



Spring 2009 Newsletter

SANCTUARY

It is now more than 6 months since the devastating news of Joyce's death. Many changes have taken place in the house – one room on the main floor, which has a separate heating system, is now home to all mothers and kittens as well as healthy “new arrivals”. The rooms upstairs have been cleared out and one room is now home to some of our older cats – cats that would not do well in the sanctuary environment. Walls have been washed and painted, carpets have been removed from several rooms which means we are **now in need of linoleum or tiles for these floors.**

Please call (9095-426-2922) if you have or know of anyone who has linoleum or tiles that they do not need! Certain areas of the house have been screened off to permit the segregation of cats, specifically feral cats and cats with medical problems. The work continues!

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We are enclosing a copy of the updated task list. Please take the time to review this list in the event that you or someone you know may wish to volunteer their time to work on some of these jobs.

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 one employee for the house and one employee for the sanctuary, SCWS is completely volunteer-operated. Unlike many charities, there is no large amount taken out for administration expenses.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting, which was held on February 22nd, was well attended by the members of Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary. The positions on the Board of

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Directors were filled by acclamation, as follows:

Phyllis Healey – President
Fiona Forrest – Vice President
Christy Whitehead – Treasurer
Petra Goodhead – Secretary
George Healey – Buildings and Grounds

Membership in Second Chance is new. You may not be a member even though you are a donor. Under the Second Chance by-law, donors are not automatically members. Membership dues are \$75.00 per person annually and you may access the membership application on our website. Primarily, membership in Second Chance will permit you to have more input on the operation of the sanctuary and, once a year at the annual general meeting, members are able to nominate and elect other members to the Board of Directors as well as approve the financial statements. Members and donors will find it beneficial to visit the website from time to time to ensure that you are aware of any and all activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Second Chance recently received two separate calls regarding cats left in apartments when the residents moved – 10 cats (including a mother and seven kittens in one apartment and five cats (including two kittens in the other apartment)! Unfortunately, one of the cats from the second apartment had been badly bitten and it was necessary for this cat to spend more than a week at the vet's in order to receive the necessary medication. In response to another call, a volunteer spent almost two weeks attempting to trap a stray cat – success finally arrived late one night, just before the recent cold spell (thank goodness). This cat, it turned out, was very pregnant and gave birth to two kittens within a week of trapping. A cat (who

was taking refuge in the back yard of one of our volunteers) was caught and brought to the vet. This cat had a very bad neck wound which the vet repaired – it was felt that the wound was old but was not healing as the cat had not been treated. One more reason why cats should not be allowed to run free!! The sanctuary continues to open the door to many of these animals though, with 200 cats, there really isn't the room or financial means to handle these new residents.

The following table, based on an unsprayed female cat and all of her offspring, producing two litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter provides an idea of the dangerous result of not spaying or neutering your cat:

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| 1 year - | 12 cats |
| 2 years - | 67 cats |
| 3 years - | 376 cats |
| 4 years - | 2,107 cats |
| 5 years - | 11,801 cats |
| 6 years - | 66,088 cats |
| 7 years - | 370,092 cats |
| 8 years - | 2,072,514 cats |
| 9 years - | 11,606,077 cats |

Based on this information, it is **MOST** difficult to understand how some people believe that their cat should be allowed to produce at least **ONE** litter before spaying!

In case you are not aware, the **SPCA is now operating a low-cost spay and neuter clinic in New Market. 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 ontariospca.ca.

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FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. In November, Olive Forrest participated in a craft sale and donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
2. On an evening in November Ajax 19th Troop Girl Guides visited the sanctuary. These girls assisted with the cleaning and care of the cats and left their dues for the night for Second Chance.
3. Several volunteers of Second Chance contributed their valuable time on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16 to do the photo shoot of pets with Santa offered by PetsMart. For every photo package purchased, PetsMart donated \$5.00 to Second Chance. Thank you to Ann, and her 2 daughters, Doreen, Petra, Bethany, Sarah and, friends of the volunteers for participating either as Santa or the photographer. Second Chance would like to thank PetsMart for this great opportunity to reach out to the community.
4. Jacqueline Carter and her friend Kayla made crosses (“Crosses for Critters”) that they sold at their daycare, PRYDE at St. Catherine of Siena School, to benefit SCWS.
5. Students of Maple Ridge Public School organized a talent show on March 11th, and the proceeds from this show were donated to Second Chance.



VALENTINE DANCE



The 12th annual fundraising Valentine Dance was held in the O'Brien Room at the Pickering Recreation Centre. This year it was called the Valentine Memorial Dance in Joyce's honour. This event was organized by **Fiona** and **Phyllis**.

A big thank you to **Ann** and her daughters, **Bobby, Douglas, George, Kim, Melissa, and Petra** for all their efforts – from bar tending and decorating the room to helping serve the delicious meal. A special thank you to **Dickson Printing** for, once again, supplying the admission tickets; **Party Tyme** for providing some of the decorations; **3 Sheets 2 the Wind Band**, for providing an evening of enjoyable music and fun; and the **City of Pickering** for providing a one-time grant. The evening was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all! We will let you know soon where this annual fundraising event will be held next year so that you can reserve the night to support Second Chance.

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:

Annelise Schmitt and Iris Schmitt
Jill Simpson
Ruth Chant
Sandy Jouflas

Pawzitive Energy donated to Second Chance in lieu of special holiday treats for their clients' pets.



BIRTHDAY WISHES to **Natalia Savor** who recently celebrated 10 years! Natalia requested that birthday gifts be monetary which was, in

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turn, very generously donated to Second Chance -- thank you!

 **IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS**

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

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| Baby | Joyce Smith |
| Bandit | James L. Gray |
| Barney, dog | Mary Patrica Gray |
| Frank Beach | Max |
| Cam Burke | Minnie |
| Fendi | Patrick M. J. Kelly |
| | Smidgen, sweet little kitty |

 **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 would like to thank **Martha Cronyn** for her past, and continued support of Second Chance.

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

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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!

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.

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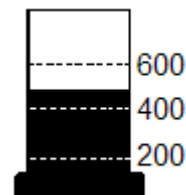


BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

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.

As you will notice below, SCWS has been receiving some loose change donations! It seems important to mention that the majority of the growth indicated in the chart below came from students of the **Dance Arts Centre (Kory Tylor – Artistic Director)** in Toronto and **Elizabeth Paton** of Pickering.

Coins Received



PetSmart

A selection of Second Chance cats were at PetsMart during February. This visit in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with 10 cats being adopted, namely; Claire, Gromit, Rocky, Rusty, 6 unnamed kittens.

Please drop by to visit the next time Second Chance cats are at PetsMart which will be during May. In the interim, volunteers of Second Chance will be taking a very few cats to the PetsMart store in Whitby for the day every Sunday during March and April.

1 UPCOMING EVENTS

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: March 30 & April 7 -- (and randomly thereafter).

The volunteers of Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary are planning to hold a yard sale and barbeque at 2060 Concession Road 7. This is tentatively scheduled for June 5 – commencing at 10 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

👥 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.**

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.

SPAZ

Spaz was found with a piece of wire stuck in her eye which, when removed, left her blind in that eye. Spaz has just recently undergone surgery to have the blind eye (which was bulging and causing her some discomfort) removed. Unfortunately, a current picture of Spaz is not available but please visit the sanctuary and see our brave little kitty. Spaz is a lovely, young cat who would enjoy a home of her own with lots of love and attention.



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