

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

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

SCRATCHING POST

December 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Supporters,

We hope this message finds you well! As we reflect on the summer months, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication. This season has been one of the busiest in many years, with a record number of calls for help from our community.

Thanks to your generosity and commitment our small organization has been able to accomplish so much. Below is a list of what has kept us very busy between September 2023 and September 2024:

- **43 cats and kittens adopted** into loving forever homes.
- **49 cats and kittens rescued** and transitioned to partner rescues for continued care.
- **66 cats spayed/neutered/TNR'd**, helping to break the cycle of overpopulation.
- **16 serious medical cases** taken in and critical care provided to those most in need.
- **37 cats and kittens currently in our care** receiving the love and support they need to thrive and eventually find their way into adoptive homes.
- **10 unadoptable cats** and **2 senior feral cats** finding a permanent sanctuary with our dedicated board members.
- **2 new senior cats** who both require senior blood panels and dentistry. **(photos pg.4)**

Throughout the summer, we've been rescuing feral kittens, assisting senior cats with nowhere to go, and responding to urgent calls for help. Just last week we welcomed **10 tiny kittens** into our care, with commitments to welcome more in the coming weeks. The demand for our services is really high but your generosity has allowed us to rise to the challenge and change lives. At this time we are extremely low on funds. If you are able to donate we would be so grateful. If you are able to participate in any of the fundraising options on page 2 that would be wonderful.

One of our proud initiatives is our "Oops" Program, which offers free spays to individuals who surrender their kittens to us. This summer alone, this program has prevented countless litters and ensured that surrendered kittens are cared for, loved and adopted into wonderful homes. Together we're addressing overpopulation and giving cats the futures they deserve. **Continued on page 4.**



Holiday Greetings from the VCRCS
Board of Directors

YOU CAN DONATE BY E-TRANSFER TO:

victoriacatrescue@gmail.com

**Or donate online at
www.CanadaHelps.org**

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



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our Society has been busy with a variety of fundraisers in 2024. Here is a list of our efforts along with the resulting revenue:

- Bottle Drives April to November/24—\$7,533.15
- Strawberry Tea & Garage Sale—\$5451.17
- Hillside Mall Night Of Lights—\$1150.00
- Harbour Cats 50/50—1049.94
- Calendar Raffle—\$1560.00

In addition, Cheryl our Treasurer has been organizing regular Bottle Drives at the Glanford Bottle Depot. Please save any returnable containers and mark your calendars for the next series of Bottle Drives listed below. If you cannot drop off your bottles please contact Cheryl at 250 656-1100 or victoriacatrescue@gmail.com and she can arrange for pickup.

Our next Bottle Drive will be held **February 15/25** from 10am to 2pm at the Glanford Depot, 4261 Glanford Ave. Please support this effort and contact Cheryl (info above) if you need bottle pickup.



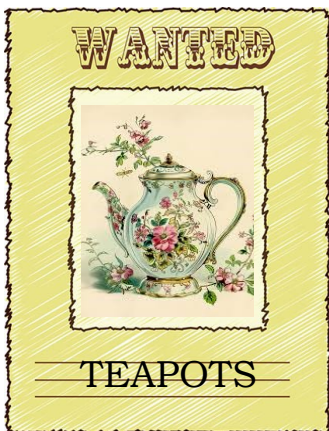
MARK YOUR CALENDAR Here are the 2025 Bottle Drive Dates:

February 15, March 29, April 19, July 19, September 20, November 22, and December 27, 2025.

TRUEARTH

Tru Earth Laundry tabs are an eco-friendly Canadian 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. It's low-sudsing formula works in all types of washing machines, including high-efficiency. Order now to eliminate those hard plastic containers and earn money for VCRC at the same time!

<http://tru-earth.sjv.io/VictoriaCatRescue> 20% of total sales will go to our society.



We are asking for donations of pretty china teapots for our next Strawberry Tea. (4 cup capacity) If you have an old teapot you are no longer using, please consider helping us to collect a few for next year's Strawberry Tea. Call 250 656-1100 or email victoriacatrescue@gmail.com



Congratulations to **Jennifer Calder**, winner of our 2024 Calendar Raffle. Thanks to all who took a chance and bought tickets. Jennifer is shown receiving her winnings from our Treasure Cheryl.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOTTLE DRIVE: Saturday February 15th. 4261 Glanford Ave.

