



Alliston & District Humane Society

Alliston & District Humane Society
P.O. Box 1455
5545 Concession 4 Tosorontio
Everett, ON L0M 1J0
Serving—New Tecumseth, Mulmur,
Adjala-Tosorontio, Cookstown, Rosemont,
Hockley and Schomberg
Spring Summer 2020

705-458-9038

www.allistonhumane.com

Charitable Registration # 13529 8081 RR0001

The Alliston & District Humane Society News is a bi-annual newsletter.
Editor: Jane Clarke info@allistonhumane.com 705-458-9038.



ADHS volunteer Andrew Ross and his foster dog Daisy cavort in the snow.

See why Andrew volunteers at ADHS on page 10



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

ADHS thanks its many supporters. We rely on your donations to operate. See page 7 for how you can help.



Dance, Done, Differently



Recreational and
Part-time
Competitive

Classes in Alliston for Boys and Girls
Ages 2 and Up

www.thedanceworkshop.ca
(905) 729-7215
thedanceworkshopalliston@gmail.com

The Dance Ability Movement Program, R.A.D Ballet Exams, Adult Classes, Ballroom & Latin Social Dance

*I'll find the perfect home
for you and your pets*

Specializing in
First Time Home Buyers

Jaime Karsch www.jaimekarsch.com
jaimekarsch@royallepage.ca
Sales Representative 647-464-2627 or 705-435-3000

ROYAL LEPAGE
RCR Realty, Brokerage.
Independently Owned & Operated.

“Copulating domestic bunnies released into wild at risk of overrunning neighbourhood”

“Abandoned rabbits found in horrible state in same area of Alliston”

Sadly, these headlines are from local newspapers in Alliston and Bradford from the summer of 2019 and reflect the cruel fate of domestic rabbits who are released and abandoned by their owners. These rabbits were found in horrible shape: one pregnant and wounded rabbit lost her five babies, and larvae had entered her wounds. She was nursed back to health by ADHS volunteers. (See her story on page 6) A second male rabbit was so badly wounded and infected with larvae that nerve damage resulted in paralysis. A third rabbit suffered severe injuries to his neck and head; both had to be euthanized. These rabbits were only a year old and suffered horribly before their death.

Kallie Jackson, a volunteer with Procyon Wildlife in Beeton worked for months with residents in the west end of Bradford last spring. She knocked on doors asking for help rounding up abandoned angora and lion head rabbits who can have dozens of babies a season. They found a number of domestic rabbits frozen to death during the winter and rescued seven more that were taken in by ADHS and Cambridge-based Rabbit Rescue Inc.



It is a common misconception that domestic rabbits can survive on their own outside in the wild. Domestic rabbits have no outdoor survival instincts and are at the whim of predators, cars and other dangers if they are abandoned outside. They depend upon their owners for their proper care and safety. Potential adopters of domestic rabbits need to do their research; domestic rabbits need to live safely indoors and should always be spayed or neutered. Education is key when it comes to adopting rabbits. Potential owners need to know that rabbits can live on average about 8 to 12 years. They are as much of a commitment for an owner as a dog or a cat is. Spaying and neutering rabbits is critical, as it reduces the chances of reproductive system cancers. ADHS only adopts out rabbits who have already been spayed or neutered once they have come into our care. Rabbits need fresh timothy or orchard grass hay as about 75% of their daily food intake, plus regular fresh greens, rabbit-safe vegetables and small amounts of (optional) rabbit pellets. Alfalfa hay is suitable **only** for rabbits that are 6 months of age or younger. Pet rabbits need to be exercising and active for at least an hour daily. A large cage with its door left open with a surrounding exercise pen is ideal. A cardboard box or another safe place in which a rabbit can hide (tunnel, grass hut, etc.) gives him or her a quiet place to retreat to when desired. The x-pen allows a rabbit to run, jump, periscope and stretch out or flop at full length at will.

Buying a pet rabbit as an Easter gift very often has a sad outcome. Rabbits are delicate animals and don't do well with small children; they are not an "easy" or "starter" pet and are not meant to be caged 24/7. Within a few months after Easter, many rabbits are surrendered to shelters all over or are simply abandoned outdoors to fend for themselves. This is a death sentence for domestic rabbits.

