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## FSPCA HOURS

Monday to Sunday  
11:00 am to 4 pm

## STAIRS FAMILY VOLUNTEERS AS FSPCA'S 2016 COMMUNITY AMABASSADORS



From L to R: Nicole with Jackie, Chandler with Mia, Lisa with Emmy, Matt with Calloway and Alicia with Lola.

The heart of the Fredericton SPCA just got bigger thanks to Matt, Lisa, Nicole, Alicia and Chandler Stairs. Retired major league baseball hero Matt Stairs has been the Community Ambassador for the organization for the past few years but for 2016 the entire family has stepped up to the plate.

"Animal welfare is important to us as a family," says Lisa, "so it seems so appropriate for us to volunteer to take on this position together." Matt agrees. "Our pets are members of our family and bring us a lot of joy. If there is anything we can do together to improve the lives of other homeless animals, we're here to help," he adds.

Matt and Lisa have raised over \$150,000 for the Fredericton SPCA in the past four years through the annual Matt Stairs Golf Tournament which shares the profits with the Fredericton Minor Baseball Association. This effort has helped keep the annual euthanasia rate to less than two percent while the national average is 17 percent for dogs and 37 percent for cats. It also supports a behaviour modification program and daily enrichment activities.

"The Stairs family is the epitome of philanthropy," says Scott Elliott, President of the Board of Directors of the FSPCA. "They set a standard for community involvement and we are thrilled that the entire family will be representing our organization as Community Ambassadors."

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# TINA'S STORY

## A SIGNIFICANT CASE OF PET OBESITY



**BACKGROUND:** A severely obese cat was recently taken to the Fredericton SPCA by a local animal control officer. The female cat has an unknown history but it is suspected that she has been living under an enclosed structure.

The cat was taken to the Hometown Veterinary Hospital in Fredericton shortly after arrival. She was named "Tina" as a similar case of obesity occurred at the Fredericton SPCA in 2012 with a cat named "Tiny".

At a staggering, 38lbs, Tina's health was compromised upon arrival. "She completely filled the cage," said Fredericton SPCA supervisor, Andrea Stone, about Tina's arrival. "I was very worried for this cat. I didn't think she would survive," explained Stone.

Tina's journey to achieving a healthy weight will be a one that takes time. "Tina has a long road to recovery ahead of her and we have to closely monitor her health during her weight loss," said Dr. Chelsie Armstrong, who has been one of Tina's primary caregivers

### UPDATE FROM TINA!

Hi everyone – I thought I would give you an update on how I'm doing. I've made a new friend named Annie. You can see her in the picture with me. She is pretty nice but has a lot more energy than I do.

Now, to my weight loss journey update -

I have been having a difficult time but am currently down to 16kg! Every ounce I lose is a celebration. Did you know it's really tough on the body when cats lose weight? So I'm excited to be inching to the 16kg mark.

It is hard for me to exercise because I am in a lot of pain from my hips and knees, so the main way I have to lose weight right now is through my diet. I get weighed every day and this helps us know how many calories I take in and how many calories that come out (I know, gross!). We do this so we know how much I can eat. It seems that my metabolism has finally kick-started because this has been the first week since I started my diet that I have lost an ounce or two with every weigh in. Like I said, a big celebration! It's been a slow, steady process but I am happy to finally be getting over this hump. Anyways, thank you for your kind words of encouragement.

- Tina

For more updates on Tina, visit the FSPCA webpage at [www.frederictonspca.ca](http://www.frederictonspca.ca)



The ambassador role is a volunteer position that was created to name a local celebrity to further the cause of animal welfare in the community by attending events, speaking to the cause and helping with fundraising. Local radio broadcaster Trevor Doyle was the first to be named to the position and held it for five years.

"The Community Ambassador is important to us," Elliott explains. "People pay attention to those they know and recognize in the community. Awareness is a critical piece in changing pet overpopulation and increasing empathy in our society. The Stairs family understands this well and we are very grateful for their continued support."

The ambassador position is for a one-year term, renewable annually upon mutual agreement. There is no monetary compensation for accepting the position.

