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SANCTUARY PARTIALLY DESTROYED AND SMOKE-FILLED BY FIRE

On June 15 at approximately 4:30 p.m. the worst thing imaginable for Second Chance happened --- **THE SANCTUARY WAS ON FIRE!!** Luckily, two men associated with the Sanctuary were on the scene and had the presence of mind to break in the door where the majority of smoke appeared and start hosing the fire. The Fire Department arrived very quickly and after ensuring the fire was out rescued the caged cats from the intense heat and smoke-filled building.

The majority of the cats were saved, thanks to the dedicated effort of the firemen, who even provided oxygen to some of the felines. Dr. Donovan, veterinarian for Second Chance, very kindly spent several hours at the Sanctuary that evening examining the cats. Two baby kittens

and a rabbit were the only casualties as a direct result of the fire.

RESTORATION OF THE SANCTUARY

Special thanks to **Carmen**, who canvassed many businesses in the GTA to have materials donated to be used in the restoration of the Sanctuary. Many thanks to **George** and **Richard** who undertook the job of stripping out the old wiring and completely rewiring the Sanctuary. Thanks to the volunteers who have worked on rebuilding the wall that was completely burned in the volunteers' room, applied several coats of paint (a special paint was donated which gets rid of the smoke smell), washed cages and walls, vacuumed and cleaned up the mess left after the fire.

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We are hoping that the Sanctuary will be ready to house the cats once again some time in October.

During this period of restoration, the Sanctuary has been without laundry facilities (due to the lack of electricity) and it is with much gratitude that we thank **Betty, Margaret and Sarah** for pitching in and keeping this dirty job under control.

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!

NEW RESIDENTS OF THE SANCTUARY

Despite the fact that all existing residents of the Sanctuary are being housed temporarily in an old leaky portable, Second Chance has acquired numerous new cats, some of which were pregnant or already had new babies with them.

We also have had many mature cats brought into the Sanctuary. An example is a beautiful 2-year-old Persian cat whose owner, or member of the family, developed allergies so, of course, the cat must go. Another example is a lovely declawed 6-year old black cat whose owner left him at the Sanctuary simply because his “partner” also had a cat, and the two cats didn’t get along. One would think that this type of problem could be solved by simply restricting the cats to certain floors.

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, although there is no room at the sanctuary, none of these cats are turned away --- and this is even more apparent at this particular time when we are operating in such temporary housing.



ADOPTIONS

A small showing of Second Chance cats was at PetsMart during the month of August. Xenia, Foozy, Marie and mother, Meggie, (the mother and her two babies will remain a family as they were all adopted by one person) as well as two unnamed kittens have all found new caring homes.

Second Chance will be participating in the PetsMart Adoption Weekend (September 16, 17 and 18) and we will be at PetsMart once again in November – please come by and visit with the cats or perhaps decide to make one of them a part of your family.

FOSTER CARE

From time to time, Second Chance has a number of cats and/or kittens in need of foster homes. It is impossible to know how long these foster homes would be needed, as it is completely dependent on the cat/kitten being adopted or on the animal being able to be moved into the Sanctuary. Currently, we have a mother cat and four 9-week-old kittens in need of foster care. If you or someone you know feels that they could offer this care, please call the Sanctuary.

As an alternative to “in your home foster care”, you may be interested in making a commitment to visit the Sanctuary at least weekly and choose a cat/kitten that you would like to give special care to i.e. individual attention such as brushing, checking the cat’s eyes and ears,

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giving the cage a thorough cleaning, etc. and/or whatever you feel should be done for the cat.

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.



Special thanks to the following business who have very generously donated supplies to assist with the ongoing restoration of the Sanctuary since the fire:

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| Chas A. Bradley & Sons | Mason Windows |
| Coldwell Banker | Peacock Lumber |
| Color Your World | Rona |
| CRCS | Selleck Pools |
| Glidden Paints | Sherwin Williams |
| Home Depot | Torbram Electric |
| ICI Paints | The Wire Mart |

Second Chance is very grateful to Mason Windows for providing and installing windows for the Sanctuary a second time. Mason Windows very generously supplied the windows for the house and sanctuary during the original renovation.