Potential rabbit owners are encouraged to not only research thoroughly before adopting, but also to adopt from a shelter instead of a breeder or pet store. ADHS currently has about 25 bunnies waiting for forever homes.



Consider becoming a member of ADHS! JOIN NOW!

**Become a member and show your support!
Support your local humane society!**

All membership fees go directly to the care of the animals. An individual membership is \$25 dollars and a family membership is \$35 dollars. A junior/senior membership is \$20. Go to www.allistonhumane.com to complete an electronic membership form and pay via PayPal, Canadahelps.org or print the form, complete and mail in or drop off at the shelter. We could not help all the animals we help each day without your continued support. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Event Details: Take part in our fundraising gala at the Gibson on May 2 with cocktail reception at 6, a catered dinner at 7, a silent auction, live music by the Sidewinders and more. (Business casual)

Ticket Details: Tickets are \$65 each and can be purchased from the following vendors
PetValu Alliston
Pet Grocer
Brisco Furniture and Appliances
Online at <https://allistonhumane.com/shop>

For more details, please call 416-414-9277 or email causeforthepaws@outlook.com

Thank you to our Sponsors

MyFM 92.1 South Simcoe

The Printing House

Catering by Dave Knox

MC: Jake O'Keefe

Cause for the Paws
FUNDRAISING GALA
IN SUPPORT OF THE ALLISTON & DISTRICT HUMANE SOCIETY

GALA

DINNER, LIVE MUSIC & AUCTION

MAY 2, 2020 | Tickets \$65
The Gibson Centre, Alliston
Cocktails 6pm · Dinner 7pm · BUSINESS CASUAL

Performance By: **THE SIDE WINDERS**
Our Proud Sponsors: **FM 92.1 SOUTH SIMCOE** **ATPH**

Catering By: **Dave Knox** | *MC:* **Jake O'Keefe**

Tickets can be purchased from: the ADHS Shelter, Brisco's Furniture, Pet Grocer, and Pet Valu (Alliston) or **Online at:** AllistonHumane.com.
For more details Call: 416-414-9277 or Email: causeforthepaws@outlook.com

Alliston & District Humane Society

ADHS Supports A Ban on Declawing

As a member of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, ADHS opposes the surgical mutilation of animals, except procedures performed by a licensed veterinarian to alleviate suffering, or for reasons of injury or health. This includes the declawing of cats and the removal of dewclaws on dogs.

The declawing of cats is now illegal in four Canadian provinces. The Canadian Veterinarian Association declared its opposition to the declawing of cats in 2017, due to the unavoidable and unnecessary pain of the procedure. The most frequent type of declawing is called an onychectomy; it involves cutting the bones the claws grow from with a scalpel or laser. Critics compare this to cutting off someone's toes or fingers at their top joint.

The CVA is also formally opposed to cosmetic surgeries such as ear cropping, tail docking and dewclaw removal on dogs by veterinarians unless they are done for therapeutic reasons.

There are two major, functioning tendons attached to the dewclaw on a dog. At the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dewclaws, there are major muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse. In a galloping dog, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn to the right, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque.

ADHS will deny adoptions to individuals who intend to surgically mutilate animals by declawing cats or removing the dewclaw on dogs.

More information is available at <http://www.sugarfactoryvetclinicmt.com/resources/medical-articles/do-the-dew-claws/>
<https://www.humanecanada.ca/tags/declawing>.



Century 21
 B.J. ROTH REALTY LTD.
 Brokerage*

Pat Boland
 Sale Representative
 Direct: 705-790-9875
 pat.boland@century21.ca
 www.PatBoland.com

355 Bayfield Dr., Barrie | Office: 705-721-9111
 Century 21
SMARTER. BOLDER. FASTER
 *independently owned and operated

705-440-3647 (DOGS)
 INFO@PAWSSWIMTHERAPY.COM
 180 PARSONS ROAD UNIT #12
 ALLISTON ON L9R 1E8

PAWS SWIM THERAPY

WWW.PAWSSWIMTHERAPY.COM
CANINE HYDROTHERAPY AND WELLNESS CENTRE

Volunteer Corner

This is the eleventh in a series of articles about volunteers that help make our organization run.

