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SPRING/SUMMER 2014

SANCTUARY

Summer season at the sanctuary is beautiful – it is very enjoyable to watch the chipmunks and listen to the blue jays and other outdoor creatures. Winter season at the sanctuary is very harsh and especially this past winter which was one that everybody would like to forget, but nobody can. The ice storm just before Christmas wreaked havoc with the tree population of southern Ontario and the power outages lasting days in many areas did everything from spoiling Christmas to causing major damage to people's houses. Although the ice storm damaged a lot of trees at the sanctuary, we were fortunate in that no falling limbs damaged the buildings and the power lines (although powerless) remained intact.

The power went off early Sunday, December 22nd, and the temperature in the buildings started to drop. By Christmas Eve, things were getting "chilly" and we were preparing to drain the water pipes. Fortunately on Christmas Day, we were able to borrow a portable generator from our neighbours, Greys Landscaping. With power restored to the heating system, the buildings and kitties started to warm up. With the fridges and water pump not working, nature acted as our refrigerator and we hauled in bottled water until mains power was restored early on Friday evening, December 27th. After the ice storm, the grounds were littered with downed tree branches, large and small, which remained there until our spring yard cleanup (a reminder of the destructive power of freezing rain). Our caregivers did an excellent job coping with the problems and volunteers came to help. Overall, we were fortunate not to have suffered any damage other than discomfort and inconvenience. Many people fared much worse. Perhaps one of our cat's nine lives looked after us.

As usual, requests to take cats have been as numerous as ever. In June and July alone we took in twenty-five kittens and several older cats. Calls come in almost every day to take cats for all the usual reasons — abandonment, allergies, expensive medical problems, etc. We do what resources allow but we cannot take all of the cats about which we receive calls.

SCWS 2015 CALENDAR

Thanks to everyone who supported our second annual calendar by submitting pictures of their pets and purchasing our calendar. The Second Chance calendar is one of our major fundraisers. Our third annual calendar, year 2015, is NOW on sale. Calendars may be ordered online or purchased at either Pickering Village Pet Hospital on Church Street in Ajax or the sanctuary. The response from people submitting pictures has been wonderful and hopefully the sales of our 2015 calendar will top last year. There are lots of delightful pet photos. The photo captions are great and together they are real conversation pieces. Everyone in the working world or the retirement world can empathize with Charlie (May) "Paperwork, there's always paperwork." This alone is worth the price of the calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers of Second Chance will hold a Yard Sale/Bake Sale/BBQ on **Saturday, September 27**th from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. and **Sunday, September 28**th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the grounds of Second Chance. We appreciate receiving any items (in good condition) you would like to donate to assist the operation of Second Chance. Donations may be left in the enclosed porch at the front of the sanctuary. Be sure to visit to find bargains and bake sale items while enjoying a hot dog for lunch.

Volunteers of Second Chance will hold a BBQ/Bake sale in front of the **Pet Valu on Garden Street** in Whitby **on October 11**th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to stop by for a hot dog or pick up some wonderful home baked goodies.

An on-going event is our **bottle collection** and electronic & computer recycling. This is an easy way to help the sanctuary raise money. Bring your empty beer and liquor bottles/cans to the bottom of the hill on our laneway where you will find several bins waiting to be filled with your contribution. The volunteers sort these bottles and cans and return them for cash. Bring your old computers and electronic devices as well and leave these items at the end of the bins. Again, the volunteers will deliver these items to the scrap dealer and receive cash for Second Chance.

A charity bingo at 12:15 p.m. several days each month - hope to see you there!

DELTA BINGO HALL, 975 Dillingham Road, Pickering

Dates: September 15, 19 -- (and randomly thereafter).

