



Fall 2009 Newsletter

SANCTUARY

Life at the sanctuary continues along much the way it always has! Too many cats in need of shelter for the sanctuary to house! During the mild weather, we have been using the old portable as a “holding area” for new cats or kittens (for the period until their vaccines are effective and there is not so much risk for them to be moved into either the house or sanctuary). The weather is now forcing the relocation of these cats/kittens.

The summer has been a very busy time and, as can be seen by either visiting the sanctuary or reading the Task List section, a great deal of work has been accomplished all over the sanctuary.

Do you know that 100% of every donation goes directly to sanctuary activities. SCWS Directors are not paid. There are no paid staff other than those who directly handle and care for the animals. SCWS does not pay fundraisers. SCWS does not make investments or lend money. Administrative expenses consist of things for which we are charged, for example, phone, cable, bank charges, mailing costs.

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Thus, donations to SCWS are used for the expenses of keeping the buildings operating, food, veterinary expenses and, as just noted, ordinary admin costs. Veterinary expense is a very large item (burden) usually running to several thousand dollars per month. When you donate to SCWS, your money goes directly to the welfare and care of the animals. It is spent carefully and responsibly just as you would want it to be.

If you are already a donor, please consider increasing your donation; if not, please consider becoming a donor.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In almost every newsletter, we repeat the plea “PLEASE DO NOT DROP CATS OR KITTENS ON OUR DRIVEWAY”. We hear

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the coyotes every night! However, it seems once again, our request has been ignored and a certain type of person who has decided their pet is no longer a part of their family for whatever reason??? left their pets (**both declawed**) loose at the bottom of the laneway along with their litter boxes and food bowls. Did this family actually expect their cats to walk up to the house or sanctuary and present us with their belongings? If that was the expectation – it didn't work!! We caught one cat within a couple of days of it being left but the second cat was out in the open for two weeks. (This cat had to be taken to the vet immediately for his tail to be amputated.) A concerned neighbour/friend of the family who left these cats called us and advised that the one cat had his tail injured – apparently the owner had taken the cat to the vet but the cost of repairing his injured tail was too expensive so the owner severed the injured part of the tail and then left the “problem” for Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

The calls requesting help for stray cats is huge and currently the most SCWS can do is to invite the people to foster the strays until we have room for them. Second Chance will provide food and litter for all cats fostered – the people fostering need only supply shelter and love.

As mentioned in our summer newsletter, **SPCA is now operating a low-cost spay and neuter clinic in Newmarket. The spay or neuter fee is \$50 for cats and vaccines are \$10 each. Female dogs are \$80 and males are \$60. For more information, please visit the web site www.ontariospca.ca**

REMEMBERING

RICHARD BROCKHOUSE

Richard was one of the first volunteers with Second Chance. Richard helped renovate the

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house and make it habitable for Joyce to move into in 1996. After the fire in the sanctuary in 2006, Richard was one of the primary persons responsible for bringing the sanctuary back to a state of repair that allowed the cats to reside there again. Richard was a familiar face at the sanctuary whether he was busy doing repairs on the buildings, equipment or keeping the grounds looking good. Richard passed away in August after a lengthy illness with cancer and he has been and continues to be missed by all at Second Chance.



BRENTA

Brenta was born at the sanctuary and was originally named Brent (for the little crook at the end of the tail) then we discovered that Brent was a female and so we added an “a” – thus Brenta. Brenta became sick suddenly and unexpectedly as she was very young. It is so sad that Brenta never knew the love and security of a home of her own.

OSCAR

Oscar was a resident of the back room at the sanctuary, which is where a large number of feral cats stay. Oscar was timid but had developed a trust with some of the volunteers, especially Ruth. Oscar was diagnosed with cancer and, as he was suffering, was put to rest.

It is obvious from the relationship between Ruth and Oscar that if a little time is spent with our feral cats, they may just turn out to be not so feral!

