



Our Best Friends



The Ottawa Humane Society Newsletter

OHS FAMILY PULLS TOGETHER DURING CRISIS

The seizure of approximately 300 exotic & domestic animals from Kanata on May 30th was indeed a shock for those of us who work at the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS). It was the largest seizure of animals since the Laporte Street puppy mill in 1997.

As we muddled though, identified and counted each animal and worked well into the night to get them all into clean cages with food and water, I realized something. It was one of those moments that define who we are. I realized that I really love my job, my vocation - or niche - if you will.

Even though there were only fifteen of us scheduled to work, somehow we managed to deal with the situation and still maintain our regular shelter operations. Adoptions and stray animal services continued and all emergency calls were responded to, just like every other day.

The reason we made it through as smoothly as we did was not only because of our community pitching in to donate food, extra cages and terrariums, but also because of our dedicated staff and volunteers. All were getting their hands dirty from

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Lead Hand Kerry Poole and EAPS Driver Tom McDougall help with the unloading

Goodbye and Hello

We say good-bye and best wishes to Development Manager Eric Adriaans who left the OHS for the position of Director of Development with the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies.

Welcome to Rob McCulloch who took over the position of Development Manager on June 10, 2002. Rob can be reached at 725-3166 (237) or robm@ottawahumane.ca

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face"
-- Ben Williams

14th Annual Eukanuba Wiggle Waggle Walkathon

Is everyone ready to "Wiggle" "Waggle" and "Walk"? We hope so!

Last year over 800 people and pets came out to the Arboretum for a terrific day of fun and raised over \$77,000.

This year's event is Sunday September 8, 2002. Continental breakfast and demos begin at 8:00 am and the walk begins at 10:00 am - mark it in your calendars now!

This year we've introduced a shorter 2km route. It's perfect for families with small children, new puppies or senior pets, or simply for those who want to get back to the main walkathon site faster!

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You can designate your United Way donation to the OHS. All you need to do is indicate the Ottawa Humane Society on your pledge card as well as our charitable number.

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SUMMER DELUGE

It never rains but it pours as they say. If this is true, this spring and summer has been a downpour at the Ottawa Humane Society.

On top of our usual huge increase in animals in our shelter, the seasonal increase in heat-related emergencies and the results of human irresponsibility that we see every day here at the Society, we have had more than our share of big issues to address.

The very public seizure in Kanata of 259 exotics was just one of the crises that the Society has addressed over the last while. Our investigations department has investigated a whole host of appalling cruelty cases, including not one but two cases of owners attempting to castrate their animals with rubber bands.

Two very significant legislative initiatives have absorbed a great deal of our energy. We have been working hard with our national partners to ensure that Bill C15b is passed, making long overdue changes to the Criminal Code provisions on animal cruelty. As well, the new amalgamated city is finally merging the 11 municipal animal control bylaws into one this fall, giving the Society an unprecedented opportunity right now to ensure that they are enacted with the best interests of the animals at the forefront.

On a more personal note, the Society lost one of our most devoted staff members in mid-July. Staff, volunteers and clients alike were shocked and saddened when Siobhan Sheflin, our foster assistant passed away. Siobhan will always be remembered for her

unfailing dedication to the animals in our care.

I will continue to answer some common questions that represent concerns brought to my attention over the last while....

Why does it sometimes take the Humane Society quite a while to get onto the scene of an animal emergency?

Before I started at the Society, like many people, I pictured a fleet of vans and drivers dispatched to animal emergencies from all over the city - much like 911 ambulance service. I also imagined that government subsidized the service. I was somewhat shocked to find out that emergency services and investigations are completely funded by the Society's supporters. As a result, the Society can afford to have only one driver on duty at a time and -- particularly in the summer -- we get an awful lot of calls.

On top of that, the new city is big - very big. The good people at the Ottawa Public library tell me that the new Ottawa is 2,778 square kilometers. That is a lot of area to cover. On a good day from the Society's fairly central location, it takes me almost 40 minutes to drive to the western boundary just outside of Almonte and last time I drove to Cumberland, it took almost that long - making the city over an hour across from east to west. If the driver is in one end of the city, it would take over an hour just to make the drive. That assumes, of course that he or she is not already on a call when the next call comes in, which is frequently not the case.

by Bruce Roney, Executive Director, OHS

Our Best Friends welcomes your question to the Question & Answer section. We'll do our best to include it in upcoming newsletters.

