

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

SCRATCHING POST

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

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR DENTAL EXPENSES

It hasn't been a very good start to 2023 for several of our kitties rescued from a farm colony. They were very excited about being ready for their foster homes or new forever homes when it was discovered that they need major dental work. Some have already endured and recovered from upper respiratory illnesses and now they have more veterinary care in their futures. Dental work is very costly, but it must be done so these cats can carry on to the comfortable and safe lives they deserve. If you can help by donating toward their dental care, please get in touch as soon as possible.



Sunny and Rhonda

Sunny has had his dental procedure and sadly had to have all his teeth removed. Rhonda has a very painful condition called stomatitis and will need full mouth extractions.



Bruno

This feral boy has a terribly painful mouth and can't be released back to the farm until he's had the required dental work.



Bernadette

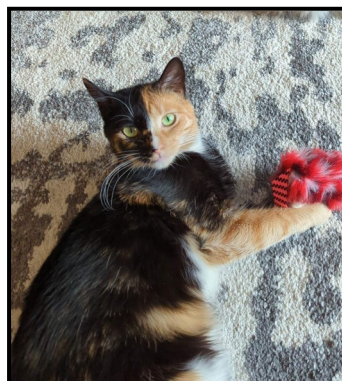
Like all the rescued farm cats, Bernadette took a long time to get over her upper respiratory infection and malnutrition. Recently when she visited the vet for a booster and some eye medication, it was discovered that she needs major dental work. She was healthy and almost ready for adoption, so this news was disappointing.

YOU CAN DONATE BY E-TRANSFER TO:

victoriacatrescue@gmail.com

Or www.CanadaHelps.org

**OR MAIL A CHEQUE TO THE
ADDRESS ON PAGE 4.**



Star

Star was trapped on the Pat Bay highway, presumably dumped. She was extremely malnourished and required a great deal of medical intervention to survive. While she is now healthy, she will need a major dental prior to be placed for adoption.



FUNDRAISING NEWS

We are now accepting donations of gently used items for our **Strawberry Tea & Rummage Sale**, being held **1-4pm June 24th** and for the Yard Sale planned for **July 29th 10am-2pm**. The yard sale will be held at 195 Maddock Ave.W. Call Kathryn Collins at 250 384-9139 before dropping off your donations at that address. We will **not** be accepting rummage sale donations at Knox Presbyterian Church prior to the Tea. Items must be dropped off no later than June 17th at 195 Maddock Ave. W. or you can phone Kathryn (above) or Cheryl at 250 888-4454 to request pickup. The yard sale will also be a bottle drive, so please bring all your returnable beverage containers or call for pick up. **Milk cartons** (but not cream) are now refundable. Please don't crush the milk containers.



This Spring we will be holding two bottle drives at the Glanford Bottle Depot, so please start saving your bottles and cans. We will be collecting and sorting these items at the depot, located at 4261 Glanford Ave, on **Sunday April 16th** and again on **Sunday May 21st** from 10:00am to 4:00pm on both days. If you need assistance with dropping bottles off, please contact Cheryl at 250 888-4454 and she will gladly swing by and pick them up. As always, thank you for your continued support.



Tru Earth Laundry tabs are an eco-friendly laundry detergent. Each laundry strip packs ultra-concentrated, hypoallergenic, cleaning power into a tiny, pre-measured strip of liquidless laundry detergent that you just toss in the wash. Its low-sudsing formula works in all types of washing machines, including high-efficiency.

Eliminate those hard plastic containers and earn money for VCRS at the same time! <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/VictoriaCatRescue> 20% of total sales will go to our society. This is a Canadian product, and is packaged in recyclable cardboard. If this link does not work for you please contact the newsletter editor at apenty@shaw.ca and we will send the link to you directly.



We are selling these lovely polycanvas totes to raise funds for the society. Please email to s.servais@shaw.ca to order. Please note colour and quantity in your email. The tote measures 16" x 13" x 3" and the price is \$25.00. At the moment there are two colour choices, aqua or cinnamon. You will be advised of payment instructions when you place your order. Please order by **March 14th** to take advantage of this offer.