Willis Nakamura: The ADHS Fixer

Willis Nakamura is a quiet, low key guy, always popular and in demand at ADHS. Originally a University of Toronto trained mechanical engineer, Willis worked most of his professional career for a large Canadian mining company. After a 3-year secondment as an information technology engineer to New Caledonia, Willis and his wife moved up into the New Tecumseth area in 2011.

Willis began at ADHS about 5 years ago as a maintenance man, attending to all things big and small that keep the shelter running. One of his most important jobs is the regular shelter maintenance that avoids equipment or system breakdowns such as changing filters, lightbulbs and water salt. There is always a light bulb that has burnt out, a system that needs attending to, paint jobs, and sticking doors. This keeps Willis hopping.

Willis is also the go to guy for special projects. In 2018 Willis signed on to our cat free-roaming room restoration project, jumping at the opportunity to help. He built and installed all the gorgeous cubbies, beds and bridges in the new room, working on them in his home wood working shop. His project for the winter of 2020 is the building of a new cedar and welded wire outdoor rabbit hutch. The structure will be large enough to contain a walk-in door so volunteers can sit inside and socialize our rabbits. A large flag to warn dog volunteers if rabbits are outside, as well as beautiful sitting areas, are the part of his design to make outdoor breaks restful, and comfortable for our rabbits. Willis is also crucial to the small animal room restoration project, providing alteration and installation help.

Willis is also working with our dog coordinator on a large kennel restoration project. ADHS kennels are now 10 years old and require alterations to bring them in line with OMAFRA standards. This will include several changes to limit the spread of disease, make the kennel area easier to disinfect and provide kennel door barriers to decrease barking and frustration by stressed dogs. A coat of paint, floor restoration and a new puppy food cupboard are all on Willis's endless project to do list. Added to that is his concern about flooding at the side of the building, and the need for a plan to repair that.

Willis also works two days a week as a dog walker and a shuffler and feeder. There are always volunteers needing coverage and Willis steps in frequently to help. His biggest wish for ADHS is more volunteers. While we have 57 dog volunteers at this time, there are always holes in shift schedules and dog walkers are always needed. Willis would also love maintenance assistance. Maintenance volunteers need to have hands on skills and be willing to try their hand at anything from painting to simple cage repairs.

Willis is a personable, pleasant man, respected by all ADHS volunteers for his endless tool bag of skills and the endless hours he commits to ADHS. If you might be interested in assistance with maintenance or walking dogs fill out a volunteer application at <https://allistonhumane.com/volunteer>



Willis and Wolf

Where Does My Money Go?

ADHS relies on its many generous donors to operate our organization. Ever wonder where your donations go?

These animals got a second chance at life in 2019 due to the generosity of our donors.

Suzy was one of a number of domestic rabbits abandoned by her owners in our area. (see her story on page 2) She came to us with terrible bite wounds to her neck and her face just below the eye. The vet had to put her under anesthesia to clean the wound and remove the fly larvae living there. After several courses of antibiotics, Suzie was declared healthy and spayed. A number of the other abandoned rabbits were not so lucky and were euthanized due to their extensive wounds. Suzy went to her forever home for Christmas 2019!



Siren

This gorgeous five-month-old girl is named Siren. She was born with a serious mouth disease that typically affects older cats and normally is resolved with a full mouth extraction. Siren is incredibly young to have this disease; juvenile gingivostomatitis is rare, as it usually affects cats once their adult teeth are present. Research shows that some cats affected by the juvenile form will resolve by the time their adult teeth erupt at 8 to 10 months of age. Siren was not that lucky; she had to have all of her teeth extracted and regular antibiotics to keep infection at bay. Siren recovered fully and was adopted into a family home.

Continued on Page 8



DANIEL SAVAGLIO
PHOTOGRAPHY

416-992-4290

PHOTO@DANIELSAVAGLIO.COM
WWW.DANIELSAVAGLIO.COM



Ask us about our literacy and social skills groups!

Supporting the community's speech and language needs for 18 years. Home of the Chatterbox Speech Summer Camp.

Call: 705-623-0059 | Visit: SimcoeSpeechClinic.ca

Would you like to contribute to ADHS ?

