



## Summer 2009 Newsletter

### SANCTUARY

Since Joyce passed away last August, the sanctuary operates under the direction of a board of directors. The current board consists of:

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

In our spring newsletter, we informed you of the changes in the house. Setting up different areas in the house is working very well in that it permits the separation of cats based on different conditions or problems.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are still in need of linoleum or tiles for the floors that have been stripped down to the wood base.

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## SECOND CHANCE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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Attached is the latest version of the SCWS task list. The period between March and July was a busy one at the sanctuary. Many tasks, both indoor and outdoor, were completed. Some tasks came and went without ever being listed.

Thanks to the generosity of **two donors**, there was action on three vital tasks as follows: (1) a new roof was installed by **Hamlet Roofing** during the first week of June. We now no longer fear rainstorms.



(2) Most of the exterior woodwork of the house was either repaired or replaced. We no longer

fear the damage of damp rot or the incursion of critters to places they need not be. (3) **Our neighbour to the South** undertook major improvements to the driveway including much work on the SCWS portion. We no longer lose teeth or car parts getting to the sanctuary. This is not the end of the driveway saga, nevertheless, a great beginning.

Thanks to old experienced hands and to younger strong backs many tasks were completed in the period. A few examples follow. A new sink and insulated wall were put in the back room. The disintegrating brick fireplace was demolished whose base is now the new home of the Buddy doghouse. The decayed West end of the barn was (mostly) removed as was the old style TV tower (who noticed that? If you didn't – advance to the sanctuary and donate \$200). Ventilation in the house was improved, as were working conditions by relocating the washer & dryer to the main floor and moving the dumpster to eliminate the long walk up and down the hill. A technical volunteer has renovated all the mowers, which, due to the excellent grass-growing season, are seeing heavy use.

These are just a few of the tasks done by volunteers and this newsletter takes the opportunity to thank everyone involved in all the tasks and expresses the hope that, in giving your time and effort, you take away some personal satisfaction with what you have contributed.

**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.**

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

This is the season for kittens and Second Chance has certainly not been left out of this loop. We currently have 26 kittens ranging in age from 3 weeks to 3 months. Thanks to a few very valuable volunteers who are providing foster homes for these kittens (and mothers in some cases), they are healthy and ready to go to their new forever homes.

On one recent Monday morning, one of our shelter workers arrived at work to find two boxes on the driveway. One of these boxes contained three kittens (approximately 4-6 weeks of age) and the second box contained a mother and 7 (approximately one-week-old) kittens. Their owner didn't do the right and proper thing and have the adult animal spayed and then the mistreatment continued by dropping the family on our driveway.

It continues to amaze all of us at Second Chance that so many people feel their animals, especially cats, are disposable. The most frequently heard reason for needing to free themselves of their pets is "we've just had a baby and he/she is allergic to the cat" or "we are moving and animals are not allowed". Their cat is/has been a part of the family long before the baby arrived --- try keeping the cat in one area of the house, vacuuming and dusting more frequently. Chances are the cat was your "baby" before the arrival of the baby daughter or son. I move to a place that wouldn't allow animals – why move and leave some of your family behind?

Second Chance recently took in several cats and received a donation that would not even buy a bag of cat food. We soon found out that two of the cats in this group were pregnant. Then it turned out that the cat could not deliver the babies and a caesarian section was necessary. A caesarian section is not a routine operation and of course resulted in costing the

sanctuary several hundred dollars. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident.

Second Chance currently has approximately 200 cats and we very often refer callers requesting help to other rescue organizations. Frequently these people return to Second Chance indicating that other organizations have turned them away indicating that they are “full”. We are often advised that the people have no other option than euthanasia of the animal and so Second Chance always makes room (**although I’m sure that we are just as “full” as any other rescue organization**) in order to spare the animal’s life.

