



The Gentle Giant Guardian

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The View from the Board

Contributed by Krysta Prichard

It has been a busy year for us, not because of the number of dogs that have required assistance, but because of the new law that will take effect on August 29, 2005 in Ontario, Bill 132, "Public Safety Related to Dogs Statute Law Amendment Act, 2005."

The law is not yet published on the Ontario government's web site. It will be available at: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/tocBrowseCL_E.asp?lang=en

We recommend that each dog owner in Ontario read this law as it affects all dogs, not just those who are listed under the restricted breeds section.

This legislation is the first of its kind in North America in that it restricts certain breeds in the province, not just a municipality.

Breed-specific legislation has been proven not to work. It has been proven to be costly to implement, the estimate to implement this in Ontario is approximately \$15 million. The cost to implement it is the responsibility of the municipalities. This means property taxpayers will foot the bill.

During the public hearings on this law, eighty-one of the 103 deputants told the committee that breed-specific legislation does not work, experts from all walks of life, veterinarians, dog show judges, trainers, animal control officers, and the list goes on. Not one of the recommendations to change the proposed law were considered.

What can you do? We recommend that you become familiar with the contents of this law and

the responsibilities placed on each dog owner in this province. We recommend that you inspect your fence to make sure it is secure and that you enroll your dog in yet another obedience class.

We ask that you do everything you can to keep your dog safe. And to support efforts to launch a Charter Challenge against this law.

A number of organizations have joined together to fight this:

Banned Aid Coalition:

<http://www.bannedaid.com/>

Dog Legislation Council of Canada

<http://www.doglegislationcouncil-canada.org/>

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Canada:

<http://www.staffordcanada.com/>

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Saint Bernard trivia...did you know...

- The coat type desired was originally short haired?
- Newfoundlands saved the breed in the mid-1800s and that is why today there are approximately as many rough-coated Saints as there are smooth-coated?
- The weight range for the breed, 110 to 200 pounds?
- Saint Bernards can pull 12 times their body weight?
- A Saint Bernard puppy can gain as much as 1/2 pound per DAY?

Update on some of our dogs...

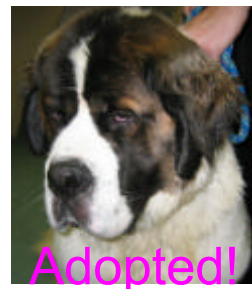
Trinity of Hope's
She's Bewitched (Sam)



Trinity of Hope's
Dark Lady (Kira)



Trinity of Hope's
Miss Garbo (Gretta)





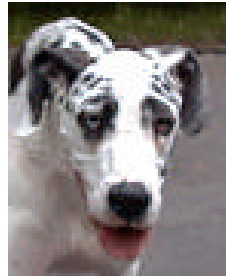
Rainbow Bridge



*Trinity of Hope's
Benjamin Moorenewf (Ben)*

It was with great sorrow that we sent Ben to Rainbow Bridge. Sadly missed by Lyne and Howie.

"He was my North, my South, my East and West. My working week and my Sunday rest, My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song; I thought that love would last forever; I was wrong."
W. Auden



*Trinity of Hope's
Chelsea Morning (Chelsea)*

It was with great sadness we learned of Chelsea's passing. Forever missed by Barb and Rob.

*"If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane
I'd walk right up to heaven
And take you back again."* Anon.

It is with great sadness that we have shared in the grief of several of our friends and supporters who have said good-bye to family members over the past few months:

Shari and Steve—Winston
Joanne and David, Zoe, Nik and Penny
Linda—"Freaky" and Seamus
Andrew—Tutter
Diane and Jim— Omega

*" Look, my eyes are dry
The gift was ours to borrow.
It's as if we always knew.
And, I won't forget what I did for love.*

*Gone
Love is never gone
As we travel on
Love's what we'll remember.*

*Kiss today goodbye
And point me towards tomorrow
We did what we had to do
Won't forget, can't regret
What I did for love."*
A Chorus Line, Edward Kleban

Pennies4Paws Campaign

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue's **Pennies4Paws Campaign** has collected approximately 155 pounds of pennies (\$250.00) - the equivalent of a good-sized adult Saint Bernard! Our goal is to collect **ONE MILLION** pennies.

THDR has three programs for which the pennies are earmarked to support.

It is our hope that we will be able to establish a new program designed to raise awareness about the link between domestic violence and animal abuse.