Thank you to the following supporters for their generous donations:

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| Alpha Omega Signs | S. Lloyd |
| E. Brockhouse | J. Perry |
| R. Brockhouse | L. Perry |
| Maria Davies, in trust | R. Slana |
| J. & M Grace | F. Stotl |
| T. Komossa | Barron Family Fdn |
| Beatrice Watson-Acheson Foundation | |

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.

The biggest wish of the owner of Second Chance is to be able to relocate the sanctuary to a property which would be under the ownership of Second Chance. If there is any one who currently owns property (approximately 10 acres) that they would like to donate or sell reasonably, please contact Joyce.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY

Second Chance is now a member of HBC Rewards Community program. Thank you to **Lorraine Mooring** who generously donated the points necessary to become a member and to **Jay Purcell** who also offered points. The public ID number for Second Chance is **ID 8925939**. Points may be collected at the **Bay, Zeller's** and **Home Outfitters**. Anyone wishing to donate their points to Second Chance may do so by setting up a donation from their own personal account, either on line or in one of the Hudson Bay stores, Zeller's, or Home Outfitters. One needs only to decide what percentage of points to donate – from 10% to 100%.

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To donate on line, the web site is www.hbc.com/HBCREWARDS/program/community/communityContact/aboutCommunity.asp

The following instructions will be useful once one has entered this web site:

1. click on "link" (second bullet under 1.)
2. click on "search for a community to make a donation"
3. enter Second Chance Community ID #8925939, then click on "continue"
4. enter your personal HBC card number
5. click on "donate points" (top of page, right hand side)
6. enter percentage to be donated (from 10% to 100%), start date and end date (it is not necessary to fill in "end date" if you wish to continue donating)
7. click on "save"
8. enter your name, address and postal code, click on "submit"
9. click on "save"
10. click on "submit"

If a problem is encountered while trying to donate points on line, please contact Teresa (416-690-4978) for assistance.

Collecting these points will help Second Chance to obtain many items needed for the Sanctuary such as paper towels, facial tissue, (both these items seem to be in constant demand) pillows for the cages, etc.

WHITBY HARBOUR DAYS

Second Chance had a table at the Whitby Harbour Days held July 16 and 17 at the Whitby Marina. We displayed our poster and gave out calendars and booklets on Second Chance. We also ran a raffle on a basket filled with kitchen goodies -- the winner of which is Karen Cashin.

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: September 16, 30, October 14, 28 -- (and continuing every other week).



DUCKS IN NEED OF A HOME

We have hundreds of ducks that were rescued from the airport late last winter. As the winter season is fast approaching, it is imperative for us to find homes for these ducks -- ideally a farm with a pond. These are domestic ducks and will require shelter during the winter. We must insist that if you are interested in acquiring any of these ducks that you plan on taking at least six. If you have such a setting and need some ducks to beautify your pond, please let us know.

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.

The cats thoroughly enjoy being groomed or receiving a good combing. Unfortunately, Second Chance does not currently have any one

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with this kind of experience able to volunteer their services. If you are able to assist in this area --- even if it is only occasionally, please call.

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.

Second Chance Wish List

- Metal storage cabinets and storage shelves
- Cat carriers – large size
- Filing cabinets – 2 or 4 drawer
- Paper towels, Kleenex and garbage bags
- Clumping cat litter
- Laundry detergent for our kitty blankets, towels and sheets
- Science diet kitten dry food
- Fancy feast wet food – no fish
- Pet treats
- Non-latex gloves (medium)
- Pine or hardwood shavings

Cats Available for Adoption



Mrs. Gray and her two handsome sons have been at the Sanctuary since February. They are a very clean and quiet family and need to be adopted together. The mother and one son are very affectionate and enjoy lots of attention. The other young lad is quite timid but with some time and attention will be just as affectionate as his mother and sibling.



Ghost



Wolfie

Many, many more cats at the Sanctuary waiting for loving caring homes.

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