



Christmas 2011 Newsletter



“BEST WISHES’ for the Holiday Season from Second Chance to all of you!

Soon it will be Christmas. Actually, it appears that, for the shopping malls, Christmas starts the day after Halloween. At the sanctuary, we put up a few modest (rescued) decorations and this year a large red candle mounted on an old scratching post will welcome Christmas visitors. Christmas is a time for spending with our families and a time for relaxing and enjoying a year-end holiday. Pets add to the enjoyment and who can forget how much fun a cat gets out of a Christmas tree and its ornaments and with gift boxes and wrapping paper. Christmas is also a time for giving. We give to each other, we give to family and friends, we give to our Church and to our favourite charities.

As Christmas approaches there is a flood of mail from charities asking for a donation, asking for money. There are so many worthy causes, so many needs; it is very difficult to

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decide who to donate to. There are unlimited requests but limited money. Do you give for people, for causes or for animals. Who can say no to Sick Kids or not support cancer or Alzheimer research. We are all touched by these scourges.

Many will remember the refrain of an old Sunday school hymn:

All things bright and beautiful

All creatures great and small

All things wise and wonderful

The Lord God made them all

Yes, the Lord God made all the creatures, including cats, and we have to look after them. This Christmas, some cats will be lucky. They will have their own home with their own person or people to look after them. They will have a favourite chair or a welcome lap to curl up in, toys to play with, extra treats. Less lucky cats will spend Christmas where they have spent the year or years – they will spend it in a shelter or sanctuary waiting as always for their special

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person to visit, to like them and to take them home. For most, it is a futile wait, as it was last year and will be next year. The least lucky cats, the most unfortunate, are those who have neither home nor sanctuary. These cats, often abandoned pets, roam the streets and backyards eking out day to day survival and many do not survive.

Yes, the Lord God made all the cats and we have to look after them. Just as it takes money to run hospitals and fight cancer, it takes money to run a cat sanctuary. Second Chance does what it can with its available funds, but it is a simple equation, more money means that more cats can be helped – less money means that fewer cats can be helped and needy cases have to be turned away.

As we approach the end of 2011 and look forward to the Christmas and New Year celebrations, please look at your giving to see if some portion of it could go to support Second Chance. Just as there are so many charities to give to, there are many other cat rescue organizations. If for some reason you chose not to donate to Second Chance, please consider donating to another rescue. They all do good work helping the creatures, the cats, which cannot help themselves.

Second Chance sincerely thanks everyone who donated to us and helped us in 2011. With your support, more than 100 cats joined the lucky and found new homes.

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/litter boxes, giving medication, or driving cats to the vet. We do appreciate you and look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Plans are underway for our annual spring dance. A date has not yet been chosen – please check our event calendar for a date during the upcoming weeks.

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 19, 26, January 1 --
(and randomly thereafter).

REMEMBERING

BARNIE

Barnie was a lovely long-haired black cat who had been rescued by a family who were not able to keep him. The family was going to send him to a farm to be a “barn cat” but we knew he was too friendly to spend his life in a barn. Barney was with Second Chance for only one year when he was found dead by one of our evening volunteers. Too much time had passed for an autopsy so Barnie’s death remains a mystery and saddens all of us.

CALLIE

Callie was a new resident of the sanctuary who was left in a pet carrier at our door. As her name indicates, Callie was a calico, estimated to be about five years of age. Callie did not adjust to life in the sanctuary, choosing to spend the time in her cage. A couple of months after Callie’s arrival, it became obvious that she was losing weight. A visit to the vet showed she was jaundiced with little or no interest in eating. One of our volunteers brought Callie

home with her and spent time each day syringe-feeding her. Callie seemed to enjoy her new home but still did not get her appetite back. Then, about two weeks later, Callie's condition worsened and she died. Poor Callie, perhaps she was not well when she came to Second Chance and if her owner had given us some background information, everything might have been different.

SADIE

Sadie was a long- time resident at the sanctuary and was a very friendly cat, but black, and black cats are still difficult to adopt. Sadie stopped eating and tests showed that she might have had an infected liver and bile duct or pancreatitis. Intervention was tried but the prognosis was poor and finally the vet recommendation was followed and we said goodbye to Sadie. Sadie never had a lap to curl up in and never had a piece of Christmas wrapping to play with, as so many of the sanctuary cats never will. Nevertheless, Sadie had a warm and safe place to live and got attention as volunteer's time allowed.

FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. In July, **John and Christine Alari** held a garage sale and very generously donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
2. In August, **Nicole Behm** canvassed the participants in their Family Golf Tournament and very generously donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
3. On August 20 and 21, volunteers of Second Chance organized a Memorial Adoptathon and BBQ at the sanctuary.
4. On October 28th, **Jaclyn Holdsworth** held her second Happy Halloween FUNdraiser

and requested donations of food, treats and bedding for Second Chance.

5. **Kristen Calis** has held a few bake sales and very generously donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
6. On October 1st, volunteers of Second Chance organized our third annual yard sale. This sale was held at a volunteer's home in Pickering.
7. On November 5th, Second Chance held a Fall Clean-Up Day/Bake Sale/Bonfire.
8. On November 19th, **Joanne Dymond**, with the help of Cherri and Petra, participated in the Taunton Mills Bazaar. The winner of the Basket Raffle was Cate Whitsitt.
9. Volunteers of Second Chance organized a Christmas Draw using a Custom Portrait Session donated by **Magic Portraits** and gift certificates donated by **Pickering Town Centre**. The winners of the draw for the prizes in the Christmas Draw held on December 4th were:

First Prize: Meredyth McSweeny

Second Prize: Wendy Oor

Third Prize: Nancy Camick



BIRTHDAY WISHES to –

Natalia Savor, who celebrated her birthday in March. This is not the first time Natalia has shared her birthday celebration with Second Chance --- thank you!

John Alari, from Mark and Deena, – thank you!

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DONATIONS IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Second Chance is grateful to **L. Jill Simpson** who very generously requested, that in lieu of Christmas gifts, donations be given to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

Donations have been gratefully received by Second Chance, in memory of –
Edith Borradaile, Mom
Casey and Fluffy
Cody, my foster pet – I loved her so much
John Dean
Joyce
Thomas Kelly
Linda Rado, dear friend
Murphy, friend's dog
Stripey (once again) my cat
Rufus, my best friend and little companion
Tucker, our gentle golden
Cecil Turner and Muffin, husband and our pet yorkie
Mr. R. (Dick) Tutty, very good friend

DONATIONS HONOURING

We appreciate the donation that was received in honour of –
Anna Bradley
Fluffy, Casey, Smokey & Micio
Jennifer Longo
Julia Poplak
Little Kitty
Masie
Red Cat Crane
Sam, who we called Second Chance about, now has a happy home
Dr. Erika Sullivan, who has helped us immensely with our Pasha
T-Bone McClusky
Wyatt, the Rabbit

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



Science Diet's "Second Chance for Love" shelter program has partnered with us and is donating pet food for all dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies being cared for here.



Eden Conservation Trust



The Sanctuary would like to thank Autodesk, Canada for their generous donation which was used to build a new outside enclosure for the cats in the house.

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 **Barb Pedder of Eli Lilly Canada Inc.** who, accompanied by

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another Eli Lilly employee, came to the sanctuary early in the morning on September 22nd and spent the morning cleaning under the cages – an area that our caregiver never has time to concentrate on. This is a recurring and welcome visit from some **Eli Lilly** employees.

On October 22nd, Second Chance participated in the Baagwatin Family Day in Port Perry. This event provided an opportunity for Second Chance to be more visible in the community.

On November 1st Second Chance participated in the Volunteer Recruitment Day at Pickering Town Centre. A free draw was held for a basket which was won by **Gillian Szabo**. This event provided an opportunity for Second Chance to recruit some much needed volunteers as well as make people aware of the sanctuary.

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. Administrative expenses consist of things for which we are charged, for example, phone, cable, bank charges, mailing costs.

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.

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 designate Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary as the recipient on the donation form and provide the address and charitable registration number (which are both available on the front page of this newsletter).

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 in need of special treatments.

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

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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.

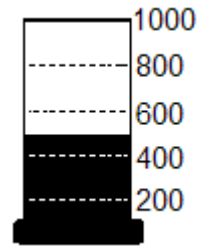


BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

We have started our coin cylinder again and, as there is talk of phasing out the penny, let's put

them to good use (in our coin cylinder) before they are no longer considered legal tender.

Coins Received



As you can see, our coin cylinder is growing nicely. Many visitors to the sanctuary arrive with a bag or can of pennies which we are happy to accept and add to our cylinder.

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 fifteen cats being adopted!

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

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 NEW YEAR!!”



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