

April 2008 – Caribbean Canine Rescue

While enjoying their vacation in the Caribbean, Rob and Lydia Forcier came across a mother dog and one of her puppies living on the side of a busy road. Both mother and puppy were suffering from malnutrition and in need of desperate medical assistance. After a few days of caring for them, the Forciers learned the rest of the puppies had been hit by traffic. Having two dogs of their own, they decided to contact Darci Galati, President and Founder of Candi International (www.candiinternational.org) for assistance.



Credit: Rob & Lydia Forcier

With Galati's help, the Forciers obtained the necessary paperwork and reorganized their flights to bring the mother and puppy back to Canada. The return trip included clearing customs in Toronto, an overnight stay at a dog-friendly hotel, before boarding the four and a half hour flight to Kelowna International Airport. Once in Kelowna, Galati began the process of finding homes for Kelowna's newest canines. The puppy has now been adopted by a Kelowna couple while the mother is presently under the care of Galati and her family while they look for an appropriate home.

The Forciers would like to thank everyone including Galati, Candi International, and the Kelowna & Toronto airport staff for their help in bringing a happy ending to their Caribbean Canine Rescue. ■



Horizon Air celebrates its 10th year at YLW! May 10th marked Horizon Air's 10th anniversary at Kelowna International Airport. Customer Service Agents (l-r) Lily Oltmanns (one of the original staff members from the first day in 1998), Ben Willis and Natasha Davis were on hand to provide passengers with a cup of coffee and a muffin along with their boarding pass.



April 10th was a busy morning at YLW when a record number of Calgary bound Westjet flights were diverted to our airport due to a snow storm in Calgary. Although unfortunately delayed, these Calgary-bound passengers were able to briefly enjoy some true spring weather— take a look at that beautiful blue Okanagan sky!

YLW goes mobile!

Kelowna International Airport is now offering easily accessible arrival and departure information for travelers who rely on mobile electronic devices such as Blackberries, cell phones and personal digital assistants (PDAs). Kelowna is keeping pace with major world airports by offering this service, and is one of only a few Canadian airports to do so.

"While this is a new feature for many Canadian and U.S. travelers, international business travelers from European destinations have enjoyed this mobile service for years," says Sam Samaddar, interim Airport General Manager. "Being an international airport is more than just providing a longer runway and a customs officer; it's about providing world class service using the most current technology."

Partnering with My Mobi Media Inc., a firm owned by two local entrepreneurs, Kelowna International Airport has taken advantage of the state of art programming of the www.mykelowna.mobi mobile web site. Travelers whose cell phones and PDAs have internet access can easily check Kelowna International Airport arrival and departure information from anywhere in the city, in fact anywhere in the world, by simply clicking on an icon on the airport's web page www.ylw.aero or by logging onto www.mykelowna.mobi.

"It's great that a local company has created this service benefiting travelers who use Kelowna International Airport, and of course others across North America," says Samaddar.

Arrivals and departures information is updated every three minutes. ■

From	Expected	Expected
Seattle	2:25 PM	2:25 PM
Vancouver	3:07 PM	3:02 PM
Vancouver	3:13 PM	3:13 PM
Saskatoon (1)	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Vancouver	4:58 PM	4:58 P
Toronto (1)	5:25 PM	5:25 P
Seattle	6:10 PM	6:10
Pr George	6:35 PM	6:35
Vancouver	6:58 PM	6:5
Calgary	7:27 PM	7:7