

# WALKER'S A.R.C.

WALKER'S ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE

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## PETS OR PRISONERS: YOU DECIDE

I noticed this house years ago and saw that the dogs were tied up rain, snow, and the hottest summer days. It didn't seem to matter what the weather was, they were always out there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year. It disgusts me that animals are still being treated this way in 2004.

We need the community's support in lodging complaints about these dogs. Under the provincial Protection of Cruelty to Animals act, suffering and neglect are acknowledged, and mental abuse is just as bad. Why is it legal for someone to tie up their dog all of his / her life. Dogs are social animals and they need interaction with people and each other. Numerous complaints to have these

prisoner's removed from their ties have been logged. They were still out there January 5th.

What makes this crime worse is the fact that I offered to fence their yard in at my cost so the poor dogs could get proper exercise. They declined and told me they were going to do it themselves. Well I know projects can be put off for awhile but this project is over 4 years old.

Today there was no water or food in sight for the dogs. Walker's Animal Rescue doesn't have the authority to seize these prisoners, but Nanaimo's S.P.C.A. does. We would like to know if you think this kind of treatment is okay or cruel. If you think it is cruel, please sign a complaint and mail it back to

Walker's A.R.C. Once there is a significant amount of complaints, maybe then the S.P.C.A will do something. So far 20 + complaints have not been enough.

It is bad enough for these dogs to spend 1 year tied up, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, but now this cruel treatment must stop. Help these innocent dogs to have a chance; it's not their fault they were chosen by their owner's. We know these people have no care or concern for their pets. We would like them to be charged for animal cruelty and also banned from owning any other pets.

So please help free these prisoner's  or call the S.P.C.A directly and lodge a complaint.



These dogs are tied up and chained 24 hours a day - every day, no matter what the weather is like.

# LETTER TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

Dear Editor,

Recently, I became aware of the possible closure of Walker's Animal Rescue Center in Cedar by the Regional District of Nanaimo. I am absolutely appalled by the way the RDN is handling this situation. Firstly, Walker's is home to hundreds of abused, abandoned, and neglected animals, whom without the generosity and selflessness of Stephanie Walker would be destitute. These animals have suffered, usually at the hands of humans, and simply have no chance if not for the rescue center. It is incomprehensible to me why the RDN would want to shut her doors!

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My first visit to the center was in 2002 where we adopted our little kitty, Pharoah. She had been discovered a few months earlier living in the dump with her kittens, simply discarded with a load of trash. Had it not been for the kindness of Walkers, Pharoah and her kittens would have surely died. There is obviously a niche that Stephanie has dedicated her life to filling, a niche that even the SPCA does not satisfy, for if they did Walkers would be empty. Yet, every day more animals pour in through her doors. Instead of perhaps trying to help her and the animals, the RDN has imposed their typical bureaucratic red tape claiming she may have as many animals as she wants on her property but as soon as she finds them permanent homes by adopting them out she is breaking a bylaw. Is this not absolutely ridiculous?!

Secondly, Walkers Animal Rescue Centre is a non-profit organization. I

can assure you that unlike the SPCA's director, Stephanie is not receiving over \$100,000 year and none of her branches are union jobs paying over \$20/hour - in fact she has no other branches! The animals come first, isn't that how it should be? Does the RDN have nothing better to do than threaten a non-profit organization dedicated to helping animals in need?

Finally, I ask you to please give her a hand. If you have room in your home and your heart for a furry friend, please give her a call. All of the animals for adoption are healthy and are up to date in their vaccinations. Please take the time to show your support so Stephanie and all her friends will not be left out in the cold...again.

J. M. Essig  
Teacher & Animal lover

## EDDY INSPIRES THE ELDERLY

Rick Smith takes Eddy to visit the elderly. Recently Eddy brought some life back to a lady who hadn't spoken for a very long time. Rick took the dog down the hallway to see the lady and she touched Eddy. When she heard the dog bark the woman said "dog". These were the first words out her mouth that the nurse had ever heard. It takes a little act of

kindness to bring joy to others.

