



The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

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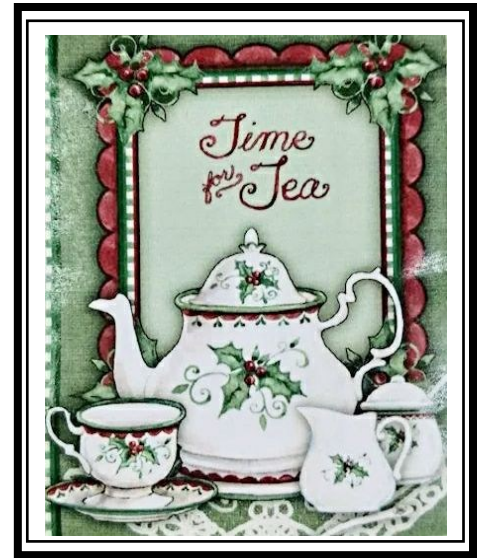
Fall 2025



OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RETURNS! SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2025

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will hold their Christmas Bazaar & Sale for the first time since 2018. The event will take place on **Saturday November 22nd from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church**, 2964 Richmond Rd. Christmas goodies and a beverage will cost \$7.50. Clean sale items in good condition will be accepted at the Church Hall on **Friday November 21st starting at 2:00pm**. We do not have access to the church before that time, so please do not leave donations unattended. (no electronic items, furniture or appliances). **We are urgently needing donations of baking or crafts. Please contact us as soon as possible if you can help.**

Please note it will be **cash only** for sale items and refreshment tickets. We are very excited to welcome you to our event. There is parking available at the event. Please observe neighbourhood parking restrictions.



Mark your calendar:

Strawberry Tea 2026
will be held June 19th



More Fundraising

Bottle Drive News:



The date for our Bottle Drive in November has been changed to **November 29th**. The date we originally chose coincided with our Christmas Bazaar. The **2026 dates** are as follows: February 14, March 28, April 25, May 30, July 18, August 29, September 26, October 31, November 28, and December 19. Thank you to all the Bottle Drive volunteers. Your efforts at the October 11th event raised \$1500. **Glanford Bottle Depot 10am to 2pm.**

Night of Lights at Hillside Mall:

Sunday, November 23rd - Tickets for this event (\$5) are on sale from our volunteers. Tickets required for entry. We will be selling tickets at our Christmas Bazaar or please email us at victoriacatrescue@gmail.com to get your tickets now. See poster and more info on pg. 4.

Tru Earth Laundry Products

This fundraiser is still ongoing. Please consider ordering. Our organization receives 20% of total sales. <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/VictoriaCatRescue>





President's Message

This has been an incredibly busy and rewarding year for our small charity. We have helped over 150 cats and kittens, many requiring extensive medical care or long periods of rehabilitation. We also saw an increase in the number of feral and special-needs cats, and our focus remains on helping those with the most complex needs. Since September of 2024 we have found loving homes for just over 50 cats and kittens, many of whom needed specialized placements. We currently have more than 65 cats and kittens in care across our amazing network of foster homes. We are truly grateful to our fosters because their dedication allows us to help so many. Our commitment to spay and neuter continues, with several active feral colonies still being managed. As I write this, we have two traps down and two mother cats with newborns coming into our care - all of whom will be fixed once the kittens are ready. We remain devoted to doing the best for every cat, which includes maintaining a thorough adoption screening process with mandatory home visits. These visits are absolutely vital in ensuring our cats go to safe and loving homes. Every time we question whether this step is still necessary, an experience quickly reminds us why it is - and reaffirms our promise to protect our rescues. **Cont. page 3**

In Memoriam—Donations received in memory of loved ones

- VCRC Board of Directors were saddened to hear of the death of our friend Bea Fox. Bea was a loyal supporter and volunteer for many years.
- In loving memory of all the cats who loved me over the years from Kate Sarginson.
- In memory of our lovely boy Mitch from Pam, Alan and Kaeden.
- A supporter donated in honour of her sister Anne's birthday. Anne fosters cats and kittens.
- Sharon and Robert Malcolm donated in memory.
- Joyce Harrison in memory of Lucas, the 13 yr old Bull Mastiff.



Strawberry Tea Thanks :

Loretta Chaperon, Angela Westmacott, Anonymous Donor, Patisserie Daniel, Cheryl Westmacott (poster), Pepper's Market, Michell's Farms, Yates St.Coffee Bar.



Board Member Pam Slyth and long time supporter Anne Christensen enjoying the 2025 Strawberry Tea.



