research and checked out breeders and their facilities before purchasing a puppy from them.

With FindingFido.ca, we're showing people how to do that. Please share the link with anyone you know who might be thinking of getting a dog!

And be sure to "like" the [Finding Fido Facebook page](#). You'll receive great tips on how to choose a pet and updates on our campaign.

# Summer Safety Tips for Pets

by Katie Fazzari

*With summer upon us, there certainly is a lot to enjoy.*



For both people and pets, exciting parts of the summer include warm weather, weekends at the cottage, backyard pools, hiking trails to explore, camping and boating trips, and backyard BBQs, just to name a few. As fun as all of these are, pet owners also need to be aware of possible dangers to their pets, so that everyone can enjoy the summer months safely. Here are some of the ways that animal lovers can help ensure that their pets have a safe summer:

**Keep Cool.** Just like humans, animals find the heat and humidity hard to take in the summer. Make sure that your pet always has lots of water, as well as a shady place to lay and escape the sun. Just like humans, dogs' skin can burn, especially those with short hair or fur. Limit your dog's exposure to sun during the day, and don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your dog's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn.

**Know the Symptoms of Heat Stroke.** Similar to humans, pets also can get heat stroke. Symptoms include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart rate and pulse, drooling, weakness, seizures, and an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees. If you think your animal may have heat stroke, begin cooling it down with cool water, allow the animal lick ice chips or drink a small amount of water, apply ice packs to the groin area, and offer Pedialyte to restore electrolytes. Beware that dogs can also get heat stroke from swimming too much when the water and the air are warm.

**Car Safety.** When driving with animals, they should always be secure with a pet seat-belt in the backseat of the car or in a crate. Dogs should never be transported loose or chained in the back of an open or closed pick-up truck. And just like children, animals should never be left alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, even with open windows, a parked car can become like a furnace very quickly, with potentially fatal heat stroke developing.

**Be Water and Beach Safe.** Never throw or force your dog into the water. While most dogs enjoy swimming, some are not able to while others are afraid or simply hate the water. If your dog enjoys the water, make sure to keep an eye on him at all times, and don't let him overdo it, as swimming is exhausting and they may have difficulty making it back to shore. Make sure to rinse your dog off after swimming, as salt from the ocean or chlorine from a pool can damage his coat and irritate his skin. If your dog is swimming in the ocean or a large lake, be aware of strong currents or undertows that your dog may get caught in.

If you have a backyard pool that your dog goes into, make sure she knows where the stairs or ladder is. Also, be sure that any pool covers are firmly in place; dogs have been known to slip in under openings in the covers and drown.

An out of shape dog can easily pull a tendon or ligament running on soft sand, so don't push your pal if it will result in an injury.

**Be Aware of "High Rise Syndrome."** During summer, many pets like to join their owners out on balconies to enjoy the warm weather. Be cautious of "high rise syndrome" in which pets fall out of balconies and are seriously or fatally injured. Open screened windows are also a concern, as animals may sit on window-ledges or backs of furniture and lean against the screen, which may not support the animal's weight. As a pet owner, make sure that all of your doors and adjustable screens are tightly secured at all times.

**No Fireworks for Fido.** While people enjoy the excitement and noise of fireworks, animals generally don't. Exposure to fireworks can cause animals severe burns or trauma. Even unused fireworks pose a threat, as they contain potentially toxic materials for your pet. If you want to go out and enjoy fireworks do so, just leave Fido at home.

**Renovation Season.** Many people renovate their homes or make repairs on their cottages in the summer months. Both children and pets should be kept clear of construction in the home or cottage. Make sure that tools are kept out of reach and put away safely when finished. Clean up the construction site as you work, so that children and pets don't step on stray nails or fall over to pieces of wood. Make sure to cover any holes with boards so children and pets don't fall through. Keep construction supplies such as paint, glue, grout, etc. out of the way, as it can be potentially fatal if ingested by a child or pet.

