



## Fall 2008 Newsletter

### Remembering Joyce

Joyce Smith loved animals her entire life. She was encouraged by parents who did not blink an eye at the addition of a bedraggled raccoon or orphaned squirrel to their household. This was a family who could not turn a blind eye to suffering or abuse, would cradle a baby bird against the wind or nurse a kitten back to health even if it meant not sleeping for days on end.

With such a background it was inevitable that Joyce would make animal rescue her calling and her passion. No matter where her life took her (and it was a tortuous path) the animals were always there rescuing her as she rescued them. Wherever she lived, there was bound to be some lost soul feeding off the hope that compassion brings.

With each broken wing or burnt tail which crossed Joyce's doorstep the dream of having a place where animals could be free from harm grew stronger and stronger. She knew that a

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house in the suburbs was not the answer to the growing problem of cat overpopulation, wildlife injuries and general animal abuse. The animals needed a haven.

But havens are not easy to come by. However in 1996 Club Link generously offered to provide a property on the 7<sup>th</sup> Concession. Joyce took this chance to make her dream a reality; thus "Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary" in Pickering was born. Animals of all kinds have lived on the property recovering from almost every form of neglect and abuse you care to imagine. Joyce has rescued and rehabilitated foxes, deer, skunks, raccoons, goats, ducks, rabbits, geese, pigs and, of course, cats. Her compassion is not limited by the boundaries of species.

Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary is the legacy of Joyce Smith so to try to continue on without her is akin to a ship without a captain. We miss you, Joyce, and we know that you are watching over your sanctuary.

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## SANCTUARY

Since Joyce passed away in mid-August, some changes have taken place at the sanctuary. There are no longer any outside animals. One of the goats was only on “loan” to keep Billy company and he was returned to his original home when Billy was taken in by Larry Gagnon who operates The Silver Tabby. The ducks, peacocks, and chickens have all been relocated to farms or large properties that are better equipped for these types of animals. Jack and Jerry are now living with one of our volunteers and Buddy is now also living temporarily with another Second Chance volunteer.

A great deal of work is needed to maintain the sanctuary buildings and grounds in good condition. A job list has been sent to all volunteers and is enclosed with this letter. The most important task on the list is a new roof for the house. Please call George (905-426-2922) if you are handy with a hammer, saw, rake, etc.

The Board of Directors and volunteers of Second Chance are attempting to keep the sanctuary running but the success of this is very dependant on donations and volunteers.

**Do you know that 100% of every donation goes directly to the running of the sanctuary and to provide veterinary care and food for the animals! Speaking of veterinary care --- these costs are generally in the thousands of dollars each month. Other than two part-time employees (one to work in the house and one to work in the sanctuary), the sanctuary is completely volunteer-operated.**

**Unlike many charities, there is no large amount taken out for administration expenses.**

Support Second Chance – please check our website for branded Youth Hoodies, T-Shirts, and SweatShirts.

## NEWSLETTERS

**Please keep those email addresses coming!! As mentioned in previous newsletters, emailing the newsletters will provide a huge financial saving for the sanctuary. Please send your email address to our volunteer, John, at the following address [jandmgrace@sympatico.ca](mailto:jandmgrace@sympatico.ca). Be sure to let us know if you receive your newsletter by both mail and email.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The fact that Joyce is no longer at the sanctuary seems to have had no effect on the requests for help! The sanctuary continues to be busy with many calls regarding placement of “stray” cats, new mothers, numerous babies and **(the unthinkable)** cats that are being turned out by their owners due to allergy problems or cats who are left behind when their owners move **(how could one move and forget a member of their family?)**. The sanctuary continues to open the door to many of these animals though, with over 200 cats, there really isn't the room or financial means to handle these new residents.

Our previous newsletter mentioned about people just “dropping animals off” --- unfortunately, this practice is still continuing! It would make sense for people, who are inclined to “drop” an animal, to realize that the “dropped animal” may not be discovered immediately and risks becoming overheated in the summer months or freezing in the winter months. **Animals released loose on the sanctuary grounds will very likely be a meal**

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**for the coyotes before being trapped/found by the animal care workers or volunteers!**

The most recent drop off of cats (“surrendered” according to an email received from their owners) is Telsa and Tommy who were found near Concession Road 7 and the laneway to Second Chance. Unfortunately, Telsa had to be euthanized as testing was not recommended for her as she was so thin that she looked like she had been an occupant of a concentration camp. Tommy has just had all his teeth removed (a very expensive procedure) and he is now recovering. Good news for Tommy is that a long-time donator of the sanctuary has adopted Tommy and good news for Second Chance is that this donator paid for Tommy’s dental work.

