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THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF "HOPE"

MARCH 2014: Hope arrived at the FSCPA

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Hope when she first arrived. On the left a full body shot; on the right her body condition

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Without Hope, the future holds no promise. When Hope, a beautiful Rottweiler mix, entered the Fredericton SPCA, she was a neglected stray. She was anxious about meeting new people and unconvinced that people could be kind. Malnourished to the point of starvation and extremely weak, Hope was 8 years old and weighed only seventy pounds. Every one of her bones jutted fiercely against her thinly stretched skin. The individual who rescued her hoped that the FSPCA could help. Despite Hope's hesitation to trust in humans, there was something deeply appealing in the uncertain glances that she cast at her new caregivers. There was hope — as if she knew, deep in the core of her being, that life could get better. She has had to gain weight slowly so that her body could relearn how to metabolize food. She has been treated for painful arthritis in her front legs, possibly from a life spent living outside. And yet, Hope's resilience is unparalleled. At approximately eight years of age, she has started to enjoy life. Hope goes for walks. She greets visitors. She counts on people to be kind. She eagerly anticipates her meals. At her current seventy-eight pounds, the vet says that Hope is an ideal, healthy weight.. Hope's front legs are still not strong enough for extended walks, but her caregiver at the shelter says that Hope enjoys every moment they spend out together. She ambles along happily, enjoying the attention and making eye contact with the human on the other end of the leash. She smiles. Although Hope will respond in kind if she's faced with an aggressive dog, overall she is a dream to handle. And dreams only matter when there's hope involved. With Hope, anything's possible.

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Teaching Bite Prevention in Children

Dog bites in children are an unfortunate situation that in many cases, could have been avoided. Although adults often have the knowledge and common sense to prevent dog bites, it is not always communicated to children in a way that resonates. Fortunately, there are activities that can be shared with children to teach them about bite prevention that will stay with them for years.

When a child is warned about dog bites, they typically think that it could only happen with a dog they don't know. The reality is that many bites occur in the home with pets that have been part of the family for years. Showing pictures of dogs in situations that children could see at home with their own pets, for instance, while eating, sleeping, or chewing a bone, resonates well. Teaching children not to pet dogs during these everyday events is an effective lesson to prevent dog bites at home.

Paying attention to a dogs' body language is also a key in bite prevention. If a dog displays fear, anxiety or anger, precautions should be taken. These warning signs can be taught through roleplaying with a stuffed toy or by showing pictures of dogs with their ears back, cowering, or a flickering tongue. This will teach children to recognize the body language that can lead to bites.

A key component to bite prevention is teaching children how to approach dogs they are meeting for the first time. Walking through the steps of approaching a dog, including asking the owner for permission and showing a fist for the dog to smell before petting, is an activity that many children enjoy learning. Teaching children to stand still when a stray dog approaches, a concept taught by the "[Be-a-Tree](#)" Program, or laying down with their hands behind their neck if the dog appears aggressive, have been found to be particularly effective with bite prevention. Roleplaying these activities and asking the child to repeat the process shortly after they were taught allows the child to absorb the information and recall it long-term.

Bringing a new dog home can be a learning experience for every member of the family. Early on, children should be taught acceptable behaviour when touching the new pet. Reading stories such as, "[Tails are not for Pulling](#)" are especially effective as they visualize proper interaction with pets and repeat the main message several times. Stories such as this are also appropriate for children of all ages, allowing education to begin early.

When taught using a method that resonates with children, bite prevention lessons can be extremely effective. For additional information on bite prevention, see the resources below.

[Humane Society of the United States](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/avoid_dog_bites.html): www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/avoid_dog_bites.html

[ASPCA](http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/dog-care/dog-bite-prevention): www.aspca.org/pet-care/dog-care/dog-bite-prevention

[BC SPCA](http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/kids-teens/teacher/lesson-plans/bite-free-dog-bite-safety.html): www.sPCA.bc.ca/kids-teens/teacher/lesson-plans/bite-free-dog-bite-safety.html

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"100 IN 100" CAMPAIGN

2014 ushered in our 100th year as an SPCA, and to celebrate this milestone we launched a campaign to have 100 people donate \$100 each to help raise much needed funds for the Adoption Centre. Every one who donated will have their sentiments placed on a plaque within the Centre to symbolize the community support we are so lucky to have so that we can continue to do the work we do. We would like to thank the "100 in 100" partners:

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ADOPTER UPDATE: Hope was adopted June 2014

She has settled in with the family life quite nicely. She is the happiest dog I have ever seen so I am always calling her my big puppy! Everyone who meets her falls in love instantly (once they get over the part where she's a big Rottweiler!) I love taking her for walks in the woods, she is absolutely obsessed with chasing squirrels and birds. She loves to lead the way but always checks on me to make sure I'm still behind her. I have formed such a strong bond with her over the past few months and I have never been happier in my life and know she is too! Adopting her was the best decision I have ever made, I love her more than anything.



