



Summer 2012 Newsletter

2013 CALENDAR - Available October 2012

The hot and humid days in July and August are sometimes called the “Dog Days of Summer” and after a very mild winter we are now in what might turn out to be one of the hottest (doggiest) summers on record. The implication of dog days is of course that hot/muggy weather makes one feel tired and lazy and wanting to nod off as dogs are wont to do.

Dogs get the blame for this type of summer weather because ancient astrologers decided that the star Sirius which, in summer, used to appear at sunrise, was somehow associated with hot muggy weather. Sirius was also called the Dog Star so the poor dogs “took the heat” as it were for our summer discomfort.

In the meantime, cats, who are just as likely to crash in the summer heat, sat by in their typical aloof, nonchalant way while the dogs took all the blame. If they felt left out because there was no “Cat Star” they certainly wouldn’t show it. That’s how cats are.

Nevertheless, the caregivers at SCWS wanted to do something for the cats by correcting this

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astronomical/astrological oversight. It was decided to assemble a calendar for 2013. Many people have made their favorite cat a STAR by displaying its picture on one of the monthly pages. **The calendar is in preparation and will be available in October.**

Please keep the **SCWS STAR animal calendar** in mind when you are thinking about a calendar for 2013. The calendars would make a nice Christmas gift for family members or friends. To reserve your 2013 SCWS Calendar, send us an email with your contact details or leave a phone message. Our first Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary calendar will be available for sale for \$10 on-line, at the sanctuary, and at various stores beginning in October. If you let us know how many calendars you want, you will be sure to get

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them and come October – when the dog days will be over – you will be “seeing STARS”.

SANCTUARY

Saturday, April 21 was spring clean up day at the sanctuary. Some volunteers worked outside raking the grounds, cleaning eavestroughs, and generally tidying up after the winter. Other volunteers worked inside the house and sanctuary washing cages, floors, windows, etc. The volunteers working in the sanctuary did so under the watchful eye of Tibbles “the supervisor”:



Second Chance, like most rescue organizations is full. But this doesn't stop the people who have tired of their pets from adding to our numbers. We recently found a box at the end of the laneway containing two adult cats, Lily and Daisy – according to a note on the box. The next day, another box showed up containing a kitten whose eyes were not yet open. When presented to the adults, it was quite clear that the kitten belonged to Lily, so we had a “mother and child reunion” as the song says. It is impossible to understand why someone would have separated the new mother from her baby. Lily and her baby (what happened to the other babies?) spent several weeks in a foster home. They are doing well and are currently available for adoption at the Pet Value store (Hakim Plaza) in Ajax. Come and visit. The

other “cat-in-the box”, Daisy, was found to be pregnant and has since given birth to four kittens.

There were also three small cats left in a filthy rabbit cage at the portable. The floor of the cage was covered in cat feces and littered with cans of food – no bowls. These cats (estimated to be one year old) were infested with fleas and, of course, not spayed. The one cat had so many sores on her body that she had to be given an antibiotic injection. What kind of people would treat helpless animals this way?

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 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.

1 UPCOMING EVENTS

We are again planning a **Yard Sale, Bake Sale, and BBQ** which will be held on **Saturday, September 8 from 8 AM until 4 PM** at the sanctuary. We appreciate receiving any items (in good condition) you would like to donate to assist the operation of Second Chance. Donations will be accepted until **Saturday, September 1** and we would appreciate any donations being left 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!

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DELTA BINGO HALL,
975 Dillingham Road, Pickering
Dates: September 3, 10, 24 -- (and
randomly thereafter).

REMEMBERING

BLACKIE

BLACKIE was one of our FIV cats and not a long-time resident of the sanctuary but the length of time does not determine our feelings for our cats. Blackie's appetite decreased gradually until he wouldn't eat at all on his own. Medical tests didn't show any cause and, it was only after Blackie's death that it was discovered he had cancer.

CAMPY

Campy was named for where she was found – a campsite. Campy was estimated (by a vet) to be at least ten years of age when she came to the sanctuary and she, at least, had the last several months in a foster home where she was loved and treated as part of the family. Campy very much enjoyed human company.

DUANE

Duane was one of our luckier cats as he bypassed the sanctuary and went directly to a foster home. Duane was only a kitten when he arrived at his foster home and he spent the next two years there. Duane was diagnosed with FIP which, unfortunately, is fatal.

