



SECOND CHANCE

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

The new year picked up where the old one ended. 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!

Office appropriately named her Icicle. She is residing at the Sanctuary and, even though she has suffered at the hands of humans, she loves any attention given to her.

We have also had numerous cats who 'have lost their owners' brought into the sanctuary and, though 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

PETSMArt ADOPTIONS

The condition of some of the animals arriving at the Sanctuary is very distressing - one new arrival is just skin and bone, this little cat was near frozen when found. The Vet examining her was unable to get a temperature reading she was so cold! The people at the Veterinary

Our stay at the PetsMart Adoption Centre during December was cut short due to the holiday period. However, we were successful in finding loving homes for five of our cats; namely, Sara, Oreo (who some of you may remember when she had to have a hip removed a few years ago), Cagney, Tulip and her beautiful baby, Tiger Lily.

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If you visited the PetsMart Adoption Centre at all during February, you would have seen a small sample of the Sanctuary cats. We were lucky enough to find homes for Leeann (a lovely brown and orange tabby who will prove to be a great 'lap cat'), Creamsicle (a long-time resident of the sanctuary), Rio and Lacy. We wish only the best for these cats in their new homes!

We will be back at the Adoption Centre for the month of April – drop by and visit with some of our little creatures – they all love the attention.



PETSMART PHOTOS

Several volunteers of Second Chance contributed their valuable time for three weekends in December to do the photo shoot of pets with Santa offered by PetsMart. For every photo package purchased, PetsMart donated \$5.00 to Second Chance.

Furry friends, young and old, big and small, lined up to have their picture taken with Santa. There was even the occasional bird, cat, ferret and a skinny pig. Many were dressed up for the occasion, with Santa hats, antlers and jingle bell collars. It was all in good fun, for a good cause and at the same provided cherished memories.



Thank you to Adriana, Bogna, Corrie, Melissa, MJ, Petra, Sarah and, on occasion, friends of the volunteers for participating either as Santa or the photographer. Second Chance would like to thank PetsMart for this great opportunity to reach out to the community



PETSMART CHARITIES

The Sanctuary applied for a grant from PetsMart Charities late last year and, in January, was fortunate to be approved to receive financial assistance with the spaying or neutering of the cats during the current year. Second Chance is very grateful for this grant, which will help enormously with the Sanctuary expenses during this year.



VALENTINE DANCE



The eighth annual fundraising Valentine Dance was held at Papps Restaurant on Friday, February 11th and, though the attendance was low, it was successful. A big thank you to Adriana, Elsie, Melissa, MJ, and Phyllis for all their efforts - from soliciting for donations for the silent auction to the fabulous job done on decorating the room. A special thank you to: **Dickson Printing** for, once again, supplying the admission tickets; **Party Tyme** for, again, providing the balloons and decorations; **3-Sheets to the Wind Band (formerly Funny Farm Band)** for providing an evening of enjoyable music and fun; **Kim** for the creative baskets prepared for the silent auction; and **Chris** for making **Papps** party room available,

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providing the buffet, and their general hospitality for this event

Next year our fundraising Valentine Dance will be held at the same place on Saturday, February 11th ---- so make a note on your calendar to keep this date open.

 **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.



 **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

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The dates are: March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29 -- (and continuing every other week)

 **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. 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.

 **WILDLIFE TIPS** 

Contrary to what most people think, birds have a poor sense of smell. So, if you put a baby bird back in its nest, the parents won't reject it because it has been touched by a human.

If you find a sick or injured animal, carefully place it in a warm dark box (ensuring that it can still breathe) and rush the animal to a nearby wildlife sanctuary, humane society or veterinary clinic for treatment. It is important that you handle the animal as little as possible and don't offer it any food or water.