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SANCTUARY

Once again, the leaves are down, snow fences are up and we wait to see what winter brings. Last winter seemed to go on forever and included some nasty surprises. The early January freezing rain didn't do much damage mainly because it came in the form of freezing pellets which didn't build up on the hydro lines. Not so for the April ice storm. It brought down a lot of wood from the trees surrounding the buildings. One branch struck the sanctuary building power line, fortunately directly on top of a support prop. The prop broke off but the line survived. The May 4th windstorm was a dis-gusting experience. The wind was so strong that some shingles were ripped off the roof while others were bent to the vertical. Some lengths of edging had to be nailed down to prevent being blown away. Fortunately it was possible to repair the damage. Some wood came down, but less than expected, probably due to the large amount downed in April. Hopefully nature will be kinder this winter than last.

Summer brought its share of weather problems. Our yard sales, held in May, July, September and early November, even though held under roof, depend on good weather to bring people out. The May sale went well. The July sale started out well until around noon on Saturday when the sky darkened and threatened rain. We could cope with a bit of rain, but, several local radio stations broadcast a warning that "funnels clouds" were a possibility in the Durham region. Shoppers started to leave and few came for the rest of the afternoon. Sunday was very quiet. On the Thursday before the September yard sale there was a violent windstorm in the Pickering/Ajax area. A lot of wood came down at the sanctuary and Friday, normally a sale preparation day, was spent cleaning up. It seems that many people spent the weekend cleaning up because attendance at the yard sale was poor. The weather for the one day November sale was cold and unpleasant and attendance was poor. As for winter, we hope next summer will be kinder or less extreme than this year's was. As well as difficulties with weather, we are seeing a considerable

drop in donations of items for the yard sales. If you or people you know are cleaning house or downsizing, please think of donating. We welcome, in saleable condition, such things as toys, records, CDs, DVDs, collectibles that are no longer collectable, books (hard cover, paperbacks), cameras, games, bar items, sports cards, artwork, prints, posters, ornaments, small appliances, trains, lamps, handbags, Christmas ornaments, costume jewellery, stamps, coins and ephemera. Some yard sale items we list on Kijiji. To see these items go to the Kijiji site and enter Second Chance Wildlife.

Our most important business or activity is our cats. Rescuing, medicating, rehabbing and adopting goes on all year no matter what the weather. In August, a lady phoned from Sunderland saying that she was feeding a stray mother cat and several kittens. One of the kittens could not keep up with the others and, as she did not have time to give it special care, she wondered if we could take that kitten – she found homes for the rest of the family. Our vet confirmed our suspicion, that this was a CH (Cerebellar Hypoplasia) kitten. Cerebellar Hypoplasia (CH) is a neurological disorder causing loss of control over movements, i.e., has difficulty standing and walking. Sunny, in foster care, is growing to be a handsome young kitten, almost 7 months old and very affectionate. However, because of his erratic movements, he requires close supervision and stairs must be blocked off so that he does not injure himself.

We trapped a mother cat and her two 3-month-old kittens in August. By the end of September, this mother cat gave birth to another litter of 2 – a very exciting event for staff and volunteers at the sanctuary but sad for the mother who had little time to be a normal adult cat between her two pregnancies.

Similar to last year, a few of our older, long-time resident cats have been lucky and gone to their own home. Bruce, a black 12-year-old cat, and Miss Josephine, a black and white 10-year-old cat, were both at the sanctuary since they were kittens and they are now enjoying the comfort and love of a family of their own. In our last newsletter we mentioned Ross, a lovely, friendly 7-year-old tabby who never seems to be noticed by potential adopters. Ross is still with us, still hoping that his chance will come, along with Haze, who has a very quiet purr, and others. Older cats make very good companions and provide a lot of company for anyone living alone. There is, of course the opposite extreme. In mid-October, a black and white cat was brought in. It had been hanging around local premises for several months and, with winter ahead, the people feeding him were getting concerned. He was a very nice, friendly cat and clearly, in the past, a house cat but no microchip. He went to the vet for vaccines and neutering and a few days later was adopted. The paperwork needed a name, so in light of his rapid adoption, he was named “Lucky” and, just before two weeks were up, Lucky went to his new home. Some wait forever, some go in an instant – adoption dynamics are a mysterious business.