LOWES

Lowes, like Campy, was named for where she was found – in a Lowes parking lot. Lowes

was a quiet cat who did not enjoy the other cats' company in the sanctuary and her passing was very sudden.

TILT

Tilt was born at the sanctuary and appropriately named due to his head being slightly tilted as a result of an ear infection when he was a kitten. Tilt was a very quiet boy and when he saw someone to whom he was close, he would mouth "meow" but no sound came out. Tilt lost weight very suddenly and tests confirmed he had kidney disease. After receiving IV fluids, the test results indicated that Tilt was not getting any better and, regrettably, we had to say goodbye.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to **Heather Wolff**, volunteer, who on April 11, prepared and delivered a presentation to the "Me to We Club" of Vaughan Willard Public School. This presentation helped make members of the "Me to We Club" more aware of the purpose of Second Chance.



FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. On February 25, Second Chance had a table at the Health and Wellness Fair held at the Westminster United Church in Whitby. Thank you **Cherri, Heather V., Joan, Joanne,** and **Meredyth** for helping with this event.
2. During March, **Ryan Theys** and **Jon Pattery**, grade 10 students, chose Second Chance as the charity in Durham for their

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school project. The boys prepared a media presentation about Second Chance and collected donations on our behalf.



3. During April, **Kristen Calis** prepared and sold candy bags, donating the proceeds to Second Chance.
4. On April 28, volunteers of Second Chance organized a Spring Fling Dinner and Dance Fundraiser at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pickering. 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. The evening was very successful and enjoyed by all! View some of the pictures appearing in Ajax Snap: <http://snapd.at/eedwf4>.
5. On April 29, Second Chance had a table at the Motor City Cat Show held at the Whitby Curling Club. Thank you **Heather W., Joanne, Meredyth** and **Michael** for helping with this event.
6. On June 2, the volunteers held a bottle drive. Many people donated their empty wine, liquor, and beer bottles. It was decided that the Second Chance Bottle Drive will be on-going and containers to hold these empty bottles have been set up beside the Clothing Donation Boxes at the sanctuary. All empty bottles will be greatly appreciated.
7. On June 16, volunteers of Second Chance organized a fundraising BBQ and Bake

Sale outside WalMart (Pickering Parkway and Brock Road in Pickering). This event was very successful and we do appreciate the support given by WalMart.

8. On August 18, volunteers of Second Chance organized a memorial Adoptathon/BBQ/Bake Sale at the sanctuary.



IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Bruce Adamson, a very dear and loved friend
Cody
Richard Deschamps
Ruth Doble
Fluffy
H57, my tortishell cat
Dina Kusiak
Flo McTague, our dear neighbor
Oliver, my perfect cat
Panda, Royal, Kiera and Orange Pekoe
(loved cats)
Rufus, Cinders, Willie
Stan Raike
T-Bone McCluskey
Giles Tremblay

DONATIONS HONOURING

We appreciate the donations received in honour of –

The marriage of Debbie Rogers and Mike White
Jacob – a cat who has a wonderful life. Wish they all could.
Peter Falkner

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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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Hill's® Food, Shelter & Love™ program has partnered with us and is donating pet food for all dogs, cats, kittens and puppies being cared for here.



Eden Conservation Trust



Second Chance would like to **thank Pet Valu (located on Liverpool Road in Pickering)** for inviting us to take part in their adoptathon which was held on April 14 and 15. We also very much appreciate the generous donation made by Pet Valu which was raised from pledges by people visiting the store and Pet Valu then matching these pledges.

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 is 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 administrative costs. Veterinary expenses constitute 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. Money 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).

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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 completed 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 the 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 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 **The Bay** (any outlet) and provide the Second Chance ID 8925939
2. Call 1-800-844-8131 and provide the Second Chance ID 8925939
3. Visit www.hbc rewards.com

When identifying Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary as the organization you wish to receive your points, please show Second Chance as “Second Chance **Wild Life** Sanctuary”. **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 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 is one box located at the sanctuary and more drop boxes are located throughout the region – there is a box at Country Depot in Claremont, in Brougham (Highway 7 just east of Brock Road), and at the intersection of McCowan Road and 16th Avenue. Please help Second Chance by depositing your used/unwanted clothing, linens, and towels in one of the drop boxes located at the above-mentioned locations. If you operate a business and have space 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 by phone (416-492-5074) or email (craig.bigelow@yahoo.ca) for more information.

