



SECOND CHANCE

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

The phone at the Sanctuary continues to be a **busy** one – the number of calls have not decreased, remaining at 20 to 50 calls a day. Many are concerned people in the community requesting advice and/or assistance regarding animals in distress. However, to our dismay, several of these calls are people wanting to free themselves of their animal friend!

We also have had many older cats brought into the Sanctuary. An example is a beautiful 17-year-old Persian cat whose owner moved and left him behind. This cat has adjusted very well to being surrounded by numerous other cats. Of course, what choice did he have – he certainly would not have been able to fend for himself on the streets!

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, although there is no room at the sanctuary, none of these cats are turned away --- we always manage to squeeze one more in!

NEW RESIDENTS OF THE SANCTUARY

The spring brings many new babies for cats whose owners have been negligent about having their cats spayed. The new mothers seem to miraculously become strays or now that they have babies are no longer wanted. At this point in time, Second Chance has acquired 3 new mother cats and a total of 16 tiny kittens.

ADOPTIONS

Second Chance participated in the PetsMart Adoption Weekend and found homes for six of our feline friends; namely, Hailey, Minty, Arwin (mother of Rio and Lacey, who were adopted during our last stay at the Adoption Centre), the exotic-looking twins Mocha and

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Daisy, as well as Rascal. Second Chance cats will be at PetsMart once again in August – please come by and visit with them or perhaps decide to make one of them a part of your family.

Sunny, Pumpkin, Honeybun and Marmalade were also recently adopted directly from the Sanctuary. Rocky and Peekers, who were in a foster home, have won the hearts of the people fostering them and have now been adopted.



LOCATION SIGN

The Sanctuary has been given a new street sign thanks to a generous donation by **Stefan Makovskis** of **Alpha Omega Signs** in Port Perry. It is two-sided and therefore can be read from both approach directions on Concession Road 7. It is big! The main body of the sign measures 4' by 8' and is mounted on two 6' x 6' posts concreted in the ground.



Murray Carson owns the property on the opposite side of the road and he has kindly given his permission for us to install the sign on his land, opposite the sanctuary's entrance. This means that the sign is not obscured by trees when cars approach from the west along

Concession Road 7. We hope that it will increase the animal adoption rate by making more people aware of one of the Sanctuary's purposes. If you are in the market for a sign, please contact Stefan at 905-985-1647, Cell 416-791-8408, Toll Free 877-406-9460 or email sign@signfixer.com.

 **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.



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"!

Second Chance appreciates the effort and time expended on selling tickets on one of "Kim's creative baskets" by some of the students at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby. This group of students are known as the Animal Care Crew and their enthusiasm with this raffle is to be commended.

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Second Chance would like to express our appreciation to Christy for once again employing her accounting expertise in the completion of our annual Federal Registered Charity Information Return and the preparation of our Financial Statements. The Information Return is a charitable organization's equivalent of a tax return and provides the government with a charity's financial details, program information, methods of fundraising, etc.

Richard, a long-time volunteer who wore more than one hat with Second Chance, has decided to leave his position as Treasurer. Second Chance is very grateful for Richard's help over the last few years and, though his great record keeping abilities will be missed; we are happy that he has decided to continue volunteering his help as gardener.

DONATIONS

It is now possible to make donations to the Sanctuary securely on line through CanadaHelps.org. - simply access the Second Chance web site and follow the instructions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary continues to operate a charity bingo every other Friday afternoon at 3:30. Hope to see you there! The place is:

BINGO COUNTRY, 610 Monarch Drive,
Ajax, Ontario

The dates are: May 27, June 10, 24 -- (and continuing every other week)

The Animal Rescue Crew at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby is

holding a yard sale in support of Second Chance on Saturday, June 11 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Watch for our signs in the area of Dryden and Anderson Streets on June 11th, *come in and browse* as we just might have the 'treasure' you need!



FUND RAISING PUB NIGHT

The **Corral** in Oshawa & KX96FM's **Pete Walker** provided an evening of karaoke including a silent auction and draws in support of Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary on May 19th. Special thanks to **Carla** for organizing this fun event; **MJ** for managing the silent auction; and **Kim** for once again providing creative baskets for the silent auction. This event proved to be a huge success!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Second Chance is always in need of people to help care for the animals both at the Sanctuary and during our time at PetsMart. **We are in desperate need of someone with veterinary experience to come to the Sanctuary at least once each week and give health checks to and clip nails of our resident cats.** Volunteer drivers are also needed for transporting the cats for medical attention and the occasional grooming.

We are still in need of someone with a pickup truck who would be willing to help us, when needed, to pick up a donation of leftover material from an individual's construction project. If you have a pickup truck or know of someone who does and are willing to help us when needed, please call Joyce. These pickups may be arranged to suit your timetable.

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