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Winter 2008 Newsletter

SANCTUARY

In our Fall newsletter, we stated that the future of the sanctuary was looking very bleak and that there was a danger that Second Chance Sanctuary would have to close the doors due to lack of funds. We are happy to say that thanks to the generosity of our donators and the publicity generated from various articles on Second Chance appearing in the Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, the Globe and Mail, and the local News Advertiser, Second Chance is once again in a financial position to cover the payment of the astronomical monthly food and veterinary bills.

Second Chance was also lucky to be given a bingo time at the Delta Bingo Hall in Pickering. Second Chance now runs a bingo every other Monday, commencing at 12:15. The next bingo game that Second Chance will host is on Monday, March 24th.



Bear, one of the resident German Sheppard dogs at the sanctuary, who was 14 years of age passed away in early January. This was very sad for Joyce and many of the volunteers --- somehow it just doesn't seem the same without Bear announcing one's arrival.

Timber, the other resident German Sheppard, underwent surgery in mid January for a tumour which, luckily, turned out to be benign. Timber is recuperating from her operation at the home of one of the SCWS volunteers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 300 cats, there really isn't the room

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or financial means to handle these new residents.

One very cold morning in February, one of the volunteers left the sanctuary to go home and returned to the house almost immediately with a carrying case which contained two young cats – these cats had no means of staying warm and would have suffered frostbite had they not been found (we assume) very soon after they had been dropped by the side of the driveway. It is unbelievable that people care so little about their animals (who are supposed to be a part of their family) and do not hesitate to leave them alone any place, any time and trust that someone else will care for them! The one young cat (who we call ET) is doing well; however, the other one (Mitzy – would not eat) has spent a week at the vets and has only just returned to the sanctuary. These two cats need to be neutered/spayed (which, one can assume, is one reason the owner “dumped” them) – an expense the owner did not or would not handle!

Only a couple of weeks later, two ladies came to the sanctuary wanting to leave 6 kittens. They were advised that there was not room and that the kittens would need to go to the vet before coming to the sanctuary. The ladies after much debating prepared to leave and, as their car was parked at the bottom of the hill, said they would get their car and come back to pick up the kittens. **Needless to say, the ladies were never seen again!** The kittens, who are estimated by the vet to be 4 and 7 months of age, are all beautiful; however, two have spent more than a week at the vets and are now being fostered as the one will not eat on his own.

The message that constantly comes through is that for every person who treats their animal as a family member there are, unfortunately, ten times more people who think their pet is disposable and do not want to bear any expense for them -- not even to do the fundamental **spaying/neutering and needles!!**

ADVERTISING SECOND CHANCE CATS

Advertising the cats at Second Chance Sanctuary in the Ajax/Pickering News Advertiser would, we believe, be very beneficial in helping find new homes for many of these cats. Please call Joyce if you would be interested in sponsoring a weekly advertisement to bring the cats at Second Chance into public view.



FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. **Nikki**, volunteer with SCWS, organized a contest, in December, at a pub in Mississauga where \$1,111. was raised for SCWS.
2. In December, **Nikki**, volunteer with SCWS, secured a donation in the amount of \$800. to help fund an operation for Spas, a black and white 3 month old kitten, who (when he is 6 months of age) must have one of his eyes removed due to a serious eye injury.
3. **Nikki**, volunteer with SCWS, spent the weekends of January 19, 20 and February 2, 3 at **WalMart, in Pickering**. Nikki had a Second Chance rabbit on display and games for the children as well as a contest for a Jack Le Lannes Juicer which was won by Frank Bonne of Brampton. The money raised for SCWS during this time at WalMart was matched by the Pickering WalMart. This time at WalMart will hopefully make people more aware of Second Chance Animal Sanctuary.
4. **WalMart in Pickering** for their **Looney Drive** to benefit SCWS held during January. This Looney Drive provided \$800. for SCWS and was matched by WalMart for a total donation to SCWS of \$1,600.
5. **Linda Short**, an employee of **WalMart in Pickering**, was one of 12 WalMart

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employees from across Canada voted to receive the Shining Star award (this award is given to an employee who has/does go "above and beyond" their duties). The \$1000. award is to be donated to a charity of the winner's choice and Linda kindly donated her winnings of \$1,000. to SCWS.

