



Fall 2011 Newsletter

SANCTUARY

In our Spring newsletter, we wrote about our deteriorating financial situation and our need for financial assistance. We are grateful to those who responded and would urge others to consider if they could help.

As a supporter of Second Chance, you know how unique Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary is in being a no-kill shelter in Durham Region. In operation for over 14 years, we have helped countless numbers of animals in distress, sheltered and continue to shelter the homeless and abandoned, ensured the spaying or neutering of these animals, and made many efforts in finding loving forever homes. Second Chance is currently caring for 250 cats but with a 150-cat budget and no Sanctuary can survive where expenses greatly exceed contributions.

There are three ways that Second Chance is trying to address the expense-contribution imbalance. One is to reduce costs. The major costs are food, veterinary services and wages for the caregivers. Wages are kept to a minimum by assistance from volunteers. We deal with veterinarians who provide services at

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reasonable cost and we take advantage of food sales and discounts as the opportunities arise.

A second way is to increase fundraising efforts. Second Chance volunteers organize barbeque & bake sales, a yard sale, a Spring dance and participate in a Charity Bingo. Fundraising activities are also organized by donors of Second Chance. These activities are dependent on the time that volunteers and others can make available and there is limited scope to increase these activities. Thus, Second Chance relies heavily on contributions from individual donors to whom we appeal for contributions via our Newsletter.

Something to consider, we send this newsletter to 400 people. If all 400 recipients would/could donate 50 cents per day for a year, it would put Second Chance on a good financial footing. The third way to reduce expenses is to reduce the cat population. As a “no kill” sanctuary, this

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is a difficult problem. Second Chance is avoiding taking in more cats thus letting adoptions make the reduction. In spite of best efforts at adopting our kitties, there are enough dire rescue cases where Second Chance cannot say no and these, together with drop-offs, essentially balance the adoption rate. Taking in cats is not just a matter of physical space, of equal importance is the financial space to do so and this, financial space, is what we have run out of.

Thus, the message above is that Second Chance has issues to deal with, too many cats – too little money. Second Chance is doing what can be done to address the issues. Nevertheless, it would seem that without a significant improvement in the financial situation via increased donations, there may not be another 4 years for Second Chance let alone another 14.

Some of our volunteers have been busy during the summer months building outside enclosures for some of our cats in the house. The feral cats in the house now have access to fresh air as well as the majority of our cats on the main floor of the house.

Please give some thought to visiting the sanctuary and spending some time with the cats – especially some of our older residents who have been with us for 8, 10 or more years. They would thoroughly enjoy your company and you will find this time will fly by! A few of our older cats have been fortunate enough to be adopted recently and each of the people who chose these older cats have nothing but good things to say about their choice! Once these older cats have overcome their nervousness and settled, they provide wonderful companionship to the owners – follow them around, sit with them while watching TV, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Second Chance Annual Yard sale, Bake Sale and BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 starting at 8 a.m. This fundraiser will be held at 759 Aspen Road, Pickering. We would appreciate any items (in good condition) you would like to donate to assist the operations of Second Chance. Please leave your donations at the sanctuary – under the porch roof at the front of the house.

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: October 3, 17, 24, -- (and randomly thereafter).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We continue to receive many calls about cats on the street and it makes us feel incredibly sad that we cannot take these cats. But, unfortunately, Second Chance is full and the most we can do is to ensure that these cats are neutered and release them for some kind person to feed them or, if one of them is lucky, some one may provide him/her with a home.

We have trapped several cats on the sanctuary grounds – some of these cats are neutered and obviously have had a home. These cats have been left on the sanctuary grounds. Do people not realize what their cats are faced with when they drop them on the sanctuary grounds? The coyotes are hungry at any time and a drop off is easy prey for them. It is so painful when these cats are caught, their trust has been broken – some cower in the cage, others lash out – it may be months (if ever) before we see the true personality of these cats.