The message that constantly comes through is although many people treat their animal(s) as a family member; there are some who think their pet(s) are disposable and do not want to bear any expense for them -- not even to do the fundamental **spaying/neutering and needles!**

 **FUNDRAISING THANKS**

A correction to our list of fundraisers which appeared in the Spring/Summer 2008 Newsletter must be mentioned. The barbeque held outside the Amish Furniture Outlet Ltd., on May 3<sup>rd</sup> was actually run by **Total Appliance Centre** --- sorry about the misunderstanding!

Many thanks to the volunteers/people involved with organizing the following events:

1. **Students of Maple Ridge Public School** held a bake sale and all proceeds were donated to Second Chance.
2. **Melanie Tawde**, a volunteer with Second Chance, and an artist, donated all proceeds from her sales at a recent art show to SCWS.

3. In September, **Gloria Magowan**, 8 years of age and owner of previous sanctuary cats Buster and Suzy, collected donations for Second Chance.
4. In September, **Nikki**, a volunteer with Second Chance, hosted the fundraising event booth for, and donated a couple of items from her business to the Miller Off Leash doggie park fundraising BBQ in exchange for a donation to SCWS.
5. In September, **Jenna Pitaro**, 9 years of age, who attends Terry Fox Public School, collected donations for Second Chance.
6. In October, **Olive Forrest**, a volunteer with Second Chance, participated in a craft sale at O’Neil Secondary School in Oshawa and donated the proceeds from the sale of her hand-knit children’s sweaters to SCWS.
7. Some **volunteers of Second Chance** sold tickets for the Hudson Bay Giving Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This fundraiser gave Second Chance \$5 from each ticket we sold.



**BEST WISHES** to **Helen Anderson** who recently retired from the work force! Helen requested that instead of receiving a retirement gift, a donation be made to Second Chance -- thank you!

**BEST WISHES** to **Jennifer Monkhouse** who requested donations to Second Chance in lieu of birthday gifts – thank you!

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** to **Patricia Korol** and her new husband, who were married on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Patricia generously asked her wedding guests to donate to Second Chance in lieu of a wedding gift – thank you!

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## IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

Donations have been gratefully received by Second Chance, in memory of --

Donald Campbell	Helen Murray
Sarah Friesen	Cheryl Nugent
Peter Galaski	Orange Cat
Jacob	Samantha Paul,
Jake, a dear kitty friend	much loved cat
Joyce Knowles	dear Pooh, Piglet &
Mr. W. Makin	Eeyore Reiss(cats)
Marcela's Beloved Cats	Darling Rufus and
My Miko and Bear	Tosha
Mitzi	Joyce Smith
Molson	Whiskey

The Board of Directors and volunteers of Second Chance extend their sincere sympathy to Rick Davis, our contact at Miller Waste, on the loss of his son. Rick's son, who was only 36 years of age, died recently from a brain tumour.

## THANK YOU

Second Chance gratefully acknowledges current and past assistance received from the following organizations as well as all those individuals too numerous to list but without whose generous support the Sanctuary could not continue.









Eden Conservation Trust



The Beatrice Watson-Acheson Foundation

Second Chance and the sanctuary cats are very grateful to **Lisa of Penny Fuels** for the donation and installation of a new oil furnace for the sanctuary. Now the upcoming winter does not seem so foreboding!

A special thank you to **Miller Waste** for providing the extra large garbage bin. We have filled one and are working on a second!

Second Chance very much appreciates the assistance with a phone link answering service provided by **Walker, Head** during the time following Joyce's death. Special thanks also to **Walker, Head** for providing a room in the Al Dente restaurant for a meeting of the volunteers following Joyce's passing.

Second Chance would like to acknowledge and thank **Al of Mr. Pet** for his support of the sanctuary over the years.