6. Raffle for 2 hockey tickets for the January 19th game between Toronto Maple Leafs and Buffalo. This fundraiser, organized by **MJ**, volunteer with SCWS, and **St. Francis Guardians of Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School** raised \$1,045. for SCWS. The draw, for the winning ticket, was held at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby on January 15. Congratulations to Stephanie Bennett of Pickering!
7. **Nikki**, volunteer with SCWS, sold 42 **donated** Alumni Maple Leaf tickets at \$10. each for the February 8th game. This fundraiser raised \$420. for SCWS.
8. Raffle for 2 hockey tickets for the February 19th game between Toronto Maple Leafs and Columbus Blue Jackets. This fundraiser was organized by **Nikki** and raised \$1,000. for SCWS. Congratulations to Riccardo Mini of Woodbridge!
9. A craft sale organized by **Alexa Battler**, a student at Frenchman's Bay Public School. Alexa raised \$359. for SCWS.
10. **PetSmart Santa Claws** pictures, where PetSmart donates \$5. from every pet photo to SCWS. Volunteers **Ann, Christina, Dan, MJ, Melissa, Petra, Sarah, Simona and friends of some of these volunteers as well as Jenn and Shana (who volunteer with KoolKats)** were at PetSmart posing as Santa as well as taking and printing pictures of pets during the weekends of December 8, 9, 15 and 16. This event raised \$680. for SCWS.



VALENTINE DANCE



The annual fundraising Valentine Dance was held on February 9th at Papps Restaurant. A big thank you to **MJ, Eric, Jeff, Joan, and Sonya** for helping decorate the room at Papps and arranging the tables for the silent auction. **MJ** also did a wonderful job as MC for the evening. A special thank you to **Dickson Printing** for, once again, supplying the admission tickets; **Party Tyme**, for once again, providing the balloons and decorations; **3 Sheets 2 the Wind** band for, once again, providing an evening of enjoyable music and fun; **Papps** for making the party room available. This fundraiser brought in \$4,300. for SCWS.

Please keep this fundraising event in mind next year -- the date and place will be provided in one of our upcoming newsletters.



hART for P.A.W.S.
(Positive Awareness with Shelter)

The first annual art exhibit and silent auction was held on February 22 at Harmony Hall in Toronto. This fundraiser was organized by **Dan Kelly**, a volunteer with Second Chance. **MJ**, who also volunteers with SCWS, acted as master of ceremonies. The proceeds were split 50/50 between Casey House and SCWS resulting in \$1,937 for each charity. This turned out to be a great evening with over 50 guests who enjoyed the art, food, refreshments and the music performances by Makeda Taylor.

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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.

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DONATIONS IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Second Chance is grateful to the following people who very generously requested that, in lieu of Christmas gifts, donations be given to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary:

- Anthony and Eileen Brunskill
- Rhonda and Sue Hie
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Lightfoot
- Neil and Marie Rogers
- Annelise Schmitt and Iris Schmitt
- Leslie "Jill" Simpson



Eden Conservation Trust



FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT



The Beatrice Watson-Acheson Foundation

IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

- Bear
- Elvis
- Keith Duncan
- Randy Fronda
- Candace Head – first anniversary
- Mandy
- Pushie
- Randy Thom

Second Chance would like to thank Martha Cronyn who, once again came to the rescue of Second Chance.

A special thank you to **Ralph**, an electrician, who, with **Richard's** assistance, found and repaired the electrical problem with the refrigerator in the kitchen at the sanctuary.

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

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A special thank you to **Ajax Pet Care** for the extra care and attention they have provided to Bear, before his passing, and Timber, the resident dog at the sanctuary.

The Sanctuary would like to express a special thank you to **Precious Pets** whose expertise in grooming is welcomed by our felines. When our cats return from a visit to Precious Pets, it's obvious how much better they feel after having received a thorough combing or the "lion cut"!

DONATIONS

It is now possible to make donations to the Sanctuary securely on line through 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
 - 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 Organization Public ID **TYPE** ID8925939
- 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!