SECOND CHANCES



It has been a harsh cold winter this year, especially on the outdoor animals in our community. Nebula was one such cat that was found outside after a very bad cold spell and a caring individual found her and brought her to us. Nebula, who was less than a year old, had suffered severe frostbite to her ears and once she was warm and safe, her ear tips fell off as the skin was damaged beyond repair.

But that didn't stop her from getting adopted to a loving home that will keep her inside as she will now be more susceptible to the cold.

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A Different Kind of Birthday Party

Some parents may not consider the Fredericton SPCA when planning a birthday party for their children, however, the Adoption Centre has become a popular location for Party Animals! Children over the age of six are able to celebrate with their friends in a unique and fun way that is also educational.

Main highlights of the FSPCA birthday parties include: the opportunity to play with Adoption Centre Animals, including dogs, cats, hamsters, rats, rabbits and more; and a VIP, behind-the-scenes tour that provides a backstage view of the adoption centre, the examination room and dog kennels.

Parents find the tours beneficial as children learn an optimal standard of care for animals. Additionally, they are shown the activities that take place at the adoption centre on a daily basis so they understand the integral role the organization plays in the community.

For booking or to find more information about Fredericton SPCA birthday parties, please contact education@frederictonspca.ca





Behind the Scenes: Animal Care Attendant VICTORIA JONES



1. How long have you been at the FSPCA and what drew you here?

I've been at the Fredericton SPCA for two and a half years. I've always wanted to work with animals for a career, so I did my Co-Op placement in my grade twelve year of high school, and shortly after got hired on as a part-time employee. In the last two years I have moved up to the Dog Technician position.

2. What does your typical day look like here?

One of the things I love the most about this job is that there is no typical day. Every day is new, and you never know what to expect. It's amazing how much stuff can happen in the run of 8 hours. Some days, it can be fairly slow and not a lot of people come in, and other days, the building can be extremely packed with people looking to adopt. We also never know when strays are coming in, so we could go two or three days without getting any, and then the next day we could get 10 strays in. It keeps us on our toes.



3. What is the hardest thing about your job?

There's a ton of hard things about this job, but for me it would be seeing so much neglect. Seeing a helpless animal that doesn't deserve anything but the best is frustrating. We get a lot of the "throw away animals", meaning when it comes time to bring them to the vet, or getting a trainer for a specific behavior problem, people will let them loose or surrender them to us to take care of them. I don't get how people can do that, even after two and a half years of working here.

4. What do you like best about your job?

The best part of my job is seeing one of our dogs going into a new home, and knowing they have a second chance at a great life that they deserve. Being able to see a dog's transformation and journey from the day they enter into our Adoption Centre, to the day they go to their new home makes everything worth it. It doesn't matter if it's an aggressive dog that so many people have given up on, a sick dog that someone has given up or just an all-around nice dog that goes home, it's a great feeling either way.

5. What do you want the public to know about the FSPCA that they don't know?

There are two things that I try hard to get across to people on a day to day basis. The first point being how far we go for an animal. We go above and beyond for every single animal that enters our doors. From bringing a dog home for a sleepover so they can sleep in a warm bed, or buying certain foods for a dog with an upset stomach. Our job doesn't just start at 8:00 am and end at 4:30 pm. Also, our enrichment program we have for our dogs. They aren't stuck in their kennels all day and all night, like a lot of people think. They get so much more than that. They go for drives, walks, fenced in area play times, they get enrichment toys, play dates, we play games with them and much more. A lot of people don't realize exactly the types of things we do for them. Every animal here becomes a huge part of our family. I like to think of it as our very, very extended family!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WINE TASTING GALA - MAY 7

Join us for our second annual Wine Tasting Gala being held at the Train Station on York Street from 5:00 - 8:30 pm. This exciting event will have you blind taste testing various wines to see if you can guess what they are. There will be a Cork Pull, that for a \$25 donation you get to pull a numbered cork from a bowl and you will get the corresponding numbered bottle of wine that is valued anywhere between \$12 and \$50. There is also a fantastic Silent Auction and a Live Auction for a Larry's Gulch fishing adventure. Tickets are \$50 each and you can purchase them at The Barking Lot, Shur-Gain Feeds 'n Needs or at the FSPCA. For more information contact Karen at 476-4188.