There are many convenient ways to donate. Donations may be made in cash, or by cheque, credit card or e-transfer. Click the DONATE NOW or CanadaHelps button at allistonhumane.com to donate by credit card. E-transfers may be sent to info@allistonhumane.com. Please mail donations by cheque to:

P.O. Box 1455
Everett, Ontario
L0M 1J0

Cash is always welcome at our shelter open houses or in the many donation boxes around our community. You can also contribute by volunteering, providing a foster home, running or contributing to a fundraising event and donating items listed on our wish list available at allistonhumane.com.

Please help ADHS reduce the number of unwanted and abandoned animals in our communities.

SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS

Please check your yellow pages for the veterinarian services available near you.

The OSPCA provides **high volume, low cost spay and neuter services** at their clinics in Barrie and Newmarket.

Newmarket Clinic
16586 Woodbine Ave
Newmarket, ON
L3Y 4W1

Phone: 905-898-6112
or 1-888-668-7722
Fax: 905-898-4321

Barrie Clinic
91A Patterson Road
Barrie, ON
L4N 3V9
Phone: 705-734-9883
or 705-734-9882
Fax: 705-720-7321



www.spayneuter.ontariospca.ca



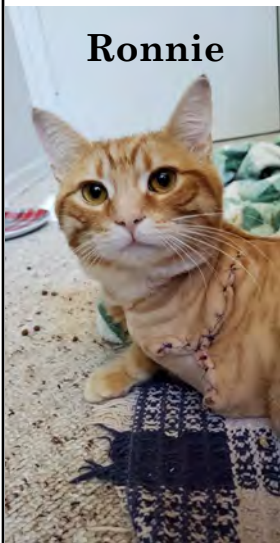
Continued from page 6

Where Does My Money Go?

Lovely was found wandering alone on the edge of a local town in the very coldest part of winter. A nice man spent hours getting her to trust him enough to get into his car. It was the best decision she ever made, as that kind man saved her life. At the shelter, it was discovered that she was in very bad shape, had serious frost bite on her feet and was dangerously underweight. She was in so much pain that medication was necessary, and she had to wear medicated boots and stop walking. You can see from the picture of Lovely with her new family at Christmas 2019, that she landed on her feet thanks to your support.



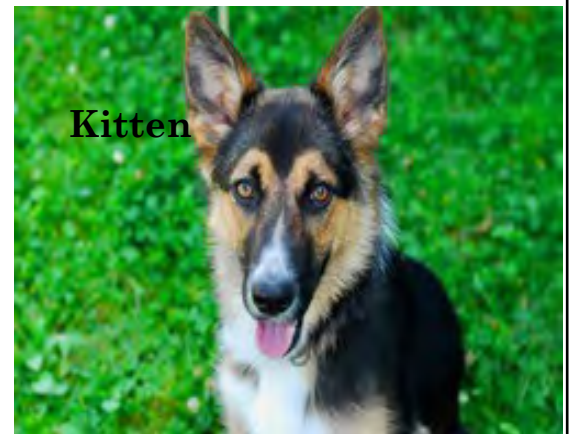
Lovely



Ronnie

Ronnie is a beautiful 3-year-old orange tabby boy who came into the shelter with a very bad abscess on his leg. He had had it so long, that a bone infection had set in and an amputation was necessary. He recovered fully and went on to a new permanent home as a tripod.

Kitten is an adorable, sweet, and loving 1-year old German Shepherd Border Collie cross whose foster home found that she was having issues with her rear end. After many vet consultations, it was discovered that Kitten had been in pain her whole life due to a medical condition that prevented her feces from properly coming out of her body. She suffered immensely because of this and to fix it, she required immediate surgery that was both complicated and very expensive. ADHS was proud to sponsor her specialist surgery thanks to our donors and Kitten is on her way to a full recovery.



Kitten

Thanks to all our donors for supporting our no kill shelter and giving these beautiful animals a chance at life and a forever home!

