



Winter 2010 Newsletter

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SANCTUARY

The sanctuary cats and their caregiver would like to express a special thank you to a few employees from **Eli Lilly Canada Inc.** who visited us again this year. These hard-working volunteers, organized by **Barb Pedder of Eli Lilly Canada Inc.**, came to the sanctuary early in the morning on October 7th, armed with scrub pails and cleaning solutions and spent the morning cleaning areas of the sanctuary that our caregiver never has the time to reach.

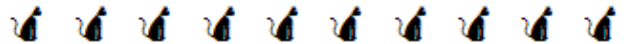


Eli Lilly Volunteers

Our summer visitors, four young goats from the Burke farm, had a good munchy time at the sanctuary. By diligently eating anything put in their path, they kept the outdoor enclosures nicely cut and in so doing just about doubled their size and weight. They especially liked the

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



apple treats from the trees in the old cat enclosure. They were friendly goats and liked the attention and petting given by visitors and volunteers. Goat Hotel (Gotel) now stands empty waiting out the winter to hopefully welcome new visitors next summer.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many of you will remember the article about the 16 kittens and two mothers dropped off at Second Chance which appeared in the News Advertiser in August. We are happy to report that (with the exception of one kitten and mother cat) all kittens have been adopted.

Our most recent drop off came during the PetSmart Adoptathon weekend when many of our volunteers were working very hard to find homes for some of our cats. A lady arrived at

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the sanctuary with two cats and while the caregiver of the house cats was on the phone checking about the possibility of accepting the cats, the lady left but **LEFT** the carriers containing the cats.

Recently when a volunteer arrived at the sanctuary in the evening she found a carrying case containing a cat outside the sanctuary door. This cat had a note giving his name (*Gus*) and the only other information was that the owners could no longer care for him. In case Gus' owners read this newsletter, you should know that Gus is not eating very well and is very thin.

If people **MUST** drop off their cats, it would be very beneficial to provide the name, age, date of last vaccines and identify any health problem.

As mentioned in our previous newsletters, **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.

Although we no longer provide care for wildlife, we still provide assistance to people in need of help with wild animals by providing contact information of other rescue organizations.

REMEMBERING

GEMMA

Gemma was born at the sanctuary in 2007 and was very close to her mother Amelia. Gemma developed a cyst on her forehead which the vet lanced. Several weeks after that, an evening volunteer arrived at the sanctuary and found

Gemma collapsed in her litter box. Gemma was taken to Emergency where we were told that she had lost her sense of balance and could not see. Following the vet's recommendation, Gemma was euthanized.

STEVIE

Stevie was an older cat who had been at the sanctuary for many years. Stevie had very poor eyesight but managed to fit into sanctuary life. Recently Stevie began losing weight and his interest in eating declined. A vet visit indicated that Stevie had a number of tumors in his stomach and euthanization was recommended.



FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. On February 7th, Trinity College School held a cake auction and a portion of the proceeds were donated to Second Chance.
2. During July and August, Kristen Calis held "ice cream sundae hours" where people could visit and prepare their own sundae. The proceeds were donated to Second Chance.



Kristen Calis serving ice cream

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3. In August, Walmart donated a \$1,000. grant to celebrate the opening of their new store in Pickering.
4. On September 25th, volunteers of Second Chance organized a fundraising yard sale, BBQ, 50/50 draw and a bake sale on the sanctuary grounds.
5. On October 29th, Kristen Calis held a Halloween-themed bake sale and donated the proceeds to Second Chance.



BIRTHDAY WISHES to Jaclyn Holdsworth who recently celebrated 10 years. Jaclyn held a late birthday celebration on October 29th and requested that presents be purchased with the Second Chance cats in mind – thank you!



Jaclyn, her brother and Jet

✝ **IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS**

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

Uncle Al
 Audrey Bludor
 Evelyn Broomfield
 Ray Gould
 Robert Kitchner
 Lorraine Mooring
 Mary Johnson
 Midnight – our cat
 Mr. Personality Bob (the cat)
 My cat friend Bob remains to me, the biggest personality in all “Orange catdom”
 Pip, our beloved dog
 Roxy (friend’s dog)
 Roxy Roller, companion dog
 Rufus, Cinders, and Willie, our beloved companions and best friends
 Allan Smith
 Stripey – the best cat in the world
 Wally Underhill (treasured friend)

📣 **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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Hill's® Science Diet®
 "Second Chance for Love" shelter program has partnered with us and is donating pet food for all cats and kittens being cared for here.



Eden Conservation Trust



The Beatrice Watson-Acheson Foundation

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"!

A special **"thank you"** to our volunteers, without whom the Sanctuary would not be able to function – each one of you plays an important part – whether it is cleaning cages, feeding cats or driving cats to the vet. The animals appreciate you and look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

DONATIONS

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.

Donations to SCWS are used to cover the cost of food, veterinary bills (which usually total several thousand dollars monthly), administrative expenses (e.g. telephone bills, cable, bank charges, mailing costs), and expenses associated with keeping the buildings operating. 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.

It is now possible to make donations to the Sanctuary securely online 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.

A donation to benefit one of our special needs cats can be made to the **"Amber"** fund. As mentioned in our previous newsletters, Amber would have been blind (due to ulcers rupturing in her eyes) if we had not decided to have the surgery on her remaining eye. The **"Amber"** fund will cover care/operations for cats who require special treatments.

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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
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!



USED CLOTHING DROP BOX

Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary receives a portion of the proceeds from used clothing drop boxes that are monitored by Louis Lal. There are two of these boxes located at the sanctuary and more drop boxes are located throughout the region – there is a box at Country Depot in Claremont as well as McCowan Avenue and

16th Avenue. Please help Second Chance and deposit your used/unwanted clothing, linens, and towels in one of the drop boxes located at the above-mentioned addresses. If you operate a business and have room for one of these drop boxes, please call Louis (416-318-2873), who will be happy to deliver the drop box to your business property.



CANDY DISPENSING PROGRAM

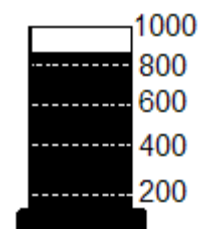
Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary receives a portion of the proceeds from a Candy Dispensing Program which is operated by Craig Bigelow. Craig will deliver the dispenser to your place of business **AT NO COST TO YOU**. Each dispenser carries the Second Chance logo and says you care about the animals.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



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



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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; Brutus, Stockings, Sidney, Parlez, Satin, Spades, Sassy, Mouse, Hekko, McCloud, Radar.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Chance will be participating in the PetSmart Santa Claws program on December 11 and 12 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 bring your pet or a picture of your pet to PetSmart on either Dec. 11 or 12 for a Christmas photo and help Second Chance at the same time.

Second Chance is planning to hold a Spring Fling in April 2011. Please watch future newsletters for details on this event.

Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary operates a charity bingo at 12:15 PM several days each month. Hope to see you there!

The place is: DELTA BINGO HALL,
975 Dillingham Road, Pickering, Ontario
The dates are: December 20, 27, January 4 --
(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 MEMBERSHIP

Membership applications for 2011 may be printed from the website and **MUST** be received by the sanctuary no later than January 31, 2011.

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!

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