

*Riverview Park May 2024 Newsletter
Special Edition*



**And the winners of the
Riverview Park
Cutest
Dog or Cat Contest are....**

Nico for Cutest Cat and Tassie for Cutest Dog



Tassie, Cutest Dog Winner accompanied by, from the left: Kris Nanda (RPCA), Terry and Jill Collins-Williams and Pet Value representative, Taylor McCanna.



Nico, Cutest Cat Winner, with his owner, Anna Proestakis and Pet Valu representative, Mackenzie Doyle.

The results are in for the first-ever Riverview Park Cutest Cat and Dog Contest, put on by the RPCA with prizes donated by Pet Valu Trainyards. Eighteen dogs and five cats were entered in the contest, over 100 votes were cast, and the contest raised \$524 for the Ottawa Humane Society, surpassing our goal of \$500.

A common refrain we heard was that it was very hard to choose just one cat or dog given all the cute, handsome and beautiful candidates. As I am sure you could tell by the contented look on the faces of our contestants, each one is a winner with a warm and loving home. And because of all your donations, there will be a few more amenities for the less lucky dogs and cats that find themselves sheltered at the Ottawa Humane Society.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to the pet owners who donated their money and took the time to enter their pet in the First Annual Riverview Park Cutest Dog and Cat Contest. Thanks to Kris Nanda who spear-headed and organized the contest. Many thanks to all who voted and to Cass and the crew at Pet Valu Trainyards.

The dog who received the most votes was Tassie, an 11 year old golden doodle “who thinks she’s still a puppy.” Tassie was entered by her owners, Terry and Jill Collins-Williams.

Tassie’s feline counterpart was Nico, an 8-month old Russian Blue entered by Anna Proestakis and Marc Andre Savage, with whom Nico shares a house.

More details about the winners are provided below by their “owners.”

Tassie has lived her whole life in Riverview Park. She loves carrying a ball in her mouth during walks and greets everyone she meets with a tail wag and a “Woo!” Tassie is sweet natured and loves snuggles. She fell off the dock at the cottage once as a puppy and has refused to swim or even paddle in the water since then.

Nico was born in Vancouver and flew to Ottawa on December 8, 2023 all by himself via WestJet to join his older sister, Eleni. Some interesting facts about Nico: he fetches, like a dog, hunts like a cheetah and purrs like an engine. He has no fear with his adventurous personality and he has definitely proven the saying “curiosity killed the cat.”



Nico, Cutest Cat Winner!

Police Action

RPCA received a brief note from the Ottawa Police on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Early this morning Ottawa Police officers responded to reports of a shooting on Walkley Rd. Police determined that shots were fired into a residence; fortunately, no one was injured. The[re] is no continued threat to the community at this time. Supports have been offered to the residents and the Ottawa Police Guns and Gangs Unit is currently investigating.



Vincent Massey Public School development application #D07-12-23-0091 ([Link to application](#))

Concerns have been raised about the safety of pedestrian and cycling access to Vincent Massey Public School, 745 Smyth Rd. Your feedback can be provided at the above link.

The children of Riverview Park are the walkers, cyclists and rollers who approach VM from the Perley pathway and should be considered as they plan to “improve” the access to VM for school buses (which are also used by Riverview Park children).

Students are between the ages of 3 and 14 and hundreds use active transport -- walking, cycling, rolling, wheelchairs -- to get to and from their school for 10 months of the year in all weather conditions. The impact of the changes to 745 Smyth Road must consider the safe access that hundreds of children and their caregivers have to the front and sides of the school.



"RPCA Night at the Ballpark" - the Riverview Park Community Association invites you to come out to see the Ottawa Titans baseball team on Friday June 14 at 6:30 PM. Games are played at the baseball

stadium on Coventry Road – a short drive, bike ride or walk from Riverview Park. We are looking forward to a good turnout of friends and neighbours (kids and adults) from the community at the ballpark. Please click [here](#) to visit the Titans website and purchase your tickets – use the code RPCA24 to get a special discounted price of \$10 (plus tax) and they are great seats!"

Please send any other questions to
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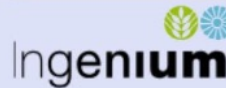
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Community Liaison Committee, Report from the RPCA Perley Health Representative

There was a brief meeting of the Community Liaison Committee of Perley Health on Monday 6th May at 16:30h via Zoom videoconferencing.

Points of interest:

Community residents are encouraged to contact 411 for any violations in parking.

The Andrew Fleck Children's Services connected to the Perley Health will proceed to obtain building permits...however the process will then pause until confirmation of operating funding is received from the Ministry of Education.

Expansion plans...there are no expansion plans at the moment...again they hope to proceed when funding is available.

There are over 1000 on the waiting list for long term care at the Perley Health...they are at 100% capacity. Veterans can usually get in within weeks.

For grounds Maintenance the Perley Health is staying with Sunshine. They have started the spring clean-up. A comment was made that the pathways at each end need to be ploughed open rather than one being blocked with a dump of snow.

Services to the community that are currently available are as follows: audiology, physiotherapy, speech/language, pharmacy, cafeteria, foot care, guest house and day program in the respite house. There are hopes to expand the services with a family health team.

The next meeting is October 7th 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Minnes



Porchfest Riverview Park

Calling All Musicians! Join Our Community Porchfest Event

We are thrilled to announce that the RPCA is organizing a community Porchfest event, and we want you to be a part of it! Porchfest is a celebration of local music, where musicians perform on porches, driveways, and yards throughout the neighborhood for all to enjoy. We have heard that Riverview Park has some top-notch talent, and we would like to showcase it!

Started in Ithaca, New York, in 2007, Porchfest events bring local musicians and neighborhoods together to celebrate and create a sense of community.

Date: Sunday, June 23rd

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Throughout Riverview Park (Locations to be published once musicians are confirmed)

Porchfest is a fantastic opportunity for musicians of all genres and skill levels to showcase their talent in a fun and laid-back environment. Whether you're a solo artist, part of a band, or even a small ensemble, we invite you to participate and share your music with our community.

Sign Up

If you're interested in performing at Porchfest, please reply to communications@riverviewparkca.com stating your genre, location and performance duration, and any other details you feel relevant.

Feel free to get creative with your setup and make it your own!

Spread the Word: Help us make Porchfest a success by spreading the word to fellow musicians and music enthusiasts in the community. Share our event on social media and encourage your friends and followers to join us for a day filled with live music and community spirit.

Porchfest is more than just a music festival—it's a celebration of our community's vibrant arts scene and the talented individuals who contribute to it. We can't wait to see you all come together to make this event a memorable one.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at communications@riverparkca.com

RPCA Board Members 2023-2024

Please feel free to contact any of the newly elected members of our RPCA Board if you would like to discuss an issue about Riverview Park.

President - Ron Ridley

First Vice President - Vacant

Secretary - Stephanie Lines

Treasurer - Jeff Blattman

Director (Communications) - Heather Dunlop

Director (Planning and Development) - Kris Nanda

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Director - Wanda Raymond
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Join the RPCA - our voices are stronger together!

The Riverview Park Community Association is your representative and advocate to elected officials and government on community issues. Your \$20 membership in the RPCA helps to strengthen our collective voice on community issues that are important to you and your neighbours.

Become a member today!