It seems animals are therapeutic and this is proof.

Thumbs up to ya Eddy!

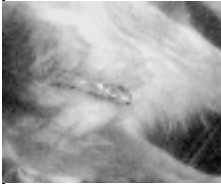


## Misty's Ordeal

This dog, named Misty, had her tail slammed in either a car or house door. She had to literally pull her tail free. In doing so, she stripped the skin right off of her tail. Misty's tail bone was badly



bruised and crushed in the middle.



It's amazing that she remained totally pas-

sive throughout her examination. Stephanie and Dr. Hayward decided it was best to have the tail amputated up to where there was skin to close around the bone.

The story appeared in the local newspaper and enough money was raised to pay for Misty's medical bill.

Our hearts go out to this little girl and the ordeal she has been through. Now Misty is looking for a home; if you would like to adopt her call Walker's A.R.C. today.



**Stephanie Walker**  
Operator and Columnist

## Tabitha and Her 6 Puppies

Tabitha is a Rottweiler who had been tied up all of her life. She had a litter of 12 puppies but she couldn't nurse 6 of them because she got tangled up in her tie. By the time this situation was brought to the attention of Sue Wilson, only 6 puppies survived.

Sue immediately drove out to save Tabitha and the remaining 6 puppies.

Tabitha was found pa-

thetically under weight and flea infested. She was obviously not fed regularly enough to keep a healthy weight and especially while nursing.

Tabitha's situation shows what results from a life on the chain. It brings misery, loneliness, and nothing good comes from this sentence. What crimes do dogs commit to deserve to be given this life?

She is from one of many areas where pet owner's can't look after themselves or kids much less their pets.

We are looking for a special home for Tabitha that is cat free. She and her puppies need a home full of love and attention.

Tabitha's babies will be available for adoption in about a month's time. If you are interested you can reserve a puppy in advance.



Walker's A.R.C.



Karen Holton  
Editor & Graphic Arts

### WALKER'S SAVES TAMMY AFTER ROBIN'S FIRE

Dec 31 wasn't a very good New Years for Robin Creamer. The 88 year old, 2 World War vet went out to take one of his dogs for a walk. He had left some food cooking and when he returned his trailer was in flames. Robin went in to save his other dog and was burned on his face and hands. Quick thinking neighbours called 911 and removed propane tanks and gas cans before what could have been a massive explosion. The dogs were thought to have both perished in the fire. Today Robin is in the Victoria Hospital burn unit, and his insurance had run out only days before this nightmare occurred.

A neighbor heard a dog barking

the following day. Cheri who is a neighbour, and others tried to catch the dog. Days were getting on and the weather was changing for the worse. A call came into Walker's for help and I arranged to bring the dog trap up to Coombs. The trap was set and I waited until dark. It was -11 out and I knew the dog was going to get exhausted and possibly die. No luck so I returned to Nanaimo, and left the trap in place and waited for a call from the neighbour who agreed to watch the trap. Sunday morning David Oscar and I went back to Coombs. Again the hours passed and David had to go back to tend to the other animals at Walker's. The snow was coming down and I waited for 5 1/2 hours before Tammy, Robin Creamer's dog, went into the trap. I was so happy to bring her back. I felt bad that the other dog had died but at least I saved one.

Tammy is confused yet I have gained her trust and I will be taking her for a surprise reunion to visit her long lost companion Robin in hospital. She has also had a complimentary check up, from head to toe of course, from Dr. Brett Hayward. She had a slight fever and her whiskers were singed as well as an eyelid. Tammy has been treated.

People must understand that we are needed in the community and if only on a small scale, we make a difference to one dog or cat at a time. These are the reasons we do what we do.....

David Oscar is seen here comforting Tammy.



#### Walker's A.R.C. Teams Up With Sue Wilson

Sue Wilson is starting to make headway educating pet owners in Victoria.

We have assisted by housing, spaying, neutering and by trying to place these dogs in good homes.

Sue spends countless hours driving to remote areas in hopes of saving more dogs.

One day she rescued over 20 dogs and brought them to Walker's A.R.C.

