



CAT TALES

C.A.R.E.S. mission is to rescue, shelter and find loving homes for stray, abandoned and unwanted cats.

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SUMMER/FALL 2012

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Mona is 5 years old and spayed. She really needs a forever home. She has been at the shelter way too long. Can you help? Please check out her details on our website: www.carescatshelter.com

604.532.5632

GET READY FOR THE 9th ANNUAL C.A.R.E.S. WALK-A-THON



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Yes, it is our annual Walk-A-Thon for the kitties at C.A.R.E.S. coming up on September 23, 2012 at Derby Reach Park "Fort to Fort Trail" in Fort Langley. Our goal this year is to sign up 100 walkers – so get to it folks! It is an easy 5 km walk and you are invited to a free BBQ and chili after the walk.

This is the most important fundraising event of the year for C.A.R.E.S. We depend on the money raised for food, vet bills and shelter operations. We are currently housing over 90 adult cats and fostering 85 kittens. Please help us help the cats by pledging to walk and by getting sponsors.

You will be helping cats like Holly who was found abandoned with her kittens covered in ringworm and filth inside a cat carrier in a back stairwell of an

apartment without food or water (See her complete story on the back page). We are being confronted daily with stories like that and we cannot help these abandoned, injured and unwanted cats without your support.

Contact all your friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you. Ask them for \$5, \$10, \$20 or even \$50 each. Collect the money and bring it to the walk on September 23. We are counting on you! To download a pledge form, please [click](#) here. You may also tell your friends that they can use their credit card and make a secure [online](#) donation in your name. If you cannot come and just wish to make a general donation, please do so [here](#). For more information and to register for the walk, please contact Carol Briner at 604.202.0713 or e-mail: donations@carescatshelter.com

KITTEN SEASON IS UPON US - AGAIN

We are overloaded with the cutest, fluffiest, cuddliest kittens you can imagine and they are all up for adoption. If you have been thinking about getting a kitten – now is a good time. Getting a pair is an even better idea – they will keep each other company. Or you can get a kitten as companion for your current cat. If you are interested, please come and check out some of them at PetSmart on the Langley Bypass, Mon – Fri, 7 to 9 PM and weekends from noon to 4 PM. For more info you can also contact adoptions@carescatshelter.com All kittens are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and have had a complete health check.



Chicklet & Nougat



GIBSON AND CRUISE - THE TALE OF TWO TATTOOS

CRUISE'S STORY

On Wednesday, May 16th of this year, a lady came to the shelter with a cat in her car that she had rescued near her home in the Brookwood district of Langley. She was quite certain that he was a stray as he had started living under her porch. She had taken him to the Aldergrove Veterinary Clinic in hopes of tracing the owner as the cat had a tattoo in his ear. Unfortunately, the information on file at the clinic was old as the cat had been neutered in 2006 and the number for the owner was not in service. Feeling like they'd hit a dead end, the vet staff told the Good Samaritan about C.A.R.E.S.

my surprise, many people with the same name popped up from all around North America. I scrolled way down and finally found what I was looking for in Brookwood, Langley. With renewed hope, I clicked on the name. Yes, this just might be the person I was looking for. But upon seeing the information, I quickly realized the account was old and had not been used in quite a long time. There were a handful of Facebook friends listed, so one by one, I clicked on each and started sending messages that I was looking for this person and why. One friend had a cat picture on his profile. Maybe that person would be the one to call me back, I chuckled. I left a contact number and hoped that a call would come. And it did! On Saturday evening at 10 PM, I received a call from the fellow who had a cat picture on his profile. He introduced himself and said he was a friend of Eric, who had just recently moved and shortly after lost his cat Cruise. He had contacted Eric and asked me if he could give Eric my number. Indeed he could!

My next call came from Cruise's owner. He confirmed that he had moved at the beginning of May and that Cruise may have been let out a little prematurely before knowing his new home. Eric thought Cruise had just taken off and being gone for a couple of weeks, was lost for good. He was eager to come and get Cruise right away so we met at the shelter an hour later. It was a great reunion and Eric was obviously happy to have his old buddy back!

