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SANCTUARY

The winter of 2018 was a bad one. It started with early snow in November, freezing rain in January, lots of snow and an ice storm in April, topped off by a violent windstorm in May. The winter of 2019 didn't really start until mid-January. Up to then, on many days, it was possible to work outside in a sweater so nature was kinder than last year. Nevertheless, the late start of winter meant less snow cover which lets frost get driven deeper into the ground. Our driveway has several clay areas which in a light snow winter erupt creating muddy sinkholes during the spring thaw. We had several eruptions this year. Fortunately, in August, a Markham construction company donated several truckloads of road grindings from a job on Whites Road. With help from our neighbors and one of our volunteers, we excavated some of the clay eruption zones and filled in with grindings. It remains to be seen how successful this was when the spring thaw comes. Additionally, the grindings were used to improve the upper and lower parking areas and to regrade parts of the driveway.

Our cats are housed in two buildings referred to as the house and the sanctuary separated by a 40 foot concrete sidewalk. Some might remember when it was just a gravel path and later a slippery wood slat pathway. There is considerable traffic between the two buildings. It's not a bad walk in summer, unless it's raining, but it is a bad trip in winter. It has long been our hope to be able to have a cover over the sidewalk. This summer, Sobeys announced that they were closing the store in the Brock/Hwy 2 plaza. Examination of the shopping cart sheds showed that they would be ideal for a sidewalk cover at the sanctuary. As welded steel structures they are rigid and strong and thus able to withstand the powerful winds that blast across the sanctuary from the open fields to the west. Some years ago, those winds destroyed a small tree, impaling branches in the roof of the north room of the house. Sobeys were approached to see if they would donate the cart sheds. In due course, approval was given and 4 sheds were delivered on

September 30. Considerable work was required to put the sheds into service. The concrete sidewalk had to be enlarged and the steel sheds had to be attached and prepared for wall installation. By the end of November, the north wall had been installed and the south wall tarped in. The open circular roof ends have been closed in to the extent possible. There are still more tasks to do to complete the project, but, this winter, in addition to easier and safer transit between the buildings, shovelling the walkway will not be one of them.

Another project completed was the repair and sealing of the foundation area of the south wall of the sanctuary. It turned into one of those tasks which look simple at first but ends up as one problem after another. In some places it was possible to poke a screwdriver through to the outside. It all got fixed. The final phase was to install shelving at window height along most of the wall. The cats now enjoy a “business class – window seat” to stretch out and relax in the sun. They seem to enjoy lying there watching the outdoors. They watch visitors come to the sanctuary and one wonders if the cats hope that one of the visitors will be that special person who will see how special a cat they are and will want to take them home. Yes, cats – like people – can dream – and sometimes dreams come true.

As is well known, our most important activity is our cats. In August, we received a phone call from a man who had found a cat who had been left in a cardboard box in a Toronto park. The lid of the box had knife slits so as to allow air into the box and the cat’s name had been written on the lid. The man wanted to bring the cat to us and wanted assurance that we would not put the cat down. The cat was brought to our vet and upon examination; Teaka was found to weigh 19 pounds and estimated to be approximately 6 years old. A blood test confirmed the vet’s suspicion that Teaka was diabetic. This meant that a foster home had to be found for Teaka as we are not able to handle the timing of needles for a diabetic cat. One of our volunteers agreed to foster Teaka who visits the vet frequently in an effort to keep the diabetes under control.

In September, Dotty – now 3 years old – who had been adopted from us as a kitten, was returned to us as she had not been using her litter box correctly. We believe that Dotty is a very sensitive cat and, as well as her family having adopted a second cat, her home was too active for her. Dotty is doing well and never misses her box so we hope to find a new home for her – one that is very relaxed and quiet and where she will be the only cat in the home.

Just a little update on Sunny (our Cerebellar Hypoplasia kitten), who we mentioned in our last newsletter. Sunny is still in his original foster home and is doing well. Unfortunately, blood tests indicate that Sunny has kidney disease. Sunny manages to roam about the main floor of his foster home and, of course, the stairs are blocked off so that he can’t hurt himself that way.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, a few of our older cats have been lucky and are now in their own homes. Sheldon, one of our older cats who had been at the sanctuary for many years, is now in a foster home and doing very well. Sheldon is a very friendly cat but, because of his requirement to have daily medication to ensure a firm stool, he was constantly overlooked.

Tommy is another older cat to go to his own home. Tommy likes attention but would suddenly decide that he had enough petting and would swat at the person petting him. A mature couple with no children or other animals decided to give Tommy a try and, so far, they are still happy to work with him.

Christmas is nigh upon us. As usual, we have put up a few lights and decorations. The cats are enjoying extra treats and toys. Also as usual, but with equal sincerity, we thank our caregivers who look after our cats all year. We thank all our volunteers who give their time looking after the cats and at fundraising events. We also thank all our donors whose generosity does indeed keep the roofs over our heads (and over the sidewalk) and food in the bowls. There is no better way to put it than to repeat that 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 who contributes. On behalf of the people and cats of Second Chance, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and successful New Year.

SCWS 2020 CALENDAR

Thanks to everyone who supported our seventh annual calendar by submitting pictures of their pets and purchasing our calendar. The Second Chance calendar is one of our major fundraisers. Our eighth annual calendar, year 2020, is now available at the sanctuary, Pickering Village Pet Hospital, Global Pet Foods (Harwood & Bayly) or the Second Chance website.