Forever In Our Hearts

On July 10, 2002, our OHS family lost a dear co-worker and friend.

Siobhan Sheflin began fostering animals with her parents when she was 14 yrs. old. When she moved out of her parent's home, the animals were able to benefit from two foster homes rather than just one.

In 1999, we hired Siobhan through a subsidised project to co-ordinate the foster program. The number of animals we were able to send out to foster rose by 65% that year. Euthanasia dropped by 14% in cats.

She was obviously the right person for the job. Even though she was only working part-time, she put in full-time hours. Her mission was clear. We were thrilled. She was able to find, screen, interview and match foster people with the animal best suited to their time constraints and comfort level of care. Siobhan put in many volunteer hours in order to get the job done.

Siobhan had many allergies as well as severe asthma. Each and every morning she followed the Vet Tech. around, puffer in hand, choosing the animals that needed that extra bit of time in a foster home in order to make them ready for adoption. No matter what the volume of animals, she never got frazzled and always got the job done.

She will be dearly missed by the staff, the foster parents and the many rescue groups she connected with through the website she helped to create. In her short life, Siobhan did make a difference...



*Even though we can no longer see you,
we can feel you all around us...
We love you "Sebafo"...*

by Lynn Gordon, Shelter Manager

No Fun In The Sun

Every year during the summer months, the OHS's Emergency Department receives hundreds of complaints relating to animals and hot weather. Dogs left unattended in parked cars top the list, followed closely by dogs left outside in the scorching sun without food, water or shade.

Dogs do not have the ability to sweat, therefore if they are left for even a short period of time in a car (windows open or not!), their lives could be in danger. With their body temperature normally at 39 degrees Celsius, (102 Fahrenheit), a dog can only endure temperatures barely over 40 degrees C for a very short time before they suffer from heat-stress, irreparable brain damage or death. Please call the OHS Emergency Services at 725-1532 if you see a dog in immediate danger.

by Candice Nelson

Way To Go!

Katie Gallivan not only has a big heart, she also has a **big** sense of responsibility. She asked her friends to bring her donations for the animals at the OHS in lieu of gifts for her birthday. Two boxes of dog and cat toys, rawhides and treats were collected! Her love of animals and wish to educate others about the Ottawa Humane Society also inspired her to write a speech about the OHS for a French speech contest. [Thank you Katie!](#)

A **big** thank-you goes out to everyone at the Barrhaven Leo Club! The Junior Lions made up posters and put them in various locations to ask for blankets, towels and pillows to keep the dogs and cats of the OHS comfortable. The community came out in full force and over 20 garbage bags full were brought to the shelter! [WOW - awesome work everyone!](#)

by Candice Nelson

Emily (1992-2002)

This touching poem was written in memory of the brave dog Emily who rescued the kitten Miracle Max from a swamp.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Emily was my dog
A special one in my view.

Chasing balls
Wagging her tail
Always happy to see us
That with no fail!

She was very gentle
And that was her mark
But she could still keep guard
With a mighty bark.

She watched over Hans
Since he was born
Always patient
Even when blowing his horn.

Partying with rabbit
And the rat too
Now there's something missing
In our little zoo.

What a cutie
How she loved the woods
Sniffing everthing
Inspecting the goods.

A travelling dog
Toronto and Montreal
She would come with us
Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall.

Camping was fun
There she sat
By the fire at night
We all loved that.

Going to work
She was keen
Watching for cars
Was her daily routine.

She grew old
And started to fade
We tormented over what was best
And the decision we made.

Everyone loved her
Especially me
Goodbye Emily
Now you are free.

by her Mom, Claudine Vivian

DEAR PUMPKIN...