Eric and I discovered an amazing thing when he gave me his new address and contact information, which I passed on to Aldergrove Vet Clinic. I showed Eric the address where Cruise was rescued and it was only a half block from where Eric had just moved from. Cruise had traveled approximately 3 km back to his old neighbourhood!



Eric and Cruise after being reunited.

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Cruise, a beautiful orange tabby, was taken in by our shelter that day and right away we took him to the C.A.R.E.S. vet. Here he received a blood test, vaccinations, revolution, a dewormer, and a teeth cleaning. Once back at the shelter, Cruise was placed in a nice spacious cubby to recover and be monitored for eating and weight. Meanwhile, I couldn't help but wonder if this boy really did have an owner, and perhaps, just perhaps, he got out and somehow had gotten lost. Upon arrival, it was noted that he was wearing a collar but there was no name tag on it and other than being a little thin, he really didn't look much worse for wear.

On Friday afternoon, the hunt for Cruise's owner began. I first called the Aldergrove Vet Clinic to confirm what the name of the owner was. Fortunately, the name was not a very common one. Hopefully this would make my search easier. I started with a local Canada 411 search which had no results. I broadened the search and found a few people with the same surname but in other communities. I called a few, just in case someone might be a relative, but no one was.

Now what? Staring at my computer screen, it dawned on me to try Facebook. I typed in the name and to





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In July of this year, C.A.R.E.S. received a call from the Surrey Animal Shelter. A cat with a tattoo tracing back to C.A.R.E.S. had been turned in as a stray. Upon receiving the tattoo number, I searched our records and found the 2008 adoption of a young black & white cat we had called Gibson. Gibson had been rescued as a stray in Fort Langley and happily found a new home only a month after he got to the shelter. I hoped that history wouldn't repeat itself and that we would be able to locate his adoptive owner.

I immediately called the telephone number we had on file for Gibson's owner but unfortunately it was no longer in service. I then tried to send an email message, but it came back undelivered. The next step was a name search on Canada 411 but there was no one by that name listed in Surrey. A broadened search revealed a woman by the same name in Chase, BC. Could she have moved and left poor Gibson behind? I eagerly dialed the number and reached a lady. I explained why I was calling and with amusement she said she did have a cat, but it was safe and sound sitting with her that moment on the couch, and no, she had never lived in Surrey. So much for Canada 411!

Facebook was an option, but I had one more thing up my sleeve first. Glancing over the application the person had filled out for Gibson, I saw she had filled in a question regarding who her veterinarian was. I placed a call to the Newton Animal Hospital and explained the reason for my call. The staff member checked and yes they did have this person in their system, however, unfortunately they had the same old address and phone number that we had. But wait, they had one number which we didn't, a cell phone. They were not permitted to give me the number, but the staff member kindly did place a call and left a message on the voice line with the information about the lost kitty and with my contact information.

Not two hours later, I received the call I was hoping for. An excited and relieved Karen called me wanting to get her lost kitty back. In the course of our conversation, we began to swap information. They had moved some months back and had a new phone number. They had only just started letting Gibson (now named Oliver) out. He had been missing since Saturday and it was now Tuesday and he was very much missed particularly by Karen's daughter Lauryn who had been inconsolable. Judging by where he was found, which was quite a ways from his new home, Karen and I wondered if Oliver was making his way back to his old neighbourhood. Needless to say, Karen's plans are to keep this boy indoors from now on.

One interesting thing we discovered was that Karen had actually called the Surrey Animal Shelter on the Monday morning after Oliver went missing. Upon describing him, she was told that they did not have him. Oliver had been picked up by an officer on Sunday and as it was after hours for the shelter, Oliver was dropped off at a late night vet that the shelter deals with. He had not yet been transferred to the shelter at the time of Karen's call.

