



The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

SCRATCHING POST

Fall 2016

Annual Christmas Bazaar November 19th, 2016

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Sale on **Saturday November 19th at 1:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church.** (See poster on page 5.) The function will take place from 1-4 pm and cake and beverage will cost \$4.50. Clean sale items in good condition will be accepted at the church on Friday Nov. 18th starting at 2:00p.m. **We do not have access to the church before that time!**

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 5 and post it in your neighbourhood. Make extra copies if you can. Spread the word! Call (250) 656-1100 for more information.



**Meetings held 3rd
Wed. of each month
at 6pm.**

**Call 250-656-1100
for location.**

**No meetings in
July, Aug or Dec.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting Nov
6pm 16

Christmas Bazaar Nov
Knox Presbyterian Church, 1-4pm 19

Strawberry Tea TBA
2017



Poppy-Managing Director of Victoria Animal Control
see her story on pg.2

Important Notes

- Please respect the 'residents only' street parking when attending the Bazaar. The Church has a parking lot, and we can also use the lot next door.
- **Crafters Needed:** We are short of crafted items to sell at the Bazaar. If you are a crafter and want to help, please donate sewing, or crafts. They are very popular at this time of year.
- **Home Baking** is needed for the Christmas Bazaar. We would like to expand our home baking table at the Bazaar, as it seems to be very popular. Please consider donating some Christmas baking. It should be wrapped and the ingredients listed. Please avoid using styrofoam trays due to health regulations.



Adoption News

The two cats below are currently ready for adoption through Victoria Animal Control Services. Please contact them if you are interested. Adoption information is available on their website. www.vacs.ca/pets-adoption

Poppy

Age - 12 years
Spayed Female

Poppy is very social. She has quickly taken over the office and is now the boss of all the cats and people. Poppy is very affectionate and smart. Poppy prefers a gentle approach and would be best suited to a home that is predictable and without small children.



Ava

Age 4 - 6 years est.
Spayed Female

Ava is a snuggle bug! She loves treats and is confident around other cats. It is best to come meet Ava in the mornings as Ava likes her afternoon nap and is just too sleepy to be interested in visiting. Ava has done well with older children.



Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will also have some cats up for adoption in the near future. Please keep checking our website www.victoriacatrescue.com Please email kimesau@shaw.ca or call us at 250 656-1100 for an adoption application and to discuss the adoption process, if you would like to offer a forever home.

2016 Strawberry Tea

The net income was \$8,158.41

Income

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| Donations | 4,034.40 |
| Memberships | 285.00 |
| Tea & Cake | 690.00 |
| Crafts | 277.77 |
| Rummage | 1,203.55 |
| Jewelry | 644.85 |
| Raffle | 2,512.00 |

Expenses

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|----------------|--------|
| Hall Rental | 400.00 |
| Pizza | 125.00 |
| Strawberries | 258.00 |
| Ads | 166.14 |
| Raffle Prize | 500.00 |
| Raffle Licence | 25.00 |
| Disposal | 15.00 |

Financial Information and Statistics

Statistics

Sept 2015 to August 2016

Cat Spays: 110

Cat Neuters: 77

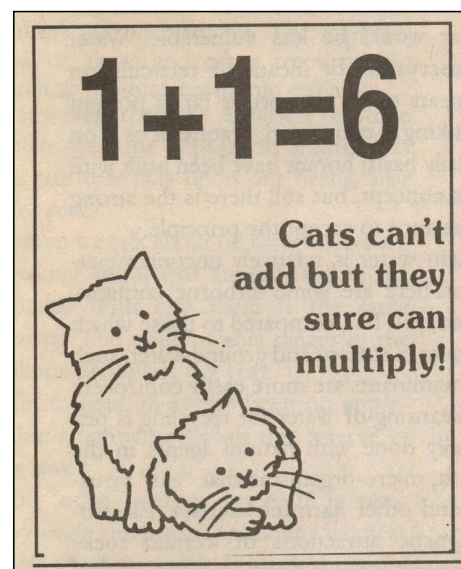
In addition:

Feral Colony Spays to
Oct/16: 108

Feral Colony Neuters to
Oct/16: 41

Dog Spays: 2

Dog Neuters: 4



President's Message-Fall 2016

A big thanks to everyone who came out to the Strawberry Tea in June, and to all our volunteers, donors and members who helped to make it a great success. Our Christmas Bazaar and Tea is coming up fast on November 19 – like last year there will be lots of items for sale, including rummage, jewelry, books, and crafts. Come to check out the tables and enjoy tea and cake with friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

We held our Annual General Meeting in September and welcomed a new board member, Betty Kask, who has been a long-time volunteer (see the box on the last page).