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR
COMPANION ANIMAL OWNERS



*Dear Pumpkin,
I hate to complain, but being a adult calico cat, it's expected, no? My human got me at 8 weeks old, but because I'm an 'indoor only' cat, she just gave me the vaccines necessary to get me spayed when I was 6 months old. I was chatting with a stray cat through the screen door last week - he said she's wrong, and now I'm worried. Who is right?*

Worried in Kanata

Dear Worried,

The infinite wisdom of felines never ceases to amaze me. It is a myth that indoor cats cannot get diseases. We 'indoor models' - although safer - are exposed to everything

that's airborne. Hello? Open windows? Our humans can also carry in yucky viruses on their clothing or shoes, and you know how we often insist on inspecting every inch of them when they come home.

I don't doubt your owner loves you to bits, however it would be a good thing if she understood that at least once in your life of ...oh, let's say 20 years...you're likely to accidentally escape. Your precious life is not worth risking \$65 - \$75.00 a year over.

Oh, and as for your intelligent stray friend, maybe your Mom would consider driving him here to the OHS in case his humans have been looking for him!

Luv and Purrs

Pumpkin

Humane Education News

Humane Education Web-Site Update

The OHS has had its web-site re-vamped (www.ottawahumane.ca)! Check out the humane education link for program information, library catalogue (books and videos), and related material that includes informative articles, Canadian and American periodical links, and various humane education and animal-welfare organization sites.

Humane Education Volunteer Recognition for Angela Zorn

Angela Zorn is a dedicated and talented volunteer who has supported OHS shelter programs in various capacities. Her latest incarnation has been assisting the Humane Education Coordinator with a multitude of tasks. However, Angela is leaving the OHS to pursue other directions, and staff wish her success in her new endeavours! Thank-you Angela (and your lovely dog Beth) for your generous commitment!

Viscount Adoption Project (V.A.P.) Re-Launch

The Ottawa Humane Society's Viscount Adoption Project (V.A.P.) took place between April 29 and May 23, 2002 at Viscount Alexander Public School. Many thanks to the numerous individuals who participated in the successful re-launch. All of the V.A.P. dogs were adopted into loving homes after the program! The last V.A.P. session was held at the same location during February/March 2001. V.A.P. is an innovative and successful program that aims to facilitate the psychological development of 'at-risk' children through an interactive relationship of child, facilitator, and dog. An attitude of trust, respect, empathy, and self-esteem is the desired outcome for each child who provides basic obedience training to a shelter dog which makes the animal more adoptable. The next V.A.P. session is scheduled for the Fall of 2002. Facilitators and foster families are needed! Numerous V.A.P. sessions will be held throughout the year.

By Tara Nollet, Humane Education Coordinator

Family (Continued)

our Executive Director and other Management to our Kennel Staff and volunteers. We are like a family - and as a family, we are all dedicated to the same cause - the animals. We all did what had to be done. We ate while we worked and called our families to say we wouldn't be home any time soon. Through all of it, everyone still smiled and laughed with each other as usual.

In the end, we should all be proud of what we accomplished and the fact that we maintained our sense of being part of the Ottawa Humane Society family.

By Heather Ryerse

After the crisis was over and all the animals were placed, it was time to look back and evaluate the experience. Among the positives were the exceptional response from the community, volunteers and the staff of the Ottawa Humane Society. OHS Management met immediately following crisis to develop an emergency plan based on this type of "worst case scenario".

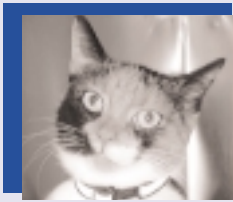
The Ottawa Humane Society is in the process of assessing all the costs associated with the crisis. Preliminary costs have put the "bill" at well over \$5,000. Outside financial support was significantly less than previous public incidents such as Hope or Miracle Max with just over \$1,200 each in donations.

This unforeseen shortfall could have significant impact on the regularly budgeted programming and services of the OHS. If you would like to help us out in this time of need, you can right now! Simply return the donation slip in this newsletter and mark it Exotics Crisis or call 725-3166 (252) to donate by credit card. You can also log on to www.ottawahumane.ca and click on the 'donate' now button.

OHS WISH LIST

Your donations of the following supplies will help us provide the best possible care for the 12,000 homeless and relinquished animals we receive each year.

