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SANCTUARY

The future of the sanctuary is looking very bleak!! Second Chance Sanctuary is in danger of closing the doors due to lack of funds. The fate of over 300 cats and various other animals is at stake. Please donate what you can now to help us keep our animals safe.

The vet expenses and food costs for numerous cats are astronomical. Bingo Country in Ajax has closed the end of September and the bingo that Second Chance ran there (once a week for the last few months) was our only source of regular income. The sanctuary can not continue to operate on donations alone – some form of weekly/monthly income is a **MUST**. Fundraisers such as the Valentine Dance, the 50's and 60's concert, as well as various events handled by volunteers do provide some income but a regular income is a necessity.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The sanctuary continues to be busy with many calls regarding placement of “stray” cats, new mothers, numerous babies and (the unthinkable) cats that are being turned out by their owners due to allergy problems. The sanctuary continues to open the door to many of these animals though, with over 300 cats, there really isn't the room or financial means to handle these new residents.

You may remember that in the Spring/Summer newsletter mention was made of the two “declawed” cats who were left on the grounds of the sanctuary. At the time of that newsletter, the two cats had been caught and brought into the sanctuary and it was thought that all was well with them. However, within a few days the one cat (who had spent at least an entire night outside listening to the coyotes and whatever other strange noises – for an indoor cat) became sick. This cat was taken to the vet and after a couple of days there **DIED**. Without an autopsy (which the sanctuary cannot afford), the cause of death was unknown. One can only assume that the

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upheaval and then the sanctuary itself was just too much for the cat to handle. This cat's buddy, who is now known as Qubert, is adjusting but certainly not thriving in the sanctuary!

Dusty, appropriately named by his finder, was found at the side of a road in Pickering. When Dusty (approximately 3 months of age) arrived at the sanctuary, he was immediately taken to the vet as he could not walk – the diagnosis was 2 broken hind legs, hips and tail. As the sanctuary is in such a poor financial state, and medical help for Dusty would be very expensive, Joyce appealed for help – over the phone (Joyce was not able to make the trip to the television station) – on Animal House Calls. This appeal resulted in several small donations and one lady called to say that she would cover all medical expenses for Dusty – in fact, she wanted Dusty moved to the emergency vet in downtown Toronto. Based on this promise, Dusty underwent surgery. The surgery itself was successful but poor little Dusty died as a result of a heart attack. Poor affectionate Dusty had to endure too much suffering --- laying at the side of a road for an unknown period of time during which his body was infested with ticks and fly larvae. **Then, to our dismay, the lady caller's generosity also died and Second Chance was left to cover the \$1,000 vet bill.**

The sanctuary could not operate without donations but unfulfilled promises, made at a time when the sanctuary is on the brink of disaster, will not help the cause!

Duchess and Patches were left at the sanctuary by their owner who promised to visit often during the time that they were to be at the sanctuary. As you can imagine, sanctuary life is vastly different than that of a house cat – which was what Duchess and Patches had formerly been. Their owner seldom visited the cats and it was apparent that the cats were not happy. After a few weeks, it was obvious that

Duchess was losing weight and not eating. Duchess continued to go down hill and eventually she died. Patches lived for several weeks after the death of Duchess but then he also started to decline. The vet thought tube feeding would perhaps save Patches' life. When the owner was made aware of this; he chose euthanasia for Patches! Unfortunately, Patches died before action could be taken to possibly save his life. Patches and Duchess arrived healthy but life in a cage was a far cry from their previous life in a house with people who supposedly cared for them. Perhaps more frequent visits may have warded off their depression and a happy outcome may have resulted.

Late one night recently, a call came into the sanctuary indicating that a box filled with kittens had been left at the bottom of the laneway to the sanctuary. Joyce advised the caller that the sanctuary was full but the caller promptly responded that she did not want the kittens and hung up. Joyce was unable to go out late at night to find the box and had to call upon a volunteer to come and investigate. A box which was taped closed was found and in it were seven kittens approximately seven weeks of age. Once again, though the sanctuary was full, room was made for the unwanted kittens. If only people were responsible enough to do what should be done -- **spay and/or neuter their pets!**

FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. Bake and art sale held at the Oshawa Zoo was organized by Amanda Tawde who is currently in her last year at Holy Trinity High School in Curtis.
2. Musical concert organized by William Hunt and his friends Alex, age 8, and

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Jenna, age 7, in which their band The Lemonade Monsters performed.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Ken Mantle and his new wife. The customary ‘clinking’ of glasses at the wedding reception to have the bride and groom kiss was replaced by donations to Second Chance ---- \$110 was raised for Second Chance from the touching of lips -- thank you.



IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

James
Chevy
Heathcliffe
Spencer
Sarah Jane Smith

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.

CLUBLINK
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Second Chance would like to thank Martha Cronyn who, once again came to the rescue of Second Chance.

Thank you to Jason, the professional dog trainer, who has been working with Jack and Jerry in an effort to “humanize” these dogs so that they will be ready for adoption before the winter weather sets in.

Second Chance would like to acknowledge and thank Al of Mr. Pet for his support of the sanctuary over the years.

A special thank you to **Ajax Pet Care** for the extra care and attention they have provided to Bear and Timber, the resident dogs at the sanctuary. Both Bear and Timber are senior dogs and are still very much in need of frequent baths.

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”!



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.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY

Second Chance is now a member of HBC Rewards Community program. 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

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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%.

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.

These points will help Second Chance to obtain many items needed for the Sanctuary such as paper towels, facial tissue, and pillows for the cages.

We also gratefully accept Canadian Tire Money!



BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

In our last two newsletters, we mentioned how prosperous Second Chance would be if everyone in the GTA donated just **ONE** loonie towards Second Chance or, if a loonie could not be spared, gather up your pennies and please involve your friends, family and neighbours in this project. We were also prepared to keep a running total of the amount of loonies/pennies received. Regretfully, we do not have an amount to report!



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PETsMART

A very few of Second Chance cats were at PetsMart during the month of September. This visit in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with 15 cats being adopted, namely; Blake, Rupert, Mia, Daisy, Tanya, Liquorice, Tuxedo, Logan, Mrs. Calico, Willy,

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Skunk, Marble, three unnamed kittens (these were part of the seven kittens left in a cardboard box at the end of the lane leading to Second Chance.

Please drop by to visit the next time Second Chance cats are at PetsMart which will be January of next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HBC Giving Day

On **Saturday, November 3rd**, we invite you to join us for The Giving Day to help raise funds for Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Giving Day is a one day, exclusive shopping event to be held at all Bay stores across Canada on November 3rd, during regular business hours. Simply by purchasing a ticket for \$5, you will be entitled to an extra 15% off almost everything in store – just in time for the holiday season!

At time of purchase, ticket holders will also be entered into a draw for a chance to win a \$2,500 pre-holiday makeover or one of five \$100 Hbc Gift Cards. The day will also feature plenty of entertainment, special events and so much more!

Our organization gets to keep the \$5 from each ticket we sell, helping to raise much-needed funds. It's a win-win situation!

We hope you will join us for The Giving Day. To purchase your ticket, contact Joyce at 905-649-8282.

BOTTLE DRIVE

On **Saturday, October 14th**, Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby is

holding a bottle drive – the proceeds will go to Second Chance – so mark your calendars, save up your bottles and help our cats!

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.

SECOND CHANCE ANIMALS URGENTLY NEED A PERMANENT HOME

A large section of our last newsletter was devoted to making our readers aware of this urgent need for property and a permanent home for Second Chance cats and other animals. This is a need that has existed since Joyce Smith first founded Second Chance in 1996. The sanctuary's mandate is to aid orphaned, sick or injured, and abandoned animals.

If you would be willing to donate land (ideally in the Durham area) or money to **purchase property please contact Joyce at your earliest convenience at 905-649-8282.**

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Cats Available for Adoption



Chrissy, 4 year old spayed female. Chrissy may be big but it's because she's harbouring SO MUCH LOVE. She has a superb personality and will fill any home with joy and affection



Alice, adult spayed female. Alice (affectionately known as Flip Flop) has had a rough life. Like so many kittens, she and her 3 siblings were abandoned to certain death. Although they found their way to Second Chance, only Alice and her brother Alex survived. Because of her illness as a kitten, Alice has a wobbly back-end but this only makes her more endearing to those who know her. She seems to be making up for the misery of her kittenhood by playing with everyone who comes along.



Neela, adult neutered male. declawed, We think Neela was hit by a car before he came to us so it's quite wonderful to see how happy and healthy he's looking these days. It does seem that Neela is overwhelmed by the number of cats at the sanctuary so we think he would be best as an only cat or maybe in a household with just one or two other friendly felines. He is very quiet and tends to do his own thing so would make a lovely, relaxed companion.



Sable, adult neutered male, along with his brother Jinx, has been with us for quite some time now, ever since he was a kitten, in fact. Our hearts always go out to our poor, overlooked black kitties who just don't get the attention they deserve. Although he is not a lap cat, Sable is affectionate and he ADORES other cats. He is very nurturing towards younger animals so would be just fine with a brood of kittens.

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