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 if you would like to receive the Scratching Post electronically, and receive important VCRCS notices.

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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 Leo and Benny have been rescued and are now happy and healthy.

Why not volunteer today?

Just call 250 656-1100.



Mook & Naira-waiting for a new home.

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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Annual Strawberry Tea June 22nd, 2013

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will hold their annual Strawberry Tea and Sale on **Saturday June 22nd 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 \$5.00. Clean sale items in good condition will be accepted at the church on Friday June 21st starting at 2:00p.m. **We do not have access to the church until after 2:00pm!** 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. Spread the word!

Call (250) 656-1100 for more information.



Adorable Sophie Special Needs Kitten
that needs a home.
See her story at
victoriacatrescue.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

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Regular Meeting

Strawberry Tea Knox Presbyterian Church, 1-4pm

Annual General Sept
Meeting 6pm 18

Christmas Bazaar Nov 1-4 pm Knox Presbyterian Church, 1-4pm

Meetings held 3rd Wed. 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. 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.
- If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please tell Pam at apenty@shaw.ca

Adoption and Foster News

We are looking for a patient loving foster home for one of our beloved foster cats. This sweet, affectionate little tortie girl (on the right) is looking for a calm, patient foster home so we can assess her needs before placing her in a permanent home. She is both loving but nervous...she definitely needs a foster home without children as she would not do well with them.

We are also looking for some barn homes for semi-feral cats.

We have several rescued cats that never quite came around to trusting humans. These cats love to be around you, they just don't let you get very close and consequently most people are not interested in adopting them. However, these cats LOVE other cats and would also make a fantastic companion cat if you want a cat that is more interested in befriending your cat than they are with you. They would also make excellent farm cats. We provide all supplies necessary for transitioning them into a barn home, such as a portable run to house them in until they are used to the property, and a litter box, and supplies for the transition period.

Do you have room in your house and your heart for these cats in need? Please email <u>kimesau@shaw.ca</u> to discuss further.



Financial Information and Statistics

2012 Christmas Bazaar

The net income from the 2012 Christmas Tea and Bazaar was \$2,425.62. This amount included donations, memberships, Tea, Crafts, and Rummage items. Our expenses included Hall Rental and advertising, among other things. Special thanks to Liz Keay for donating the cost of the hall rental.

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 2012 to April 2013

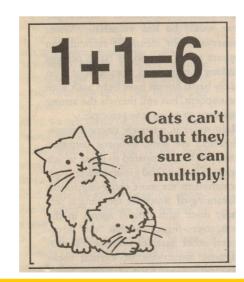
Cat Spays: 97
Cat Neuters: 98

Dog Spays: 4
Dog Neuters: 4
(Medicals discontinued Feb 2011)

2013 Spay/Neuter Blitz

Cat Spays: 77
Cat Neuters: 71
(included in stats above)

Annual General Meeting Wed. Sept. 18th, 2013 6:00pm Phone for location



President's Message-Spring 2013

As usual, Spring is a busy time at Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society, with our annual Bonneau Spay/Neuter Blitz, and our Raffle and Strawberry Tea. This year, our Blitz advertising generated plenty of calls from cat owners wanting free spay and/or neuter, but a troubling trend has developed over the past couple of years: poor follow-through by callers. Even though the spay and neuter is free, far too many callers simply do not follow through, make a vet appointment, and get their cat(s) sterilized at our expense. There does not seem to be a common reason why this is happening, so we are struggling to find a remedy. We will keep trying to find ways to get more cats spayed and neutered. Big thanks to the veterinarian clinics who helped this year: Sooke Veterinary Hospital, Hillside Veterinary Hospital, McKenzie Veterinary Services, Elk Lake Veterinary Hospital, Beacon Cat Clinic, and Sidney Animal Hospital.

In March of this year our society made a donation to the Last Chance Cat Ranch in Lethbridge Alberta. The founder of the organization housed many older unadoptable cats at her home, which was damaged in a terrible fire. Many cats died and others were in critical condition. Thanks to the efforts of the Lethbridge Fire Department, the City of Lethbridge's department of animal services, and the staff of Family Pet Hospital, some animals were saved and are being treated and fostered by caring people. But the owner lost her home and all her possessions. We felt it was important to reach out and help the Last Chance Ranch.