Thanks to their tattoos, Gibson (Oliver) and Cruise were reunited with their owners. One lesson to these stories is that tattoos work best when owner information is kept updated for them. Many shelters may not have the manpower to spend the time that I did digging deeper in tracking owners and as a result, many animals are not reunited with owners even though they have a tattoo. If you do lose a pet, log on to the C.A.R.E.S. website at www.carescatshelter.com and you can find helpful advice by clicking on "If you lose a pet".

Lauralee Porter, Shelter Manager
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Gibson/Oliver is safe at his home.

"I explained why I was calling and with amusement she said she did have a cat, but it was safe and sound sitting with her that moment on the couch, and no, she had never lived in Surrey."



THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

I am always amazed by the generosity of our supporters. Their love for the animals we help is truly wonderful and they really are our "guardian angels".

you to Ashley for remembering us and thank you to Karmavor Vegan Shop for their donation.

"She was an animal lover who thought of C.A.R.E.S. and she bequeathed \$14,000 in her will to us".

FLAT ROOF MANOR - HOME OF FINE WINE AND A CAT

In the spring we were contacted by PMA Canada, the distributor in BC of the Flat Roof Manor Wine. They were offering us to be part of a promotion with a donation of \$1 going to C.A.R.E.S. for every bottle of Flat Roof Manor Pinot Grigio sold in BC during the month of June. They raised \$2,300 for us! Thank you to Julia, Pamela and Jennifer at PMA for all their hard work in raising this money.

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN MEADOWS

We were very sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. She was an animal lover who thought of C.A.R.E.S. and she bequeathed \$14,000 in her will to us. This will go a long way and help many animals in our care. Thank you and bless you Kathleen.

ROYAL CANIN

Royal Canin has agreed to supply all the dry food to the shelter under their shelter feeding program. They also provide each person who adopts a cat with coupons and a free bag of food. Royal Canin produces a quality product and we are lucky to have their support.

A big thank you also goes to all our other supporters including PetSmart and PetSmart Charities who make it possible for us to continue helping the cats in our community.

Carol Briner, President
donations@carescatshelter.com

RUTH AND RAY WESENBERG

This year our good friends Ruth and Ray stopped by for a visit and asked us what we needed. We told them that we were hoping to do a number of shelter improvements. Firstly, we want to extend the shelter to have an outdoor cat run. In addition, the shelter desperately needs a fresh coat of paint. Last on the "wish list" was the need for some new cupboards. Upon hearing this, Ruth and Ray provided the funds which will help us complete all three projects! Once again, we owe these two angels. Thank you to Ray and Ruth for their continued support.

ALLISON NING

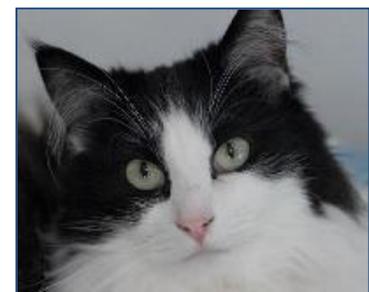
Allison's employer, Deloitte & Touche, has an annual "Impact Day" where its employees dedicate their time to proactively work on community projects and support the development of the communities in which they work and live. Allison has arranged for C.A.R.E.S. to be on the list. These able bodied young people will be coming to paint and make the shelter look brand new. Thank you to Allison for arranging this.

BARB SEWELL

Over the years, Barb has continually given us much needed funding. This spring she also donated money for the new kitchen cabinets. She told me that she loves the animals and the way in which the C.A.R.E.S. volunteers and staff look after the cats. Thank you to Barb for her part in helping us continue our work.

KARMAVOR VEGAN SHOP

Ashley, an employee of the Karmavor Vegan Shop phoned me about donating the proceeds of their annual bake sale to us. Ashley volunteered at the shelter over 10 years ago when she was a young teenager and she never forgot the work we do. The bake sale was a success with us receiving \$830. Thank



Squeeky



Jennifer Thomson, Manager at PMA Canada (middle) is delivering the wine promotion donation to Lauralee and Teena.





