

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 _____

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LEO AND BENNY IN THE WINDOW SEAT

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 Leo and Benny 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 2011

NEW LOCATION Strawberry Tea June 18th, 2011

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will be holding their annual Strawberry Tea and Sale on **Saturday June 18th at Knox Presbyterian Church.** (see poster and map on page 4.) We are counting on your patience while we work out the kinks at our new location! Clean sale items in good condition will be accepted at the church on Friday June 17th starting at 1:30pm. The volunteers have requested that items NOT be delivered on Saturday morning unless absolutely necessary.

NO ELECTRONIC ITEMS PLEASE.

Please put up the poster (pg. 4) in your neighbourhood. Make extra copies if you can. Call (250) 656-1100 for further information.



This is what it's all about! Come to the Tea and support the rescue of cats like Scruffy. (pg. 2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting June 13
6pm

Strawberry Tea June 18
Knox Presbyterian Church, 1-4pm

Annual General Meeting Sept 12
6pm

Christmas Bazaar Nov 19
1-4 pm

Meetings held 2nd Mon. of each month at 6pm. 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.
- We are still looking for 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 17 or 18th.
- There is a parking lot at the church, street parking on Richmond, and extra space in the lot next door to the church that is available to us on the day of the Tea. Please respect the 'residents only' parking areas.

Scruffy's Story



This past winter, in temperatures close to –8 degrees, Scruffy was found by a kind person at one of our feral feeding stations. He was barely alive and most likely would not have survived another night. He was rushed to McKenzie Vet clinic, where he collapsed on the examination table. His chances of survival were seen to be low and he was almost euthanized. Thankfully, Dr. Tom saw how much we wanted to give this little guy a chance and suggested running a quick blood panel to see if he was in kidney failure. The bloodwork came back better than imagined and that meant that Scruffy had a chance of surviving. He was admitted to hospital where he was given intensive care and kindness for 3 days. He was so skinny he had lost his muscle mass, he had a severe kidney infection and his thyroid was completely unstable. Kirsten, one of the vet technicians who looked after Scruffy said he had an amazing will to live and that, along with all the care he received, resulted in his survival. The staff hand-fed Scruffy and gave him fluids until he finally started eating on his own. Scruffy has now made an amazing recovery in his foster home and has doubled his body weight. He is able to play with one of his foster friends. How he ever managed to be so terribly neglected will never be understood, but he has a new chance at life and his brush with death is now behind him.



Financial Information and Statistics

2010 Christmas Bazaar

The net income from the 2010 Christmas Tea and Bazaar was \$3,506.75. This amount included donations, memberships, Tea, Crafts, and Rummage items. Our expenses included Hall Rental and advertising, among other things.

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 2010 to April 2011

Cat Spays: 131
Cat Neuters: 98
Cat Medicals: 31

Dog Spays: 16
Dog Neuters: 6
Dog Medicals: 6

(Medicals discontinued Feb 2011)

2011 Spay/Neuter Blitz

Cat Spays: 65
Cat Neuters: 58

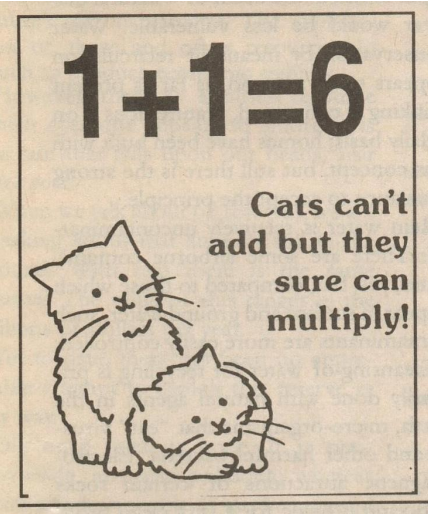
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Annual General Meeting

Mon. Sept. 12th, 2011

6:00pm

Phone for location



President's Message

Dear Members,

Although you wouldn't know it by the weather, Spring has come and almost gone, and so has this year's annual Bonneau Spay and Neuter Blitz, which ran from February 1st to March 15th. Another successful Blitz, but we decided to shorten it up this year as it was a more efficient use of our volunteers and our advertising budget. Thanks to member Whitney Garside, and to Jeff Eggen at 98.5 The Ocean/103.1 Jack FM, we were able to find better advertising coverage for less money. It was a good move, so many thanks to Whitney and Jeff for helping us out! Of course the Blitz would not happen at all without the support of the veterinarians and staff who provided the low-cost spays and neuters again this year: Beacon Cat Clinic, Elk Lake Veterinary Hospital, Hillside Veterinary Hospital, and Sooke Veterinary Hospital. Many thanks to you all for your services, and thanks also to all the other veterinary clinics in the area who also help out when they can. We deeply appreciate your assistance!