SNAP! BURLESQUE - MAY 8 & 9

The third annual SNAP! Burlesque Review is a charity event that raises money for animal groups in the Fredericton and Oromocto area. The show consists of a spectacular line up of song and dance numbers, filled with fun, humour and the message about animal welfare. Held at Le Centre Communautaire Sainte -Anne theatre, there are two show times: Friday or Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm (\$30 per ticket). Pick up your tickets today at the Fredericton SPCA.

CHICKADEE CAT SHOW - JUNE 6 & 7

"The Cat of the Rings" will be held at the Capital Exhibit Centre 361 Smythe Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick on Saturday, June 6th and Sunday, June 7th, 9 am - 5 pm and the Fredericton SPCA will be there! This is a family event which showcases registered breeds as well as household pets. This is a great opportunity to learn about cats and cat lovers. Pet Food companies will be on hand to answer your questions regarding nutrition and other vendors will have everything from face painting to items for your cat. There will also be a Raffle and a Silent Auction. For information on how you and your cat can be a part of this unique event, contact Bev Amos at chickadeecatclub9@gmail.com or 506-459-2780.

RELISH CARES! WEEK- JUNE 15 - 21

Relish Gourmet Burgers is cooking up a storm for the FSPCA the week of June 15th to the 21st. Located at both locations will be the FSPCA specialty burger (vegetarian/vegan options available), a Stuff A Van food drive for the animals at the Adoption Centre and so much more. Stay tuned with all the events happening that week, and always remember that Relish Cares about the FSPCA!

JUST FOR CATS FILM FESTIVAL - JUNE 19

The Kingswood Lodge will be hosting our second annual Just For Cats Film Festival this year on June 19th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. There will be a prize for best human cat costume, free popcorn, vendors and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30 and will be on sale soon. Come out and join the other crazy cat people (and dog people) to watch those crazy antics from YouTube. For more information contact Karen at 476-4188.

DOG WASH & BBQ at SHUR-GAIN FEEDS'N NEEDS—JULY 18 & AUGUST 15

Tired of splashing water and soap suds all over your bathroom floor? Bring your beloved pooch to Shur Gain Feeds 'N Needs on Saturday July 18 and again on Saturday August 15 to have a fantastic FSPCA volunteer wash them for you for a donation. Relax, have a hotdog from one of our BBQ Chefs and enjoy the show!

MATT STAIRS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT - AUGUST 30 & 31

Baseball World Series Champion, and NB and Canadian Hall of Famer, Matt Stairs will be holding the 3rd Annual Matt Stairs Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Fredericton SPCA and the Fredericton Minor Baseball Association. Both of these Associations are near and dear to his whole family. They have several dogs and cats in their home and realize how important good homes and good physical and medical care is for the many abandoned and homeless animals in our area. Kickoff for the event will be a dinner on August 30th at the Fredericton Inn with guest speaker Bill "Spaceman" Lee followed by the golf tournament on Monday August 31st at Kingswood. Tickets for the dinner are \$75 and can be purchased by contacting Bill Saunders at royals@nbnet.nb.ca or Karen McGeean at 476-4188.

FSPCA WISH LIST

We are in need of the following items:

- Lysol Wipes
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Paper towels
- Essential Oils (Lavender, Spearmint, Peppermint)
- Feliway diffusers and spray
- Gas Card for the Van
- Costco, Canadian Tire, or other retail store gift card to buy supplies
- Printer Paper
- Cat Food: Friskies canned cat food (gravy or pate). Purina One Smart Blend Chicken & Rice Formula dry adult cat food and Purina One Kitten Blend
- Dog Food: Purina One Smart Blend Lamb Formula Dry dog food. Any brand name of canned wet food.
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