



The Gentle Giant Guardian

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The View from the Board

Contributed by Krys Prichard

As the calendar year draws to a close, it is time for THDR to let its supporters know how the year has gone.

January brought the arrival of a Saint Bernard from Inuvik. Trinity of Hope's Canadian North Gem was adopted in the Edmonton area. At last report, she was doing great.

At the beginning of February, we were called to help Hermann, a 6-yr. old CKC-registered Saint Bernard. His breeder, Marion Buckton, in Alberta stepped up to the plate to assist with the financial costs of rehoming Hermann and would have been willing to take him back. We felt it would be less stressful for him to stay in Ontario.

In March, THDR committed to helping an 8 yr. old Newfoundland, Tammy. Thanks to Dr. Currie at Osgoode Veterinary Services and Carrie Smith, Canine Rehabilitation Services (see page 3 to learn more about the services Carrie provides to animals in the Ottawa

area), Tammy's damaged anterior cruciate ligament was repaired. Tammy has made a full recovery and is happily at home with Randy, Jenn and the boys.

March also was the time when Trinity of Hope's I Lean on You (Eileen) and Trinity of Hope's Theodor-able (Brutus) arrived. Eileen is still waiting for her perfect home.

In June, Miss Daphne needed THDR's help. Miss Daphne was originally used for breeding in a puppy mill in Quebec. Miss Daphne has undergone eye surgery and is now ready for placement.

In September, another Newfoundland, this time a three-year old male, Thunder, came under the aegis of THDR. Thunder is in his potential home as he undergoes some additional training.

All was quiet on the Western front (Alberta) until late November when Kero, a five-year old Saint Bernard ended up at the Edmonton Humane Society. THDR's

Alberta representative, Paul, has been busy with Kero for the past couple of months.

Here in Ontario, the end of November saw the arrival of Trinity of Hope's The Terminator (Arnie), a 2-year old Saint Bernard from Quebec. Arnie is still undergoing evaluation. So far, he's a great dog and will, we hope, make someone a very nice companion.

Although the number of dogs we assist is not a high number, the veterinary care required sometimes poses a financial challenge. Brutus and Eileen were picked up roaming at large. Both required grooming, sterilization, treatment for internal parasites, shots, microchips, antibiotics for secondary infections, and spent 10 days in boarding until we could move them into foster homes.

Now that we are a registered charity, we encourage our supporters who make donations to the United Way to consider directing these donations to THDR.

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

- in the early 1800s, the monks selected breeding stock based on coat markings to match the vestments worn during the celebration of Holy Mass?
- the Alb is the stretch of white from the throat to the feet covering the breast?
- the stole is the Saint's white collar?
- the mitre (monk's cap) is the "kiss" spot in the Saint's facial blaze?

We're waiting for homes!

Trinity of Hope's Lean on Me (Eileen)



Trinity of Hope's The Terminator (Arnie)



Trinity of Hope's Delphine Moonshine (Daphne)





Rainbow Bridge

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue mourns the passing of:

Trinity of Hope's I Love You Miss Peggy Sue (Psue),

a lovely Saint Bernard who arrived on a very hot July day, one of the saddest cases of neglect we've ever seen. Psue was much loved by Katie and Steve, and her Great Dane brother, Medwin.

Trinity Of Hope's Luck of the Irish (Bruno) has left a empty spot in the hearts of Paul, Rebecca and Ethan. Sainly brother to Maggie who died October 1, 2005."

Trinity of Hope's Miss Bellalaloo (Bella), one of the mixed breed dogs we helped when THDR was first starting out; Bella was dearly loved by Stephanie and Kevin and will be sadly

missed along life's way.

Charilie Toews. *Captain Kirk's pinata Springer Spaniel. Our hearts go out to Donna, she gave Charile the best life he could have.*

Nigel Collins. *It is with deep sorrow we share Kathleen, THDR Treasurer's pain. It is hard to envision Kathleen without Nigel.*

Each THDR dog who crosses rainbow bridge takes a part of our volunteers' hearts on that journey. We are the ones who loved them first, Their names are engraved on our hearts, as are the paw-prints they've left behind.

Rainbow Bridge

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

When an animal dies that has been especially close to some-

one 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

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.



Christmas Tree of Hope

Each year, we launch our Christmas Tree of Hope as a virtual fundraiser. In 2006, Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue has tackled helping Saint Bernards from Newfoundland to Alberta, and now can count Inuvik as an area where we've helped a dog.

Our Christmas Tree of Hope is a lot of fun for us to host. Each day we get to add Christmas decorations in honour and in memory of loved ones, four- and two- legged.

To help us decorate our tree, visit the web site, <http://trinityofhope.on.ca/events/xmas/index.html>

Select the donation amount you'd like to make, and either drop us a

cheque or use PayPal to make your donation. Upon receipt of the information, our Web Master will add your ornament to our tree.

Proceeds from our Christmas Tree of Hope are earmarked for the following THDR programs:

Kelli's Pot O'Gold, a fund available to assist other rescue groups in Canada when the group accepts an otherwise healthy dog that was transferred to a vet clinic for convenience euthanasia.

Trinity of Hope's general fund to cover the veterinary costs for dogs we help. This fund makes it possible for us to accept the "medically" challenged dogs about which we get contacted each year.

Tammy, the 8-yr. old Newfoundland, arrived in need of cruciate ligament surgery. This surgery, and the post-operative care associated with the surgery, costs between \$1200-2000. Before we could arrange for Tammy's surgery, once we checked to make sure we had enough money, we had to find a dedicated foster or potential adoptive to provide the post-operative care. There is little point to having the surgery performed if the rehabilitation work is not done.

