



The Gentle Giant Guardian

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The View from the Board

Contributed by Krysta Prichard

There have been several exciting developments with respect to THDR since the last newsletter.

On November 15, 2005, our application for registered charitable status was granted for our parent corporation, Trinity of Hope Inc., under which we operate Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue and Kelli's Pot O'Gold. We can now issue tax receipts for monetary and in-kind donations.

The decision to apply for registered charity status was not one the Board took lightly as it entails additional paperwork, and restricts our activities with respect to assisting other non-profit groups. As a registered charity, we will be restricted to assisting (with respect to monetary and in-kind donations) other non-profit groups that are also registered charities. We are not able to assist rescue groups in the United States, an activity we did not undertake often, but one we will no longer be able to do.

THDR, founded in 1998,

has enjoyed generous support within the community, as well as from a number of private individuals. We hope this support will grow as we continue our efforts to assist dogs, and ultimately people, who need our assistance.

As it is often the case with non-profit organizations, the Board of Directors undergoes changes as the organization grows. We were sorry to have Cathy resign. Cathy has been a valuable asset to our foster care program and fundraising efforts since 1999. We welcome her continued support as a founding member. The Board welcomes Dr. Janice as its Special Advisor, Veterinary Care and as a Director.

Rescue is never an easy activity, add (1) the size of the dogs and (2) the size of our country, the logistics of helping abandoned Saint Bernards and Newfoundlands is a daunting one. For the past 18 months, we've had wonderful support in Alberta. This support allowed us to assist five Saint

Bernards, four of which were adopted in Alberta. You can read Ruby's story in the *Edmonton Journal* by following the link on page 3.

Fundraising and membership are our top priorities for the next several months. Upcoming activities:

- an eBay auction of one-of-a-kind dog items, check the web site in April!
- A fundraising evening at Chapters. Again, check the web site in April!
- New items in our Boutique (reversible bandanas, Premier™ collars to give you a hint of some of the items to come). Check the web site in April.
- An invitation to become a member to all our supporters. Membership form is on page 4.

To all who've supported us, a heartfelt thank you!

Krysta is our Dog Placement Coordinator and a Director on the Board of Directors.

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Sain Bernard breed trivia... did you know?

- The Saint Bernard is also known as the St. Bernardshund.
- The Saint Bernard is credited with saving over 3000 lives?
- The breed is on the restricted breed list in Italy.
- There are two Saint Bernards in the Guinness World Book of Records? A Saint Bernard named Duke holds the record for being the heaviest Saint Bernard (295 lbs.) and Thor (177 lbs.) holds the record for pulling 6,000 lbs.
- The smooth-coated Saint was preferred for work at the Hospice.

We've been adopted!

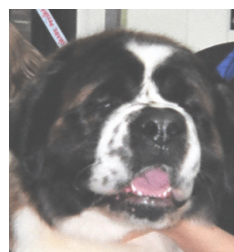
Trinity of Hope's Jeepers He's A Keeper (Abner)



Trinity of Hope's Killer Finish (Hermann)



Trinity of Hope's Canadian North Gem (Ruby)





Rainbow Bridge

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue has said goodbye to a number of wonderful dogs over the past six months. A part of our hearts traveled with each of them. We remember each and every one's story, and mourn their passings along with their families.

Chelsea, a lovely Harlequin Dane full of spirit and fun. **Schultzie**, an older German Shorthair Pointer (GSP) found a lovely, GSP home in Munster. When our Dog Placement Coordinator went to finalize his adoption, Schultzie ran upstairs and peeked around the banister as if to say, "if you don't see me, you won't take me to another home."

Dexter, an older HoundX who came to us from the Ottawa Humane Society.

Dexter stole the hearts of his foster family and his adoptive mom.

Brenna, another one of our special seniors has also crossed over. We remember well the first time we met Brenna and how sad she was, and how happy she was in her home..

Maggie, TT, CGN and a certified Therapy Dog left us far too soon at 5.5 years of age. In our hearts, and the hearts of those who knew her, memories of her live on, as do memories of each of the dogs whose paws have touched our hearts.

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to

Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers.

Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...

Author unknown.



Trinity of Hope's Canadian North Gem (Ruby)

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue has tackled helping Saint Bernards from Newfoundland to Alberta, and now can count NWT as an area where we've helped a dog.

