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TIPPY, 10 yr old Shepherd with his adoptive mom AMBER

PEEL ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY



BEST ANIMAL RESCUE



MISSISSAUGA NEWS READERS' CHOICE



LOLA
with Cerebellar Hypoplasia
ADOPTED



PEEL ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY (PARS)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



INSIDE

We are thrilled to share that 2024 was another incredible year for Peel Animal Rescue Society (PARS)! Thanks to our dedicated team and supporters, we rescued a total of 455 animals—384 cats and 71 dogs—giving them a second chance at life. We also found homes for 354 of them.

We are overjoyed to announce that PARS has won the DIAMOND AWARD in the 2024 Mississauga News Readers' Choice Awards! We've been voted

THE BEST ANIMAL RESCUE

in Mississauga! This award, chosen by the readers, celebrates and supports local organizations for their outstanding contributions. We are very grateful to our nominators and everyone who voted for us! For more details, check out NEWS & EVENTS on Page 7.

Our success would not be possible without our volunteers, foster parents, donors, work partners, and supporters. Your dedication has made a real difference in the lives of so many animals. Thank you for being part of our rescue journey.

Looking Ahead to 2025, our first fundraiser of the year will be an ONLINE AUCTION happening in April or May—stay tuned! In the meantime, check out a sneak peek of the 200+ amazing auction items we have lined up!

Lily Chan
President

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ABOUT PARS

- 100% VOLUNTEER-RUN Nonprofit group
- No shelter, facility, or paid staff
- Foster Home Base
- No support from the SPCA/City/Government

RESCUE/ADOPTION STATISTICS

Nov 2024 to Jan 2025



No. of CATS Rescued : 62

No. of CATS Adopted: 69



No. of DOGS Rescued : 16

No. of DOGS Adopted: 11



RESCUE JOURNAL



INCREDIBLE STORY OF PETER aka PITA

This is a story of LOVE, PATIENCE & ENDURANCE.

PETER, aka PITA, spent four long years in a shelter before our rescue in August 2022. Thanks to Shawna and Jay, he went to their loving foster home right after. Unfortunately, he needed to be returned after a few weeks due to an incident where he attacked the resident dogs (despite being described as fine with other dogs).

Years of shelter confinement likely left Peter unsocialized. He was reactive to both humans and dogs on the street. After three desperate appeals, Linda stepped up and offered her home to foster Peter. It wasn't easy—his behavior proved to be a great challenge. However, through Linda's love, dedication, and the training sessions provided by PARS, Peter began to show gradual improvement. Just when things seemed to be moving in the right direction, fate intervened.

Six months into fostering Peter, Linda was struck by a car in April 2023, sustaining severe injuries, including skull fractures, a brain bleed, and eye misalignment. She was hospitalized for two months, unable to drive or keep her job. As Linda had been Peter's primary caretaker, her injury disrupted the training plans she had in mind. Thankfully, her husband Gord stepped in and took over Peter's care, and they grew close to each other.

Linda's recovery has been a slow journey. After two eye surgeries (with another scheduled in May), she still struggles with balance, often feeling dizzy, but remains determined to regain her independence - She is hoping to get back the licence soon. A year after the accident, in April 2024, Linda made a big decision, SHE OFFICIALLY ADOPTED PETER! Her resilience and determination are truly inspiring.

This is the power of LOVE, PATIENCE and ENDURANCE. Together, LINDA, GORD and PETER have overcome huge challenges and built an unbreakable bond. THANK YOU, LINDA & GORD!



It only been pretty recent that I can walk further than around the block. Stamina has been the slowest to come back. He's an incredible dog. So loving, and anxious to please. He is still is very reactive to big dogs, small ones are hit and miss. He is wary of all strangers and sounds as though he wants to eat them until he gets to know them. His episodes are much shorter now, thankfully, we work on it daily. Once a month we take him for a 2.5km trail walk now that I'm able. We meet a friend and her dog; Peter now has a friend yay! I do muzzle him when we have the possibility of running into others. He has learned to play with a treat ball, which he loves. He doesn't play with anything else. We sit outside on front porch every morning regardless of the weather. He loves just watching the neighborhood (as long as nobody comes near the house) lol. He needs more socializing with both people and dogs which we can finally start doing more and more. PETER deserves to have everyone see what we see, the sweetest most gentle pup ever. We love PETER to bits and enjoy him daily. He is so kind and gentle with us and my mother. Thank you so much for bringing our family together."