# CFHS Helps Groups Teach Humane Values in the Maritimes

One of the ways the CFHS helps humane societies and SPCAs improve the lives of animals in their communities is by granting funds each year to selected organizations in Atlantic Canada for humane education. The grants are awarded from the Frederic A. McGrand Trust, a fund set up by the late Senator McGrand and administered by the CFHS since 1987. Senator McGrand was an early advocate of the animal welfare movement and a founding director of the CFHS.

We were excited to recently receive final progress reports from the five organizations that received grants in 2010. Here's an overview of the excellent work done by these organizations to promote humane values and educate the public about urgent animal welfare issues in their communities.

- The Fredericton SPCA created and distributed 5,000 copies of brochures about pet overpopulation, responsible pet care, and how youth can help animals. The brochures were distributed to thousands of adults and children at schools, during shelter tours and visits, and at community information booths.
- The Hants County SPCA increased its visibility in the community and educated hundreds of people about the humane treatment of animals, animal adoption, and spay/neuter programs with its new display board and information pamphlet. It also taught 71 school teachers and approximately 1,850 students how to safely approach a dog - knowledge that is crucial for reducing dog bite incidents.
- By showing the documentary film "Cat City" at the Charlottetown

City Cinema, the Cat Action Team of PEI was able to raise community awareness of the feral cat crisis, provoke lively discussion about local solutions to this crisis, and attract new people to become actively engaged in their work to help feral cats.

- For the Burin Peninsula SPCA, the grant enabled 897 students and 62 teachers to participate in the Burin Peninsula SPCA School Education Project. Students and teachers alike learned about responsible dog ownership, dog language, and how to stay safe if to approached by a strange dog.

- The Kindness Club created an educational pet care awareness brochure with information about impulsive buying, reasons for adopting, financial obligations, and choosing the right pet for your family. Copies were distributed across New Brunswick in veterinary clinics, pet supply stores, grooming facilities, dog training facilities, and province-wide SPCA animal shelters.

This year, four organizations were awarded funds from the McGrand Trust and are working right now to carry out the projects described below.

## 2011 Grant Recipients:

Organization	Funding Approved for:
PEI Humane Society	Community and school outreach program
Fredericton SPCA	Implementation of United Animal Nations' "Humane Education Ambassador Reader" program in classroom presentations
Spay Aid PEI Inc.	Promotional spay/neuter materials to distribute at public events and conferences
Nova Scotia SPCA	"Caring for Animals: Pawprints on Your Heart" Girl Guides & Scouts Challenge

## Greater Protection for Sled Dogs (continued from page 1)

Premier Clark announced a grant of \$100,000 to the BC SPCA for cruelty investigations. It is estimated the cost of the BC SPCA sled dog investigation alone could be as high as \$200,000.

Moriarty adds that the third significant recommendation to the BC SPCA is recommendation number eight, calling on the Ministry of Attorney General "to build upon existing prosecutorial expertise...to successfully pursue cases of animal abuse..." Having additional specialized Crown counsel to deal with animal cruelty cases is a crucial factor in achieving more consistent and effective charges and convictions against those who inflict harm and suffering on animals."

Regarding the BC SPCA investigation into the sled dog killings near Whistler, cruelty officers in partnership with forensic experts are gathering the physical evidence necessary from the scene of the mass grave before cruelty to animals charges can be recommended to Crown counsel. The full report is available online at [www.sPCA.bc.ca](http://www.sPCA.bc.ca).

# Upcoming Events

## Canada

### **8th World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences**

August 21-25, 2011  
Montréal, QC

Hosted by the Canadian Council on Animal Care, the WC8 will provide a forum that supports both quality science and the ethical use of animals. The goal of WC8 is to bridge the distance between science and policy, and to identify opportunities for collaborations. The WC8 will provide the opportunity for sharing scientific data, policy knowledge and animal use experiences in order to further global progress in the Three Rs.

