



Christmas 2012 Newsletter



“BEST WISHES” for the Holiday Season from Second Chance to all of you.

It seems like no time at all since our last Christmas newsletter. How time flies! The busier you are the faster time seems to go and it has been a busy year for the caregivers and volunteers of Second Chance. Throughout the year, we looked after 200 cats and have adopted 100 of them. We are grateful to Petsmart in Pickering and to the Pickering and Hakim Plaza Pet Valu stores for their support. Come, visit, shop and perhaps adopt a cat. We participated in several adoptathons and attended community events. We participated in and organized fundraisers such as the Delta Charity Bingo, a Walmart BBQ, a “Spring Fling” Dinner/Dance event, a very successful yard sale, and implemented a penny can and bottle drive program. For the first time a Second Chance calendar was produced which is proving to be very popular. Thank you to the volunteers who spent many hours putting the

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calendar together. The calendar turned out very well and contains more than 100 pictures of cats and dogs, many of which are cats adopted from Second Chance and/or cats who are dearly missed.

Participation in fundraising and community events are very visible activities, however, Second Chance couldn't continue without the less visible but vital contributions of our donors, volunteers and supporters. We are grateful to all our volunteers: those who clean and comb, who feed and medicate on hot summer and cold winter evenings, who transport cats to and from vet appointments, who keep buildings and equipment running. We are grateful to our supporters who provide facilities (Club Link), who keep us clean

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(Miller Waste) and who supply healthy nutritious food for our charges (Hills Science Diet). We are grateful to our financial supporters, our donors, both large and small. Without your contributions over the year there would be no Second Chance. This Christmas we are not making any specific "Christmas" request or plea for more money. You probably already have enough such requests. Nevertheless, if you find that you have donation dollars left, we will be happy recipients. As a closing thought, perhaps the nicest "giving" you could do this Christmas would be to give a cat its forever home. Your gift would bring happiness to you and yours and truly give a second chance to a lucky cat.

Please remember **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 www.ontariospca.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Plans for the annual Spring Fling Dinner and Dance are underway:

Date: **Saturday, April 20, 2013**
Location: **St. Andrews Community Centre**
46 Exeter Road
Ajax, Ontario

Please check our website for more information on the Spring Fling. Please come out and support Second Chance through our main fundraiser of the year while having a wonderful evening!

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

DELTA BINGO HALL,
975 Dillingham Road, Pickering
Dates: December 17, 24, 31 -- (and randomly thereafter).

REMEMBERING

LIZZY

LIZZY was a tortie and one of our feral cats who had been at the sanctuary for many years. Lizzy had been in a cage after dental surgery some time ago but for the last few months she had been a "floor cat". Unfortunately, as with all ferals, when we realized Lizzy was sick, it was too late to help her.

RASPY

RASPY had been at the sanctuary since he was a kitten. Raspy was a very handsome tabby with white paws. Raspy was timid and one was seldom able to pick him up. When he did allow us to pick him up, it was obvious that he was very sick. A visit to the vet brought the terrible diagnosis FIP (feline infectious peritonitis), for which there is no cure and, regretfully, Raspy had to be euthanized.

IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

James Aspin
Vera and Clifford Healey
Douglas Hurst

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Shawn Johnson, our dear daughter
Ron Kelly
Bill Shearer
Teresa Wesselink, my good friend
Rufus, Cinders, Willie



BIRTHDAY WISHES to –

Leslie Jill Simpson, who very generously requested, that in lieu of a birthday gift, a donation be made to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary – thank you!

Jaclyn Holdsworth who held a hallowe'en event in celebration of her birthday. Jaclyn, as in previous years, requested that gifts be purchased with the Second Chance cats in mind – thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following Pet Valu stores:

1794 Liverpool Road in Pickering
Hakim Plaza and Baywood Centre in Ajax
30050 Garden Street in Whitby

for encouraging customers to donate to Second Chance during their “Thanks – for – giving” event in October. The stores in Pickering and Ajax also welcomed Second Chance cats to participate in their adoptathon held on October 13 and 14.

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”!

FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. On August 3, **Jessica Shaughnessy**, **Jessica Metropolyt**, and **Clare Isnor** held a bake and lemonade sale in Bowmanville. These generous ten-year-old girls donated the funds raised to Second Chance.
2. On October 15, **Kristen Calis** held a Hallowe'en bake sale and donated the proceeds to Second Chance.
3. **Joanne Dymond**, volunteer with Second Chance, coordinated a table at The Village of Taunton Mills Retirement Home bazaar on November 17. **Petra Goodhead** and **Heather Wolff**, also volunteers, assisted Joanne and all proceeds were donated to Second Chance.

“HAPPY NEW YEAR!!”



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