*Teapots Still Needed!
See page 4 for details.*

2025 Strawberry Tea

The net income was \$5063.68

Income

Donations	\$1,957.50
Tea & Cake	1,177.50
Rummage	1,230.08
Jewelry	882.60
Silent Auction	1,027.00

Expenses

Hall Rental	500.00
Strawberries	375.00
Liability Insurance	276.00
Cake	60.00

Please cut out the poster and share it



Merry Christmas!

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps announces the return of their

Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday
November 22nd, 2025
1.00-4.00pm

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

Rummage
Books
Silent Auction
Jewellery
Baking
Crafts

Cake & Beverage
\$7.50
(Cash only please)

For more information, please contact us at:
Victoriacatrescue@gmail.com
www.victoriacatrescue.com
Or check us out on:
@victoria_cat_rescue VICTORIACATRESCUE

Bamboo

Rescued at 5 weeks old and now thriving.



Cont. from page 2 One of the many memorable rescues this year was Bamboo, a tiny kitten found beside a busy road along with his siblings and malnourished mother. At five weeks old, Bamboo weighed only 200 grams and was severely anemic and flea-infested. After weeks of intensive care, this little fighter pulled through and is now thriving. The teenage momma cat was so exhausted but after some vet care and good nutrition, she is now playing with her four kittens, all of them feeling better! Food prices continue to soar, so we have also created an amazon wishlist which hopefully makes it a little easier for our supporters to assist with food donations in another way. Please check the Facebook post dated

All of this is possible only because of our incredible supporters. Your generosity, encouragement, and compassion allow us to continue rescuing, healing, and finding homes for the most vulnerable cats.

With heartfelt gratitude, Kim



Important Notes



NOL \$5.00 each
Get your NOL tickets today!

— night of lights —

Sunday, November 23 ♦ 6 PM - 9:30 PM

When you purchase a \$5.00 ticket to Hillside Centre's special evening, **Night of Lights**, 100% of the proceeds support local charities in your community. It also buys you a special evening event like no other!

THE EVENING INCLUDES:

- Great Prizes including 1 of 5 **\$1,000 Shopping Sprees!**
- Tasty Treats
- Entertainment
- Fabulous In-Store Discounts

For tickets or information,
CONTACT:
victoriacatrescue@gmail.com

Money we raise through ticket sales
WE SUPPORT:
Foster cats & spay/neuter

Limited number available.
Entrance to the special evening is for ticket holders **ONLY**, so tell your friends!

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FOR MORE INFO VISIT
hillsidecentre.com



Please support our Night of Lights Fundraiser by purchasing a ticket from one of our volunteers. Email us at the address on the poster, or see a volunteer at the Christmas Bazaar on November 22nd. A limited number of tickets are available for this fun event at Hillside Mall.



VCRCS is discontinuing the landline phone number due to low volume of calls. You can still contact us thru our email address or our Facebook page.



We are still looking for pretty china teapots (4 cup) to be used at our events. If you have one that you could donate or loan, please contact us at victoriacatrescue@gmail.com



If possible, Volunteers are requested to move their vehicles from the church parking lot before the Bazaar begins, to leave room for our guests.



We are still urgently seeking baking and craft donations for the Bazaar.



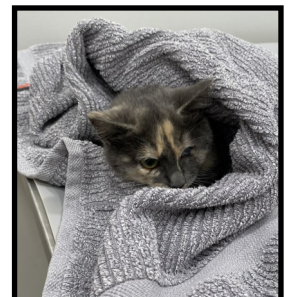
The Board of Directors of VCRCS wish all our members, volunteers, supporters and foster homes a very Happy Holiday Season.

VCRCS receives 100% of the proceeds from tickets sold.

Cats in our care - Veronika's Story



If you have been following Veronika's story on Facebook, we have an update for you. We recently reached out to our supporters for help with her medical bills. She is a sweet little feral kitten who was tragically shot with a BB gun and had a serious eye problem. She was recently examined at IslandVeterinary Eye Specialist by Dr. Stephanie Osinchuk, who was able to determine that Veronika was completely blind in that eye. She also has a condition called entropion, which causes her eyelashes to roll inward and irritate the cornea. As a result, Veronika needed surgery to remove the damaged eye. The good news is that she has perfect vision in her remaining eye, so she will be able to live a full and happy life once she heals. Her surgery took place on October 21st and it went very well. Thank you to everyone who has donated toward her care so far. We still need to raise a bit more to cover her surgery costs, so please save your bottles! Proceeds from our November 29th Bottle Drive will help with this.



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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: _____

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**We're on the
Web!**
victoriacatrescue.com

Volunteers Needed!



Gail, Liz and Dale mashing Strawberries for the 2024 Strawberry Tea.

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?

Email victoriacatrescue@gmail.com



Beautiful Freya needs a calm, quiet forever 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 over-population 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 when funds allow 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".