Just like last year, and every year, the onset of winter leads us quickly into Christmas. We have put up a few decorations and some colored lights. It is thought that cats can see colors so perhaps they might enjoy the Christmas lights along with extra treats and toys. We also take this

opportunity to thank our caregivers who look after the cats every day, our volunteers who give their time at the sanctuary and fundraising events and our donors whose generosity keeps a roof over our head and food in the bowls. It takes a lot of time, work, and funding, by a lot of people to keep the sanctuary in operation and we are grateful to and thank everyone involved. On behalf of the people and cats of Second Chance, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SCWS 2019 CALENDAR

Thanks to everyone who supported our sixth annual calendar by submitting pictures of their pets and purchasing our calendar. The Second Chance calendar is one of our major fundraisers. Our seventh annual calendar, year 2019, is now available at the sanctuary, Pickering Village Pet Hospital, Global Pet Foods (Harwood & Bayly) or the Second Chance website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **bottle collection** is an on-going event and is an easy way to help the sanctuary raise money. Empty beer and liquor bottles/cans may be brought to the front of the sanctuary where you will find many bins waiting to be filled with your contribution. Volunteers sort these bottles and cans and return them for cash.

Second Chance volunteers are present at several bingos each month - hope to see you there!

DELTA BINGO HALL, 975 Dillingham Road, Pickering

FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. **Mr. R. Gray**, once again, hosted a Christmas dessert party – Cakes for Cats - in December, 2017 where guests were invited to take a piece of cake home and in return make a donation to Second Chance.
2. In December 2017, **Kristen Calis** held a bake sale and donated all proceeds to Second Chance.
3. Volunteers of Second Chance organized a yard/bake sale and BBQ in May, July and September, 2018 at Second Chance.

4. **Clair Nicklen**, together with her friends and helpers, organized a **Victorian Afternoon Tea** on February 18, 2018 at Vandermeer Nursery in Ajax. This has become an annual event and, as usual, there were many people attending who dressed up in costumes appropriate to the Victorian period. The Victorian Tea makes for a delightful afternoon and one can also shop for spring flowers or decorations while at the Nursery. The proceeds from this event were donated to Second Chance. Please see the pictures below.
5. On April 28, 2018 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 **Barb** and **Joanne** for the many hours they spent securing wonderful donations for the silent auction. The psychic readings provided by **Reverend Anna McDonald** are now a popular part of the Spring Fling. The evening was very successful and enjoyed by all! A list of businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated items for our silent auction appears in the section headed Thank You.
6. Volunteers of Second Chance organized an indoor yard/bake Sale on November 3, 2018 featuring many Christmas items.
7. On December 8 and 9 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.



Victorian Tea

DONATIONS IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Second Chance is grateful to John Crane who very generously requested that, in lieu of Christmas gifts, donations be given to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

DONATIONS HONOURING

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

Bob Boudreau
Gilead
Greta and Lucy

Jaki
Jean Nesbitt

Marlene Richardson
Jill Simpson



BIRTHDAYS

Second Chance is grateful to the following people who very generously requested that, in lieu of birthday gifts, donations be given to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary –

Carolyn Adams
Esme Hotta-Erlach

Rod Maggs
Emma & Jacob Pavone

Angie Provenzano



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Jennifer Lawrance and her husband Jack Lyons gave a donation to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary in celebration of their wedding – thank you! We wish the new couple a long, happy and successful life together.

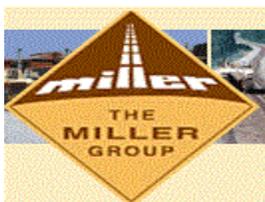
DONATIONS IN LIEU OF RETIREMENT GIFTS

Second Chance is grateful to Joan Richardson who, very generously, requested donations be made to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary in lieu of a retirement gift.