Often, if there are family pets involved, the abuser threatens to harm the pets if the partner leaves. Emergency care shelters do not usually accept pets. The partner does not leave, and the cycle of violence continues.

It is our dream to establish a fund to help pay the costs to board pets belonging to the victims of domestic violence until other arrangements may be made. We cannot take responsibility for the pets, but we can raise some money to help the victims in these situations. To help kick start the fund, we have earmarked fifty percent of the pennies

collected to launch this initiative.

The remainder of the pennies collected will be divided equally between our general veterinary care fund and our Kelli's Pot O'Gold program.

You can help us reach this goal by donating your pennies. To do so, you may wish or bring them out to us during our yard sale to be held at 5901 McCordick Road, Richmond, ON (tentative date has not been set, but July is the month, check our web site or call us for details). Or to contact us to make arrangements for one of our volunteers to

To learn more about the link between domestic violence and animal abuse, visit: <http://www.pcrm.org/issues/Commentary/commentary0010.html>

<http://www.animalsvoice.com/PAGES/invest/randour.html>

http://www.teamcares.org/animal_abuse.html

Reading List:
[Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Animal Abuse: Linking the Circles of Compassion for Prevention and Intervention](#), by Frank R. Ascione, Phil Arkow



Acupressure

Contributed by Kathleen Collins

What is it?

Acupressure is a branch of traditional Chinese medicine. It has been a part of Eastern medicine for over 5,000 years. The body contains meridians that serve as invisible pathways to carry energy throughout the body. On each meridian, there are many diagnostic points. Meridians are connected to the body's tissue as well as internal organs.

How does it work?

Blockages cause an imbalance along a meridian.

This blockage stops or reduces the flow of "chi" (life energy). Blockages can be caused by physical, emotional or spiritual aspects. Using the fingers, pressure is applied to various points along one or more meridians to get rid of the blockage so that the flow of "chi" is not stopped.

When is it applied?

Acupressure can be used to treat any problem that is not surgical in nature. It is a safe and non-invasive alter-

native treatment. It is one that can be beneficial to elderly dogs with arthritis and other mobility problems.

Commonly, it is a treatment option when there are muscle spasms, a weakened autoimmune system, pain or swelling are present.

Books about Acupressure:

Cross, John R. Acupressure & Reflextherapy in the Treatment of Medical Conditions, Oxford: Butterworth Heine-

mann, 2001.

Jarmey, Chris and John Tindall. Acupressure for Common Ailments, Simon & Schuster, 1991.

Palika, Liz. The New Age Dog: A Modern, Alternative Approach to Canine Care, Renaissance Books, 2001.

Canine Acupressure on the web:

http://www.petsage.com/art_canine.htm

Should you have any questions about Acupressure, please contact the author at: animallifestyle@hotmail.com or 613-692-4522.

Upcoming Events & Fundraising Activities

Kars Community Dog Show, Kars Fairgrounds, **July 15-17, 2005**. Stop by our booth to learn more about our activities and how you can help.

3rd Annual Traveling Yard Sale. We are in the process of organizing our 3rd annual yard sale. It will be held in July, at 5901 McCordick Road, Richmond, Ontario (rain date will be in August), Now is a great time to clean your cupboards, garage, or barn to donate unwanted treasures to THDR. Contact us

to make arrangements to pick up your items.

Pennies4Paws Campaign. Get your friends, family, co-workers to collect pennies to help us help the dogs. Bring your pennies to us during the yard sale or give us a call to arrange drop-off or pickup.

To volunteer:

Info@trinityofhope.on.ca
or
613-725-9218.



Thank you!

Phillip for donating the use of his lawn during the Great Glebe Yard Sale!

Lorraine and Leonard for a memorial donation in memory of Winston and Cleo, Lynne for fostering Bogart and sponsoring some of his care, Kandy and Steven for fostering Walter, Kandy for sewing toys, leashes and making treats, the Pett family for donating so much cool stuff for the Traveling Yard Sale.

Monetary donations:

Thank you for the Pennies: Alison G. ; Kelly and Sam,

and the patrons of the Newport Diner.

Donations in-kind:

Dr. Andrew Sparling, veterinary care.
Dr. Janice, veterinary care.
Pakenham Country Kennels, 613-256-3337, boarding.
Capital Writing Services for the newsletter.
Storm Internet Services for hosting our web site.
Global Pet, Stittsville, for helping feed Walter, Bogart, Tucker, ZaZa and Samantha.