VOLUNTEER POWER

We are fortunate at C.A.R.E.S. to have so many wonderful volunteers all doing their part together to help the homeless cats. Our volunteers contribute to the success of the organization in so many ways, each performing their assigned tasks and often going above and beyond when asked to help with things outside the scope of their duties. We simply couldn't do what we do without the people who perform all these necessary functions. Thank you all.

There are some volunteers who are not seen as they are often working "behind the scenes". One such volunteer we would like to bring to light is Anne Salomon our Director of Communications.

We first met Anne in 2006 when she adopted two beautiful blue-eyed sister cats whom she named Mojschen and Little Sister. Six years later, the girls are still doing very well in the loving care of Anne and her husband Steen. At the time she adopted the girls, Anne gave us a very generous donation in memory of her cat Puddy who she adopted from C.A.R.E.S. in 2000 and who had suddenly passed away. Over the next couple of years, we would see Anne when she would pop in for a quick visit and to give us another generous donation for the shelter. She always

said on those visits, that one day, when she was no longer working, she would come and volunteer. Finally, in 2009 Anne was good to her word and became a volunteer at C.A.R.E.S. as a Director on the Board.

Many people may not see her, but just log on to our website or Facebook, and you will see the talents of our Anne at work. Not only is Anne busy keeping our website and two Facebook sites up to date, but she also puts together our newsletters, Annual Reports and any kind of posters we may need for upcoming events. Anne was also instrumental in the design of the current C.A.R.E.S. brochure and banner stands as well as many of the forms and policies & procedures we use today. As if all of this isn't enough, Anne also volunteers on the fundraising committee and she was on the Board of Directors for three years.

Anne, thank you for all that you do and have done for C.A.R.E.S. and the cats in need. It is people like you who keep making the difference and are helping us to continue with our mission of helping the cats. Special mention and thank you also goes to Anne's husband (Uncle) Steen who helps Anne with the website.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

Being a volunteer is extremely rewarding, educational and exciting. You can have a huge impact on the lives of homeless animals. In many cases, this is the first time someone has really cared for them.

It is estimated that over 80,000 cats and dogs are euthanized every year in Canada mostly because there are not enough homes for them. In the USA, there are approximately 70,000 puppies and kittens born each day.

An unspayed female cat that has 2 litters per year can result in over 11,000 kittens in less than 5 years if none of the offspring are neutered or spayed.

Our goal at C.A.R.E.S. is to be part of the solution to this problem. We ensure that every cat we adopt out is already spayed/neutered. We screen potential adopters to ensure they are good homes that will responsibly care for their new cats. In addition, we practice TNR (trap, neuter, return) to help reduce the number of kittens being born in the wild. We cannot successfully do what we do without the help of good volunteers.

To volunteer or get more information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Kushner at volunteers@carescatshelter.com or call her at 604.866.1485



Anne (after a fundraising event) and Little Sister



Mojschen and Little Sister lounging on the patio



Anne at an Adopt-a-thon

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

*Margaret Mead,
Anthropologist,
1901-1978*



UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEKEND

September 15 & 16, 2012. Join us at our Adoption Centre at PetSmart on the Langley Bypass for our quarterly National Adoption Weekend. This event is held all over North America and sponsored by PetSmart Charities to encourage adoptions and for shelters like ours to interact with the public. We will have lots of cats and kittens for adoption, information about how to volunteer and other ways you can help the cats in our community. Our knowledgeable volunteers will be there and will assist you in finding the right cat or kitten for you.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

October 13, 2012. This very popular event will be held on a Saturday evening this year. It is always a sellout so mark that date on your calendar and get ready to order your tickets right away when you see them advertised. You don't want to miss out on this fun event! More information will be posted on our website and Facebook as we get closer to the event.

