

## Head Bobbers

For horse lovers, here's a recipe that is sure to please our equine friends.

### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2-4 apples, finely chopped
- 1 cup carrots, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp. corn oil
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup bran or grain of your choice, optional

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease a large cookie sheet. Mix apples, carrots, oil and molasses. Then mix in oats and flour. You can either spread the mix on a cookie sheet and break apart after they are baked, or roll the dough out and cut into cookie shapes. Cook for about 20 minutes. Let cool.

## Bathtub baseball

Is your cat out of shape? Here's a quick exercise to inspire your pussycat's natural playfulness and help shed unwanted weight while building muscle tone and flexibility.

Taken from the March/April 2010 edition of Pets magazine.

This game is a great choice for cats with dreams of becoming a homerun slugger.

Put your cat in a clean, dry bathtub (with the drain plugged) and show your cat a ping pong ball.. Bounce the ball off the side of the bathtub and watch your cat chase the ball and give it a "bat". If the ball starts to slow down (or your cat hits it out of the park...err, tub), give it another roll to restart the game.



## upcoming events >>>

### >>> June 30 — July 1 Frontier Days

The Swift Current SPCA will be at Frontier Days! We'll have 50/50 draws every day.

### July 1— Canada Day Parade

Come support our shelter and alumni dogs as members and owners walk with them in this year's parade!

### July 17 — M&M Meats BBQ

Watch the website for more details.

### July 31 — Deadline to submit photos for the 2011 Calendar

### August — Dog Days of Summer

Date to be announced.

### Fall — Adoptathon at Swift Current Mall

Date to be announced.

### December — Pictures with Santa Paws

At the Swift Current Mall. Date to be announced.

## shelter alumni >>>



Lisa, pictured above, was adopted in September of 2009 by the Coenans, an SPCA member family. At first she was shy and timid, and wouldn't let them touch her around her neck. Today she is a wonderful playmate for their 11 year old dog, and makes their family complete after the loss of a previous dear pet in June 2009. The Coenans wish to thank the wonderful shelter staff for bringing Lisa into their life.



"Protecting those who cannot protect themselves."

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## history of cats in Egypt >>>

The Egyptians were the first culture to domesticate felines. Cats were a part of the household, culture, government and religion.

Cat images are in Egyptian art and sculpture. The devotion is clearly demonstrated by the Metternich Stela. The Stela of black stone is covered with hieroglyphics dating to 360-343 B.C. The hieroglyphics are spells used to heal ailing cats. Most spells ask the Sun God Re to cure the sick cat's heart, lungs, brain, legs, stomach or eyes.

All spells were for cats stung by scorpions, believed to be the cause of most ailments. Scorpion stings were usually the result of the cat protecting their human families.

Re was considered the father of the cat goddess Bastet. All cats were considered manifestations of the goddess Bastet. One reason was because cats (tabbies) have markings on their foreheads that look like scarab beetles.

200 years ago, reciting spells was thought to be medicine. Very few people were literate, but used the Stela by pouring water over it. They believed the power of the words was transferred to the water. They caught the water and had the cat drink it to receive the medical benefits.

The Metternich Stela was the beginning of feline veterinary medicine. It demonstrated the love the Egyptians had for their cats.

## contact us >>>

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**Website:** www.spcaswiftcurrent.com  
Membership applications and member surveys are available at the Shelter and Bookstore.

Email your newsletter ideas, articles, or comments to: [secretary@spcaswiftcurrent.com](mailto:secretary@spcaswiftcurrent.com)

“ I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior. ”  
- Hippolyte Taine

**RUNNING INTO THE STORE FOR 'JUST A MINUTE' CAN BE FATAL FOR A DOG LEFT IN A CAR**

When the thermometer soars, a parked car can quickly become a furnace, endangering an animal's life, and making the owner liable to criminal charges.

## quick bits >>>

**Members:** Submit your proposed amendments to our by-laws to Sheila Morin, By-law Committee Chair, c/o Box 1163, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3.

**Calendar Contest**—Yes, we are producing a wonderful calendar for next year and you can now submit your pet photos for inclusion. You can enter the Pet-of-the-month contest for the main photograph on each page (Judges will select the chosen twelve) as well as ‘buy a day’ for a smaller picture printed for a particular date – ideal for commemorating your pet’s birthday or adoption date, or in memory of a loved pet.



The Calendar will make ideal gifts for friends and family, and all proceeds go to support the SPCA here in Swift Current.

You can pick up an entry form at the Shelter or enter online at [www.spcaswiftcurrent.com](http://www.spcaswiftcurrent.com). The deadline for submissions is July 31.