- * leashes (heavy duty nylon)
- * orthopedic heating pads
- * windshield washer fluid
- * back supports for lifting
- * large and extra large wire crates
- * large vari kennel
- * puppy exercise pens
- * multihead screw drivers
- * notebooks
- * laundry detergent
- * digital camera
- * 52L plastic containers
- * Adjustable wrench
- * drill bits (all types)
- * Disposable cameras
- * dryer sheets
- * rubber gloves
- * Hobart heavy duty dishwasher
- * VCR
- * roofing services
- * needlenose plyers
- * printer
- * polaroid film
- * power saw
- * safety ear muffs
- * lactated ringers
- * fluid 1 L bags
- * office chair



Don't know what to do with that loose Canadian Tire money? Use it to help the animals! The OHS relies on Canadian Tire money to "buy" much needed supplies for cleaning or upgrading the building.

Please contact the Society at 725-3166 ext. 252 if you are interested in donating any of these items.

Double Your Money For The Animals

Did you know that many companies have matching gift programs? These companies actively encourage their employees and directors to support charitable causes like the Ottawa Humane Society by matching your individual contribution.

What a great way to double your impact!

Check the list below to see if your company has a matching gift program. If you do not find your company on the list, why not ask? Please call Rob McCulloch at 725-3166 (237) for helpful advice on how to approach your company in initiating such a program.

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Hewlett Packard (Canada) Ltd.
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Shell Canada Ltd.
AT&T Canada
Microsoft Canada
Mitel Corporation

by Rob McCulloch, Manager of Development

Where's Raymond?

You'd think that after 11 years of working in animal shelters, I'd have 'hardened up' a wee bit. Well, apparently we shelter staff are not as tough as we think. Not after what my roommate Lesley Day (another OHS employee) and I endured for 2 weeks. Raymond the cat was adopted from here by Lesley 9 years ago. He was a chubby-cheeked, scarred up tom cat who had encountered battery acid somewhere in his travels. A veterinarian prescribed antibiotics and daily soaking in a solution for his chemical burns. Needless to say, Ray was less than enthusiastic about the rather painful soaking part of the deal, therefore he had to be fostered by a 'durable' OHS staff member. For Lesley, the decision to foster the big tom wasn't hard. In her words, "He was the funniest looking cat there".

Nine years later, Ray is still living with Lesley. My own feline friend and I have been privileged enough to have had them both as roomies for the past five years.

Ray is an indoor cat, but somehow last month, he escaped. Although he wore an ID tag, and had a microchip implant, NOTHING alleviated our panic when he went missing.

Cats are extremely effective at disappearing when they want to, so the first thing Lesley and I did was tear the house apart to make sure he wasn't hiding in the attic, basement, or cupboards. This is where Lesley and I realized that we really weren't so tough after all. On the contrary, we were shattered. We work with the animals every day, but honestly, it was an emotional slap-in-the-face to feel the desperation that others must go through while looking for their lost pets. Words just can't properly express how upset and dejected I felt each day that passed by without finding Ray.

There I was - 9 years of experience at this Humane Society - tears streaming down my face as I wandered by each cat, desperately hoping that I'd see Ray's face staring back at me. The clincher was, while members of the public were in looking for their own lost cats, they'd see me dabbing at my eyes with a sodden kleenex, and they'd offer ME kind words of encouragement! I wish I could describe the look of amazement that came over their face when I blurted out that I was an OHS old-timer.

Ray came home two weeks later from the day he disappeared. My cat promptly threw a hissy-fit when he spotted him through the window. (It's normal for cats not to immediately recognize each other following a periodic separation) After hearing my cat's enraged yowls, Lesley discovered Ray - thinner, but in good health - on the back window ledge, pining to get inside. No doubt he was puzzled at the fact his feline best friend was acting like he was some great, strange, horrible beast!

Once again, our family is complete. A purrfect ending!

by Candice Nelson

For Lost and Found advice, please see back page

School Program

An active and successful twelfth year of the Humane Education School Program has been completed! In total, 135 presentations were delivered to students (JK-8) in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, and the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board from September 2001 to June 2002. Statistics indicate that the School Program has surpassed previous averages of approximately 80 visits.