Thanks to Paul and his ability to get a series of three articles that appeared in the *Edmonton Journal* about Hanna, a Saint Bernard in need of help in Edmonton in November 2005, we had corporations and individuals contact us, interested in helping Saint Bernards in Alberta—519 phone calls to be exact. This interest means it is possible for the Saints to stay in Alberta, rather than travel to Manitoba or Ontario for placement. Included on that list was contact information for Canadian North, an airline

that serves the Northwest Territory.

Ruby's story began innocently enough, she was purchased as a puppy from a breeder in Alberta. Her owner had grown up with Saints. It wasn't Ruby's fault that the owner got mad at her one day when she was about 8 months of age and gave her away. The new owner tied her to a dog house. THDR first heard about this gal in the fall. At the time, however, there was nothing that could be done as the second owner was not the person contacting us. Fast forward to January 2006. Now Ruby was no longer living tied to a dog house, but rather was with a good Samaritan who wanted her to get to a rescue group outside of Inuvik.

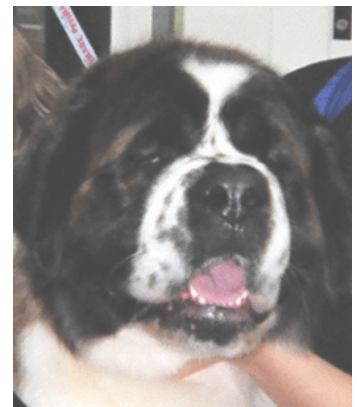
With the intense public interest from the news articles, and a sponsored flight from Canadian North, Ruby flew to Edmonton where she was fostered, groomed and given the veterinary care she needed before going HOME to a new family.

A huge thank you to Nick Lees, *The Edmonton Journal*, CanWest and Global TV for covering her story, all the fine folks at Canadian North, Edmonton International Airport, Mike Zubko Airport (Tom Ruth, Mike Hollick, Nigel Cripps, and Dennis Gould, Linda Eccles, (SPCA Beaufort Delta Region executive director), Paul for being there, the groomers, Dr. Max, and all the others who made this possible.

We are happy to report she is

Read Ruby's story in *The Edmonton Journal* at: <http://www.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=b5cb1d1c-20d1-4b59-8f64-0ba63421365b>

We love happy endings!





Who is the artist behind our “Newshound”?

Please join us in thanking **James Talmadge**, former Californian, now Ottawa resident artist and fellow dog lover for our newshound.

As a young child, James knew he wanted to be an artist. He was well on his way to realizing this dream when he had his first one man exhibition at the age of 14. Trained at the Los Angeles based Art Center School of Design, James’ artistic projects have included developing education programs for disadvantaged and learning disabled children. He has also worked for companies such as Sony, Atlantic Records, Doubleday Publishing, Max Factor, JBL

International, ABC, CBS and KCET, where his artistic talents contributed to a number of projects. His artistic diversity and vast interests have lead him down many artistic paths throughout career. James has produced animated films for *Sesame Street*, *Cheech and Chong* and *Sonny Bono*. He also created graphics for *The Bill Cosby Show*.

Since 1961, James has had over 100 exhibitions throughout the United States and the Far East. His works are in the collections of The Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo; The Museum of Modern Art, Osaka; and The

Museum of Contemporary Art, Jamaica. It also makes up part of the art collections of Charlie Sheen, Andre Agassi, Brook Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sheen, Louie Anderson, Elgen Baylor, Sony Corporation, Doubleday Publishing, Hormel Corporation, Los Angeles Times, Max Factor, Ampex Corporation, Atlantic Records, among others.

And now, James’ artistic talents grace the masthead of Trinity of Hope’s Gentle Giant Guardian newsletter.

To view some of James’ fine art, visit his web site: <http://www.talmadgeart.com>

Check out this web site to see another facet of James’ talent:

Rideau Valley Wildlife Sanctuary:

<http://www.rideauwildlife.org/>

We have a soft spot for James’ artistic rendition of his dogs, as well as two of the dogs that inspire him, Truman and Berkley.



Upcoming Events & Fundraising Activities

eBay.ca on-line auction. We have over 40 items to auction off. Check our the web site for details.

Adopt-a-box parents needed! We have approximately 75 coin boxes. We’d like to place these at area businesses. To help, you would take responsibility for contacting the business and picking up the coin box on a regular basis. If you’d like to be a box parent, give us a call at 613-725-9218 or email info@TrinityOfHope.on.ca.

