



Spring 2011 Newsletter

SANCTUARY

Pressures (requests) on rescue organizations to take in cats are constantly increasing. Second Chance is no exception. For every cat that SCWS adopts out there is a request to take in more. For every available space, there are more “space critters” needing help. Accommodating requests to take in cats is not necessarily a matter of physical space; physical space can be made available one way or another. The main space problem is FINANCIAL space. This is what Second Chance is running out of - financial space. By financial space, we mean the dollar donations (hard cash) which pay for food, litter, veterinary costs, heating costs, employees to look after the cat population and very modest, necessary, administration costs. There are no paid Directors, Managers or Supervisors at Second Chance – we don’t have the money – and wouldn’t spend it that way even if we had! (We need volunteers)

When the founder of Second Chance, Joyce Smith, was alive, she had a wide circle of contacts and supporters who donated to Second Chance. Nigh on three years, her presence is still missed. Reviewing our donor records, we see that many individuals and some organizations who generously donated during

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Members of the Board of Directors are:

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



Joyce’s time no longer donate. SCWS is now run by a Board of Directors all of whom knew Joyce well and are committed to running SCWS according to the principles she left behind. SCWS is the only rescue that we know of which gives a permanent (inside) home to feral cats and FIV cats.

We urge (plead to) all former donors to resume donating to SCWS – the rationale is as valid as ever and the need has not decreased. We urge all current donors to consider the situation and see if you can increase your donation. We urge all (other) readers of our newsletter to consider the situation and try to make a donation.

We urge or invite anyone who donates, large or small, to actually come to, visit, SCWS, to give your donation in person and thereby see how your money is being spent. Come – donate – see the realization of your donation.

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You may have noticed a change in our web site. One of our new volunteers is an expert on computers and has very kindly given us a “new” appearance.

The sanctuary and house cats, together with their caregivers, would like to express a special thank you to several students from Trinity College School in Port Hope. These students came to the sanctuary mid-day, on December 13, 14 and 15, and spent the remainder of their school day cleaning litter boxes, cages, carrying cases and just generally caring for the cats.

Second Chance would also like to thank Joanne Dymond who very generously donated the prize she won in the Nestle Purina Petcare PawsWay.ca Registration Contest. Joanne’s prize is a one year supply of Purina pet food. As Joanne’s cats are fed veterinarian food, Joanne is giving the coupons for this food to the shelter.

In one of our previous newsletters, we asked animal lovers to visit the sanctuary on a regular basis and to choose a cat they would care for. Meaning – brush, clip nails, pet and give attention. After visiting once a week regularly and spending only 10 or 20 minutes with one, two, or more cats, you will soon find your “chosen cat” will respond to your voice and come forward to greet you. AND you will benefit too – you will find this time to be relaxing and stress-free!

Thoughts are turning to spring and summer and all the duties that come with the nice weather. We will be having another grounds cleanup day on April 30 --- please plan on joining us. We are hoping to make some improvements to the sanctuary during the warm weather, so please visit the sanctuary and complete a volunteer information sheet so that we can contact you.

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 20th at the Royal Canadian Legion,

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Branch 606, in Pickering. There were no new nominations for the two positions open for re-election (President and Treasurer) on the board and the existing board members were voted in by acclamation.

1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Plans for the first annual **Spring Fling Dinner and Dance Fundraiser** are underway!

The date is: **Saturday, April 9, 2011**

Location: **St. Andrew’s Community Centre
46 Exeter Road, Ajax**

Cocktails: **6 p.m.**

Buffet Dinner: **7 p.m.**

Price: **Non-Member \$35.00**

Member \$30.00

After 8 p.m. \$15.00

(no dinner)

Dance the night away with DJ – Jimmy Gormley

Please mark your calendars and come out and support Second Chance on our main fundraiser of the year and have a wonderful evening as well!

Second Chance will be running a BBQ and bake sale at the Wal-Mart in Pickering on June 11th at 11 a.m.

A **golf tournament** is being planned during the coming months – the enclosed survey contains a few proposed details along with the opportunity to provide us with insight into any preferences. This survey can also be accessed online by clicking on the Whispering Ridge logo on our website.

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: March 28, April 5, 11 25 -- (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 but especially when everything is covered with snow. 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.

As mentioned in other newsletters, 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

FIGARO

Figaro was one of our long-time residents who went to his new home in August. Figaro, from all reports, thrived in his new home, fit in well with the existing cats and was greatly loved by the family. After a couple of months, Figaro's appetite decreased and the diagnosis was bad teeth. Dental surgery was done but Figaro's recovery was not good and the vet suspected a tumour. Figaro was cared for and nursed by his family until the end when he lost his fight. How sad and unfair to Figaro!