Preparations are now underway for our annual classic Strawberry Tea on June 22. As usual, our Raffle is running now, with the draw being held at the Strawberry Tea. Look for tickets at local vets and pet stores, and buy a few! We have great prizes again this year! Please consider volunteering for setup on June 21, and at the Tea itself on the 22nd. We always need strong and dedicated people to help out. This also applies to our regular monthly meetings. Why not come to one and see what monthly tasks you might find enjoyable. We don't bite! We would love to welcome more members or interested supporters to our AGM on September 18th. Please mark this date on your calendar and phone 250 656-1100 for location and details. We need your input.

And as always, we (and the animals we serve) deeply appreciate your continued support. Thank you. Purrs, Sherry.

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

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In Memoriam

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.

The following donations have been received:

Eileen Thomson in memory of **Chloe**Pen Brown in memory of **Betty Brown**Jaci Ross in memory of **Richard McDowall**Bev Marriott in memory of **Sophie**Carol Sheilds in memory of **Jean Strachan**Nancy Andrew in memory of **Susan Rauw**Mary Naidu in memory of **Jonie**And the following made donations in memory of **Tony Westmacott:**

Myrna Inman
Alex & Marian Piercy
Penny Firth
Susan Robertson
Cherry Mills
Kathy & Chris Corbett
Angela Westmacott & family



Thank You

- **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 and **Loretta Chaperon** for the tea supplies.
- **Patisserie Danielle** for their generosity regarding the cake for the 2012 Christmas Bazaar.
- **Ian Fraser** and the staff of **Victoria Animal Control** for helping to transport rummage items and garbage. Their help is

invaluable.

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

- Two night stay at Black Rock Oceanfront Resort in Uculet (donated by: Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ocean 98.5 & Jack FM)
- Custom Made Cat Quilt 59 x 60" (donated by Master Quilter Ruby Wach)
- \$100 Gift Certificate (donor: Lifestyle Markets)
- Willow Stream Spa Pedicure (donor: Fairmont Empress Hotel Spa)

These donations and the many others received from countless volunteers, 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. We appreciate our donors very much!



WESTMACOTT, Richard Antony is with great sadness that we announce Tony died peacefully on November 6, 2012 Tony is survived by his loving wife, Magda, and daughters, Angela and Cheryl, and dear frier Cherry Mills who was like another daughter im. Tony was born in London, England of September 28, 1919. He spent his earl childhood in Mexico City where his father wa headmaster. His family later moved University School. Tony went on to become radio operator and worked for fisheries patr on the west coast and for Trans-Canad Department of Transport where he wa nvolved in setting up airports across Canada When the war broke out, Tony volunteered for the Ferry Command, a group of civilian pilot and navigators who courageously ferrie combers to Allied Forces around the world. H was one of the last surviving member following the war, Tony returned to work the Dorval Airport as an Inspector of Licensing He loved Montreal and it was there that he mi Magda who was managing a book store. Th were married in 1958. They were sad to leave Montreal when Tony accepted a promotion Ottawa, where they stayed until his retiremen In 1974, Tony and Magda moved their family Kelowna where they spent 15 years before finally settling in Victoria in 1989. Tony wa well-travelled and had a keen interest in (an was often exasperated by) politics. He love writing, music, and animals. Like his brothe lan, Tony was a talented musician, had a sel effacing, quiet charm, and a wonderful sens of humour. He will be greatly missed. Tony family would like to thank Heather Fahr for h loving care and invaluable help over the year and all of the dedicated staff on A2 Broadmead Lodge for their loving care an





Picture this colourful cat-themed quilt on YOUR bed! It could happen, but only if you buy a ticket. Look for our raffle tickets at your local vet or pet store, or come to the Tea and get

a ticket while they last! Raffle tickets were completely sold out last year, so don't delay. See the list of other prizes on page 3.



Cut out the flyer on the left and post it in your neighbourhood.

Bosley's National Adoption Weekend

Victoria Cat Rescue Corps was invited to participate at the Colwood store for Bosley's National Adoption Weekend event, April 19th-21st. Although it was fairly quiet, the Bosley's staff were getting donations from almost every customer as well as selling our raffle tickets. They did a great job gathering a large (moving-sized) box of canned and dry

food, several bags of good corn cat litter, and nearly \$1500 in cash donations for us from their customers! We also had interest in the cats we had posted for adoption; let's hope some adoptions happen as a result. Overall...a very successful event!

Very big thanks to Sherry, Jim, Diane, and Catherine for coming out to man our table at the store, and to Kim for getting photos and bios ready for display.