-LINDA, Dec 2024



**FOSTER a PET
SAVE a LIFE**

**WE provide the FOOD
YOU provide the LOVE**



RESCUE JOURNAL

HOME JUST RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET BUSTER aka NOVA



In October 2024, we were notified about several stray cats on a street near Square One Mall in Mississauga. Among them was BUSTER (now renamed NOVA) a big gray male cat who was in poor health and not in the best mood. He had an upper respiratory infection and initially seemed feral, leading us to consider him for our TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program.



After being neutered and treated for his infection, we realized that NOVA wasn't aggressive—just scared. A couple offered to foster a cat for us, and they took in NOVA. To our surprise, Nova didn't take long to come out of his shell. After just a short period of hiding, he warmed up, seeking out pets and treats. He adjusted quickly, showing his sweet and affectionate side.



And in the most incredible twist—Nova's new home is right across the street from where he used to roam as a stray! His foster parents, Aneesh and Mugdha, fell in love with him and decided to adopt him, giving him the forever home he truly deserved. A huge thank you to Aneesh and Mugdha for giving Nova a loving, safe home—right in the neighborhood he once called his own.



MY VOLUNTEERING JOURNEY A Story of Giving Back

by NANCY

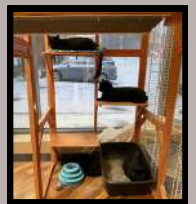
For many years, I've had the privilege of volunteering with PARS, and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience. My journey began when I adopted a cat BELLA from them. Wanting to give back to this amazing rescue, I decided to help make a difference for other animals in need.

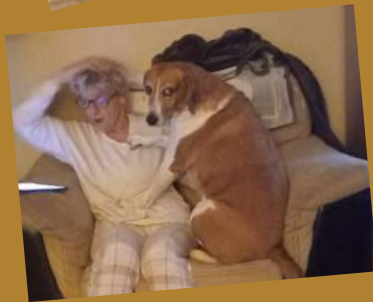
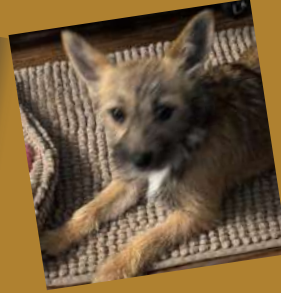
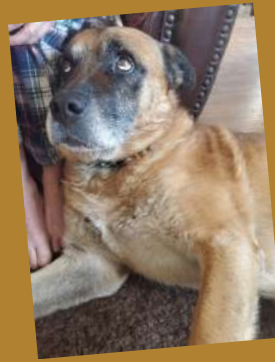
I started as a volunteer in the Cat Enclosure in an animal hospital, where mostly Shadow Cats—cats rescued from outdoors are placed. These cats are often scared and not yet ready for adoption. The duties include feeding, cleaning litter boxes, tidying up shelves and cat trees and socializing these cats. I typically volunteer once or twice a week, but during the pandemic lockdowns, when there was a shortage of volunteers, I stepped up to help seven days a week. I've also had the pleasure of mentoring new volunteers

Beyond my work in the Cat Enclosure, I've been involved in other areas of PARS. For two years in a row, I played Santa in the annual "PIC WITH SANTA" fundraiser. I've also given presentations at Girl Guide Troop events and participated in Garage Sales. A couple of years ago, I fostered SIRI, a homeless cat, ended up adopting her!

PARS works tirelessly to rescue and find loving homes for homeless cats and dogs. But they can't do it alone. They are always in need of funds and volunteers (Foster PARENTS). Every donation, big or small, makes a real impact. By volunteering as a FOSTER PARENT, you are directly helping to SAVE LIVES.