In August a local business surprised us by offering to do a fundraiser. Incendiary Tattoos on Esquimalt Rd. held a Tattoo Day on August 6 featuring Neko cat tattoos. A long line of customers turned out and Incendiary Tattoos and its staff donated their time, materials, services, and proceeds. Proceeds totalled to a whopping \$3,255.00! Thanks to Incendiary Tattoos, Jesse who organized it all, and everyone who came out.

In the Spring issue of the Scratching Post, I wrote that we and Voice of Concern for Animal Life (VOCAL) were assisting Dee's Orphan Kitten Fund with spay/neuters for two large feral cat colonies. As of mid-October, we have helped 149 feral cats (108 spays and 41 neuters). There's still more work to do, and again we appreciate all the work Dee's (including its volunteers) is doing to trap, foster, and make sure cats receive vaccinations and other necessary veterinary treatment.

Please keep an eye on the adoption page of our website, www.victoriacatrescue.com if you or someone you know would like to adopt a cat. We have several cats in foster care building trust with their foster parents, and while this does take time, they should be coming up for adoption over the next several months.

If you'd like to volunteer or attend our monthly meetings, please email us at meow.133@victoriacatrescue.com or leave us a message at (250) 656-1100. We'd love to see you.

As ever, we and the animals we serve, deeply thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you.

Catherine



CATHERINE AND MYRN

Scenes from the 2016 Strawberry Tea



OUR VOLUNTEERS PACKING UP AFTER THE STRAWBERRY TEA



In Memoriam—Donations received in memory of loved ones

Eileen Thomson in memory of Bob and Tiffany
Rhonda Ganz in memory of Barger
Cindi Story in memory of Randy Weisbrot
Rex Brown in memory of Betty Brown and 'Little Maxie'
Vicki Cosh in memory of Randall Edwin Weisbrot
Wal-Mart (Langford) in memory of Randy Weisbrot



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



Reducing the Fear Factor in Vet Visits—All cats need a veterinary exam at least once a year, ideally twice. Marty Becker, DVM, is spearheading a national Fear Free Initiative in the U.S. that includes veterinarians, animal behaviourists and other pet professionals. The campaign identifies these steps toward achieving fear-free veterinary visits:

- Deliver a calm pet to the clinic safely inside a carrier.
- Limit food intake beforehand. Some cats may respond favourably to receiving a favourite treat during the appointment.
- Call ahead and request that your fearful cat be allowed to go directly into an exam room rather than wait in the waiting room with other animals.
- Take a bath towel to place on the stainless steel exam table to avoid your cat's slipping.
- Allow the cat time to explore the room to get used to the environment before the exam begins.
- Ask about options to administer vaccines, such as small-gauge needles or a reduced dose. Also, ask about warming injections to room temperature if it doesn't impact their effectiveness.

Thank You

- **Angela Westmacott** for her donation of the cakes for our 2016 Christmas Bazaar.
- **Patisserie Daniel** for their generosity regarding the cake for the 2016 Christmas Bazaar .
- **Peppers Cadboro Bay** for their donation of whip cream, milk and coffee cream for the 2016 Strawberry Tea.
- **VOCAL** (Voice of Concern for Animal Life) for their partnership in spaying and neutering 149 cats to date, from two feral colonies.
- Jesse and the staff of **Incendiary Tattoos** for their amazing fundraiser (see details pg. 3)
- **Cheryl McCreary**, helpers, and bottle donors, who supported our Bottle Drive in July.
- **Bosleys on Shelbourne** for their donation of pet beds for the prize draw.
- **Lea Tassie** for her donation of the framed print for the prize draw.



Please show your appreciation by supporting our sponsors in any way you can. *These donations, the donations of crafts and rummage, and the many volunteer hours, help to make our raffles and fundraising events 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!*

Merry
Christmas!

The Victoria Cat
Rescue Corps Society
will hold their Annual

Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday
November 19, 2016
1.00-4.00pm

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

Rummage
Books
Jewellery
Arts & Crafts
Plants

Cake & Drink
\$4.50

For more information, please contact us at:

250 656 1100

meow.133@victoriacatrescue.com or www.victoriacatrescue.com

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
SHOPPING BAGS TO THE
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



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



Our Programs

- Spay/Neuter Financial Assistance Program (formerly the Bonneau Spay Fund) offers modest assistance to those who cannot afford to spay or neuter their pet.
- Spay/Neuter Blitz held every Spring, when we offer full payment of spay/neuter procedure to low income families
- Foster/Adoption Program where we attempt to find good homes for abandoned and homeless pets. Foster homes and volunteers are needed to sustain this program.
- Education program to alert the public about the importance of spaying and neutering to reduce the stray population.

SEE MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE: www.victoriacatrescue.com



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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 "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.

Email: _____

Executive Board

2016/2017

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Scratching Post Editor:

Pam Slyth

We're on the Web!
victoriacatrescue.com

Volunteers Needed!

We are currently seeking volunteers in all areas of our society. We always need more hands at our fundraising events. Many animals have been helped 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".