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Recently, some late evening visitors came to the sanctuary. They came to “get rid” of 4 kittens in a box. The volunteers there at the time explained that we were not taking in more cats but that we would provide a list of other rescue organizations. The visitors were uncommunicative, refusing to give their name or phone/email and left. Part way down the laneway, the car stopped momentarily and then continued down the lane. Suspecting something was amiss; the volunteers had watched the visitors depart and walked toward where they had stopped. The reason for their stopping became clear when two kittens were seen running around. The visitors had solved their problem by simply dumping the 4 kittens on the laneway. The volunteers caught the two kittens but the other two had run off to hide in nearby bushes where they could be heard crying. Fortunately, the two hiding kittens were caught thanks in part to them being extremely hungry. With all 4 kittens retrieved, they were taken to the portable for examination. They were found to be filthy, flea ridden and hungry. They were bathed and fed and put in a holding cage for defleaing and vet examination.

It is not the first dumping incident at Second Chance, nor will it be the last. It simply illustrates how uncaringly some people deal with their cat problems – just casually dropping it on somebody else. If the two “hidiers” had not been found by the volunteers, they would most likely have been found by the local coyotes. Additionally, the incident illustrated the need for spaying/neutering to curb the explosion in unwanted cats.

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

CODY

Cody was brought to the sanctuary approximately three years ago by her owner who had cancer and was not able to care for her any longer. Cody was thirteen when she arrived and life in the sanctuary was a big adjustment for her. After about a year at Second Chance, Cody was lucky and went to a foster home. Cody and her foster parent had a wonderful year together; then the foster parent needed an operation and Cody had to go back to the sanctuary. As Cody did not like other cats, we set her up in the office so she was free to wander about all the time. Then, we noticed a sore on her rear and the worst news was confirmed – Cody had a malignant tumour! We were faced with the nasty decision of having Cody undergo an operation with the prognosis of perhaps three to six months of cancer-free life (if she survived the anaesthetic) or have Cody euthanized. In view of Cody’s age (15 years), we decided on the latter. It was a sad day for us when Cody was put to rest in July.

GUS

Gus was a recent arrival at the sanctuary – he was found in his carrier at the door of the sanctuary one morning last fall. The vet estimated Gus to be 12 to 15 years of age. Gus never did very well at the sanctuary. He was thin when he arrived and, although he visited the vet several times, nothing seemed to be wrong with him. Gus’ coat was quite matted

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around his hind quarters and, although one of our volunteers spent many hours trying to brush him, Gus did not want or appreciate having his hind end touched. One morning in July, the caretaker of the house cats found Gus lying on the floor of his cage. We brought him to the vet but, unfortunately, although Gus was given fluids and a heating pad to lay on to warm his body, Gus died. Poor Gus spent his last few months in a cage much of the time and otherwise out with twenty other cats. We can only assume that this was a far cry from the life he had been used to.

LB (LIL BUGGER)

LB and his two siblings were left, as newborns with their umbilical cords attached, in a paper bag in a mailbox. The owners of the mailbox phoned Joyce and brought the kittens to her to be cared for. LB lived his life at the sanctuary until the last few years when he had been fostered by one of our volunteers and was doing well with her. LB went to the vet for dental surgery in August and, sadly, he died during the operation. LB is greatly missed especially by his foster family.

MADDY

Maddy was little more than a kitten – only 2 years of age. Maddy, and her brother Ned, were the babies of one of our rescued cats who was pregnant. Maddy was very timid but still enjoyed some petting occasionally. On one of the extremely hot days in July, our house cat caretaker noticed that Maddy's breathing was irregular. However, she was eating and seemed fine otherwise but Maddy died during the night. It was too late to have an autopsy done but the vet believed that she could have possibly had a heart condition. It is so sad and unfair that Maddy never had a chance to know a life other than the sanctuary.

RUBY

Ruby was brought to the sanctuary in the early spring. After a month, Ruby went to be spayed. The operation went well and Ruby seemed fine. A few weeks after the surgery, Ruby started to go off her food and her stomach seemed quite bloated. A visit to the vet indicated that Ruby probably had FIP (feline infectious peritonitis) which has no cure and no sure means of identification until the animal is deceased and an autopsy is performed. Euthanization was recommended and Ruby left us in April.

WENDY

Wendy was one of our feral cats and, unfortunately, was untouchable. In May, we noticed that Wendy was looking thin and drooling excessively. We caught her (no easy feat) and brought her to the vet. A tumour was found in her stomach and surgery would be necessary. As a feral cat, we would not be able to help Wendy during her recovery period. Regrettably, Wendy had to be euthanized.



FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. On April 9th, volunteers of Second Chance organized a Spring Fling Dinner and Dance Fundraiser at St. Andrew's Community Centre in Ajax. The evening started with cocktails followed by a buffet dinner, silent auction and dance. A special thank you to **Dickson Printing** for, once again, supplying the admission tickets; **DJ Jimmy Gormley** for supplying an evening of enjoyable music; and a **long-time donor** who provided pots of flowers to decorate all the dinner tables. The evening was very successful and enjoyed by all!

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2. On April 15th, **Kristen Calis** organized a bake sale and very generously donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
3. On June 11th and again on September 10th, volunteers of Second Chance organized a fundraising BBQ and bake sale in front of the Walmart store in Pickering (Pickering Parkway and Brock Road). Second Chance appreciates the support given by Walmart.
4. Volunteers of Second Chance organized a Golfer's Dream Raffle using golf passes donated by **Lake Ridge** and **Winchester Golf Courses** as prizes. The winners of the draw for the prizes in the Golfer's Dream Raffle held on June 18th were:
 - First Prize: Carolyn MacDonald
 - Second Prize: Wendy Hughes
 - Third Prize: Dan Croft
5. On August 20th and 21st, volunteers of Second Chance organized an adoptathon/BBQ and Bake Sale at Second Chance.
6. On August 31st, **Kristen Calis** and **her mother** organized an ice cream sandwich fundraiser and very generously donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
7. Students in Grades 3 and 4 at **B'nai Shalom V'Tikvah Hebrew School** raised funds and very generously donated the funds to Second Chance.
8. **Rigby and Wright Houses at Trinity College School** hold an annual cake auction where large cakes are baked and decorated and then auctioned off to other houses in Trinity College School. A portion of the proceeds of this auction were very generously donated to Second Chance. Thank you to **Tori and Kasia Donovan** for suggesting Second Chance as the recipient of a portion of the auction proceeds.
9. **Girls Incorporated of Durham** raised funds and very generously donated the funds to Second Chance. They also

presented us with a very artistic banner displaying their support of Second Chance.



BIRTHDAY WISHES to **Heather Bell** who celebrated her 82nd birthday on May 2nd. Heather makes this occasion even more special by donating to Second Chance as part of her celebration -- thank you!



IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Edith Borradaile, mother
 Coco, sister's family dog
 Marion Wells, friend and neighbor of 44 years
 Miss Eliza and Pierre, beloved pets
 Rosie, the cat (my friend Sandra's sweet little girl
 Ron Kelly
 Sal, friend's 5 year old orange male tabby
 Smidgen (again) – our sweet kitty – still loved and remembered after 7 years
 Stripey and Ben – my beloved cat and granddog
 Tess (Bichon Frise), my dog
 Toby, cousin's pet
 Tom Kelly, friend

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DONATIONS HONOURING

We appreciate the donation that was received in honour of Sparky who was adopted from Second Chance in March 2011.

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
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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 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"!

Pet Valu at Kingston Road and Whites Road in Pickering invited Second Chance to hold an adoption weekend there on June 4 and 5. This weekend provided Second Chance with an opportunity to have some of our cats adopted as well as to be seen by residents of the community.

On the weekend of September 17th and 18th, Second Chance brought a small selection of cats into PJ's Pets in the Scarborough Town Centre. This weekend also provided an opportunity to have some of our cats adopted 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.

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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.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 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)

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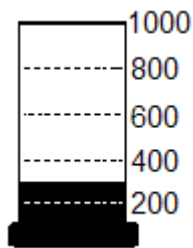
or email craig.bigelow@yahoo.ca for more information.



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



PetSmart

A selection of Second Chance cats were at PetsMart during May and August. These visits in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with eleven cats being adopted in May and fourteen cats adopted in August.

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

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.

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.

CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



Hester is a young adult cat who arrived at Second Chance pregnant. Her kittens have been adopted. Hester is one of our "special needs" cats as she requires medication every day to keep her bowels working properly. Hester is a little timid but enjoys petting and would provide wonderful company for T.V. viewing.

Four 10-week-old kittens

These babies are the kittens who were tossed out of the container onto our laneway one Friday evening! There are two dilute calico females – Diamond Lil and Double' and two males – Rocket (white and buff) and Buffy (buff coloured). These kittens are currently in foster homes so please phone the sanctuary prior to visiting to make arrangements to see them.

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