



Spring/Summer 2007 Newsletter

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The sanctuary is always a busy place but the spring and summer seasons seem to be an especially busy time. Many of the calls received are from people who have discovered either pregnant cats or new mother cats with babies. Of course, all of these calls are seeking assistance in finding a home for these stray cats. Three new mother cats have recently been accommodated at the sanctuary with a total of 13 kittens among them. There is really not the room for these new residents at the sanctuary but how can one refuse to help a homeless, unwanted family. The sanctuary is over loaded, so much so that many street cats have been refused admittance.

Then there are people who take advantage of the sanctuary by just dropping their “once loved” pets off on the sanctuary grounds not once giving any thought to the very real possibility that these animals could be lunch or

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dinner for the coyotes before they are ever found by workers/volunteers in the sanctuary. This was the case with the two cats – both “declawed” by the way – who were recently dropped off and were lucky enough to be caught and brought into the “too full” sanctuary before they were injured or worse yet killed!

SANCTUARY

Spring brings many repair jobs to the forefront and I’m sure the new board walkway which, Richard has constructed and installed with assistance from George, will be much appreciated as it will now be much easier and safer for people visiting the sanctuary or going from the sanctuary to the house.

Richard has very generously donated a new golf cart which was very much needed as the old one ended the winter beyond repair. The new golf cart is especially appreciated by Glen, who is the primary “outside” animal caregiver, on his endless trips with food, water and “refuse”.

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Many thanks to Pick-a-Mix for the donation of gravel early in the spring. Some of this gravel was used by various volunteers to fill the huge potholes on the driveway leading to the sanctuary. These potholes were so large that one would almost get lost in them or at the very least do damage to the bottom of their vehicle.

Thanks to WalMart employees for helping to beautify the grounds at the sanctuary by planting a small flower garden - this garden is located at the base of the hill leading up to the sanctuary and contains a lilac bush which is now blooming .



FUNDRAISING THANKS

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

1. Penny drive held by Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School during the month of March which provided \$900 to the Sanctuary. This drive was organized by M. J. Galaski, who volunteers for the sanctuary and is also a teacher at Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby.
2. Bake Sale held in March, organized by Bronwen Hennigan who volunteers at SCWS while still attending high school
3. WalMart for their Looney Drive to benefit SCWS held during March and provided \$1,300
4. Pub Trivia, which was advertised in our previous newsletter, held on a Sunday afternoon in April and organized and run by Fiona Forrest. This proved to be a very entertaining afternoon although, unfortunately, attendance was low. However, in spite of the lack of people Fiona managed to raise \$1,100 for the sanctuary.
5. 50/60's show/dance, silent auction held on May 26 at the Legion in Pickering and organized primarily by Helen McKay as she was the one who was in contact with Joe Fischer -- the man of many voices. MJ did a wonderful job as MC and Carol, George, Melissa, Petra and Phyllis all assisted in making this evening a success. This event brought in \$1,100 for the sanctuary.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BELATED 80TH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Muriel Hayes, who very generously requested that, in lieu of

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birthday gifts, donations be given to Second Chance – thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Michael Head and his new wife. The newly-wed couple have very generously requested that, in lieu of wedding gifts, donations be given to Second Chance – thank you.



IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

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

Candace Head
Dax
Ed and Paddy Boy
Foo Foo and Peaches
Gord Inglis
Jeff MacLean
Mildred Doone
Pierre Leger
Pierre and Miss Eliza
Thor

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 rescued Second Chance in the early spring with her large donation enabling the many veterinary bills to be paid.

Second Chance appreciates and would like to thank Frank Stotl for his donations at various times during the year over the past few years.

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 currently in need of a weekly bath with special shampoo.

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 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.

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.



BRING US YOUR LOONIES/PENNIES

In our winter newsletter, we mentioned how prosperous Second Chance would be if everyone in the GTA donated just **ONE** loonie towards Second Chance. If you can't spare a loonie, please gather up your pennies and

please involve your friends, family and neighbours in this project. Please feel free to bring a bag of pennies up to the sanctuary or write a cheque once you have gathered the pennies --- we will happily keep count and post this in the next newsletter.



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PETSMART

A very few of Second Chance cats were at PetsMart during the month of May and part of June. This visit in PetsMart proved to be very successful for Second Chance with eleven cats being adopted, namely; Bumpy, Kiki, Damien, Darrien, Domenic, Bear, Vanna, Boots, Dora, Sketch and the unnamed grey and white kitten.