GIMPY

Gimpy never made it to the sanctuary. When the person who rescued Gimpy brought him to the sanctuary in November, 2010 and realized we had no room, she agreed to foster him. The lady who brought Gimpy to us worked in real estate and had noticed Gimpy in the fenced back yard of one of the houses she was showing. The lady also noticed many empty cat food cans in the yard which gave the impression that neighbours/people in the area had been throwing cans of cat food into the yard for him. It is a mystery how Gimpy got in that fenced back yard in view of his disability. You see, when Gimpy was taken to the vet, it was discovered that he had only three legs, the fourth was just a stump which did not appear to have been surgically severed. The vet indicated that Gimpy had stomach trouble – perhaps FIP – and did not think he would live long. However, Gimpy's rescuer kept Gimpy to the very end – only about three weeks. Gimpy seemed to enjoy the warmth, security, and care

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provided to him and would “drag” himself over to her side for petting and attention. Sad that a cat in Gimpy’s condition was left out alone – WHERE WERE HIS OWNERS?

IVERS

Ivers was a new arrival in the early fall of 2010. The family who had been feeding him called Second Chance for help as they thought “the stray” had an injured jaw. Of course, we agreed to take the cat – named him Ivers and sent him to the vet for a check up. Ivers’ jaw problem was an abscess which was treated. Ivers was neutered and became a resident of the sanctuary. Ivers was doing well at the sanctuary until one day, he developed a problem with his breathing which became very labored, he was taken to the vet who provided oxygen immediately. However, despite the emergency treatment, Ivers died within minutes of his arrival. An autopsy showed that Ivers had heart trouble.

MENTE

Mente was estimated to be 10 when he arrived at the sanctuary five years ago. Mente and his friend/sibling were found in the basement of a house – their family had moved and left them behind! Mente had been diagnosed with hyperthyroid and kidney problems a couple of year ago. Mente received his medication daily and limped along for a couple of years but in November his appetite decreased substantially, he got very weak and was not able to walk around the sanctuary. In a period of one week, Mente lost more than one pound. A volunteer brought him home so he could get extra attention but our last vet visit brought the news we didn’t want to hear – Mente was suffering and it was time ...

FUNDRAISING THANKS

Many thanks to Kristen Calis and Reka Szekely for organizing a bake sale in December and another one just prior to Valentine Day. The proceeds from both these sales were very generously donated to 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.

Anneliese and Iris Schmidt
Sharon Brown

IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Axh, my yorkie
Fred, the cat – Roger’s good friend
Fleur and Orpheus, my beloved, beloved canine friends
George Hardy
Joyce Warren
Mary Mihay
Nana/Great Nana (May Hall)
Orange cat, friend
Orfus, Alan and Miriam’s special friend
Puddicat, a stray I fed from April to July – then he disappeared
Sam, Sara and stray cat, friend’s cats
Samantha, my dog
Sara, daughter’s cat
Seamus, Little Thing, Ming and Cora Lee
Stripey (again)
Tovio Kallio, father of a friend Gary Kallio
Willie and Cinders

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DONATIONS HONOURING

We appreciate the donations that were received in honour of the following people and animals -

Sharon Brown
Sharon Brown's kitty
Christine Alari
CTV Scheduling Department
Jazz and Butter cup
Mason (Masie)
Paul
Mr. & Mrs. G. Stewart
Tux and Trixie



Eden Conservation Trust



The Beatrice Watson-Acheson Foundation

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.



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.

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

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.

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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 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 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.

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CANDY DISPENSING PROGRAM

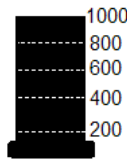
Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary receives a portion of the proceeds from a Candy Dispensing Program which is operated by Craig Bigelow. Craig will deliver the dispenser to your place of business AT NO COST TO YOU. Each dispenser carries the Second Chance logo and says you care about the animals. Please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



BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

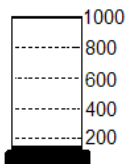
As mentioned in past newsletters, donation of loose change is gratefully accepted! Our coin cylinder has reached the TOP – thanks to **Marlene Richardson** who brought in rolls and rolls of pennies!

Coins Received



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 February. This visit in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with fifteen cats being adopted, namely; Sparky, two kittens, Peaches, Wesley, Pebbles, Huddina, Buddy, Aural, Dexter, Echo, Tario, Angel.

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

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.

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Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary
18-hole Golf Tournament
Whispering Ridge Golf Club* in Whitby
Entry Fee - \$100 (payable by May 15)

1 st Place	\$200
2 nd Place	\$150
3 rd Place	\$100

1) Would you be interested in entering a golf tournament aimed at raising funds for Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary?

Yes

No

2) How many people (family, friends, colleagues) do you know who would be interested in entering a golf tournament aimed at raising funds for Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary?

Zero

1

2 – 4

More than 4

3) What time of the year would be preferable?

May 24 – June 30

July 1 – July 31

Aug 1 – Sep 20

Sep 21 – Oct 31

4) What time of the day would be preferable to start?

9-11

11-1

1-3

5) What format of play would be preferable?

Medal

Scramble (groups chosen by entrants)

Scramble (groups assigned)

6) Other comments/suggestions:

*Yardage – 4,582; Slope Rating - 109; Course Rating - 62.1

Riding Fee - \$20

Soft drink with choice of hamburger, sausage, or chicken breast on Kaiser following the round