She has a house full of animals herself.

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### RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS

Be a responsible pet owner. It is so important to spay and neuter your pets to cut down on unwanted litters.

People think it's so cute to show their kids the miracle of birth. How come they are not so eager to show them the ugly side like being put to death due to the lack

of homes. Ignorance is no excuse. If you are going to adopt a pet be responsible. Ask the right questions!

Can you give him or her what they need? Are they spayed or neutered and if not, will you be responsible enough to get them done? Is there enough room in your

home for your new pet? Can you afford medical attention if he/she needs it? Can you afford the food and other supplies needed? Think before you let that animal down. It is your responsibility to care for and protect them.

Be a responsible pet owner.

They range from cats, dogs, goats, rabbits and other animals.

Many of these pass through her loving home.

A big pat on the back to you Sue!

We have 9 of these motherless pups up for adoption. They are malamute cross and are two months old.

They are looking for great, wonderful homes.



**WONDERFUL PALS**

Buddy is a dog that we have had in our care for several months. He now enjoys the company of his friend Tika and the fully fenced 100 acres to race around in with 2 buffalos.



**BARN IS NEARLY FINISHED**



The new barn is nearly finished thanks to the generous donations from our sponsors. **Do-man's lumber** donated the wood to frame in the barn. **Brett Ranger** delivered the wood. **Kevin Hale** manager of

**Home Depot** supplied the walls and floor for our barn. Stephanie painted the out buildings in between rainy days. When the barns are finished we will put an updated picture of the finished product in this newsletter.



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THE  
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WORK IS  
NEVER  
DONE.** ☐

**ADOPT AN ANGEL**

Angel is a timid white cat. Angel has light coloring and so she is prone to sun burns. It was difficult to keep her from sunning herself.

Angel developed skin cancer and had to have her right ear amputated last year. She

made a wonderful recovery but unfortunately we noticed that the cancer came back and spread to her left ear.

Thanks to the local man who made her whole surgery possible by covering the cost.

Angel needs a compassionate and loving home.



**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

Thank You!  
**John Jordan,  
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for all of your legal support and help. We couldn't continue our work without you.

Thank you for displaying our donation tins:

- ☼ 49th Parallel Grocery
- ☼ Mr. & Mrs. Fong from Cassidy Farm Market
- ☼ Seriani Bayside Market
- ☼ Loonie Bin Dollar Store
- ☼ Cedar General Store

Thank You For  
**Providing Critter  
Treats:**

- ☉ Mr. & Mrs. Fong from Cassidy Farm Market
- ☉ Seriani Bayside Market



It takes commitment and donations to continue to provide quality care for all the animals at Walker's ARC

**Walker's Animal Rescue  
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**Open by  
appointment only**

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Stephanie Walker  
and Dave Oscar,  
the shelter's opera-  
tors, take in many  
abandoned,  
abused or un-  
wanted animals.

Special thanks to **Doman  
Lumber** who donated  
enough wood to frame in  
our mini barn for future  
farm animals that need our  
help.

We encourage any retired men  
with the skills needed to build  
dog runs and huts, to volunteer  
their time and energy in order to  
give these animals comfortable  
housing until their adoption.

Donations of animal food, bed-  
ding or building supplies are  
also gratefully accepted.

Please show your support as we count on donations to  
continue feeding, housing and helping animals get the  
medical attention they need.

***Walkers Animal Rescue Centre is a Non-Profit Society,  
and is a Federal Registered Charity.***

All donations are gratefully accepted at the following locations:

- ☀ Buckerfields: South Gate Mall
- ☀ Bank of Nova Scotia: Commercial St
- ☀ Island Savings Credit Union
- ☀ 49th Parallel Grocery
- ☀ Mr. & Mrs. Fong from Cassidy Farm Market
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We Are Thankful for all your support, Stephanie Walker.

**PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE  
OUR WORK**

Yes I/we would like to make a donation in the  
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Yes we would like to be kept up to date with  
future A.R.C. newsletters.

All donations help local animals with medical  
attention, food and supplies.