Though we were all happy to see these lucky felines find loving homes, it was, nevertheless, heartbreaking to have to bring Cleo (resident at the sanctuary for 9 years) back. Hopefully, during our next visit at PetsMart, Cleo will be one of the chosen!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary continues to operate a charity bingo every other Friday afternoon at 3:30 and every other Sunday morning at 8:45. Hope to see you there! The place is:

BINGO COUNTRY, 610 Monarch Drive,
Ajax, Ontario
The dates are: July 15, 20, 29, Aug. 3 -- (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. **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.**

Second Chance currently has two dogs, approximately 9 months of age that were rescued in the early spring. These dogs are in desperate need of obedience training --- if you or anyone you know is a professional dog trainer and would be interested in volunteering your services to help these dogs, please call as soon as possible. It would be nice if these two dogs could be trained and adopted before the winter weather is upon us again.

Volunteer drivers are also needed for transporting the cats for medical attention and the occasional grooming.

SECOND CHANCE ANIMALS URGENTLY NEED A PERMANENT HOME

Joyce Smith has loved animals her entire life encouraged by parents who did not blink an eye

at the addition of a bedraggled raccoon or orphaned squirrel to their household. This was a family who could not turn a blind eye to suffering or abuse, who would cradle a baby bird against the wind or nurse a kitten back to health even if it meant not sleeping for days on end.

With such a background it was inevitable that Joyce would make animal rescue her calling and her passion. No matter where her life took her (and it has been a tortuous path) the animals were always there rescuing her as she rescued them. Wherever she lived, there was bound to be some lost soul feeding off the hope that compassion brings.

With each broken wing or burnt tail which crossed Joyce's doorstep the dream of having a place where animals could be free from harm grew stronger and stronger. She knew that a house in the suburbs was not the answer to the growing problem of cat overpopulation, wildlife injuries and general animal abuse. The animals needed a haven.

But havens are not easy to come by and in order to make the dream a reality compromises had to be made. So, in 1996, Joyce decided that the compromise of land, generously provided by Club Link, was worth it to finally have a safe place for her charges.

Thus "Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary" in Pickering was born. Animals of all kinds have lived on the property recovering from almost every form of neglect and abuse you care to dream up. Joyce has rescued and rehabilitated foxes, deer, skunks, raccoons, goats, ducks, rabbits, geese, pigs and, of course, cats. Her compassion is not limited by the boundaries of species.

Throughout the years Joyce has given up any semblance of a life of her own to care for society's cast-offs. She barely eats or sleeps, does not take vacations and is in so much

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physical pain that some days she can barely move. A very astute and hard-working businesswoman, Joyce accumulated a fair amount of money throughout her life but that is all gone now, every last penny spent to pay for mounting vet bills, food and litter costs. There will be no retirement fund for this 78 year old, no cottage in the Kawarthas.

As the work becomes harder and her health continues to fail, there is still a dream which Joyce is holding onto...a place where the animals will forever be safe. Leased land will not protect the animals when she passes on and this haunts her everyday. She knows that the only way for her life's work not to be in vain is to secure land for the animals. This has always been the dream. Sanctuary. Not just in word but in deed...to property.

Joyce may have given her life to help animals but they are not her responsibility alone. Local residents have been bringing their cats, dogs and rabbits to Second Chance for years. They have asked for help when they found an injured bird or squirrel and Joyce has always been there for them. But one woman cannot do it all even though that is what many people have expected of her. Every one of us has a responsibility towards the animals; they are our neighbours and our fellow travelers on Planet Earth.

In her Twilight years, Joyce has not seen a dwindling to animal suffering so she is making a plea to those who share her dream. She needs land. It is the only way that Wolfie, Ajax, Bear & Timber, the ducks, the goats and all the others will be allowed to live out their lives in the peace they have come to know. A donation of land is the miracle they need.

You may not stop to help turtles across the road or awaken every 2 hours to feed a 3 week old kitten but, perhaps, you still believe that animals deserve a Second Chance.

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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.**

Cats Available for Adoption



Mitts – 2 year old neutered male. He is very laid back and loves to be petted. This picture does not show his adorable paws, which give him his name.



Cleo – 9 year old spayed female tortie. Cleo is a big girl who loves to sit with you while you lavish her with attention.

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