RUDOLPH

Rudolph was brought to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary last November by one of our volunteers who found her wandering in the neighbourhood looking for food. Rudolph was appropriately named as she had a terrible sore on her nose. Rudolph was taken to several vets and finally a specialist provided the dreaded diagnosis - Rudolph had squamous cell carcinoma and only had a few months to live. During Rudolph's too short time with us, she stole many of the volunteers' hearts. We believe that Rudolph enjoyed her last few months in her private room (the volunteer room) showered with attention from all the volunteers but Nancy and Frank were her chief buddies. Rudolph's disease finally won and her life ended in August much to everyone's sorrow. We all miss you, Rudolph.



SMURF

Smurf was born at the sanctuary, approximately 5 years ago, he was semi-feral or very timid but once he knew you, he enjoyed being petted. Unfortunately, Smurf was not a very healthy

cat and suffered frequently from upper respiratory. This summer, after a long fight and several visits to the vet, Smurf left the sanctuary forever – though not as we would have hoped! Though we are surrounded by cats at the sanctuary, there are some of us who still feel a flash of sadness at no longer seeing Smurf there.

FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. On October 24th, Second Chance volunteers held a BBQ and bake sale at the WalMart store in Pickering. We appreciate the support provided by WalMart and No Frills in Pickering.
2. On November 19th, Fiona and Olive Forrest participated in a craft show and donated the benefits to Second Chance.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to **Patricia and Terry Chachula** who were married on October 10, 2009. Second Chance received a donation in honour of this happy occasion – thank you!

BEST WISHES to **Janice Griffiths** who recently celebrated her 75th birthday. Second Chance received a donation in honour of this special occasion -- thank you!

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✝ **IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS**

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

Alex Bishop and his friend Buddy
Richard Brockhouse
Bailey Easton, my friend's dog
Fluffy, our wonderful cat
Our dog Tucker and our cats Cotton and Blues
Katie, my dog
Kikki, my friend's cat
Helen C. Murray
Joyce Smith



Eden Conservation Trust



The Beatrice Watson-Acheson Foundation

 **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.



The sanctuary has been rejuvenated and we are grateful to our donor who has provided the services of his company to put a large number of our cages through a phosphate wash and then repaint them black.

The sanctuary cats and their caregiver would like to express a special thank you to some students of Trafalgar Castle School in Whitby, who very generously volunteered their time on the morning of October 16th. These girls spent their time cleaning cages, carrying cases and giving attention to the cats.

On the evening of November 12th, the Ajax Girl Guides and their leader went to the sanctuary and cleaned carrying cases and also provided attention to the cats. Thanks to this group of girls, we do appreciate your help.

Thanks to Tanner Jeisel, a young lad from Ajax, who donated his savings to help Second Chance animals.

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"!

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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.

It is also possible to make donations to Second Chance through the United Way via your employer. All you need do is establish the amount to be passed on to Second Chance.

Second Chance has now started the “**Amber**” fund. This fund has been started as a result of our special needs girl Amber who originally had surgery for a bladder stone. This operation was a success but within a few days, Amber developed ulcers on both her eyes. The ulcer ruptured in one eye and Amber was taken to a specialist who said the eye would have to be removed. Amber underwent a second surgery for removal of her right eye and she was receiving many medications for the ulcers in her left eye. Unfortunately, the ulcers in her left eye also ruptured recently and Amber had to undergo a third surgery in an attempt to save her left eye and perhaps give her some sight. If you wish your donation to go towards a special needs cat, please indicate “Amber Fund” in the note part of your cheque.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY

Second Chance is 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.hbcrewards.com
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!

Support Second Chance

Visit Second Chance website and view our T-Shirts and Sweatshirts available for sale. Cat angel pins are also available - \$10 each.



Candy Dispensing Program

Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary receives a portion of the proceeds from a Candy Dispensing Program which is operated by Craig Bigelow. Craig will deliver the dispenser to your place of business **AT NO COST TO YOU**. Each dispenser carries the Second Chance logo and says you care about the animals. Please contact Craig (416-492-5074) or email craig.bigelow@yahoo.ca for more information.