## Loyalty

You can't buy loyalty, they say,  
I bought it though, the other day  
You can't buy friendships, tried and true  
Well just the same, I bought that too.  
I made my bid and on spot  
Brought love and faith and a whole job lot  
Of happiness, so all in all  
The purchase price was pretty small  
I bought a single trusting heart,  
that gave devotion from the start  
If you think these things are  
NOT FOR SALE  
Buy a brown-eyed puppy with a wagging tail

— Unknown

**Lilo** (photo at right) was left in our outdoor catch pen April 29<sup>th</sup> on a very rainy morning. She was soaking wet and had an obvious problem with her back leg. X-rays revealed a complete fracture of her thigh bone. Even though she must have felt pain from her leg, she displayed an absolute loving temperament. Thanks to three very dedicated people at a local veterinarian clinic, Lilo had her leg set and splinted. She had to have her splint changed a few times due to her high level of activity and she purred and played her way through each session. She loves being cuddled, nuzzling her little black nose against your skin. Despite some joint stiffness that will go away, Lilo's leg has healed beautifully and she's now ready for her forever home. If your ideal cat is one who will give you as much affection as you give, one who loves to entertain you with her silly antics and has an amazingly resilient spirit, Lilo is the feline for you.

## shelter news >>>

The adoption fair which we held at the Swift Current Mall was definitely a success. We moved 9 animals that weekend and 4 more the following week due to exposure from the weekend. Several pamphlets were distributed and new volunteers were recruited with lots of comments overheard indicating that people were surprised and impressed that the cats at the Mall were Shelter cats because they all looked so healthy. Our special guest, Hope (now known as Tory) was a definite hit with the crowds. Gena Hodgins brought her Tory for the Fashion Show and for exposure for fundraising for the Hope Fund. Gena was very touched that we wanted to include Tory and her in the event and has graciously offered to attend other fundraisers or awareness campaigns in the future with us. Annie Narine, the Swift Current Mall Manager, has invited us into the Mall again.

We held another adoption fair at the Swift Current Mall on May 14 & 15. As a result 3 dogs and 3 cats are expected to be fostered with adoption pending. We again found that many people were interested in volunteering with the Shelter and also sent out a few foster forms.

Saskatoon SPCA has offered us more resin kennels. These have proved ideal for our adoption fairs as they are highly portable and easy to clean. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity.

The Comp High School has dropped off a few of the dog houses that one of the construction classes has built for us. They are a nice size and should do well for our dogs.

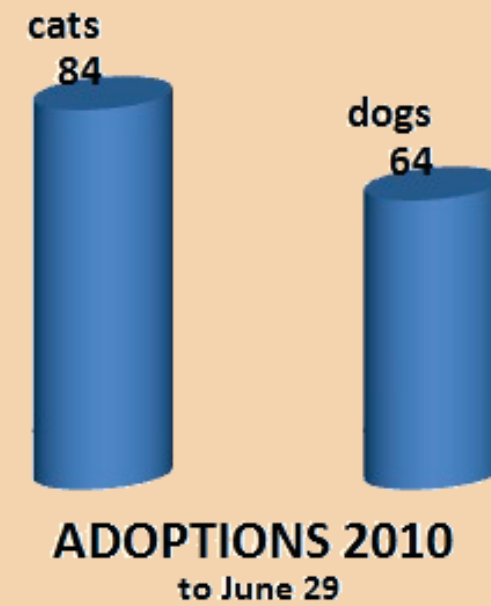
We will be doing a trial run of offering microchip implants to all newly adopted animals from our Shelter as a very reasonable price.



If all goes well, we hope to be able to offer this in the future to all animals previously adopted through our SPCA as well for the same nominal fee.

On a more serious note: Many thanks to the generosity of our community as we have been able to share bedding, towels and food with the people of Maple Creek during their time of great need. We have also lent our previous set of steel kennels to them to assist with housing people's pets while they struggle through this disaster. Our hearts go out to the people and animals of all those affected areas.

Lisa Dyck  
Shelter Manager



Orioles are in abundance in the summertime here in Swift Current. If you'd like to see some of these brightly coloured songbirds up close here's how: Place a slice of orange on a bird feeder or other surface safe from the threat of cats or other animals. You can also use a small amount of grape jelly (or other jams and fruits), which they love to lick at with their slender tongues.



Thank you **Cowtown** and **Nutter's** for inviting us to come out one drizzly Saturday in June to cook hotdogs. The fundraiser netted over \$300 in donations and new memberships. Pictured above: SPCA Vice-President **Melanie Weinbender** presents **Deserae Unger** with a Certificate of Appreciation and a junior membership at the fundraiser. Deserae, age 10, volunteers at the Shelter with her mom **Kyla**, and single-handedly raised over \$150 in donations. Cowtown and Nutter's donated all the food and drinks for this successful outing.

## president's message >>>

Dear Friends,

Isn't it great how pets are always pleased to see you? Both my cat Bosley, and my dog Ginger don't care about the weather, global warming or the size of the bank balance - all they care about is that I'm home and ready for some play! Both of them came from the SPCA here in Swift Current, and have brought heaps of pleasure - thanks in part to our caring and kind staff and volunteers at the Shelter. Every animal we house is given as much attention as possible to help socialize them ready for their new fur-ever homes, and our successful adoption rate is at an all time high. If you haven't visited the Shelter for a while, now would be a great time to show your support and take in the good work that goes on there. And don't forget, donations and volunteers are always welcome!

Graham Parsons

*President - SPCA Swift Current*