

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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Jake- patiently waiting for adoption.

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 2012

Annual Strawberry Tea June 16th, 2012

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will be holding their annual Strawberry Tea and Sale on **Saturday June 16th at Knox Presbyterian Church.** (See poster on page 4.) The function will take place from 1-4 pm and strawberry shortcake and beverage will cost \$4.50. Clean sale items in good condition will be accepted at the church on Friday June 15th starting at 2:00p.m. The volunteers have requested that items NOT be delivered on Saturday morning unless absolutely necessary. NO ELECTRONIC ITEMS PLEASE.

Please cut out the mini poster on page 4 and post it in your neighbourhood. Make extra copies if you can.

Call (250) 656-1100 for further information.



Edison

**Read about him on
page 2**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting **June**
6pm **13**

Strawberry Tea **June**
Knox Presbyterian **16**
Church, 1-4pm

Annual General **Sept**
Meeting 6pm **19**

Christmas Bazaar **TBA**
1-4 pm
Knox Presbyterian

**Meetings held 3rd Wed.
of each month at 6pm.
Call 250-656-1100
for location.
No meeting July or Aug.**

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.

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. Check out the great raffle prizes listed on page 3.
- 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.
- Magda always welcomes cat themed fabric for her crafts. Call us or bring it to the Strawberry Tea.
- Please consider attending our AGM on September 19th.




A diagram of a mailbox. It consists of a white rectangular body with a grey border. In the top-left corner, there are four horizontal lines representing a slot. In the top-right corner, there is a small square representing a lock. The word "Mailbox" is written in a large, bold, red serif font in the center of the body.

Edison Miller

Edison, more commonly known as “Eddie”, “the kid”, “the little wanker” or “the boy”, was a lovely cat. He and his mother, Cally, arrived at our home in August of 2010. While Eddie wasn’t a planned pregnancy, he was a very loved little boy.

As Cally was already an outdoor cat when we adopted her, we felt we couldn't keep Eddie inside. He would sit at the glass door, with his face pressed against the window, as Cally would sit outside, seeming to say "come on out – it is great out here". He was an indoor cat until he was 9 months old and then we began letting him outside. While Eddie loved the garden and being outside, that also led to his death.



We aren't sure if Eddie was hit by a car or poisoned but he died because he was outside. While people enjoy the dignity of risk; there is no such thing for animals. Risk is simply risk.

If your cat isn't already an outdoor cat, let him or her remain an indoor cat. Controlling a cat's environment isn't cruel – it is responsible.

Eddie and his
Mother Cally.



2011 Christmas Bazaar

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

Sept 2011 to April 2012

Dog Spays: 3
Dog Neuters: 4

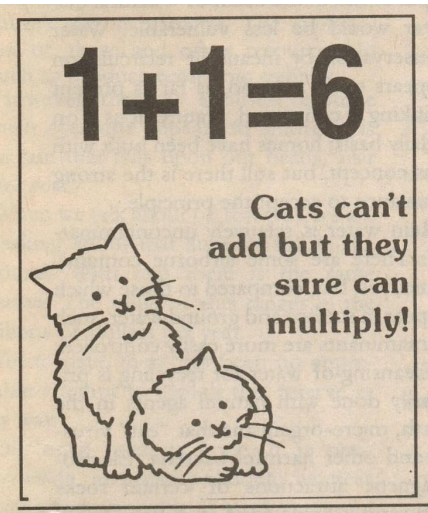
(Medicals discontinued Feb 2011)

Cat Spays: 72

Cat Neuters: 65
(included in stats above)

Wed. Sept. 19th, 2012

Phone for location



Can you believe it's 2012? It sounds so science-fiction-ish, yet here we are. This is also my 12th year with Victoria Cat Rescue; when I started volunteering I thought we were making a big difference helping alleviate the suffering of cats through overpopulation, and I was right. We have just completed the Bonneau Spay and Neuter Blitz for 2012, and it was another successful one with potentially thousands of unnecessary births being prevented. Huge thanks to all the vet clinics who participated this year: **Beacon Cat Hospital, Elk Lake Veterinary Hospital, Hillside Veterinary Hospital, McKenzie Veterinary Services, Sidney Animal Hospital, and Sooke Veterinary Hospital**, Your assistance is deeply appreciated! Thanks also to Jeff Eggen at JACK FM/The Ocean for their advertising assistance, and to Pam for her dedicated work on the phone lines. That's a big job!

Very shortly, we will be holding our classic Strawberry Tea and Sale, and running in conjunction is our annual Spring Raffle. As usual, Lia and her team (Betty, Sarah, Penny) have done an outstanding job acquiring a wonderful set of prizes and getting the raffle tickets out there for sale. Look for tickets in pet stores and veterinary offices in the Greater Victoria area.

Special thanks to Bayside Press for their usual fine work printing the tickets, and to all the generous companies who donated this year's Raffle Prizes. We sincerely appreciate their kind donations. Please see the complete list in the Thank You section on page 3.

Last year's Strawberry Tea and Christmas Bazaar were our best ever; let's build on that! So- buy a few tickets, good luck, and see you at the Strawberry Tea!

It is with a most profound sadness that we learned of the recent passing of our long-time friend and member **Richard McDowall**. Richard and his wife Pauline spent many years volunteering for Victoria Cat Rescue Corps in various capacities, as well as running the Cat Protection League local chapter. Both are true animal lovers, and we will all miss Richard very much. Sincerest condolences to Pauline, and their respective families.

Please remember, we always need foster homes and more dedicated volunteers to keep doing what we do: helping cats and all animals who need us. We have the greatest volunteers anywhere, but that doesn't mean we can't use more! Won't you consider joining us with a few hours of satisfying work?

And as always, thank you so much for your continued support of The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society. Purrs, Sherry

Q. How can I tell the difference between playing and fighting?

If a friend, relative or beloved pet has passed away, please consider giving a tax deductible donation in their memory to the Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society. We will acknowledge your donation in our newsletter, and send you a receipt. Any amount, large or small, will be very much appreciated and will help us assist low income families with veterinary expenses.

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- An illustration of a blue-winged angel with long brown hair, wearing a light blue robe, standing next to two cats. One cat is sitting and looking up at the angel, while the other is standing and looking towards the right. The background is plain white.

- **Bayside Press** has once again helped us by assembling our raffle ticket books at no cost.
- **Angela Westmacott** for her donation of the delicious strawberries and cake.
- **Patisserie Danielle** for their generosity regarding the cake for the 2011 Christmas Bazaar.
- Mark and **PetSmart** at Millstream Village for the donated cat food.
- Jean and Gail of **Company's Coming**, for the donated cookbooks.

- Two night stay & one day Spa Pass—Tigh-Na-Mara Resort & Jack Eggen/103.1 Jack FM Radio
- One night stay & dinner for two—Boathouse B&B and Zanzibar's Café
- Custom Made Cat Quilt by Ruby Wach
- Spa Pedicure (Fairmont Empress Hotel Spa) & Gift Certificate (Lifestyle Markets)

We appreciate our donors very much!



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A black cat is lying on its side on a white, textured surface, possibly a bedsheet. The cat is looking directly at the camera with its green eyes. Its front paws are extended forward, and its hind legs are also visible, extended back. The cat's fur is a solid, dark black. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.