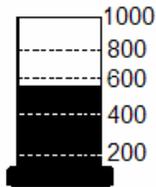
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BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

As mentioned in past newsletters, donation of loose change is gratefully accepted! Our coin cylinder is gradually climbing --- please help us reach the top.

Coins Received



PetSmart

A selection of Second Chance cats were at PetsMart during November. This visit in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with eleven cats being adopted, namely; Tammy, Vanilla, Cocoa, Anne, Emily, Felix, Sam, Voldemort, Maggie, Elizabeth and Braveheart.

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

1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Chance Annual Valentine Fundraising Dance and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at St. Andrew's Community Centre in Whitby. 3 Sheets 2 the Wind will provide the music. Cocktails at 7:00 and dinner at 8:00. Tickets are \$35. per person (\$30. for members). Donations of items for the silent auction are

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welcome. Hope to see you there -- **mark your calendars!**

Second Chance will host PetSmart Pet Photos with Santa on December 19 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is held at the PetSmart store in Pickering (Brock Road and Pickering Parkway). PetSmart donates \$5 from the price of every picture taken on these two days to Second Chance so do take your pet to PetSmart on either Dec. 19 or 20 for a Christmas photo and help Second Chance at the same time.

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: December 21, 28 and January 5
-- (and randomly thereafter).

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.

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 a member of the board at your earliest convenience at 905-649-8282.**

SECOND CHANCE MEMBERSHIP

Membership applications for 2010 may be printed from the website and **MUST** be received by the sanctuary no later than January 31, 2010.

NEWSLETTERS

As previously requested, and if you haven't already done so, please provide your email address. The newsletters are also available on the Second Chance website. Please advise us if you receive your newsletter through the mail and also via email.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Everyone at Second Chance extends **“BEST WISHES”** for the Holiday Season to all of you!

CATS WAITING TO BE ADOPTED

LILA - declawed



Lila came to us impersonating a bag of bones. Her skin was literally hanging off of her and she was starving to death. She is SO much healthier now but because of her horrible treatment by humans is still timid. However, she **WANTS** to be loved and enjoys petting. She is somewhat aggressive with other cats and would thrive in a quiet, adult home where she will have all the food she can eat.

10-week Old Kittens



These kittens were born in a foster home and are ready to go to a home of their own. If you are interested in these kittens, please call in advance so that we can arrange for you to visit the kittens in their foster home.

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The first SCWS Task List was put out in October 2008 as an attempt to give volunteers and donors an idea of the work which needed to be done to rehabilitate the buildings and grounds of SCWS. It was, of course, the hope that in so doing, volunteers would be motivated to – volunteer, and donors would be motivated to – donate.

A little over a year has passed since the first task list and the response from volunteers and donors exceeded all expectations, to the point where most tasks on the indoor and outdoor lists have been completed. Naturally, it was not possible to do everything that needed doing and some tasks such as exterior painting and rehabilitation of outdoor enclosures will be done next year. Just as naturally, new task will arise.

The task then, of this task list, is to thank all the volunteers and donors who gave generously of their time and money and in so doing enabled Second Chance to continue to keep a roof over the heads of animals needing a home, medical care, neutering/spaying and care and attention, i.e., sanctuary.

Listed below are some of the major accomplishments:

- new roof on the house
- wall boarding, painting and reroofing the portable
- repair/replacement of exterior woodwork on house
- installation of new flooring and lighting in house
- repair of driveway and improvement of parking areas
- repairs to porch roof and eaves troughs
- relocation of dumpster including steps and lighting
- provision of weather covers at house and sanctuary
- improvements to grounds drainage
- movement of all litter to dry storage
- new floor, wash basin, insulation in back room
- repair/servicing of grounds equipment
- cleanup of upper and lower garage areas and sea containers
- removal of disused outdoor fireplace
- cleaning and painting cages

In keeping with longstanding SCWS practice, in turn based on the wish of many volunteers and donors to remain anonymous, no names are given in this thank-you note. This does not diminish in any way how much SCWS appreciates your contribution. Your contribution and participation is vital to the continuation of SCWS – we know it – and we want you to know it too.

Again, thank you all very, very much and as the Last Task for 2009, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.