



CAT TALES

C.A.R.E.S. mission is to rescue, shelter and find loving homes for stray, abandoned and unwanted cats.

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WINTER 2012/13

- Langley Kinsmen makes major donation for TNR
- Come and get your pet's picture taken with Santa Claws.
- Check out Scarlet's and Madison's stories.
- Chatty Catty and My Fair Lady
- A Christmas message from our President.



KAEDYN is an 8 year old spayed female. This beautiful and lively girl has lost 3 homes, all due to no fault of her own. Kaedyn is looking for that special home that will promise to keep her forever! Can you help? Please check out her details on our website: www.carescatshelter.com

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Langley Kinsmen has made a significant TNR donation of \$26,460.00 to C.A.R.E.S.

Christmas came early this year to the shelter. We are very pleased and grateful to announce that we are the recipient of a generous donation from the Langley Kinsmen for the Langley Kinsmen Cat TNR Program. This donation will enable us to implement a much needed TNR (Trap-neuter/spay-return) program in the Langley area. In the spirit of the Kinsmen's motto of "Serving the Community's Greatest Needs", this is the first donation the Langley Kinsmen has made to an animal rescue group.

It is estimated, based on the almost 130,000 people living in the Township and City of Langley, that there are at least 6,000 stray, abandoned and feral cats in our community and the problem is getting worse. C.A.R.E.S. has identified several areas in Langley, specifically in abandoned buildings and farms, where unaltered stray, abandoned and feral cats live and breed under terrible conditions.

TNR is the method of humanely trapping these cats, having them spayed or neutered and vaccinated and then returning them to their colony/farm to live out their lives. TNR also involves a caretaker who provides food and adequate shelter and monitors the cats' health. Any tame and adoptable cats and kittens that are trapped will go through our normal adoption program.

TNR has been shown to be the least costly, as well as the most efficient and most humane way of stabilizing feral/community cat populations.



"We are very pleased to sponsor C.A.R.E.S. effort to establish a cat TNR program in Langley. Similar programs have worked well in other communities to humanely control cat population. We hope that our donation will enable future sponsorship opportunities to sustain the much needed TNR program", says Scot Jackson, President of the Langley Kinsmen.

Stray, abandoned and feral cats are a community generated problem and it is the community that needs to take the responsibility for what ultimately ends up happening to these animals. Spaying and neutering is the most important thing we can do to curb the cat overpopulation.

"C.A.R.E.S. and other shelters in our community are struggling daily with calls from the public about abandoned, stray and feral cats and kittens. Many of them live in horrible conditions and are starving and sick. With this generous donation from the Langley Kinsmen for the Langley Kinsmen Cat TNR Program, we will now be able to help those animals and ensure they live the rest of their lives with shelter and food. Animal owners must take responsibility for the pets in their care, by getting them spayed or neutered. C.A.R.E.S. does NOT adopt out any cat that has not been spayed or neutered" says Carol Briner, President of C.A.R.E.S.

THANK YOU, LANGLEY KINSMEN!



LANGLEY KINSMEN CAT TNR PROGRAM - IT HAS STARTED!



Community cat at the vet ready for spaying.

“Cats have previously been helped in this area but only when budgets allowed or when personal donations by Lisa herself or other volunteers were made to help these animals get spayed”!

In late October of this year, C.A.R.E.S. received a call from Doreen, a Langley resident desperately needing help with a group of cats she had been feeding. “It all started with a mom and her kittens which were dumped here last year”, she explained. “As I live at the end of 208th Street by the river, I have seen people drop their unwanted cats here many times.” Doreen had tried to get some of them spayed, but just couldn’t afford to do them all and in no time, a colony of feral cats formed. When asked how many cats she thought needed to be spayed or neutered, she estimated some 15 or 16 adult cats needed help.

We were happy to be able to tell Doreen that C.A.R.E.S. could help to spay them all due to monies just received by Langley Kinsmen for just that purpose. Two traps were delivered to Doreen in November and as of this writing, five cats have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated and have had a general health check-up. The cats have been put back on the property and Doreen continues to feed them. She will continue trapping the others and bringing them in for spay/neuter. In addition, C.A.R.E.S. was able to take in five young cats which she was able to catch and these cats are being put

through the C.A.R.E.S. adoption program.

Also in November, with the help of the Langley Kinsmen Cat TNR Grant, C.A.R.E.S. spayed an additional nineteen cats from other areas in Langley and in South Surrey. C.A.R.E.S. volunteer Lisa MacDonald has been working heavily in the Fort Langley area where cats have accumulated around a goat farm and a dairy farm. Cats have previously been helped in this area only when budgets allowed or when personal donations by Lisa herself or other volunteers were made to help these animals. Now with the help of the money donated by the Langley Kinsmen, Lisa is confident that these colonies will be able to be stabilized. Feeding stations have been set up in the area and a Fort Langley resident continues to help monitor and feed the cats with donated food from C.A.R.E.S.