We are having a 50/50 draw coming up **March 1st to 29th**. Please look on the Raffle Nexus Website for details! Go to www.rafflenexus.com and browse the raffles to find ours. We will also post on Facebook and our website www.victoriacatrescue.com when it is up and running!!



OTHER EXTRAORDINARY CATS IN OUR CARE



Amber when first trapped

Amber is our latest addition: On January 28th we were called to a very busy and dangerous industrial site and asked to assist in rescuing a mother cat and her two kittens. No one knows how this family ended up there, but thankfully the business called us for help. We have managed to trap Amber and her mother so far. This one little bean has wasted no time in filling her belly with good food and playing with toys. Soon she will understand that only good things will happen moving forward. Photos of the rescue site are available on our Facebook page.



Amber safe and playing with toys



Luna is currently in foster care after being found in a shipping container, lost, scared and alone. She is a sweet girl who is quiet and independent. She is ready to find her forever home.

Programs funded by your donations:

- ◇ TNR in feral colonies
- ◇ Low Income Spay/Neuter Financial Assistance Program
- ◇ Foster and Adoption Program
- ◇ Food and Medical Care for Ferals and Fosters



Monty and Romeo are still hoping to find a loving family. These two siblings are deeply bonded and need to stay together. They are very sweet teenage kittens full of personality. They are confident but have had no exposure to small children so would probably do best in a home where the kids are a bit older. These beautiful boys are vaccinated, neutered, microchipped and are negative for FIV/Felv.

We also have two fabulous kittens, **Howie and Lola**, looking for a very loving, and responsible home. They are from a litter of six born to a feral momma we trapped at a farm and are the first two ready for adoption! These kittens are really loving, sweet and cuddly, and have come a long way in the last couple of months. If you are interested in adopting please message victoriacatrescue@gmail.com



Statistics

**September 15, 2021
to February 15, 2023**

- ♦ **84 spay/neuters
(most fully funded)**
- ♦ **76 TNR and
extensive medical for
Colony Cats to date**
- ♦ **2 more Colony Cats
to be assisted**
- ♦ **95 adoptions to
loving homes**



A special thank you to **Bosleys on Yates** for their ongoing support. We are so grateful to be the recipients of these ongoing donations! We have so many mouths to feed with over 30 cats currently in our care! These donations have really helped us offset some of the costs of food and litter allowing us to divert those funds toward veterinary care.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A belated Happy New Year to everyone. Since our last newsletter we have been extremely busy. This year there was no break after kitten season. Here is one of the many cats and kittens we have helped.

Rita: Feral feline # 83 from the Farm Colony. This lucky kitten has been rescued and is now going to a foster home experienced with feral cats. We have been getting many medical and behaviourally complicated cats coming in with little or no hope of survival without our intervention. Rita is semi-feral and has a long road ahead of her in foster care, where we pay all expenses, to become socialized and

ready for adoption. We are passionate about cats like Rita, even though they require so much time, energy and medical care, which provides these cats with a life they would otherwise not have. Feral cats face the most risk to their lives of any cats we are asked to help. We are grateful to the wonderful donors who help make this work possible. We had hoped that the number of cats needing our help would slow down this winter, but instead, the calls for help have increased. The impact of inflation is filtering down to every aspect of our rescue. Until now we have been able to respond to every feral cat we have been alerted to. We can only do this with the help of our donors. My least favourite thing to do is ask for donations, but with the increased cost of litter, food, vet bills, gasoline and even litter disposal, we need to ask for your help to continue this important work. While costs are soaring, we have seen a major decline in donations. Please understand that no donation amount is too small. We are grateful for every dollar that helps us help a cat. I wish you all a happy Spring and the board, our volunteers, and I hope to see you at our yard sale, bottle drives and especially at the return of our **Strawberry Tea at Knox Presbyterian Church (Richmond Rd.) on June 24th.** Kim

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