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# The CAAN Connection

Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN)  
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## Welcome to The CAAN Connection!

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### Dates to Remember:

- July 7, 7:30 pm, Feral Cat Support Group, Court Animal Hospital, St. Catharines
- July 12, 10 am to 2 pm CatMOBILE at Pet Valu, 200 Fitch St. Welland
- July 13, 4 pm, CAAN Annual General Meeting, Court Animal Hospital, St. Catharines
- July 26, 10 am to 2 pm CatMOBILE at The Buttery, 19 Queen St., Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- Aug. 11, 7:30 pm, Feral Cat Support Group, Court Animal Hospital, St. Catharines
- August 9, 10 am to 2 pm CatMOBILE at Pet Valu, 210 Glendale Ave., St. Catharines.
- Sept. 6, 10 am to 2 pm CatMOBILE at Pet Valu, West Side Place Plaza, Port Colborne

Welcome to the first issue of the CAAN Connection, newsletter for Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN).

CAAN is a nonprofit volunteer organization formed at a meeting of like-minded people seeking to promote the “no kill” philosophy in Niagara .

#### CAAN’s mission statement:

The establishment and operation of an association of community members for the purpose of promoting the no kill philosophy for displaced domestic animals and pets owned by persons of low income in our community, by supporting or providing:

- High volume, low cost spay/neuter programs

- Affordable basic veterinary care for low income pet owners and displaced domestic animals

- Pet adoption programs
- Pet retention programs
- Foster care programs
- TNR (trap neuter return) programs.

CAAN’s mission is driven by the simple philosophy that kindness to animals helps build a better world for us all.

CAAN meets regularly to work towards establishing these six essential foundation programs for building a no kill community. Meetings are open to everyone and you will be warmly welcomed!

See “Dates to Remember” on this page for meeting and event schedules or call (905) 688-3720 for more information.



## What is the “No Kill” philosophy?

“No kill” is an industry term used to define a shelter or community that does not kill animals for lack of space, or lack of necessary treatment. It is a community where healthy dogs and cats, sick and injured but treatable dogs and cats, behaviorally challenged or trau-

matized dogs and cats, and healthy and treatable feral cats are saved. The only dogs and cats being killed by shelters in a “no kill” community are those who are either too sick or too injured to be rehabilitated , or, in the case of dogs, are vicious with a poor prognosis for reha-

bilitation, and , as such, cannot be adopted into homes.

In his groundbreaking book, “Redemption”, author Nathan Winograd writes, “We have a choice. We can fully, completely and without reservation embrace no kill as our future. Or we can continue to

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## The CatMOBILE



The CatMOBILE made it's first road trip to the Beamsville Strawberry Festival on June 16, 2007.

The CatMOBILE is an adoption outreach program established by CAAN to increase adoption opportunities for homeless cats and kittens from our communities animal welfare organizations.

CAAN purchased and renovated the 1969 trailer into a unique and eye-catching "adoption centre on wheels".. Volunteers worked with dedication for weeks to outfit the trailer with 14 cages and a seating area inside and painted the

outside into a colourful and artistic mosaic of cats and kittens. The CatMOBILE's very first road trip was to the Beamsville Strawberry Festival on June 16, 2007.

Local businesses sponsor an adoption event and the CatMOBILE travels to the location with it's precious cargo. Volunteers help with preparing the trailer for each event, on-site adoptions and unloading and cleaning the trailer at the end of each outing.



The CatMOBILE and friends at PetSmart. May 10, 2008.

## Volunteer with CAAN!

"Be the change you want to see in the world"  
Mahatma Ghandi

CAAN is a volunteer based nonprofit corporation and has rewarding volunteer opportunities for people to assist with programs aimed at reducing and ending the euthanasia of homeless pets in Niagara.

Currently, the CatMOBILE is seeking volunteers to help with adoption events for two or more hours on Saturdays. Fos-

ter homes for cats and kittens are also needed on a short term basis.

A low cost spay/neuter and basic veterinary care program is in the planning stages and volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of supporting a weekly clinic, from computer registration to animal recovery after surgery. These volunteers

will be named "Charlie's Angels" in honour of CAAN's mascot "Charlie" and must be willing to commit to training and volunteering on a regular basis when the program is implemented. For more information on volunteering with CAAN, visit our website [www.caan-catmobile.org](http://www.caan-catmobile.org) or call Wendy Ross, CAAN, secretary at (905) 684-7150.

## What is the No Kill Philosophy?.....cont'

legitimize the two pronged strategy of failure: adopt a few and kill the rest."

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Tompkins County SPCA. Under his leadership, Tompkins County became the first community in the United States to save all healthy dogs and cats, sick and injured treatable dogs and cats and feral cats. For more information go to -

[www.nathanwinograd.com](http://www.nathanwinograd.com)

By providing no kill education and programs to the community, CAAN will be a catalyst for this change in Niagara.

You can purchase this book from CAAN for \$20!

**"The power to change the status quo is in our hands."**