**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY
VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

Dr. Angela Halbert & Associates
Complete Care for Companion and Pocket Pets,
including a House Call Service

NEW Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy

Out of Hours Telephone Consultation
6437 14th Line, Alliston

705-434-2226 **www.nvvh.org**



Scrubadub Doggies Pet Grooming

169 Dufferin St. S.,
Unit 21
Alliston, ON L9R 1E6

705-250-dogs (3647)

Janice Preiss
Karine Bleson
Caryn Upton

By appointment
705-250-dogs (3647)





Alliston & District
Humane Society

CALL: 1-705-458-9038
P.O. Box 1455, 5545 Concession 4
Toronto, Ontario, M1M 1J0

Sponsor-A-Cage Form

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

MESSAGE FOR PLAQUE:

SELECT SPONSORSHIP:

**Small Animal
CAGE SPONSOR**

\$50/year

☐ YES! (check here)

**Small Animal
CORPORATE
SPONSOR**

\$150/year

☐ YES! (check here)

**Cat & Kitten
CAGE SPONSOR**

\$100/year

☐ YES! (check here)

**Cat & Kitten
CORPORATE
SPONSOR**

\$200/year

☐ YES! (check here)

**Dog & Puppy
CAGE SPONSOR**

\$200/year

☐ YES! (check here)

**Dog & Puppy
CORPORATE
SPONSOR**

\$300/year

☐ YES! (check here)

Note To Corporate Sponsors: We will be contacting you for a digital file of your logo for your plaque.

Please make cheques payable to the **Alliston & District Humane Society**.
All donations over \$25 are eligible for a charitable donation receipt. Thank You!

Why I Volunteer at ADHS

I joined the ADHS Dog Team about two years ago. My own dog had passed away. I had worked through the grieving process and after several months, I still found something was missing. A friend suggested I should join the Dog Team at ADHS where I could walk dogs, give some belly rubs, and play with the dogs. This idea sounded like a win-win situation. ..But I had never volunteered before and did not know what to expect.

I was always the person that said I had enough of my own things to do, worked too much, or just generally over-looked the benefits of volunteering. After some hesitation and thinking, I concluded that this was an opportunity I could not let pass me by.



I joined ADHS in memory of my own dog, that my two best friends and I adopted about 14 years ago from the Guelph Humane Society. We called him Lord Stanley "Supertramp" (formerly Polar) or Stan or La Flama Blanca and many others -- ha-ha. A Husky/Collie mix, he was one of us from the first time we met and never looked back. He came to our ball hockey games (took part in warmups, coached from the bench and when he didn't make it people would ask about him). He even made it into the local pub sometimes without ID. We would go camping, to the cottage, and countless group hikes with our other friends' dogs. Anywhere we went, he was welcomed by all.

After all our adventures came to an end, I knew I had to give back to the Humane Society. What I didn't realize is how much I would get back in return.

I have found that I have been learning many different employability skills such as people skills, time management, patience, and generally just getting involved in new things or things that I haven't practised in years (like writing this article!). It's more than just working with dogs; the shelter needs trades/maintenance people, front desk help, a social media team, fundraiser and event planning people, groundskeepers and many more positions I'm sure I've overlooked. It's a great opportunity to help while gaining many different transferable skills, with the added benefit of being around some great animals. I think this makes it a great opportunity for anyone, but especially young adults starting careers and looking for a new, rewarding experience. Personally, I wish I started sooner.

Volunteering is a commitment, however. You would be required to attend one scheduled shift per week. Shifts are generally 4 hours. We have a great training program that covers our procedures and practices which serve to keep our volunteers and dogs safe and happy. We have some mandatory training sessions with flexible schedules, usually two or three per year. These training courses are very informative and are very helpful at the shelter and even working with your own dog(s) at home. Sometimes we take the dogs for car rides or off-site walks/hikes and sleep overs. This helps us learn about the dogs and see how they react to real world situations, which can be helpful for the adoption process. There are also many foster homes needed for puppies and dogs recovering from surgeries or illness.

I have found my time at the shelter rewarding and enjoyable, so much so that I seem to find myself finding extra things to do or reasons to stop in and help. I enjoy taking dogs for day-cations and sleep overs, helping with adoptions, meets with people, dog introductions, and on open house days.