ADOPTION FAIR/BOSLEY'S ON YATES: Early in 2025 we hope to have another successful adoption event at Bosley's, who have been so supportive to our society. We will announce the date on Facebook and our website and send an email notice to those members that have supplied an email address. See Pg.4 for info about the Bosleys events.

2025 STRAWBERRY TEA: Tentative Date—June 14, 2025



EXTRAORDINARY CATS IN OUR CARE

DENTAL
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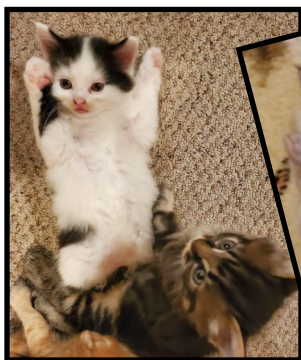


This is **Daisy**. She is a sweet natured cat who was trapped at a dairy farm. She is one of the last cats to be rescued from that farm and like many of the others she is in need of major dental work. It is possible that she may require full mouth extractions. So many of our cats that come from areas with poor nutrition require additional vet care on top of their spay and neuters and those costs are soaring. We would greatly appreciate any donations toward the dental expenses of Daisy or the two senior cats (photos pg. 4). Please note that no amount is too small as it all adds up quickly and is a huge help to us! Daisy will be available for adoption in January.



Meet **Josephine** and **Charlotte**. These adorable sisters are anxious to find a forever home. These lively and affectionate cats would be happy indoors with lots of love and attention and would be even happier with a catio or outdoor safe area to call their own. They are spayed, vaccinated, free of fleas, microchipped and are approximately 18 months old. They have great personalities and would be a wonderful addition to your home. Email victoriacatrescue@gmail.com to get the details.

OOPS!—Upcoming Adoptables



These "Three Musketeers" will be coming to us very soon through our **"Oops" Program**, which offers free spays to owners who surrender their kittens to us. We will be spaying and neutering all five of them, fostering the kittens and facilitating their adoptions. The estimated cost of this situation is about \$1500. We would appreciate donations to help with this little family.



Strawberry Tea Thank You

Thanks are due to all who helped make it such a success.

- Our Tea Co-ordinator Stephen and his team
- Volunteers who gave their time
- Victoria Animal Control Services
- Patisserie Daniel
- Donors who contributed to the cost of Strawberries/cream and hall rental.
- **Silent Auction Donors:** Thrifty Foods, Country Grocer, Lifestyle Markets, Save On Foods, Shimmer Beauty Bar, Spa Magnolia, D.P. Harry lawyer, The Foam Zone, Murchies, Syriaana Restaurant, Victoria Car Wash, The Root Cellar, Munro's Books, Meet On Blanshard, Lavendar Pet Spa and Shoppers Drug Mart.

Programs funded by your donations:

- ◇ TNR in feral colonies
- ◇ Foster and Adoption Program
- ◇ Food and Medical Care for Ferals and Fosters

2024 Strawberry Tea

Tea/Coffee Cake	892.50
Rummage	1,935.05
Jewelry	571.35
Silent Auction	1,126.00
Donations	1,460.00
Garage Sale	1,050.00
Total	7,034.90
Less Expenses	-1,110.40
Net Income	\$5,924.50



Executive Board

2024/2025

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We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the amazing staff at **Bosley's on Yates.**

The staff worked so hard and raised **\$3,553.00** during Paw Month. They also organized a truly amazing food drive that resulted in a huge donation of food for our cats and kittens. Their continued support means the world to us and to the many cats in need. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and dedication to helping our rescue organization. In addition to the huge monetary and food donations, they hosted another adoption event for us which resulted in several of our cats and kittens finding homes. We are posting updates on these cats and kittens on our facebook page. If you are shopping at their store, please take a moment to thank them for their ongoing support.

Thanks also to member **Joyce Harrison**, who made a generous donation in memory of **Lucas**, a 13 year old bull mastiff. If you or a friend have lost a beloved pet please consider an In Memoriam gift.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE cont.

None of this would have been possible without you—our incredible community of supporters. Your monetary donations, time and encouragement empower us to keep going even on the toughest days.

There are many ways you can help—check out the fundraising events on page 2.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we are excited to continue this life-saving work and expand our reach to help even more cats in need. Thank you for standing by us and making our mission possible.

Pictured at right are the two lovely senior cats mentioned earlier, who need urgent dental care.



With heartfelt gratitude, **Kim Esau**

Pumpkin and **Lou** need to visit the dentist before they can be adopted.



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