For details and registration, see [www.wc8.ccac.ca](http://www.wc8.ccac.ca)

### **Saskatchewan SPCA Animal Welfare Conference**

September 23 - 25, 2011  
Saskatoon, SK

The Saskatchewan SPCA is hosting an Animal Welfare Conference. For more details and a list of the workshops available, please see [www.sspca.ca/](http://www.sspca.ca/).

### **National Farm Animal Care Conference**

October 5 - 6, 2011  
Ottawa, ON

Hosted by the National Farm Animal Care Council. The conference theme is Advancing Animal Care and Addressing Market Expectations. Speakers from across the food value chain will outline the value of a disciplined plan and offer practical solutions for delivering on improved animal care. Key topics include: the new Codes of Practice process, its progress and benefits; responding to consumer

and market realities; and global advancements and roadblocks to real animal welfare improvements.

For details and registration, see [www.nfacc.ca/conferences](http://www.nfacc.ca/conferences).

## International

### **No More Homeless Pets Conference 2011**

October 21-23, 2011  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Presented by the Best Friends Animal Society. Confirmed track: "Rescue 101: The Fundamentals of Animal Rescue". This will include basic sessions on volunteers, dog behavior, cat behavior, adoptions, boards/policies & procedures and Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR). There will also be tracks on fundraising, animal care and community support & involvement.

Registration opens April 6. See <http://events.bestfriends.org/Upcoming/nmhp>



## Message from the CEO

Hello *Animal Welfare in Focus* readers and Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) supporters. I am thrilled to begin working here at the CFHS as the new CEO. With a dedicated staff, and a wonderful interim CEO, the CFHS has continued to lobby and support the humane treatment of animals and animal welfare. We hosted our Annual General Meeting in mid-June, and I am both very pleased with the work that has been done thus far, and eager for the upcoming programs and initiatives that the CFHS is currently working on. One such program is our Finding Fido campaign. Read further in the newsletter to learn more about this important new campaign, and keep a watch for its launch in late summer.

The CFHS has also been working on our strategic plan and advancing the national animal welfare agenda. These are exciting times! Representing hard working humane societies and SPCA'S across the country is an honour and I look forward to working with all our supporters.

# Reading List

## Some recent books of note

### **Putting the Horse before Descartes: My Life's Work on Behalf of Animals**

By Bernard E. Rollin (2011) - When philosopher Bernard Rollin was six years old, he visited an animal shelter and learned that unwanted dogs are put to sleep. That event shaped his moral outlook and initiated his concern for how animals are treated. In his irreverent memoir, *Putting the Horse before Descartes*, Rollin relates how he came to educate himself and others about the ethical treatment of animals and dedicate his life to improving animal welfare. (Description from publisher's website.)

### **Living with the Rescues: Life Lessons and Inspirations**

By Sharon Langford (2010) - Sharon Langford doesn't want to focus as much on the overly-publicized crisis facing animal shelters today as she does on the joy that the loving animals housed there can bring to people's lives... Langford, author of *Living with the Rescues: Life Lessons and Inspirations* ([www.livingwiththerescues.com](http://www.livingwiththerescues.com))—a love letter to the pets she's had in her life—is donating all the proceeds of her books sales to animal rescue charities. (Description from press release.)

### **Second Nature: The Inner Lives of Animals**

By Jonathan Balcombe (2011) - Jonathan Balcombe, animal behaviorist and author of the critically acclaimed *Pleasurable Kingdom*, draws on the latest research, observational studies and personal anecdotes to reveal the full gamut of animal experience—from emotions, to problem solving, to moral judgment. (Description from publisher's website.)

### **Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat**

By Hal Herzog (2011) - Hal Herzog, a maverick scientist and leader in the field of anthrozoology offers a controversial, thought-provoking, and unprecedented exploration of the psychology behind the inconsistent and often paradoxical ways we think, feel, and behave towards animals. ...*Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat*, in the words of Irene M. Pepperberg, bestselling author of *Alex & Me*, "definitely blends anecdote with scientific research to show how almost any moral or ethical position regarding our relationship with animals can lead to absurd consequences." (Description from publisher's website.)



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