Shine a light on Trinity of Hope's Pretty Boy Floyd (Bogart)

Bogie spent his first two weeks' in rescue with Howie, a mature NewfX. He then journeyed to Ottawa where he was neutered, and microchipped. Bogart knows sit and down and has been walking well on a leash. He has met several of the Saint Bernards we have (both in care and

adopted) and has been good with them. He is crate trained, housebroken, and really would like to be a "bed" Saint.

Visit to see pics of Bogart and our other available dogs:

TrinityOfHope.on.ca/hopes.html



HELP!!!

THDR is desperately in need of foster homes

for Bogart and Tucker. We also need a flight escort for Bella, a young Saint Bernard, from Winnipeg to Ottawa. Cost for the dog to be added to the ticket, crate and ground arrangements provided.



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"If not us, then who? If not now, then when? If not this dog, then which dog?" Anon.



We're on the web!
Trinityofhope.on.ca.on

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue Membership and Donation Form May 2005

Help us help the dogs.

Please check one of the following options **A, B, or C**. Return to:
THDR, P.O. Box 95, Manotick, ON K4M 1A2

A. Yes, I'd like to become a member of THDR.
 Please send membership information to:

B. No. I do not wish to become a member at this time. Enclosed is my donation to help THDR to continue to help abandoned Saint Bernards, Newfoundlands and other dogs in need:

() \$20 () \$50 () \$100 () \$ _____

Name:
 Address:
 Email:

Please make cheques payable to: Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue. To contribute using PayPal, please visit <http://TrinityofHope.on.ca/>

C. I'd like to help with the following activiti(ies):
 ___ Fundraising ___ Fostering ___ Other

Name:
 Contact information:

Living with the Big Guys (and Gals)...or why your family thinks you're crazy...

Contributed by Krys Prichard

I've made some notes over the winter about living with the Big Guys and Gals. Life with the Big Dogs includes a close relationship with your local veterinarian. You know you've established that relationship when:

- You have favourite bedding and know where it is kept in the back room.
- You can find the "Big Dog" nail clippers.
- You see the same clients every time you're there.
- Staff recognize and know each of the dog's by name, even though to the uninitiated, all Saint Bernards and Newfoundlands look alike.
- You don't have to identify yourself on the phone or when you walk in, the staff not only know you and the dogs, your file is still on the receptionist's desk from your last visit.
- Other clients think you work at the vet clinic.

- You know which products come in clinic size and order that size only.
- Your address book includes not only all the numbers for the clinic, but the veterinarian's pager, cell, and home phone number, as well as email address.

Besides realizing that I spend more time than the average client at the veterinary clinic, I've also come to realize that my dog first aid kit includes a lot more stuff, and takes up a lot more space, than the single box of band-aids I have for the humans, so much stuff, that the dog first aid kit is actually two shelves in a cupboard.

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 As summer approaches, we are planning to renovate the bathroom. On our must have list, we have included:

- A walk-in shower large enough to not only bath a Saint Bernard, but also large enough for at least

one human to be in said shower bathing said Saint Bernard

- A lixit in said shower so that the dogs can help themselves to a drink of fresh water without human assistance
- Industrial quality rubber flooring in the bathroom because it can be cleaned using a pressure washer
- A wall-hung toilet so that the dog hair doesn't collect around the base
- A wall-hung vanity so that dog hair doesn't collect along the bottom and to give the dogs more room to turn around
- All of these items are expensive, far more expensive than if we were renovating the bathroom with only the humans in the household in mind. Between us, I really don't need a "Saint Bernard and Newfoundland" height lixit

in the shower, nor do I really need a walk-in shower with ample space to bath a Saint Bernard, however, if we're going to do these things, might as well make life easier for the person who has to bath the dogs and clean up after them, not to mention being at their beck and call to turn on the tap for fresh water.

- Last fall's renovations included installing a new garden door. The screen of which has now been made into a dog door. A bit inconvenient for the humans, as we still have to open it to pass, and there is that problem with the "Circus" Saints jumping through it at the same time that inevitably pops it out of it's tracks, but all in all, the dog door wasn't such a bad idea...
 Send your favourite observations on life with the Biggies to: info@TrinityofHope.on.ca