FUNDRAISING THANKS

Fundraisers are very important to the sanctuary and would not be possible without the efforts of many people -

- 1. **Joanne**, Second Chance volunteer, had a table displaying information on the shelter and a few items available for sale at the Taunton Mills Retirement Home Bazaar on December 5, 2013.
- 2. On December 7, 2013 several volunteers of Second Chance together with **Michael Tansley**, photographer, took Santa Claws photos at Pet Valu on Garden Street in Whitby. All proceeds from this event were donated to Second Chance.
- 3. **Kristen Calis** organized and held a bake sale on December 13, 2013 and donated all proceeds to Second Chance.
- 4. On December 14, 2013 several volunteers of Second Chance together with **Michael Tansley**, photographer, took Santa Claws photos at PetSmart in Pickering. All proceeds from this event were donated to Second Chance.
- 5. **Jayden Jennifer Gray** knit hats and gave part of the proceeds from the sale of these hats to Second Chance.
- 6. **Olivia Kowtiuk** collected pennies as part of her community service towards earning her Lady Baden Powell badge in Guiding. All funds collected were donated to Second Chance.
- 7. On March 2, 2014, **Clair Micklen** together with volunteers from the Humane Society of Durham Region organized a Victorian Afternoon Tea at Vandermeer Nursery in Ajax. This is always a very popular event and many of the participants go to great lengths to dress up in costume appropriate to the Victorian period. Additionally there are many interesting things to see around the Vandermeer Nursery and we urge everyone to put this on their calendar for next March. The proceeds from this event were shared between Second Chance and the Humane Society of Durham Region.
- 8. A young girl turning 14 donated all of her birthday money to Second Chance as well as money she raised making and selling rainbow loom bracelets at her school.
- 9. On April 19, 2014, **Linda** and **Joanne** together with several volunteers from Second Chance and **Michael Tansley**, photographer, took Easter Bunny photos at Sheridan Nurseries in Whitby. All proceeds from this event were donated to Second Chance.
- 10. On April 26, 2014 volunteers of Second Chance organized a Spring Fling Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser at St. Andrew's Community Centre in Ajax. The evening started with cocktails followed by a buffet dinner and silent auction. A special thank you to **Dickson Printing** for, once again, supplying the admission tickets and to **Joanne, Laura,** and **Susan** for the many hours they spent securing wonderful donations for the silent auction. A very popular addition to the Spring Fling was psychic readings by **Reverend Barbara Faulkner** and **Andrew van der Peet**. Another special event was a performance by one of our

caregivers, **Bridget Hunt**. Bridget is a member of the world famous Mendelssohn Choir and her performance was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The evening was very successful and enjoyed by all! A list of businesses and organizations who donated items for our silent auction appears in the section headed Thank You.

- 11. Students of **Applecroft Public School** in Ajax made rainbow loom bracelets and sold them to other students in the school during May. The proceeds of this fundraiser were donated to Second Chance.
- 12. **Joanne,** together with several Second Chance volunteers, organized a yard/bake sale and BBQ on May 31st and June 1st and again on July 26th and 27th on the grounds of Second Chance. **Lynn** secured donations from her company to hold a sale of new items at both of these events.

On June 16th, volunteers of Second Chance held a BBQ/bake sale at Walmart in Pickering.



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

Christine Alari Jill Simpson Richard Walker & Val Laski

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:

Castlin & Dan Harris Karen Howser Andrew Morari

DONATIONS HONOURING

Second Chance is grateful for donations received in honour of the following people:

Sharon Brown and her two babies, Buttercup and Jazzie Linda and Paul Clinton Marilyn McLaughlin The Roberts Family

Chris and Marcel Lapointe Marlene Richardson CTV Scheduling Department

T IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Barbara Myers **Buck Rogers - Police Officer** Cabot, Jacob and Max Cameron McDonald - Brother Carmen - A beautiful kitty Cody - My beautiful foster cat **Gerald Armstrong** Ivy Henry Jack Hamilton - Friend Jasmine Jeanette Babington Jim Aspin John Ward – Father Larry Doyle

Lexy Max - My beautiful cat Rosey "Posey" Richard Baxter Samantha - My dog Sandy McDonald - Father Shawn Johnson - Our daughter Spooky Booth **Teddy Bear** Tessie - Sandy & Helen's precious baby Uno - Miss Nosey's best friend Victor Richardson Wayne Stocker All our best friends



THANK YOU

Second Chance gratefully acknowledges current and past assistance received from the following organizations as well as all those individuals to numerous to list but without whose generous support the sanctuary could not continue to operate.