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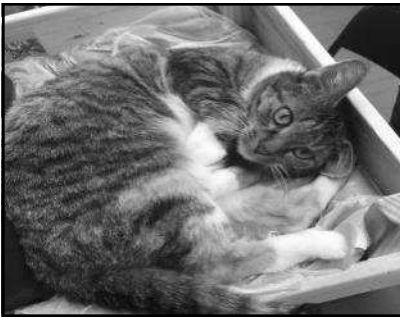


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**Jasmine** relishes human interactions; meeting new people is one of her favourite activities. Jasmine has a quick, active mind and learns quickly. She does know a number of basic commands and she feels quite proud of herself when she's asked to perform them. This enthusiastic girl has enough canine personality to warm up any home. Jasmine is very nervous in the company of other dogs and will sometimes respond to other dogs aggressively. Jasmine should be the only dog in the home and is best suited to a home with mature people who have some previous experience with dogs. Jasmine has been waiting for her forever home for almost two years. Can you be her Valentine?



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- Cat toys – toy mice, wand toys, cat scratchers, stinkies etc.
- Dog toys – durable (chew resistant) stuffed toys, food puzzle toys (no tennis balls please), rawhide chews, tartar busters, knuckle bones, pigs ears, etc.

# A Different Kind of Birthday Party

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

Highlights of FSPCA birthday parties include the opportunity to play with Adoption Centre Animals, including dogs, cats, hamsters, rats, rabbits and more. A VIP, behind-the-scenes tour is also popular as it provides a backstage view of the adoption centre, including the examination room and dog kennels.

Parents find the tours beneficial as children learn an optimal standard of care for animals. Additionally, children learn about the activities that take place at the adoption centre 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](mailto:education@frederictonspca.ca).

**\*\*BOOKING NOW FOR THE 2016 YEAR\*\***

## *In Memory of our Pets*

Donations have been made to the FSPCA in memory of beloved pets who have made a difference in someone's life.

Abby	Elgee	Lyla	Opal Verhille	Trixie 'Big Dog' Peters
Belle	Foxie	Maggie	Riley	Zoe
Boo	Gabby	Maggie Brown	Sam	Zoey
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Daisy and Libby	Libbie	Oliver	Tommy	

*"...all that we love deeply, becomes a part of us" Helen Keller*



# SECOND CHANCES - BUTTON'S STORY

Hi, my name is Button! Let me tell you how I got my name. I came into the FSPCA in November, and boy, was I in bad shape! I was lost, and I had been hit by a car, so I had lots of injuries to one side of my body. Luckily I found some nice kids who were out walking their dog, and they and their mom brought me into the FSPCA. Once they saw me, the girls there knew I needed to see a vet, and took me to go get looked at right away. Turns out I had a broken jaw, a fractured back leg, and an injured ligament in my front leg that made it hard to use it or walk on it. I had to have several surgeries to get myself put back together, and had to get wires put in my jaw while I healed. The wires that held my jaw together were secured by a button, and that is how I got my name! Now I am healed and my button is gone, but my foster mom says it's a good name because I am still as cute as a button!

After the nice people at the vet fixed me up, I went to live in a foster home while I recovered. I was so happy to have somewhere warm to sleep, and to have yummy food every day to eat. I even started doing some arm stretches with my foster mom, and guess what? I can use almost the whole thing now! I am still working on getting movement back in my paw, but everyone is very excited with how well I am doing! I am excited too, and I love to tell people stories when I see them. I heard some of the girls say that I am a miracle, and I think I agree. I also heard the girls say that Tiny's Medical Fund helps cats like me who need a lot of work get better, so I think that is a miracle too!

I am happy I came to the FSPCA, because now that I am better they are helping me find a forever home – somewhere that I will always have a soft spot to sleep, people to talk to, and someone to love and take care of me. If you are looking for lots of cuddles and conversation (and have a spare lap to offer), I would love to meet you!



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# OUR COMMUNITY..

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made a donation, brought in a donation, ran fundraising events for us, volunteered, fostered babies to seniors, participated in our events, summer camps, birthday parties etc, and adopted their new family member from us in 2015.

To all the young supporters who brought in their birthday donations, their piggy bank money, their fundraising money to help the animals, we thank you for helping the animals and making their world a better place for them.

Without your support, we could not help the animals that come through our doors of hope and get their second chances. You are the heroes, and although we can't thank each person individually, we hope that you know that we are very grateful for all you do for us and the animals.

Thank you from the Board of Directors, the staff of the FSPCA and all the animals you helped in 2015!



Tiny's Ties and friends visited Ste. Anne's Court and made some residents very happy!



Santa Photos are always popular! Lucky Santa gets lots of kisses!



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