THANK YOU

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

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In March, 2018, **Alisa Pasko** donated food, litter and toys for the cats at Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary. This was a Grade 3 project at Bond Lake Public School in Richmond Hill.

Thank you to **Marie Aldridge** who made a large number of pillowcases to cover the pillows used in the cages for the cats at Second Chance.

Thank you to **Allstate Foundation of Canada** for again supporting our Spring Fling fundraiser. **Mary Lattion-Wells** (volunteer with Second Chance), representing **Allstate Foundation of Canada**, presented **Allstate's** contribution to Phyllis Healey, President of Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.



Thank you to the following organizations/businesses and individuals who very generously gave donations of items to be used in our Silent Auction at the Spring Fling Buffet Dinner held on April 28, 2018:

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
Barb Petty
Bark & Fitz, Whitby
Bella Notte Ristorante, Whitby
Boston Pizza, Ajax, Pickering, Whitby
Bowring, Ajax
Brock St. Brewing Company, Whitby
Brothers Ristorante, Whitby
Caffee Demetre, Whitby
Cathy Weiss
C & C Motors, Whitby
Charley Ronick's Pub, Whitby
Chatterpaul's, Whitby
Cora's, Pickering
Costco, Ajax
DaCosta's No Frills, Pickering
Deer Creek Golf Club, Ajax
Dr. Kevin Tyber, Pickering Village
Duke's Pet Food & Supplies, Whitby
East Side Mario's, Whitby
F. G. Bradley's, Pickering
Global Pet Foods, Whitby
Graziella Fine Jewellery, Whitby
Harpo's Restaurant, Oshawa
Jack Astor's, Pickering, Whitby
Jungle Cat World, Orono
KB Restaurant, Whitby
Kennedy Greenhouses, Markham
Keurig Canada
Krown, Whitby
Lafontaine, Whitby
Lake Ridge Links Golf Course, Brooklin
Laser Quest, Whitby
MLSE Donations (Toronto Raptors), Toronto
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Pam Hendricks
Penney & Co., Whitby
Perkins Restaurant, Pickering
Putting Edge, Whitby
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Swiss Chalet, Bayly St., Ajax
Swiss Chalet, Kingston Rd., Pickering
Swiss Chalet, Taunton Rd., Whitby
Symposium Café, Ajax
The Body Shop, Pickering
The Food & Art Café, Whitby
The Keg Steakhouse & Bar, Head Office
The Lake Grill, Whitby
The Royal Oak, Whitby
Tom's No Frills, Ajax
Toronto Zoo, Toronto
Urban Nature Store, Pickering
Vandermeer Nursery, Ajax
Whispering Ridge Golf Course, Brooklin
Wholesale Club, Whitby
Wholesale Club, Whitby
Wild Wings, Whitby
Williams Chocolates, Whitby
Words on Wood, Whitby



IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Alberto	Ryan McLindon
Alex, a former resident of Second Chance	Alick Morton
April	Herb Moreton
Bisbee Longfellow	Marney Minaker
Charlie, a former resident of Second Chance	Millie, a former resident of Second Chance
Gordon Baxter, spouse	Orange cat
Gerry Clark	Orlando
Charlie, a former resident of Second Chance	Orpheus
Daisy	Pepper
Mrs. Dalloway	Peter
Darcy	Red
Fleur	Rue, a former resident of Second Chance
Sue Grafton	Sassy, friend's cat
Heathcliff	Frank Seymour
Edward Henderson	Michael Seymour
Isolde Apple Blossom	Toby, a former resident of Second Chance
Shaun Johnson, daughter	Maurice Weaver
Levi	Charles, Cabot, Timone, Jacob, Max
Ed Malachowski	Red and Zoe
Baby Marilyn	Samantha and Darcy



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.