Tammy is only one of the "special-needs" dogs we were able to help in 2006. Won't you help us help others?



Light up the lives of our rescue dogs and share the joy of hope in the new year. You may celebrate the life or memory of a beloved one with a donation. Won't you help us decorate our 2006 Christmas Tree of Hope?



Reflections on rescue and volunteers

Contributed by Krys Prichard

One Christmas, one of my uncles gave me a Barbie™ doll. I wasn't really into dolls, I much preferred my Teddy Bears, my Pooh™ bear to be exact. In my six-year old mind, the perfect marriage would be between my Big Pooh and my Barbie doll (did I mention Big Pooh was missing part of his ear and his nose was patched because Brownie, the family's American Water Spaniel, had stolen Big Pooh from my room and did some reconstructive surgery...probably not). Fast forward to 1993. There was a Newfoundland, "an 8-months old female puppy" who needed help. She was tied at a co-worker's cot-

tage. The family with which I had lived as a foreign exchange student had a Newfoundland named Tinka. I knew how big, smelly, and drooly Newfs were. I also knew that in our house and hearts, we could at least bring this "8-months old" female home until we could find someone for her. I remember waiting anxiously for my first glimpse of her. "She's not 8 mos. old and she better not be pregnant" were the first words out of my mouth. I was right on both accounts. Many people wonder how Trinity Of Hope Dog Rescue came to be. THDR exists because of Pooh, Barbie, and yes,

Tinka. THDR exists because of the amazing people who support THDR's efforts. Our supporters, adopters, and volunteers do not have a copy of the tally sheet. I do. When I look at it, I am floored by the generosity that has flowed our way. What started as "we can help this one dog" has touched so many lives. To each volunteer, adopter, supporter, friend, you own a part of THDR because you've made it happen. Each of you has made a difference.

When I look at all the photos of the rescue dogs; they are on the wall in my office where

I do my "real" work, I think of each person whose path has crossed mine. I don't know that they have a sense of how important they are to me, I hope they do. Not a day goes by when I do not think of the difference they've made in the life of a dog, and my life.

When one considers volunteering, it is recommended that one volunteers with organizations about which one can feel passionate, where one's personal goals match those of the organization. THDR wants to be the best rescue group it can be. Interested in volunteering? Contact us to discuss the goals we have for THDR and you.

Upcoming Events & Fundraising Activities

Adopt-a-box parents needed! We have approximately 50 coin boxes still waiting for homes. 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.

Pennies4Paws Campaign. We've collected \$306.00 since May. Get your friends, family, co-workers to collect pennies to help us help the dogs. Contact us to make arrangements to pick up or to deliver your pennies.

Trinity of Hope's annual traveling yard sale. We need a location and volunteers for the Glebe to participate in the Glebe Annual Yard Sale. The barn is full of neat stuff we'd like to turn into cash to help the dogs.

If you'd like to help with any of these activities, or organize an event or fundraising activity for us, give us a call at 613-725-9218 or email info@TrinityOfHope.on.ca



Thank you!

Thank you to the following who've supported THDR dogs over the last few months:

Blaine - \$400.00
Ellen-\$250.00
Cathy-\$100.00
Leanne - \$90.00
Kinsley—\$60.00

Donations in-kind/ sponsorships:

Dr. Max Rosetti, Dr. Currie, and Dr. Janice Scott, for donating their veterinary services to care for our dogs.
James Talmadge for mak-

ing three THDR dogs subjects of two of his paintings (<http://www.talmadgeart.com>)

Global Pet Foods (613-836-3023)

Pakenham Country Kennels, boarding (1-877-755-0464)

Capital Writing Services (cws@ripnet.com)

Storm Internet Services for hosting our web site

S4 Potential for matching employee donations. (S4potential.com)

Thanks to our fosters:

Shine a light on Trinity of Hope's Delfine Moonshine (Daphne)

Daphne is a 2-3 yr. old spayed female Saint Bernard. Daphne spent the first years of her life in a puppy mill. As a result of this environment, Daphne does have some chronic eye care requirements. She suffers from dry eye and needs eye drops or tear gel administered daily. She may also suffer

from eye infections from time to time. We've had entropia surgery performed and have treated the eye infection and edema with which she arrived. Now it is a matter of maintenance. Miss Daphne is a very sweet, affectionate gal who'd like a home to call her own. Daphne is up-to-date on

shots, heartworm negative, hypothyroid (on medication). She is good with most other dogs, although a bit pushy with other females initially. She is in a foster home with two cats. She walks fairly well on lead, responds to her name, and knows sit

and down. She likes to be groomed and to lean on you. She also likes to sneak up on the couch for a cuddle.





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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](http://Trinityofhope.on.ca/on)

THDR's Wish List

If you aren't in the position to make a financial donation but have any of the items on our Wish List you'd like to donate or if you can offer your services to help us help the dogs, please contact us:

Stuff:

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 Vehicle barriers
 Vehicle (van for transportation)
 Furniture (a loveseat would be great!)
 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-sized file folders, other)
 Patio stones/concrete work

Services:

Legal assistance (review our contracts and other documents)
 Accountant (audit our books/prepare our tax return)
 Grant Writer
 Construction (finish our kennel runs)

Trinity of Hope Dog Rescue Membership and Donation Form 12/2006

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: _____