The Sanctuary would like to express a special thank you to **Precious Pets** whose expertise in grooming is welcomed by our felines. The success of the recent adoptathon was, in part, due to the efforts of Precious Pets who devoted the better part of a day to beautifying Second Chance cats.

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Second Chance very much appreciates the assistance and cages provided by **Ajax Pet Care** for the recent adoptathon.

Second Chance would like to acknowledge and thank **Dr. Mimi Erhlich**, veterinarian, for spending considerable time checking the health of and vaccinating many of our cats on two occasions recently.

### DONATIONS

It is now possible to make donations to the Sanctuary securely on line through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org). - simply access the Second Chance web site and follow the instructions.

### HUDSON BAY COMPANY

Second Chance is now a member of HBC Rewards Community program. The public ID number for Second Chance is **ID 8925939**. Points may be collected at the **Bay, Zeller's** and **Home Outfitters**. Anyone wishing to donate their points to Second Chance may do so by setting up a donation from their own personal account. The transfer of reward points may be accomplished in one of the following ways:

1. Go to the HBC reward desk in any Bay Store and provide the Second Chance ID 8925939
2. Telephone 1-800-844-8131 and provide the Second Chance ID 8925939
3. On the internet, go to [www.hbc rewards.com](http://www.hbc rewards.com)
  - a) On left side of screen **CLICK** on Community Program
  - b) **CLICK** on Donate to a Community Group
  - c) **CLICK** on Search for a Community to make Donation
  - d) Under heading "Find a Community" in box opposite Community

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- e) **CLICK** on Continue
- f) (Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary will appear on this screen and to the right of this) **CLICK** on Donate points
- g) Screen requesting your HBC Reward Number will appear (from this screen forward you will be asked for information needed to complete the transfer of your HBC reward points.

If a problem is encountered while trying to donate points on line, please contact Phyllis (905-426-2922) for assistance.

These points will help Second Chance to obtain many items needed for the Sanctuary such as paper towels, facial tissue, and pillows for the cages.

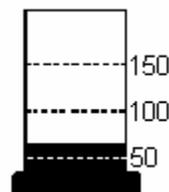
**We also gratefully accept Canadian Tire Money!**



### BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

In our recent newsletters, we mentioned how prosperous Second Chance would be if everyone in the GTA donated just **ONE** loonie towards Second Chance or, if a loonie could not be spared, gather up your pennies and please involve your friends, family and neighbours in this project. We are happy to say that some coins have been received as indicated on the growth chart below.

Coins Received



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### HELP SECOND CHANCE HELP YOU!

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- Toll-Free service with no monthly fees

To get started, Call Setaia at 1-866-909-6624 or visit [www.setaia.com/secondchance](http://www.setaia.com/secondchance)

### PetSmart

A selection of Second Chance cats were at PetsMart during the month of August. This visit was extended to the weekend of September 6 and 7 when Second Chance held an Adoptathon. This weekend proved to be very successful for Second Chance with 60 cats finding their forever homes! This overwhelming success was a result of a lot of work by many volunteers and to a high level of media coverage at the time of Joyce's death.

Please drop by to visit the next time Second Chance cats are at PetsMart which will be during the month of November.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary operates a charity bingo** on alternating days and times at Delta Bingo Hall, 975 Dillingham Road, Pickering. The dates of upcoming bingos

hosted by Second Chance are November 17 and December 8.



### VALENTINE DANCE



The annual fundraising Valentine Dance is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Petticoat Creek Community Centre in Pickering. Please plan on coming out and enjoying an evening of dining and dancing while considering your bids on the items available for the silent auction. For tickets or more information, call 905-649-8282.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Second Chance is always in need of people to help care for the animals both at the Sanctuary and during our time at PetSmart. Volunteers are especially needed for the weekday mornings at PetSmart and for almost all evenings in the house and sanctuary. **We are in desperate need of someone with veterinary experience to come to the Sanctuary at least once each week and give health checks to and clip nails of our resident cats.**

Second Chance is often in need of a temporary/foster home for cats or kittens. If you foster an animal for Second Chance, the food and litter are supplied by the sanctuary and, of course, any necessary medical expenses are covered by Second Chance.



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

In view of the timing of this newsletter, everyone at Second Chance extends **"BEST WISHES"** for the Holiday Season to all of you!

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