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, 2018 where guests were invited to take a piece of cake home and in return make a donation to Second Chance.
2. In January, 2019 **Sue De La Franier** held a nail trimming fundraiser at Pet Valu on Dundas Street in Whitby and donated all proceeds to Second Chance.
3. **Global Pets**, Salem Road North in Ajax donated all funds raised during their Show Us Your Heart campaign to Second Chance.
4. **Clair Nicklen** and **George Healey**, together with Clair's helpers and Second Chance volunteers, organized a **Victorian Afternoon Tea** on February 10, 2019 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.



Victorian Afternoon Tea

5. Volunteers of Second Chance organized a yard/bake sale and BBQ in May, July and September, 2019 at Second Chance.
6. On April 27, 2019 volunteers of Second Chance organized a **Spring Fling Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser** at the Pickering Recreation Complex (the O'Brien Room). 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, Dawn, Debra, Joanne and Linda** for the many hours they spent securing wonderful donations for the silent auction. The psychic readings provided by **Luiza Dutra** 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.
7. On October 6, 2019, **Reverend Susan Spiers**, pastor at St. George's Anglican Church in Ajax donated all funds collected during the Blessing of Animals service to Second Chance.
8. Volunteers of Second Chance organized an indoor yard/bake Sale on November 23, 2019 featuring many Christmas items.
9. The City of Toronto Family Support Program held a fundraiser on December 5, 2019 and donated funds raised as well as food and toys for Second Chance cats.

DONATIONS HONOURING

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

Mrs. Dalloway
Fleur
Gilead
Gregorio

Heathcliff
Isolde
orange cat
Orlando

Orphans
Marlene Richardson
Anita and Howard Storey



BIRTHDAYS

Second Chance is grateful to Jacob Pavone who very generously requested that, in lieu of birthday gifts for his 13th birthday, donations be given to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

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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Kelly Pedersen and his daughter, **Robyn**, visited the sanctuary and brought Robyn's painting of a Siamese cat. This painting is hanging on the bulletin board in the front of the sanctuary.

On October 25, to partake in Deloitte's Impact Day, Nicole, Katie, Stephen, Jackie and Farhan came to the sanctuary and spent the day washing and cleaning areas of the house and sanctuary. This work was much appreciated as volunteers usually only clean to this extent at our cleaning days in the spring and fall.



Thank you to **Allstate Foundation of Canada** for again supporting our Spring Fling fundraiser.

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 27, 2019:

Almost Perfect/The Grocery Store, Whitby
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
Barb Petty
Bark & Fitz, Whitby
Bella Notte Ristorante, Whitby
Boston Pizza, Pickering
Boston Pizza, Whitby
Brock St. Brewing Company, Whitby
Brothers Ristorante, Whitby
Carousel Wines, Pickering
Charley Ronick's Pub, Whitby
Chatterpaul's, Whitby
Cupcake Junkie Café, Whitby
Dr. Kevin Tyber, Ajax
East Side Mario's, Whitby
F. G. Bradley's, Oshawa Centre
Global Pet Foods, Whitby
Graziella Fine Jewellery, Whitby
Imagine That Art Gallery, Whitby
Jack Astor's, Pickering
Jack Astor's, Whitby

Melanie Pringle's, Whitby
Mister Pet, Ajax
MLSE Donations (Toronto Maple Leafs)
Moxie's Grill & Bar, Pickering
Nice Bistro, Whitby
Penney & Co., Whitby
Perkins Restaurant, Pickering
Pet Valu, Dundas St., Whitby
Pet Valu, Garden St., Whitby
Pet Valu, Kingston Road, Pickering
Purdy's Chocolatiers, Oshawa
Real Canadian Superstore, Ajax
Reed's Florist, Ajax
Ren's Pet Depot, Ajax
Ren's Pet Depot, Whitby
Reptillia, Whitby
SIRCorp, Head Office
Swiss Chalet, Bayley St., Ajax
Swiss Chalet, Kingston Rd., Pickering
Swiss Chalet, Taunton Rd., Whitby
The Body Shop, Pickering

Jungle Cat World, Orono
KB Restaurant, Whitby
Kennedy Greenhouses, Markham
Keurig Canada
Krown, Whitby
Lafontaine, Whitby
Laser Quest, Whitby
Lois Child
Longo's, Ajax
Mandarin, Pickering
Medieval Times, Toronto

The Keg Steakhouse & Bar, Head Office
The Lake Grill, Whitby
The Royal Oak, Whitby
Tom's No Frills, Ajax
Toronto Zoo, Toronto
Vandermeer Nursery, Ajax
Violet Blooms, Pickering
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 –

Len Anderson
Aris and Fluffy
Gordie Baxter and our children
 with paws
Gini Brown
Charles, Cabot, Timone, Jacob and Max
Ralph Christensen
Downie and Luther
Franklin, much loved cat
Harrison Ford, family cat
Mary Kenny
Majorie Lalonde, friend's mother
Levi
Frank Lusty
Maaya

William David McCowan
Amber McDonald
Caroline McDonald, mother
Helga Martin
Janet Minaker, mother
Niko, Sophia, Marilyn
Panther
Peanut, partner's cat
Red, Zoe and Max
Frank Seymour
Sidney
Audrie Taylor, mother
Christopher Webber
Winston



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

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.

Ritchie and Bobby are 10 month old male siblings currently in foster care and available for adoption.



Ritchie



Bobby