3rd Annual Traveling Yard Sale. We are organizing our 3rd annual yard sale. If you have items you’d like to donate, call or email us.

Pennies4Paws Campaign. Get your friends, family, co-workers to collect pennies to help us help the dogs. Contact us to make arrangements to pick up or delivery of your pennies.

Ottawa Kennel Club Spring Show, drop by our booth May 26-28, 2006, Richmond Fairgrounds, Richmond, ON.



Thank you!

Thank all of those who participated in our **Valentine’s Day Blitz** to help raise funds for Ruby’s veterinary care. We’d also like to thank the following individuals for their support :

- Coralie - \$1500.00
- Kim- \$250.00
- Lars and Marij \$200.00
- Kevin \$100.00
- Kathryn - \$125.00
- Jackie-\$160.00
- Sarah-\$60.00
- New England St. Bernard Rescue-\$400.00
- Debbie—\$200

Donations in-kind/ sponsorships:

Drs. Max Rosetti, Alix Soltan, Andrew Sparling, and Dr. “J” Canadian North—for Ruby
James Smith, Laberge Weinstein, our legal beagle
Global Pet Foods (613-836-3023)
Pakenham Country Kennels, boarding (1-877-755-0464)
Capital Writing Services for sponsoring our newsletter
Storm Internet Services for hosting our web site

Thanks to our fosters: Deb, Lisa, Doreen, and Coralie

Shine a light on Trinity of Hope’s Princess Furball (Tammy)

Tammy Girl is a 7 yr. old spayed Newfoundland in need of cruciate surgery. An owner surrender, she is good with other dogs, kids, cats and a hamster. Tammy’s ACL most likely was first damaged in 2004. She now needs \$1200 worth of surgery to repair that damaged knee. A very sweet, spe-

cial gal, we’d like to see her have that surgery. If you would like to help us help Tammy, you may send a cheque to:

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue
 P.O. Box 95
 Manotick, ON K4M 1A2

Or donate online: PayPal, please visit <http://TrinityofHope.on.ca/>

Trinity of Hope’s Princess Furball (Tammy)



UPDATE

Not all of the dogs we’ve helped during the past year have made it to the web site as we quickly found approved homes. Some of these dogs were **Big Al**, CKC-registered 14 mos. old Saint, **Sophie**, 3 yr. old Newfoundland, **Hermann**, CKC-registered Saint, **Tammy**, a 7 yr. old Newfoundland, **Abner**, **Shanny**, **Ruby**, **Hanna**, **Gretta** and **Daisy Mae** (all **Saints**, all in their forever



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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

THDR's Wish List

If you aren't in the position to make a financial donation or if you have any of the items on our Wish List you'd like to donate, we will make arrangements to pick up these items in the Ottawa area:

- Portable panel kennel runs (6 ft.) and gates 6 ft. chainlink or other type of fencing
- T-fence posts
- Patio stones
- X-pens (48")
- Vari-700 crates
- 54" wire crates
- Long-distance calling cards
- Bedding (quilts, sleeping bags, crib bumper pads)
- Vehicle barriers
- Stainless water buckets
- Baby / dog gates
- Bowls
- Leashes (we recycle the hardware, so chewed ones are okay)
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, laundry detergent)
- Business supplies (Samsung CL500 cartridges, business cards, labels, laminating machine, legal-size file folders, other)
- Fabric (for dog beds)
- 15" or longer zippers
- Thread (serger and regular sewing thread)
- One-of-a-kind dog items for us to auction off
- Dog toys

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue Membership and Donation Form March 2006

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Email: _____

Annual membership type: () \$30.00 Individual

() \$40.00 Family

Lifetime membership:

() \$300.00 Individual

() \$500.00 Family

Membership includes newsletter and periodic updates on special activities. Members may also serve on the Board of Directors and vote during Annual meetings. Membership dues are tax receiptable (Canadian residents only).

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

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

Please issue receipt to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Email: _____

Please make cheques payable to: **Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue**. To contribute using PayPal, please visit <http://TrinityofHope.on.ca/>. Sometime in April, we anticipate being part of Canadahelps.org. Through this organization, you will be able to pledge a monthly donation amount using a credit card and other means of payment. Receipts will be generated (Canadian residents only) by Canadahelps.org on our behalf.

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

___ Fundraise ___ Foster ___ Sew ___ Box Parent

___ Administration ___ Newsletter ___ Revamp web site

___ Install fencing ___ Host Yard sale ___ Groom

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Email: _____