



PEI Humane Society - Press Release

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PEI Humane Society launches Senior for Senior program

Charlottetown – A new program has been created at the PEI Humane Society to help match older dogs and cats with Island seniors.

“Owning a pet is a commitment and a financial responsibility, and that can be a challenge for a senior citizen on a fixed income” explains Development Coordinator Lisa Hashie. **“The Society recognizes this and has created the Seniors for Seniors program where individuals 60 years old or older wanting to adopt a dog or cat that is seven years old or older can do so for a reduced adoption fee of \$50 for a dog and \$40 for a cat. As with all of our adoptions, the adoption fee includes: spay/neuter surgery, microchip ID, up-to-date vaccinations and 30 days of complementary pet insurance.”**

“Senior dogs and cats have a lot to offer” adds Shelter manager Beckie MacLean. **“They are often calmer and more easy-going than puppies and kittens. Older dogs and cats are fully grown so there won’t be any sudden need to buy a larger collar or litter box. Also, their personalities are more developed so you can be more aware about what you’re getting, whether it’s a dog that just wants to keep your feet warm while you sleep or a cat that wants to sit with you while you watch TV. These are only a few reasons why a senior dog or cat can be a great match for a senior citizen on PEI.”**

The PEI Humane Society is the Islands only shelter for lost, homeless, and injured companion animals. It is a not-for-profit organization that receives no operational support from any level of government. For more information regarding the Senior for Senior program or call 892-1190.

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Photo Attached – Mary Paterson and Georgia, a seven year old German Shepherd mix. Mary and her husband Glen adopted Georgia on January 26 and were the first to benefit from the Senior for Senior program.

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