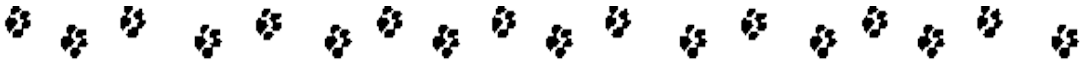
Our Spring Raffle is well underway, so don't forget to purchase a ticket or three; look for them at local vet offices and pet stores. Once again our dedicated team of Raffle volunteers have stepped up and done a stellar job of organizing the raffle license, prizes, and distribution/collection of the tickets. Lia, Betty, Sarah, Whitney, and Catherine....thanks, and well done! This year's terrific prizes are courtesy of Ruby Wach, Bob Garside/Howard Johnson's, Tammy Averill/Country Grocer, Anita Voorsluys/FairmontEmpress Spa, and also to Bayside Press for printing our raffle tickets. Thank you all very much for your generosity! (see page 3 for details)

The above contributors, as well as everyone else who donates and volunteers for The Victoria Cat Rescue Society, are what make us successful and have kept us going for over forty years now. However, costs are rising and income is lower this year, and as a result we had to make the difficult decision to suspend medical donations to the public and concentrate on our spay/neuter and rescue/foster programs. Thanks to our rescue/foster coordinator Kim, we have several cats who were rescued from truly awful situations and are now in foster care desperately looking for that forever love; please go over to the Adoptees page on our website at www.victoriacatrescue.com and meet them...and see if you (or someone you know) has a place in your home and heart for them.

And finally, I'm not too proud to beg on behalf of the hundreds of cats we help each year; would you please consider donating a little extra the next time you renew your membership? Or perhaps on your next payday? Maybe even a workplace or social group collection? All donations are tax deductible and with costs rising and our finances shrinking, it is becoming more and more difficult to help the cats who need us. And, as that need grows, so does our need for funds to try to keep pace. I hope you will forgive my bold plea for donations, but I also hope it is something you will consider. See you at the Strawberry Tea on June 18th!

Thank you so much for your continued support of The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society.

Sherry Buttnor, President.





In Memoriam

- Rex Pendril Brown in memory of Elizabeth Brown
- Nancy Everitt-McCabe in memory of "All the cats that I have loved"
 - Sue Ward in memory of Joyce Lilian Ward
 - Carol Sheilds in memory of Jean Strachan
- Irene Tassie in memory of George, Henry & Whiskey
- Wendy M. Pullan in memory of John Higgins



Thank You

- **Bayside Press** has once again helped us by assembling our raffle ticket books. We would like to thank them for their generous support.

- Angela Westmacott for her donation of the delicious strawberries and cake.

Thank you to the following generous donors of this year's Raffle and Doorprizes:

- Custom Made Cat Quilt (60"x72") by Ruby Wach (\$350 value)
- One Night Stay and Dinner for Two—Howard Johnson/Lakes Restaurant (\$250 value)
- \$150 Gift Card from Country Grocer
- \$90 Spa Pedicure from the Fairmont Empress Spa

These donations help to make our Raffle and Strawberry Tea a success, and enable us to raise more money to assist low income pet owners to care for their animals.

Many thanks to all our workers and the donors of the coffee and supplies for both the 2010 Christmas Bazaar and the 2011 Strawberry Tea. The cost of hall rental and posters was also donated, along with the silent auction items, baking, rummage, and door prizes.

We appreciate our donors very much!

Your Cat's Health: From the Experts at Cornell University

Providing good cat care on a budget. In our struggling economy, it's comforting to know that there are plenty of ways to defray the cost of cat ownership. One of the best ways to save money is to pay attention to early disease detection. Regular check ups and early intervention will save you money and your cat will benefit too. Dental hygiene is at the top of the list. Dental disease is extremely common, and brushing your cat's teeth at home can make a big difference to their oral health. Don't ignore something small in the hope it will go away. Examine your cat weekly for missing hair, skin bumps, tearing eyes or excessive drooling. Keep an eye out for changes in your cat's daily routine, such as a change in appetite. Cutting your cat's nails yourself, and choosing a well balance commercial food

Can add up to a lot of savings. Litter can be another grocery bill buster—choosing a less expensive brand and introducing it gradually to your cat is a good solution. Don't buy expensive cat toys—make your own (or buy one at the CRC Bazaar).



Strawberry Tea & Bazaar

- strawberry shortcake and tea/coffee
- rummage
- books
- jewellery
- arts & crafts
- plants
- raffle (tickets available at tea)
- baking
- silent auction

Saturday, June 18, 2011
1.00-4.00 pm

New location

Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road
(between Lansdowne & Taylor Street)

In support of the
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The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society is a charitable organization run by volunteers. All donations go toward spay, neuter and medical costs for the animals we assist.

Rescue Photo Gallery



This kitten was rescued by Kim and adopted by her work colleague. He is spoiled rotten by her two sweet daughters, as you can tell by the Disney bedding!



Tony was rescued at Swan Lake. He likes to help with the laundry.

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