



### Christmas 2013 Newsletter



**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**



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

The first snow has come as a reminder of the winter that lies ahead. Many people look forward with dread to winter’s arrival, but many others enjoy winter sports and outdoor activities. The arrival of winter also reminds us that Christmas is not far off. It arrived on the shelves of Canadian Tire and Wal-Mart stores the day after Halloween. Christmas brings many wonderful things and activities to the year end, but one small problem often arises – what to get for that certain or special someone. May we remind you that the Second Chance 2014 calendar is now available? It is full of pictures and notations of pets and is a great “discussion” maker. The calendar makes an interesting and inexpensive gift and is sure to be appreciated by any recipient. The Calendar can be purchased online, at the sanctuary,

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Pickering Village Pet Hospital in Ajax, and  
Global Pet Store in Ajax.

It has been a busy season of repairs and maintenance at Second Chance. In addition to removal of an old trailer, the ankle-bending patio at the front of the house was removed and the stones were used to lay a walkway for the sanctuary. A small well-worn deck at the portable was upgraded to a larger one and this provided more space for our yard sale fundraisers. A generous donation of concrete by **Pic-A-Mix** allowed us to put in a nice clean and dry walkway between the house and sanctuary. No more tracking asphalt cuttings into the buildings, no more slippery icy walk between the buildings in winter. It was almost impossible to keep the old gravelly walkway shoveled in winter.

This has been another busy year for Second Chance. The rescues of two pregnant cats and

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two mothers with kittens seem to have been the tip of a “catberg”. In mid-September, a large red carrying case was dropped off on our driveway. It contained one male cat and two pregnant females. Within a week, one cat gave birth to a litter of 4 kittens and the other to a litter of 6, thus we had an immediate increase of 7% in our cat population. One lady arrived at the sanctuary with two cats in a cardboard box. This lady was on her way to work which meant there was nothing good in the future for these two cats. When the cats went to the vet, it was determined that one cat was pregnant and within one month, there were four beautiful kittens. In total this year, we have had 75 kittens come into the sanctuary. It certainly seems that 2014 is the year of the kitten.

One noteworthy rescue was a young cat hit by a car on Brock Street in Whitby. Upon arrival, we found that the cat, dragging itself by its front feet, was bleeding, afraid, and looking for a place to hide (and likely die). We brought it to our vet where she was diagnosed as being pregnant, having a broken pelvis and crushed hind leg. The kittens were stillborn. Her pelvis was repaired but the crushed leg could not be saved. After treatment and recuperation, she is now in a foster home and available for adoption. We called her “Brock” after the street on which she was injured. Brock is featured on the cover of our 2014 fundraising calendar with a short history on the back cover.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Joanne Dymond**, Second Chance volunteer, assisted by various volunteers will hold an Indoor Yard Sale on **Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the portable at Second Chance.

Second Chance volunteers will be donating their time during the Pictures with Santa Claws events as follows:

**Saturday, December 7** – Pet Valu in Whitby from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pictures of your pet with Santa cost \$10 per picture which will be donated to Second Chance and pictures will be taken by Michael Tansley.

**Saturday, December 14** at PetSmart in Pickering from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your camera and your pet for a picture with Santa. Pictures cost \$5 each which will be donated to Second Chance.

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 2, 9, 16, 23 -- (and randomly thereafter).

## FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. On June 8, 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.
2. On June 24, Second Chance hosted a fundraiser bingo night at the Delta Bingo Hall in Pickering. Proceeds from tickets sold by Second Chance were donated to Second Chance.
3. **WestCreek Public School in Pickering, Girls on the Run program** sold milkshakes to the students at the school as part of the community portion of the curriculum. The proceeds from the

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milkshakes sales were donated to Second Chance.

4. **Joanne Dymond**, Second Chance volunteer, assisted by various volunteers organized an indoor/outdoor yard sale/bake sale/BBQ on September 7 and 8 as well as November 2 and 3.
5. **Lidia Mangos and Esme Hotta-Erlach**, assisted by several students from Gandasetiagon Public School in Pickering, set up a table at the school yard sale and sold homemade cookies, cupcakes, bracelets, and stickers to raise money for Second Chance.



#### BIRTHDAY WISHES to ...

**Carolyn Adams**  
**Heather Bell**  
**Gordon Burttts, 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
**Connor Gonsalves, 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday**  
**Mary Lattion-Wells**

The above-mentioned people requested that donations be made to Second Chance in lieu of birthday gifts – thank you!



#### IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Basil  
Doreen Burgess  
Karyn Chase, my daughter  
Jean Deveaux  
Michael Fellows

Fluffy and Casey  
John Grace  
Honzik, my beloved feral cat  
Shaun Johnson, beloved daughter  
Lewis, my cat  
Micio, Smockey, and Fluffy  
Barbara Myers  
Pookie, a tortie female  
Rufus, 22-year-old grand-gentleman,  
partner's cat  
Rufus, Cinders, Willie  
Olga Sale  
Soot, a friend's cat  
Irene Taylor  
Taylor, our well-loved and much missed TT  
George Traxler

#### DONATIONS HONOURING

We appreciate the donation received in honour of Buttercup and Jazzie.



#### 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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**Eden Conservation Trust**

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As a shelter partner, we are exclusively feeding Hill's® Science Diet® to all the animals in our care.

Chance to continue its rescue mission. We thank our volunteers whose time enables the myriad tasks and chores to be completed. We thank our caregivers who look after the daily feeding and cleaning required to care for our 200 residents. We thank everyone who helped us throughout the year and wish all Happy Holidays and

Thank you to **Larisa Brown**, a young girl who loves cats, who made a donation to Second Chance using savings from her allowance and gifts.

**“HAPPY NEW YEAR!!”**



Thank you to **Doug Scott** who won the Purina MyKitten Contest and very generously donated the vouchers for twelve free bags of Purina Pro Plan cat food to the sanctuary.

The house cats, together with their caregiver, would like to express a special thank you to Barb Pedder and two other employees of **Eli Lilly** who spent the morning of October 10 washing walls and cages in the house.

Thank you to **Pic-A-Mix** for donating concrete to pour a walkway between the house and the sanctuary.

Thank you to **Pet Valu** located at 1794 Liverpool Road in Pickering for encouraging customers to donate to Second Chance during their “Thanks – for – giving” event in October. Second Chance also took part in the Pet Valu adoptathon held on October 4 and 5.



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”!

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| CAGE    | HIDE       | BROKEN | SUN          |
| STRIPE  | PLAY       | EYES   | ORGANIZATION |
| TOY     | RESCUE     | WARM   | MISCHIEF     |
| CLEAN   | HOME       | NINE   | LIVES        |
| LITTER  | ACTIVITIES | ASLEEP | PAWS         |
| KITTENS | PETS       | LUCKY  | WINDOW       |
| TAIL    | CAT        | FUR    | ACCIDENTS    |

As we approach year-end, we would like to thank everyone who donated to Second Chance in 2013. Your generosity enables Second

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