

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

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**An Incorporated society
dedicated to the
alleviation of suffering of cats
and all animals.**

Founders:

Thora and Tommy Bonneau

Honorary Patron:

Judge Loretta Chaperon

The society began in the 1960's as the Bonneau Spay Fund. It was incorporated in 1984 as the "Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society."

Become a member today!

Membership includes a subscription to this newsletter. Please complete this form and mail it with your cheque to the address on the left.

**Please make cheques payable to:
Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society**

Family \$45 Single \$30

Life \$ 150 Senior/Unwaged \$15

Donation _____

Total Amount enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Enter your email address here ONLY if you wish to receive important notices from VCRCS.

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2009/2010

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We're on the Web!
victoriacatrescue.com

Volunteers Needed!

We are currently seeking volunteers in all areas of our society. Our **Foster/Adoption program** is not fully operating due to lack of help. To run this program we ideally need a team of 4-5 people, plus **foster homes** for animals in crisis. Animals like Ted and Ghosty have been rescued and are now happy and healthy.



Why not volunteer today?

Just call 250 656-1100.

Our Philosophy

The Animals are our brother creatures who share this earth with us and are equally deserving of our respect as well as compassion. It is indeed our moral duty to alleviate their suffering whenever and wherever possible. Perfect peace and harmony can never exist in this world if the plight of even one of its creatures is ignored. If we were to solve all the problems of poverty, disease, and overpopulation and still somehow lacked the single quality of compassion, we would still have a world not fit to live in.

Our Purpose

The purposes of the Society are to promote an aggressive spay/neuter program for cats and dogs to reduce the stray population with its attendant suffering; to encourage euthanasia if it is clear that there is no other humane solution for an animal; and to offer monetary assistance to aid these goals regardless of financial circumstances. The Society's paramount concern being animal welfare, to educate towards responsible pet ownership and compassionate understanding of and respect for all living creatures, and to be a voice for all animals mainly through the Society's newsletter "The Scratching Post."

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SCRATCHING POST

SPRING 2010

Annual Strawberry Tea June 19th, 2010

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will be holding their annual Strawberry Tea and Sale on **Saturday June 19th at Saint Matthias Church, 600 Richmond Ave.** The function will take place from 1-4 pm and strawberry shortcake and beverage will cost \$4.50. We are counting on our members to attend and to bring their friends. Clean sale items in good condition will be accepted at the hall on Friday June 18th between 1-7pm. The volunteers have requested that items NOT be delivered on Saturday morning unless absolutely necessary. **Please put up the poster (pg. 4) in your neighbourhood. Make extra copies if you can. Call 656-1100 for information.**



Bring your friends to the Strawberry Tea!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting June 7pm **14**

Strawberry Tea June St. Matthias Church, 1-4pm **19**

Annual General Meeting 7pm Sept **13**

Christmas Bazaar Nov 1-4 pm **13**

Meetings held 2nd Mon. of each month. Call 250-656-1100 for location. No meeting July or Aug.

Important Notes

- Raffle Tickets are printed and out in the community at Pet Stores and Veterinary Clinics. Tickets will definitely be available for purchase at the Strawberry Tea. We have some great prizes this year.
- If members have any spare pieces of **cotton fabric with cat designs** on them, we would greatly appreciate a donation. We also need **ribbons and trim**. Please bring them to the craft table at the Strawberry Tea on June 18 or 19th.
- We can no longer accept **electronic items**—we just can't sell them and we don't have the manpower to dispose of them. No stereo, computer, appliances, TV's etc. will be accepted. A lot of these things can be recycled, so check with your local community recycling program or go to www.return-it.ca/electronics to see how to dispose of them.

Lovely Sisters Need a Home



Harmony and Lacy are bonded sisters. They are considered "special needs" as they require a very soft, loving, relaxed home with a person(s) who has a deep love for cats. They have been in foster care for over a year, and have remained shy. While they like to sleep on their foster mum's bed and sit near her on the couch, but they do not like sudden movements and do not like to be picked up.



They are both delightful cats. They are spayed and up to date on their shots, and are beautiful inside and out. They absolutely adore other cats and dogs. If you have room in your heart and in your home for these two, please call 250 656-1100 and leave a message for Kim.



Update: You read about Mimi and her kittens in the last issue of the Scratching Post. Mimi now has a fabulous home where she is doted on and is being given all the kindness and attention that she deserves after her long struggle! Little Molly stayed in the foster home and is happily adapting to living in a home with six cats, a dog, a donkey and two goats!



