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BESTIE AWARD: TEAM CHELSEA LOST PET SEARCH GROUP

CHARITY OF CHOICE: TEAM CHELSEA LOST PET SEARCH GROUP

Team Chelsea is a team of volunteers who dedicate their time finding and reuniting pets with their owners. 24 hours a day 7 days a week, this group of volunteers are out searching, tracking, rescuing and reuniting lost pets. They are there when nobody else is for families and pets in need. These volunteers go above and beyond every day and night, not only rescuing, but caring for, vetting and fostering these lost pets. They are amazing in every way!

Team Chelsea was established in 2011 to help find a missing Bernese Mountain dog named Chelsea. On our searches for Chelsea our volunteers found many other lost and abandoned animals in green space areas and due to this became aware of the many pets out there that needed help. We are an active group of volunteers who search for lost and abandoned dogs and cats within Durham Region. Our focus is to locate and secure lost pets in the hopes of reuniting them with their families, and helping homeless pets off the streets to safety. We spay/neuter, vaccinate and micro chip the unclaimed and homeless pets prior to adopting them into forever homes. To date, Team Chelsea volunteers have safely captured approximately 2700 lost dogs and over 2000 cats in Durham Region.

They have grown from a volunteer group searching for one lost dog to a large volunteer group helping all lost, abandon, dogs, cats, all animals and even helping mankind a few times. Paid Staff there are no paid staff, it is all tireless 24/7 volunteer work. The money comes from the generosity of the community. All animals rescued are vetted and spayed and neutered before being placed in forever homes which are screened for compatibility and safety of the animal. These group works tirelessly for the good of the community and pet owners. Their Facebook page tells all the wonderful and unfortunately sad stories of this group.

Every single member of the group are VOLUNTEERS who work so tirelessly to help those in crisis within our community. Especially our 4-legged neighbours who have no voice, and have lost their way from their families. The Team's goal is to reunite lost and found pets with their owners as quickly as possible. Found animals are kept safe with foster families until owners can be located. What a truly rewarding feeling this gives us at the end of the day, especially when families are reunited with their loved ones. In the event that an owner of a lost pet cannot be located, the animal is then placed up for "Adoption". All animals adopted out by Team Chelsea are vet-checked, vaccinated, spayed/neutered and microchipped.