

# Furry Friends need some help

Barrie's Furry Friends, a non-profit cat shelter, is desperately in need of volunteers, supplies, and money.

Mature, reliable volunteers who can donate two to three hours per week are urgently needed for many shifts at their adoption centre in Petsmart on Mapleview Drive, and for weekend shifts at their shelter at 4-11 Hart Drive. Also urgently required are caring foster

homes for the upcoming kitten season. A prospective fosterer must complete an application form and be interviewed in their home to be approved.

Training will be provided for all positions.

Their wish list for supplies include good quality wet and dry cat food, clumping kitty litter, bedding, paper towels, and cleaning supplies. Monetary dona-

tions will also be accepted. Furry Friends is a registered charity and issue tax receipts for donations of \$10 or more.

Cheques should be made out to Furry Friends Animal Shelter Inc. All donations may be dropped off at their adoption centre, at the shelter, or at Ye Olde General Store in Midhurst.

For more information, call Penny at 722-8960.

# Teaching nominations needed

The Ontario Teachers' Federation and the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan, joint sponsors of the OTIP Teaching Awards, are pleased to open nominations for their 2008 ceremony.

If you know a great teacher who inspires students to reach for the stars, a teacher who is an innovator, or a teacher who is a leader of other education professionals, you can nominate

them for the OTIP Teaching Awards.

"Whether your person teaches Kindergarten, computer studies, guides students through a co-op program or runs the school library, their achievements honour the entire profession," Maureen Davis, President of the OTF said. "Share those achievements with others by making a nomination."

The award nominations

are open to anyone who would like to nominate an excellent teacher in Ontario's publicly funded schools. The process is a simple online format. Criteria and nomination forms are found at [www.teachingawards.ca](http://www.teachingawards.ca).

The deadline for nominations is March 31. The winners will be announced on Oct. 2, to coincide with World Teachers' Day.

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