Topics promoted a variety of animal welfare issues, and included 47 Dog Buddies visits, a popular Grade One bite-prevention partnership program between the City of Ottawa Public Health Department, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO-Plan-it-Safe), and the OHS. Thanks to the volunteers who made these numerous visits possible! The School Program will resume in September 2002 and volunteers are needed!

In addition, community interest has increased demand for more school programs. As a result, Dog Buddies will be offered to French schools in September 2002, and the City of Ottawa Public Health Department will help to coordinate the launch. Furthermore, the Humane Education Coordinator is soliciting feedback from area high schools concerning the delivery of specific animal-welfare programs which include: the 'link' between animal cruelty and human violence as well as animal representation in the media.

By Tara Nollet, Humane Education Coordinator

OHS Auxiliary Mid-Summer Update

The Auxiliary's Annual Spring Tea and Sale was a huge success. Despite record-breaking heat and humidity, and a brand new location, a large crowd gathered to enjoy afternoon tea and shop among the sale tables. By the end of the afternoon four lucky raffle ticket holders were each \$1,000.00 richer.

Auxiliary President Lydia Skanes presented a cheque for \$5,000.00 to the OHS. This is in addition to the \$10,000.00 given to the Society, at the Annual General Meeting, in late February for the year 2002.

Many thanks go out to caring OHS members, the whole Auxiliary, the Community, who bought and sold raffle tickets, those who kindly sent donations along with their ticket returns and all who helped in so many ways with the Tea.

Auxiliary monthly meetings get underway after the summer break, at 1:30 p.m. on Sept.9th, 2002, in the OHS boardroom, 101 Champagne Ave. South. Refreshments are served. The Auxiliary craft circle meets twice a month, at a west end location. New members are assured a warm welcome!

Upcoming Auxiliary fall/winter projects include several garage sales, Auxiliary craft sales, and a Penny Auction to be held at the Westboro Legion Hall. For further information, call (613)728-5493.

LCBO Rideau Street raised \$2,500 with Karaoke Night!

On Saturday, May 11th, 2002 our good friends at the LCBO in Ottawa's market, hosted a Pub and Karaoke Night that had many thinking they were professional singers! Over 250 were in attendance and many had fun singing hits from Britanney Spears to Neil Diamond to Tom Jones! A special thanks goes to The Crimson Clover Pub located on 221 Rideau Street for letting Ottawa Humane Society supporters have a great time with always-entertaining karaoke and door prizes that were raffled off all night long! Special thanks to Michelle Bouchard, from the LCBO who was an exceptional host and coordinator of the evening putting in relentless hours of hard work proceeding the Pub Night. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Bachelor, Live and Silent Auction raises \$53,000

On May 25, 2002 the Crowne Plaza Ottawa was the scene of a wild night featuring 11 good-looking Ottawa bachelors who offered themselves to the highest bidder. Innovative "date" packages included a helicopter ride with Hunter from 106.9 FM The BEAR. In addition to the bachelors, the evening featured a live and silent auction.

The event was hosted by Sandy Sharkey, Wendy Daniels and Marlen Cowpland. A highlight of the evening was Marlen's \$10,000 donation to the SAVE Fund. **Thank you Marlen** - you are truly a friend of the Ottawa Humane Society.

A round of applause goes to the sponsors and supporters of this fine event: Eukanuba, Land Rover, Crowne Plaza Ottawa, Télévision Rogers and Union Engraving & Printing Ltd. **Thank You!**



TIME TO WIGGLE, WAGGLE AND WALK!

Thank you to the Ottawa Kennel Club!

The Ottawa Kennel Club celebrated its 115th birthday with All Breed Championship Dog Show May 24-26, 2002 at the Nepean National Equestrian Park. The Ottawa Humane Society was honoured to be chosen as the recipient of a donation of \$500 as well as the proceeds from a garage sale on the Friday evening.

Congratulations on a job well done to Show Chair, Robin Cameron and a huge thank you to President Carol Broadhurst and Vice-President Belle Campeau for thinking of the Ottawa Humane Society and the animals in our care.

Ottawa Lynx Dog Days of Summer

On July 21, 2002, two legged baseball fans and supporters of the OHS brought their four legged friends to Lynx stadium to catch the game between the Ottawa Lynx and the Buffalo Bisons. Over 100 dogs brought their owners to the game and sat in a special section reserved for the Ottawa Humane Society.