Once again, thank you, Langley Kinsmen for your support. Without your generous donation, these cats would not have been helped and many more unwanted kittens would have been born.



The first community cat being spayed with funds from the Langley Kinsmen.



THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We are always amazed at the generosity of our many supporters and volunteers. They continue to give of their time and resources, each believing in the good work that we are trying to do to help those animals in our community that so desperately need us.

LAURALEE PORTER

Again this year, Lauralee did an outstanding job of collecting pledges for the walk-a-thon. She raised over \$10,000.00. Many people know Lauralee as she is our Shelter Manager and volunteer extraordinaire. Her love and compassion for the animals inspires her and the rest of us. Thank you, Lauralee for a job well done.

A special thank you goes to Paul Rogers and Cynthia Kereluk who gave a sizable amount to bring Lauralee's pledges to \$10,000.00. Paul and Cynthia are great animal lovers and have 9 cats of their own - some that they adopted from C.A.R.E.S.

LAWANA QUEST & ANNE SALOMON

These two ladies also did a great job at the walk-a-thon and each collected over

\$2,000.00 in pledges. Every year, Lawana and Anne go to great efforts to collect pledges for the walk. They never fail us!

A huge thank you goes to the Langley Kinsmen for their generous donation for the Langley Kinsmen Cat TNR Program

Finally, we would like to extend a special thank you to Ruth and Ray Wesenberg, Barbara Sewell, Tricia Williams and W & M Pet Supplies who have become great benefactors to our organization.

We would like to acknowledge others who gave in the past three months. They are: Dr. Bath of Willowbrook Animal Hospital, Linda Davis, Jim Weir, Canadian Tire, Ron Roddick, Teena Jackson, Pam Nelson, Marlene Mackenzie, Glen Kociulym, Deanna & Shirley Devitt and Wendy McPhee.

It is with regret that we let you all know that our friend, Luise Hartstock, passed away on October 31, 2012. She was a great supporter of C.A.R.E.S. We have now taken in one of her cats at the shelter. We will miss Luise.

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP

You can volunteer a few hours a week at the shelter or at fundraising events, you can become a foster parent to kittens or special needs cats or if you have fundraising experience – we need you! For more information about Volunteer Opportunities, please go to our website www.carescatshelter.com.

If you cannot volunteer, you can help the cats by making a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated and a tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.

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Yes! I want to help C.A.R.E.S. continue its mission of rescuing, sheltering and finding loving homes for stray, abandoned and unwanted cats.

Here is my gift of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$_____ (other)

Enclosed is a cheque made payable to C.A.R.E.S.

I authorize C.A.R.E.S. to debit my chequing account for \$_____/month and have enclosed a blank cheque marked VOID.

Or use your credit card to make a donation online! Just go to the C.A.R.E.S. website www.carescatshelter.com and click on *DONATE NOW* through the CanadaHelps.org button.

THANK YOU!

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UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

PHOTO WITH SANTA CLAWS

Bring your pet; cat, dog, bunny, mouse, fish or other pet to the Langley PetSmart store on the Langley Bypass between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM on one of the first three weekends in December and have your pet's picture taken with "Santa Claws"

December 1 & 2, December 8 & 9 and December 15 & 16.

Cost is only \$9.95 plus tax for a framed digital photo and all proceeds from this event go directly to our shelter. See you there!

FUN BOWLING NIGHT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 23, 2013. The cost of the ticket is only \$20.00 and includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rentals, appetizers and snacks. The event will be held at Willowbrook Lanes. We will have door prizes and a prize for the BINGO BOWL. Bring some extra money as there will be a 50/50 draw and lots of great silent auction items to bid on. Tickets go fast for this fun event so get them early.

For tickets, please contact:

Carol: 604.574.1325 or 604.202.0713 or email donations@carescatshelter.com

Lauralee Porter: 604.328.5595 or email adoptions@carescatshelter.com

Come, have fun and help a good cause!



Photo with Santa Claws

"Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 23, 2013 for our "Fun Bowling Night"."

RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

WALK-A-THON

On September 23, 2012 we held our annual Walk-a-thon at Derby Reach. It was our best event ever. We raised over \$ 25,000.00! Everyone did a fantastic job of gathering pledges. Thank you to Cynthia Kereluk for leading the warm-up and thank you to Royal Canin for bringing lots of goodies. The weather was good, the food was wonderful and the event was a lot of fun. Thanks to all of you who came and supported us.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

On November 16, 2012 we held our annual night at the races at Fraser Downs. The buffet was very tasty, the races were exciting and the silent auction was a wonderful fundraiser. With your help, we raised over \$2,800.00. Thanks to everyone who came to this great event and thanks to all the "worker bees" for your hard work in making the event a success.



Fun at the Walk-a-thon.