As mentioned in our spring newsletter. **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.**

### FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fiona Forrest, volunteer with Second Chance, participated in a street sale and donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
2. Kasia Donovan, Becca Highnet, Ashlyn Walsh, students at St. Joseph Catholic School in Uxbridge, organized a raffle of cat and dog treat baskets and donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
3. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Second Chance held its first yard sale, barbeque and bake sale on the grounds at Second Chance. One of our volunteers offered tarot card reading, which was enjoyed by a number of people.



4. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, at a family golf tournament, 9-year-old Nicole Behm, carrying her self-designed donation box, circulated amongst the golfers requesting donations to support Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Lindsay Griffin and Andrew Beulieu** who were married on May 30, 2009. Lindsay and Andrew requested that their guests bid on the table centerpieces at their reception and then very generously donated the bids to Second Chance – thank you!

### IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Beau Bunn  
Bossie, the cat, truly an older gentleman  
Byron, the cat  
Sasha Code (the best dog ever)  
Cosmo Crawford, a medical dog  
Laddie Dennis  
Riley, the sweetest kitty friend of all  
Jonathon Talbot

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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.

CLUBLINK  
CORPORATION



Eden Conservation Trust



The Beatrice Watson-  
Acheson Foundation

The sanctuary cats and their caregiver would like to express a special thank you to a few employees of **Eli Lilly Canada Inc.** who very generously volunteered their time on the morning of May 20<sup>th</sup>. These hard-working volunteers, organized by **Barb Pedder of Eli Lilly Canada Inc.**, came to the sanctuary early in the morning, armed with scrub pails,

cleaning solutions, windex and cloths. When they departed in the early afternoon, the sanctuary looked like a different place – cat cages had been dusted, walls and litter boxes washed, windows cleaned, etc.



*Christine (sanctuary animal care) with Eli Lilly volunteers*

On the morning of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a few employees of **LoyaltyOne**, organized by **Kyla Drewette**, arrived at the sanctuary. This was their annual employee Fun Day and a number of their associates were volunteering at various charitable organizations throughout the GTA. Both the house and shelter cats and their respective caregivers are grateful to these volunteers who gave generously of their time and washed walls, windows and litter boxes.

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

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CanadaHelps.org. - simply access the Second Chance web site and follow the instructions.

### 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.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 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

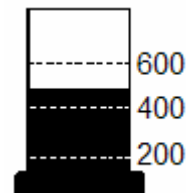
*Visit Second Chance website and view our T-Shirts and Sweatshirts available for sale. Cat angel pins are also available - \$10. each.*



### 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 May. This visit in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with 7 cats being adopted, namely;

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Feather, Martin, Newman, Peek-a-choo, Smidge, Tootsie, unnamed kitten.

Please drop by to visit the next time Second Chance cats are at PetsMart which will be during August. Volunteers of Second Chance will be taking a very few cats to the PetsMart store in Whitby for the day some Sundays during June and July.

## 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: July 27, August 4, 10 & 24 --  
(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

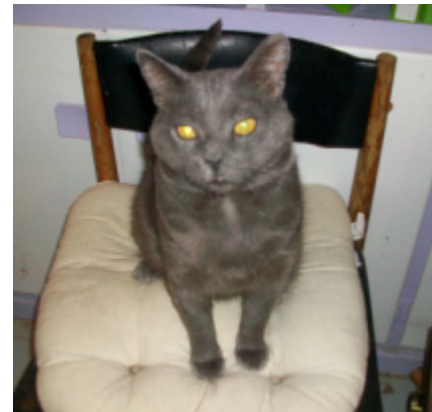
since Joyce Smith first founded Second Chance in 1996. The sanctuary's mandate is to aid orphaned, sick or injured, and abandoned animals.

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.**

## 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.

## Streets



Streets was brought to the sanctuary earlier this year by one of the volunteers. When he was brought in, he had a very large wound on his neck. We had his wound treated and had him neutered. Streets is a friendly cat who would love his own home. Streets must be the sole cat in the household.

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