



Press Release

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Joy Tremblay announced as the recipient for the 2011 Dr. Els Animal Champion Award

Charlottetown – The PEI Humane Society is pleased to announce that Joy Tremblay is the recipient of the 2011 Dr. Els Animal Champion Award.

The purpose of the award is to recognize people or pets that, through their actions, have contributed to animal welfare and have illustrated the human-animal bond.

“The Dr. Els Animal Champion Award Selection Committee had the challenging task of selecting the award finalists which were sent to Dr. Els Cawthorn to choose the award recipient” explains Margaret Gladstone PEI Humane Society Board of Director and Selection Committee member. **“Nominations ranged from PEI Veterinarians who go above and beyond the call of duty for their patients, to everyday people who do extraordinary things to help companion animals in need. Nominations also included a family pet that taught its family to never give up, and a cat and dog duo that visits care manors to bring some joy and comfort to people’s lives.”**

Joy Tremblay was presented with the award on November 30 at the PEI Humane Society’s annual Donor and Volunteer Recognition Event that was sponsored by Kwik Kopy.

“Joy Tremblay was given the award for the work, effort, and commitment she puts into Spay Aid PEI each day and to honour everything she’s done to help PEI’s stray and feral cat population” says Lisa Hashie PEI Humane Society Development Coordinator. **“Mrs. Tremblay was one of the lead volunteers that started Spay Aid PEI and is still very much involved with the day-to-day operations of the organization.”**

The Dr. Els Animal Champion Award was established to honour the work and dedication that Dr. Els Cawthorn demonstrated to companion animals on PEI during her time as the Shelter Manager and Veterinarian at the PEI Humane Society from 2004-2009. Dr. Cawthorn relocated to her former home in the Netherlands in the summer of 2009.

The **PEI Humane Society** is a not-for-profit organization and is the Island’s only shelter for lost, injured, and homeless companion animals. For more information regarding this event or the Society’s programs and services visit www.peihumanesociety.com

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Photo Attachment: Joy Tremblay award recipient, Janice Petley PEI Humane Society committee member and Lisa Hashie PEI Humane Society Development Coordinator. Photo courtesy of Darlene Bakker.

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