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





Thank you to Allstate Foundation of Canada who supported Second Chance as a result of our volunteer and employee of Allstate, Mary Lattion-Wells, making her company aware of Second Chance and the work we do. Mary, holding Penny (adopted from Second Chance), is shown presenting a cheque from Allstate to Phyllis Healey, President of Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

Thank you to **Capital Networks Ltd.** who supported Second Chance by making a donation to our Spring Fling event as a result of our volunteer and employee of Capital Networks, Doug Wisted, making his company aware of Second Chance and the work we do.

Thank you to the following organizations/businesses who very generously gave donations of items to be used in our Spring Fling Silent Auction and Buffet Dinner held on April 26, 2014 -

Adrienne's Flowers, Ajax

Ajax Flower Shop

Anonymous (several)

Boston Pizza, Pickering & Whitby (2)

Bowring, Ajax

Chatterpaul's, Whitby Cine-Plex, Pickering

Coles Bookstore, Pickering

Costco, Ajax

David's Tea, Pickering Denny's, Whitby DermaSpa, Pickering

East Side Mario's, Pickering Erika Zorn, Arbonne Consultant

Esme, Pickering

F.G. Bradley, Pickering Global Pets, Ajax & Whitby

GoodLife, Ajax GMCR Canada Inc.

Graziella Jewellers, Ajax & Whitby

Hairbiz, Scarborough Home Hardware, Ajax

Hot Rocks Creative Diner, Whitby

Hummingbird Medi-Spa

Jack Astor's Bar and Grill, Pickering & Whitby

Joanne Dymond Kelsey's, Pickering

Krown Rust, Ajax & Whitby

Liz Moore

Loblaw's, Ajax & Pickering

Lush, Pickering

Madelaine Alter Mandarin, Pickering

Massey's Restaurant, Pickering

Mastermind, Pickering Melanie Pringles, Whitby

Metro, Ajax Michael Dunn

No Frills, Ajax & Pickering NRG SalonSpa, Pickering

Oshawa Jewellers Pandora, Pickering Pearle Vision, Pickering Pet Value, Bowmanville PJ's Pets, Pickering

Real Canadian Wholesale Club, Whitby

Shoppers Drug Mart, Ajax Sobey's, Ajax (2) & Pickering

Superstore, Whitby

Susan Neal

Swiss Chalet, Ajax & Pickering & Whitby

Target, Ajax

The Greek Tycoon, Whitby The Royal Oak Pub, Whitby

Ted Hamer

Tina's Hair Design, Oshawa Urban Nature Store, Pickering

Vandermeer Nursery Walmart, Pickering Wild Wings, Whitby

Women's Fitness Clubs of Canada, Pickering



DONATIONS

Did 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 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.

It is now possible to make donations to the Sanctuary securely online through CanadaHelps.org or Paypal - 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 (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 such special, expensive treatments.

PetSmart

Second Chance kittens and cats are currently at PetSmart. Unless these felines are adopted, they will be in the adoption centre until the middle of September. We went into the adopton centre on August 1 with twenty kittens and we now have only three left to be adopted. This has been a very successful month for Second Chance cats in the adoption centre at PetSmart.

SPCA SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

As mentioned in previous newsletters, SPCA is now operating a low-cost spay/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 advice and assistance to people in need of help with wild animals by providing contact information of other rescue organizations.

As a cost saving measure, we are trying to go to electronic mail for distribution of the newsletter and we would appreciate receiving your email address.