TWO OLDER GIRLS NEED FOREVER HOMES

Madison – In late October 2012, C.A.R.E.S. received a phone call from a concerned man who said that a cat had started to hang around at the construction site where he worked on 2nd Avenue in Langley. The cat just showed up one day and feeling sorry for her, the workers started to feed her. They thought she must have been dumped as there were no other residences nearby that she could have come from and she was thin and hungry. Fortunately, one of the workers knew about C.A.R.E.S. and the call was placed. We were able to help and they were kind enough to bring the cat to our vet so that she could be checked over right away.

Upon examination, Dr. Bath reported that other than having a broken tooth and being a little underweight, she was healthy. She received the standard blood test for FIV and FeLV (it was negative), vaccines, deworming and flea treatment. He estimated her to be 8 or 9 years old. Madison was then transported to the shelter where she now resides as one of the free-roaming shelter hospital cats.

She is happy to have shelter, people attention and loves her cozy bed under the laundry shelves. She has a good appetite and has been regaining her lost weight. She would love to be adopted to a nice quiet home with no other cats – can you help?



Madison

Scarlet – In September 2012, C.A.R.E.S. received a desperate call from Rob, an employee of Potters nursery. He had been feeding a stray old cat that had made her way onto the property. He could tell she was in rough shape and had obviously been fending for herself outside for a while. She had tried to come inside the nursery, but the existing cats kept running her off. Rob tried to make a house for her outside, but feared that she would be attacked by predators. Other staff members were feeling that the only alternative for this beaten up old kitty was to get her to a vet and have her put down.

Rob felt otherwise. As he tearfully told the story to us, he said that he felt this poor girl deserved a second chance. We were able to help and Rob took this girl to the C.A.R.E.S. vet. Dr. Bath examined her right away. He estimated her age to be 13 to 14 years old and found that this poor girl had a number of issues she was dealing with. Apart from being malnourished, she had worms and ear mites. The worst thing he discovered, however, was a hole in her side. Something had pierced her and hair had actually grown over an underlying infection. Dr. Bath was able to clean the wound and she was given antibiotics to clear the infection.

Once back at the shelter, the weak old girl slept most of the time for her first few days. She would growl whenever you touched her. Fortunately, she had a good appetite and ate well every day. As the days passed, Scarlet began to gain a little weight and regained some of her strength back. More and more, she was let out of her cage and she started to walk around for short strolls. Eventually, Scarlet graduated from a cage and now resides as a free-roaming cat in the shelter's hospital.

She has two favourite beds in different places that she moves back and forth from. She seems content and happy to have warm shelter again. Rob was right; this girl deserved a second chance. Now she would love to find a forever home - can you help?



Scarlet

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CHATTY CATTY 'S CORNER

Hi everyone, Ariel here.

Well, another year has gone by and I'm still hanging out at the C.A.R.E.S. shelter.

They have been good to me here and even though I have not been adopted, I still think I am one of the lucky ones. When I think of all the cats out there in the cold that are stray and abandoned and trying to survive, I count my lucky stars. Still, its every cat's wish to have a loving home. I was thinking about that movie "My Fair Lady" from the 60's with Eliza Doolittle when she sang that song "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" about wanting a nice home with someone to care for her. I can relate to that so I thought I'd rewrite the song a little bit from a homeless cat's point of view. Hope you like it.

Do you have a chair, a lap and most importantly a home you can offer to one of the deserving souls at our shelter? This Christmas, I hope you will consider giving the gift of a second chance to a homeless cat. On behalf of all my furry friends at the shelter, we hope you have a purrfectly Meowvulous Christmas!



*All I want is a home somewhere,
Far away from the cold night air.
With one enormous chair,
Meow, wouldn't it be lovely?*

*Lots of Pounce treats for me to eat,
A nice fireplace making lots of heat.
Warm face, warm paws, warm tail,
Meow, wouldn't it be lovely?*

*Meow, so lovely lying
abso-bloomin-lutely still.
I may never budge till spring
Shines over the window sill.
On someone's lap is where I will be,
Warm and tender they'll be to me.
They'll take good care of me.
Meow, wouldn't it be lovely?*

Until next time, love from Ariel.



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF C.A.R.E.S.

Donating is a great way to feel connected to your community and it gives us all a chance to reflect on doing good deeds. Christmas is a time to continue to help others, even our small furry friends.

One of my favourite quotes comes from an article written by Jim Willis called "The Animals' Saviour". He wrote: "I looked at all the animals in the shelter – the cast-offs of human society. I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness and betrayal and I was angry. "God," I said, "this is terrible - why don't you do something?" God was silent for a moment and then He spoke softly, "I have done something," He replied, "I created you."

Not only did He create me, but also many of my friends that I have met through my association with C.A.R.E.S.

I also consider these friends to be saviours of the animals.

My fellow board members; Marian, Donna, Clive, Chris, Cynthia, Elaine, Susan, Lisa, our Shelter Manager Lauralee, our Shelter Assistant Teena, our fund raisers; Anne and Caroll, our great volunteers, our supporters and our members are all people who give their time and efforts to help the animals under our care and they are the animals' saviours.

I wish each and every one on you, a joyous Christmas.

Carol Briner, President C.A.R.E.S.