Contact PARS today to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

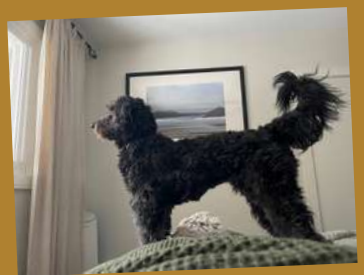
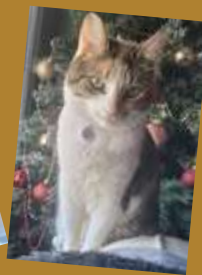
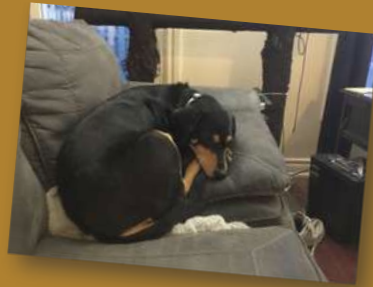


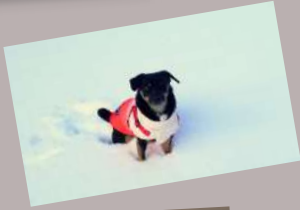


DONATE NOW!
HOME *sweet* HOME



SOME OF OUR RESCUED PETS IN THEIR ADOPTIVE HOMES

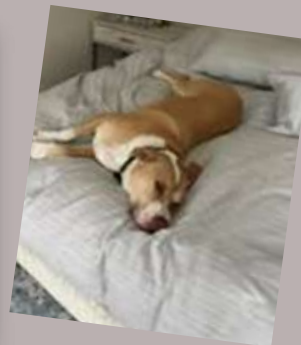




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NEWS & EVENTS

PICTURE WITH



We had our annual and biggest fundraiser:

"PICTURE WITH SANTA"

in Nov and Dec 2024. They were held on 4 dates at the west location of SHERIDAN NURSERIES.

It was very successful, and we had excellent turnouts!

Thank you, Sheridan Nurseries. We also extend our gratitude to the amazing volunteers—our Santas, photographers, and administrators—who helped make the events special. And, of course, a big thank you to all the participants and their wonderful pets for being a part of it!



PARS WON the DIAMOND AWARD!

We are overjoyed to announce that PEEL ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY (PARS) has won the **DIAMOND AWARD** in the local professional service of the 2024 "MISSISSAUGA NEWS READERS' CHOICE 2024", organized by The Mississauga News!

We have been voted:

"THE BEST ANIMAL RESCUE of MISSISSAUGA"



BEST ANIMAL RESCUE

MISSISSAUGA NEWS READERS' CHOICE

The program celebrates and supports local businesses/groups, recognizing their outstanding achievements. The winners are chosen by the readers. We are very grateful for our nominator and the Voters that supported us. We want to express our gratitude to all of our volunteers, foster parents, donors, work partners and supporters who have contributed to the success our Animal RESCUE work.

KITTEN ADOPTION EVENTS

In the months of November and December 2024 we had several KITTEN ADOPTION EVENTS. Many kittens found their furever homes! Here are just a few of the happy faces of their Adopters!



SETTLING YOUR CAT INTO YOUR HOME

3-3-3 RULE

3 DAYS
TO DECOMPRESS



- Feeling overwhelmed
- Scared and unsure of what is happening
- Not comfortable being themselves
- May not eat or drink
- Shuts down and wants to curl up or hide
- Testing boundaries

3 WEEKS
TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINES



- Starting to settle in
- Feeling more comfortable
- Realizes this could be their forever home
- Figured out environment
- Getting into a routine
- Starts to show personality/behaviors

3 MONTHS
TO START TO FEEL AT HOME



- Finally feels comfortable in new home
- Building trust and a true bond
- Gained a sense of security with new family
- Sets into a routine

THANK YOU

- Adopters
- Donors
- Foster Parents
- Volunteers
- Partners

REST IN PEACE



Every cat is unique and will adjust differently.



Come Visit our CATS

8 CAT ADOPTION LOCATIONS

MISSISSAUGA

- Pet Valu - 440 Burnhamthorpe Rd W (Webb Dr)
- Pet Valu - 3077 Mavis Rd (Dundas St)
- Pet Valu - 195 Lakeshore Rd (Hurontario St)
- Pet Valu - 4141 Dixie Rd (Rockwood Mall)
- Pet Valu - 980 Southdown Rd
- Dundas East Animal Hospital - 966 Dundas St

BRAMPTON

- Pet Valu - 150 West Drive (Hwy 410)

OAKVILLE

- Pet Valu - 1923 Ironaok Way

WHY BE A VEGETARIAN ?



BECAUSE THEY HAVE FEELINGS JUST LIKE US



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