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PETSMART ADOPTIONS

“BEST WISHES” for the Holiday Season from Second Chance to all of you!

This year was exceptionally busy for the Sanctuary and also very disconcerting in view of the financial problems. Now that the cold weather is beginning to settle in, the calls to the sanctuary are more frequent and anxious about cats that are seen wandering the streets or taking up residence in some one's yard and do not appear to have a home or some one to care for them. The most recent call was from a grocery store in Ajax, when one of the employees found two boxes outside the door. A mother cat and three babies were in the boxes. Though the sanctuary is full and not in the best financial position --- there was really no choice for Second Chance --- the residents increased by four!

We were back at PetsMart Adoption Centre for the month of September – which also included the PetsMart Adoption Weekend. This time proved to be very successful for Second Chance as loving homes were found for 15 of our cats; namely, Blake, Mia, Rupert, Liquorice, Tanya, Tuxedo, Willy, Daisy, Logan, Skunk, Marble, three unnamed kittens and a calico mother cat. We will be back at the Adoption Centre during January – please come and visit and if you know of anyone who is looking for an animal friend, please be sure to mention Second Chance to them.

Second Chance does not encourage the giving of a pet as a gift. Bringing a pet into the home requires a lifetime commitment. Many pets given as presents are surrendered to shelters because the person receiving the gift, and their family, are not prepared or willing to take on the enormous responsibility of caring for a new pet.

Help prevent the increase in domestic animal population - **PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET!**

Even if acquiring a pet has been thoroughly considered and planned, the holiday season is not a good time to introduce a pet to the home. The hustle and bustle of the holiday is a stressful time and will make it difficult for the new pet to settle. If you are prepared, adopt your pet, but bring it home after Christmas, or better yet, in the new year.



VALENTINE DANCE



The annual fundraising Valentine Dance is scheduled for **February 9th**. Please plan on coming out and enjoying an evening of dining and dancing while considering your bids on the items available for the silent auction. The band 3 Sheets 2 the Wind will provide the music, and tickets are \$25.00 per person. The location is:

PAPPS Restaurant - 1755 Pickering Parkway

Cocktails 7:00 p.m.
 Buffet Dinner 8:00 p.m.



FUNDRAISING THANKS

Many thanks to the volunteers involved with organizing the following events:

1. Bronwen Hennigar who made arrangements with the Liquor store at Brock Street and Taunton Road in Whitby to stand outside the store on October 16th and request donations for Second Chance. Bronwen is a student at Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby.
2. Madeline Johnston who set up a table representing Second Chance at the Gemini Jewellery Craft Sale held by

Rolanda Morin in Oshawa on October 25, 26 and 27.

3. M.J. Galaski, Bronwen Henniger, Phyllis Healey, Madeline Johnston, Steve Lloyd, Rita Mak, Simona Vilcu for their efforts in selling the Hudson Bay Giving Day tickets which were used to receive discounts on goods purchased at Hudson Bay stores on Saturday, November 3.
4. Bottle Drive and Bake Sale held by St. Francis Guardians of Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School during the month of October. These two events were organized by M. J. Galaski, who volunteers for the sanctuary and is also a teacher at Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby.
5. Christina Lane, a 10-year-old living in Port Perry, collected bottles as well as treats on Halloween, donating the proceeds from the bottles to Second Chance.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Laura Bortoluss and her new husband. The customary 'clinking' of glasses at the wedding reception to have the bride and groom kiss was replaced by donations to Second Chance ---- thank you.



IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Candace Head
 Mandy

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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.

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Dr. MAGGIE



Eden Conservation Trust



The Beatrice Watson-Acheson Foundation

Second Chance is very grateful to many of our regular donors for their increased financial help which has kept us going!

Timber and Bear, the resident dogs at the sanctuary, are looking good which is due to **Dr. Maggie**, a hair replacement tonic. This tonic worked wonders in replacing the hair on Bear's hind end and tail and various parts of Timber's body. **Dr. Maggie** also worked its magic on two ferrets that had completely lost their hair. After receiving several doses of **Dr. Maggie**, their body hair was completely restored. **Dr. Maggie** also produces a natural joint remedy which has proved to be very beneficial for animals suffering from arthritis. **Dr. Maggie** is produced locally in Pickering and may be purchased at **Mr. Pet's** in Ajax.

A special “**thank you**” to our volunteers, without whom the Sanctuary would not be able to function – each one of you plays an important part – whether it is cleaning cages/litter boxes, feeding cats, driving cats to the Vet or helping Joyce in the house. The animals and Joyce appreciate you and look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

NEWSLETTERS

Second Chance usually issues five newsletters each year which, with the rising cost of postage, proves to be very expensive. In an effort to reduce our costs, and, as suggested by one of our donors, we would like to begin to send our newsletters via email. Of course, we realize that all people do not have access to a computer and so, there will still be some newsletters go by regular mail. **We would appreciate receiving your email address so that we can begin our preparations to this end.**

“**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**”



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LIFE

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back -

1. Time
2. Words
3. Opportunity

Three things in life that can destroy a person -

1. Anger
2. Pride
3. Unforgiveness

Three things in life that you should never lose -

1. Hope
2. Peace
3. Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable –

1. Love
2. Family & Friends
3. Kindness

Three things in life that are never certain -

1. Fortune
2. Success
3. Dreams

Three things in life that make a person -

1. Commitment
2. Sincerity
3. Hard work

SLOW DANCE

Have you ever watched kids
On a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain
Slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?
You better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Do you run through each day
On the fly?
When you ask How are you?
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done
Do you lie in your bed
With the next hundred chores
Running through your head?
You'd better slow down
Don't dance so fast.
The music won't last.

Ever told your child,
We'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste,
Not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch,
Let a good friendship die
Cause you never had time
To call and say, 'Hi'
You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day,
It is like an unopened gift....
Thrown away.
Life is not a race.
Do take it slower
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

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