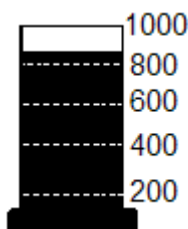
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BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

Our cylinder is reaching the top once again!

Coins Received



Our “Give us your old – unwanted and soon to be obsolete” penny donation effort continues. Donations come in amounts large and small, in containers large and small, and we appreciate them all. One recent donation weighed 36.5 kg, a little over 80 lbs. thus about \$145 in pennies – that’s a lot of pennies! The coins were sorted and it was interesting that the earliest dated Canadian penny was 1940 and thus had been in circulation (or storage) for 72 years. Also, it was found that 6.6% of the pennies were US coins, not Canadian. This is a curious discovery. How do so many US cents find their way into circulation in Canada? To look more into this, we need more pennies. If you bring your stash or hoard, we will make up a large lot and see how the numbers compare. So give your pennies to Second Chance where they will help the animals and contribute to a bit of penny research (while providing you with a tax deduction).

A PENNY FOR THE CATS

If your time is limited but you still want to help the cats at Second Chance, here's what you can do ... join in and help out with our penny drive. We now have penny cans to offer you for

collecting your pennies and small change. Consider taking a penny can and then maybe a few extra cans to distribute to your friends/family or a business owner you know with an interest in helping cats at Second Chance. Then, periodically collect the cans you distributed and bring the coins to the shelter. It's volunteering that you can arrange to fit your schedule! The more of us who can join in with a little bit of change will be a big help in caring for the cats at the shelter. Collectively we will make a difference! For more information or to obtain your collection can(s), please contact us by phone (905-649-8282) or email (adoptacat@second-chance.ws).

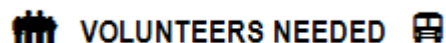
PetSmart

Second Chance currently has a selection of cats in the adoption centre at PetSmart and, unless these cats are adopted, they will be in the adoption centre for the entire month. Please drop by and visit them.

Pet Valu

Second Chance has a pair of kittens as well as Popeye and Olive (an adult pair of cats) in the Pet Valu on Liverpool Road in Pickering.

Also, at the Pet Valu (in the Hakim Plaza) on Highway 2, we have Par, an older cat, and Lily and her baby, Tubby. Please drop by and visit these kittens while they are still young and energetic.



Second Chance is always in need of people to help care for the animals both at the Sanctuary and during our time at PetSmart.

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Volunteer drivers are also needed for transporting the cats for medical attention and occasional grooming.

Many of our cats will, unfortunately, never be lucky enough to have a home of their own – this is especially true for our cats with FIV. You could help make their lives more enjoyable in the sanctuary by “adopting” one of our resident cats and caring for it at the sanctuary. Simply choose the cat you would bring home (if possible); then visit the sanctuary at least once each week and care for “your adopted cat” – give “your cat” lots of attention – petting, brushing, etc. All of our cats love attention.

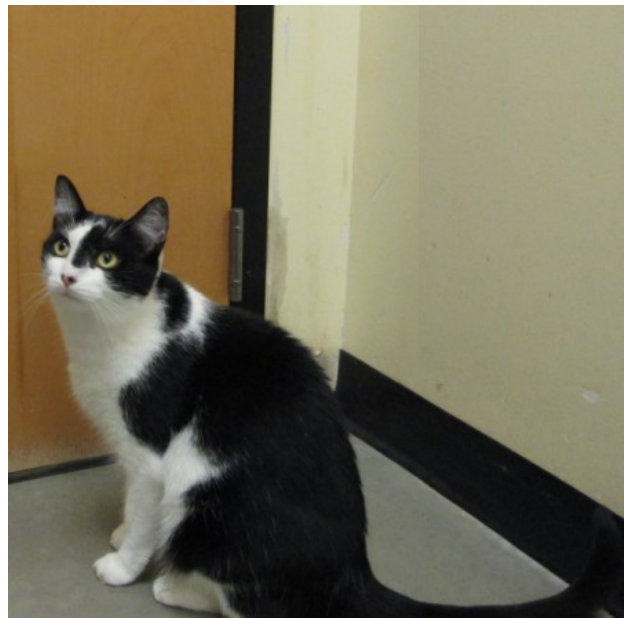


Dale – 3 year old male, very friendly, must be adopted with his brother Howie

WAITING TO BE ADOPTED



Emilia - 3 year old female. Loves petting but is a little timid



Howie – 3 year old male, friendly, sibling to Dale

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