Even though the Lynx lost the game, over \$500 was raised. Thanks go out to PETsMART for sponsoring the day and Mark Sluban, Director of Corporate Support for organizing the logistics and making sure that our furry friends had a great afternoon.



The *Eukanuba Wiggle Waggle Walkathon* is the OHS' largest fundraiser of the year and plays a significant role in promoting our work for the community. Collecting pledges is an important component of the walk. Did you know that last year our 150 top walkers raised over \$21,000 for an average of \$140 per person? We have included a pledge sheet in this newsletter and they can also be found at local dog parks, pet supply stores, veterinarians and of course, here at the OHS.

Special thanks go to our sponsors, Eukanuba, WESTJET, 106.9 FM The BEAR, The Ottawa Citizen, Petcetera, Canada Post and West Ottawa Hyundai whose support enables us to stage the event and make it an enjoyable one for all.

We are looking forward to seeing all our friends out again on September 8th. This year we have added many new demonstrations, activities, contests, attractions and exhibitors. A very important aspect of the walk this year is our Corporate Team Challenge. Participating as a team is fun, easy, and provides excellent exposure for your organization! Plus, it's a great way to get to know your colleagues and raise funds for an important animal cause, all at the same time!

For a detailed schedule and listing for the walkathon, please go to www.ottawahumane.ca and follow the link to the walk. More information on the Eukanuba Wiggle Waggle Walkathon can be obtained from our Events Hotline 725-3166 (333).

6th Annual Summer Harvest Garden Party

What do you get when you combine great food from Le Café's Executive Chef, Kurt Wäldele, the hospitality of Dr. Suzanne Beauchemin and entertainment from Grey Jazz surrounded by beautiful flowing gardens? The 6th Annual Summer Harvest Garden Party on Sunday August 25, 2002.

Over 400 guests will enjoy a luncheon buffet fit for royalty and have the opportunity to bid on an eclectic array of silent auction prizes. All proceeds are directed towards the programs and services of the Ottawa Humane Society.

Tickets are \$100 per person and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 755-1111. For more information about this event please call Melanie Petrut 824-9438 (gardenparty@rogers.com) or call Kim Anderson, OHS Events Coordinator at 725-3166 ext. 248.

Fore!.....the Animals

Tiger Woods will **not** be at West Ottawa Hyundai's 3rd Fore the Animals Golf Tournament, presented by Eukanuba on Wednesday September 5, 2002...But 144 animal lovers **will** be at Loch March Golf & Country Club for a day of great golf, good food and beverages, awesome auction prizes and all around fun!

Like last year, this year is selling out FAST! Please call Nancy Oram at West Ottawa Hyundai in Bells Corners (721-4567) to reserve your foursome or for more details. Cost is \$150 per person and includes green fees, cart, meals and great prizes.

A special thank you to Michael Davies and Nancy Oram who committed to this annual event in spite of opening up a new dealership in Bells Corners, West Ottawa Hyundai, on July 2, 2002. All the animals, volunteers and staff at the OHS appreciate the results of your hard work!

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR PET GOES MISSING

Animals can sometimes end up far from home. You are the best person to identify your missing pal. Of the hundreds of animals at the shelter, many can have similar colouring. What one person would consider a certain colour or pattern may be perceived differently by someone else.

Start your search right away

- Visit the Ottawa Humane Society immediately to search and leave a lost report!
- Make fliers including a picture, lost date, name of pet, description & any unique markings, and a phone number.
- Notify veterinarian offices in your area.
- Make familiar sounds to attract your pet while you are searching.
- Place a lost ad in the paper and check the 'found' section.
- KEEP LOOKING! Some pets are found after many weeks - even months of searching.

Prevention is the best medicine!!!

- Update tags regularly
- Collars, visible identification (ID tags with address and phone number), municipal licenses and microchip implants all help to ensure your companion animal will get home to you.
- Spaying/neutering your pet will eliminate its instinct to wander off in search of a mate!!

A good example of a missing cat poster. It's eye catching, has lots of pictures and gives lots of details.



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