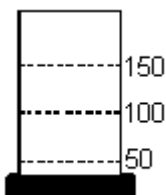


BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

In our last two 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.

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Coins Received



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Just by switching the services you already use everyday, Setaia will donate up to 10% of your phone bill **EVERY MONTH** to Second Chance!

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PetSmart

A selection of Second Chance cats were at PetsMart during the months of January and February. This visit in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with 14 cats being adopted, namely; Cooper, Moana, Bosco, Captain Jack, Blondie, Daffy, Jessie, Zoey, Gracie, Romeo, Juliette, Cutie, Caelib and Chuck.

In our Fall newsletter, we mentioned how sad it was to bring Cleo (the cat who had been at the sanctuary for 9 years) back to the sanctuary from PetsMart. We are very happy to report that Cleo has found a loving home and her new owners say Cleo is adjusting well and seems to love her new residence!

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

1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Chance Mother's Day Contest - tickets \$2.00 each/3 tickets for \$5.00

Draw Date - May 9, 2008 at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby

1st Prize - Cadillac AR 2.4 Bike with 24" aluminum wheels and frame valued at \$600.



2nd Prize - 2008 Passes for 2 people at Lakeridge Links Golf Course valued at \$114

3rd Prize - 2008 Passes for 2 people at Whispering Ridge Golf Course valued at \$70.

4th Prize - 2008 Passes for 2 people, plus golf cart, at Winchester Golf Club

Please call 905-725-2264 if you are interested in buying tickets.

Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary operates a charity bingo every other Monday morning at 12:15. Hope to see you there!

The place is: DELTA BINGO HALL, 975 Dillingham Road, Pickering, Ontario

The dates are: April 7 & 21 -- (and continuing every other week).

 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 

Second Chance needs some minor excavating done before the spring thaw arrives, so if you have a backhoe and have the time to help, please call Joyce as soon as possible.

Second Chance is always in need of people to help care for the animals both at the Sanctuary and during our time at PetsMart. **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.**

Volunteer drivers are also needed for transporting the cats for medical attention and the occasional grooming.

**SECOND CHANCE ANIMALS URGENTLY NEED
A PERMANENT HOME**

A large section of one of our previous newsletters was devoted to making our readers aware of this urgent need for property and a permanent home for Second Chance cats and other animals. This is a need that has existed since Joyce Smith first founded Second Chance in 1996. The sanctuary's mandate is to aid orphaned, sick or injured, and abandoned animals.

If you would be willing to donate land (ideally in the Durham area) or money to **purchase property please contact Joyce at your earliest convenience at 905-649-8282.**

NEWSLETTERS

In our Christmas newsletter we mentioned that we were going to try to send our newsletter via

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email. Thanks to **John**, a SCWS volunteer, some of our mailing list has been set up with email addresses. However, there is still some work to do on this and we ask that you advise us if you receive your newsletter through the mail and also via email. **As previously requested, and if you haven't already done so, please provide your email address.**

**SECOND CHANCE SANCTUARY
IN THE NEWS ADVERTISER**

The article in the February 20th News Advertiser on Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary obviously had people thinking about the treatment or mistreatment of animals. Below is a letter to the editor (appearing in the March 5th News Advertiser) in response to this article:

*Think it out first
before getting a pet*

To the editor:

Re: 'Animals in north Pickering need land,' Feb. 20 News Advertiser.

I was very moved by Kristen Calis's article on Joyce Smith and the Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

In a world where violence and cruelty are abundant, it's nice to know that there are people out there who selflessly devote their lives to animals who have been cast aside, mistreated or injured. As Ms. Smith demonstrates, one person's kindness can make a huge change in the life of those animals rejected by others.

This should be an important lesson for many - getting a family pet ought to be a well-researched and thought-out process. It should be a serious commitment, not a momentary lapse in judgment that makes you forget that someone in the family is allergic to the said pet. Sudden allergies and diminished cuteness of the animal are often the reasons why pets are cast aside and left to fend for themselves. So next time your child wants a pet, suggest volunteering at the sanctuary and learning about caring for animals before running off to the pet store and getting a cute bunny or a kitten.

**Kasia Chojecki
Ajax**