"Cats are a mysterious kind of folk. There is more passing in their minds than we are aware of." Sir Walter Scott

Financial Information and Statistics

2009 Christmas Bazaar

The total income from the 2009 Christmas Tea and Bazaar was \$4,106.76. This amount included donations, memberships, Tea, Crafts, and Rummage items. Our expenses included Hall Rental of \$285.00 and advertising amounting to \$74.78, among other things. The net income was \$3,618.73.

Shopping Tip:

Bring your own shopping bag with you to the Tea; plastic bags are not always available and you will be helping the environment.

Statistics

Sept 2009 to April 2010

Cat Spays: 177
Cat Neuters: 117
Cat Medicals: 60

Dog Spays: 10
Dog Neuters: 10
Dog Medicals: 18

2010 Spay/Neuter Blitz

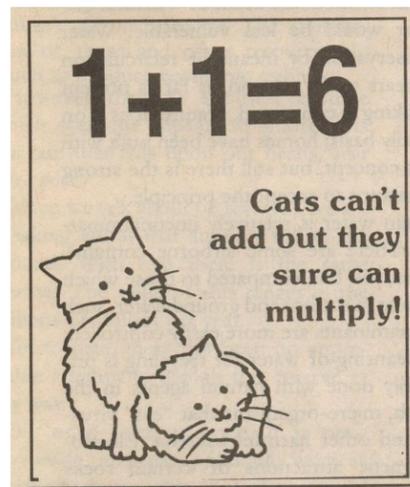
Cat Spays: 121
Cat Neuters: 69
(included in stats above)

Annual General Meeting

Mon. Sept. 13th, 2010

7:00pm

Phone for location



President's Message

Wow....how time flies Can you believe it's 2010 already? And yet, with the passage of time, one thing stays the same: the dedication and enthusiasm of the people who volunteer for The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society. As I reflect on this, I realize that I don't take the time to publicly thank those who donate their efforts to our cause, year after year. Please join me in saying a heartfelt thank you to (in no particular order!): Pam, Catherine, Magda, Angela, Mary Ann, Loretta C, Loretta S, Julia, Sarah, Lia, Kim, Betsy L, Alexander, Richard and Pauline, LoraLee, Margaret J, Bea, Betty K, Liz, Susan, Anne, Pamela, Junie, Veronica, Cheryl, Tove, Rayana, Cecilie, Myrna, and many others who have helped past and present. And to our many corporate and medical partners, also a huge note of gratitude for all your help and support, too. Special thanks to everyone at the Belmont-Langford Veterinary Hospital, Hillside Veterinary Hospital, Elk Lake Veterinary Hospital, and Beacon Cat Clinic for another outstanding job with the Blitz this year. ALL of you are what make VCRCS successful, and I know the animals and people we serve appreciate it.

Our annual Bonneau Spay/Neuter Blitz just finished for 2010, and it was another successful one with nearly 200 cats sterilized to prevent unwanted kittens. Not quite as many as last year, and your Executive is working on a different strategy for 2011. Remember: if you know someone who needs to get their pet spayed or neutered (or emergency medical attention) and cannot afford it, please get them to call us! That is what we are here for.

The next event we look forward to is our classic Strawberry Tea and Sale on June 19th. Our fundraisers are so much fun..please come and join us! Our annual Raffle is running now, with the big draw at the Tea. Please buy a ticket at pet stores and veterinarian offices throughout the Greater Victoria area. We have great prizes again this year!

Thank you again for your continued support of the Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society. Hope you have a great summer! Purrs, Sherry

Your Cat's Health: Ask the Vets at Cornell University



Q Is it really possible that my cat has acne?

A Yes cats do get acne. Humans and cats both have hair follicles with associated oil glands. When they get plugged, cats chins get swollen, are red, and develop pimples. After ruling out other skin conditions, your vet will advise warm water compresses and prescribe a topical product designed to help unplug the hair follicles.

The following letters were received during the 2010 Spay/Neuter Blitz.

Thank you so much! Molly and Mia will be much safer and healthier in the future! Thanks from Holly and Jen R.

Thank you so much for working with Victoria vets and clinics. Without your support I wouldn't have been able to have my cat neutered. Thanks Again! From Alexandra N. and Casper

In regards to Dinah's bladder surgery on March 1st, there are no words to describe how thankful we are for your financial help. February was a tough month for us. Dinah's brother Tsunami is most grateful; his sister is his life. Dinah is doing well. Yours sincerely, Sandra and Stephen P., Dinah and Tsunami