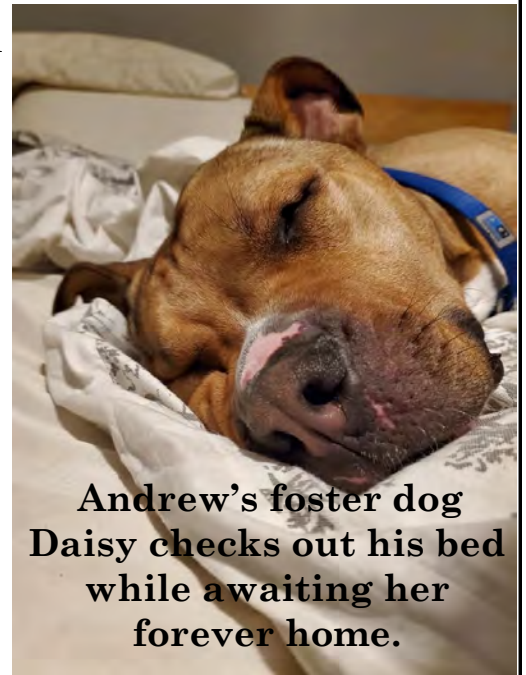
Continued on page 11

Continued from page 10

Meeting with members of the public I am often asked, "How don't you take all the dogs home?" or people say, "I couldn't do it. It's too hard emotionally". That is definitely one of the challenges we face and to that I say, taking all the dogs home does not help solve the issue. I find peace knowing we help hundreds of dogs find great homes every year and knowing I am part of a team of like-minded people working towards humane education, awareness, as well as caring for these animals that have been given up on. Our hard-working volunteers find loving homes for all of them if we are able (we do not euthanize for space and the few euthanasias we have are the terminally ill or animals with dangerous temperaments who have not responded to a training plan). The paycheque is given to us each day in the happiness, loyalty, and the love these animals give in return. We see them succeeding in their new homes and receive updates regularly. We see the bonds they create with their family members that last a lifetime. We see the overwhelming support we get from the surrounding community as proof we are making a difference (thank you!).

I am happy to have the opportunity to give back to the Humane Society and I am thankful for what it continues to provide me. I know that volunteers put so much hard work and time into working with these animals and we always need more help. The animals work through training, illness, injury, fear of people, and much more. The progress these animals make is really amazing and heartwarming. That's "how we do it"; we take pride in knowing we are making a difference.

If you or someone you know is looking for a new challenge, a rewarding experience, or just wants to help out some animals and feel good about helping a great cause, please consider volunteering with ADHS. The more help we have the more we can do for these animals. If you would like to get involved in any way, reach out today through an application form at <https://allistonhumane.com/volunteer> or come visit an open house the 2nd and 4th Saturday every month from 12pm-4pm. We couldn't do the work we do without the community support and our volunteers. Thank you all for making a difference. Happy trails from Andrew Ross-ADHS Dog Team



Andrew's foster dog Daisy checks out his bed while awaiting her forever home.



!OPEN HOUSE!

Please join us the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month for our Open House from noon to four pm at the shelter. Come and visit all the animals and meet our great volunteers, and drop off donations. One of our recent visitors sent us a lovely commendation:

"What a great place! I left with a smile on my face. Thank you all for working to make this wonderful organization. Everyone benefits from your hard work and enthusiasm. I became inspired, on such a dreary day, and I will be sure to pass on word about your shelter to others too."

Kitten season is coming soon! ADHS will have lovable babies of all colours and sizes for adoption!



Adoption Corner

Call (705) 458-9038 or info@allistonhumane.com

The ADHS is a registered charity. All board members, volunteers and foster homes are unpaid. All funds raised pay for the current services and future programs. All cats and dogs over six months of age are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and dewormed. All kittens under the age of 6 months come with vouchers that allow owners to take the kitten to a local vet for vaccinations, rabies and spay or neuter. All rabbits are spayed or neutered.

Adoption Fees

Cats \$180 Kittens \$220 Puppies \$465 Dogs \$410

Rabbits \$75 Senior Dogs 10+ \$200

Hamsters, Rats and Gerbils \$10 Guinea Pigs, Degus \$30



Meet Darcy, one of the 30 bunnies we rescued from the large intake in January 2020. Darcy gave birth to 4 baby kits. She will be ready for adoption once she is spayed.



Alliston Veterinary Services

paws to tail ... we care!


Dr. Christine Parker
(705) 434-2500

14 King St S, Alliston, ON L9R 1H6
info@allistonvet.com
allistonvet.com 

JOLIE DEWDNEY

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Direct: 905-252-4967
Office: 866-936-3501
Email: jolie@remaxchay.com
Web: www.remaxchay.com

 22 Queen St. S.,
Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0



RE/MAX **HALLMARK CHAY REALTY**
Brokerage, Independently Owned and Operated | RAISING THE BAR