**FRASER DOWNS**

WHERE EXCITEMENT COMES STANDARD

9th ANNUAL C.A.R.E.S. WALK-A-THON
September 23, 2012. This is our biggest and most important fundraising event. It will be held at Derby Reach Park on the "Fort to Fort Trail" in Fort Langley. Registration will start at noon and the walk will start at 1:00 PM. We would love to see 100 walkers this year. Please mark the event on your calendar and start collecting your pledges from your friends and family. The pledge sheets can be obtained from our website at www.carescatshelter.com. This event is fun and you get some light exercise as well, so plan to come and bring a friend. Dogs are also welcome. We invite you to stay after the walk for the barbeque and door prizes. Our food sponsor, Royal Canin will be at the event and they will be giving out goodies to our participants.

CANADIAN TIRE CAMPAIGN

We are planning a one month Campaign at the Langley Store, where C.A.R.E.S. will be promoted in house as "The Charity of the Month" and customers can make donations to us. This will give C.A.R.E.S. visibility and recognition as more people in the community will get to know us. Stay tuned for the dates.

"We would love to see 100 walkers this year. Please mark the event on your calendar and start collecting your pledges from your family, friends and co-workers!"



Clive playing air-guitar



Red Robinson, Cynthia Kereluk and the C.A.R.E.S. crew



Some of the C.A.R.E.S. crew at the Garage Sale

RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

7th ANNUAL C.A.R.E.S. MEGA GARAGE SALE.

This year it was held June 23 & 24, however because of all the kind and wonderful donations we received, we had to hold it over for a second weekend, July 7 & 8. We raised over \$3,000 - our best yet! Thank you to all who donated their treasures and we would like to thank the many volunteers who helped as this is a huge undertaking. A big thank you goes to Cathy, Caroll, Clive, Kathleen, Anne, Marietta, Donna, Pat, Joe, Teena, Chris, Gary, Margaret, Tracy, Evelyn, Gisele and Louise.

PAUL ROGERS CONCERT

This was a very successful evening for C.A.R.E.S., where we raised over \$6,000. We all enjoyed the concert at the Red Robinson Casino in Coquitlam. Special thanks to Paul Rogers and his wife Cynthia for hosting the event and for donating several autographed items for the raffle. Over \$3,000 was raised in raffle ticket sales alone and Paul and Cynthia surprised us by matching the amount we sold, hence doubling our money! We are so grateful to them for their ongoing support.



RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CASINO NIGHT. On June 2nd, we held our 2nd Annual Casino Night at Playtime Gaming. After being greeted by people decorated as cats, the guests enjoyed the excellent burgers and beer/wine, played some slots, bid on silent auction items and had a good time raising funds for the shelter. Thanks to all of you who came and supported this event and thank you to all who donated items for the silent auction. A special thank you to Lisa McGalliard who put together that splendid goodie basket which was raffled off at the event.

In summary, due to the kindness of our supporters and volunteers we have so far had a successful year on the fundraising front. As we see the

increased number of cats and kittens needing our help this year, there is always a need for continued fundraising, which is why we continue to explore new avenues and ideas. I wish to thank my fellow committee members; Anne, Caroll, Carol, Chris, Donna, Marian and Allison, who all continue to work for our Society and the animals we protect. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any ideas, comments or thoughts about further fundraising. Our focus will always be the cats, but it is you, the supporters, who enable us to continue and for that we and the cats are blessed.

Clive Ellis
Fundraising Committee Chair
fundraising@carescatshelter.com



Clive, Chris B, Caroll and Carol at Gaming Night



Some of the many items donated for the Silent Auction on Gaming Night

HELP US FIND A HOME FOR LITTLE RUBY AND ANGEL



RUBY
11 year old spayed female. Ruby, along with her lifelong friend Angel, was sadly returned to C.A.R.E.S. after a family breakup. Ruby is a darling soul who is timid but also wants to be loved. Ruby is not a picker-upper, but she really does enjoy being around you and being petted. She is looking for that special quiet home who would adopt her and her friend Angel too. Ruby is good with other cats and we recommend an indoor home with other cat friendly cats for this sweet dear.



ANGEL
11 year old spayed female. Angel and her lifelong friend Ruby were sadly returned to C.A.R.E.S. due to a family breakup. She has been around animals all her life and would fair best in a multi cat home. Ideally, she would love to be adopted with her friend Ruby who she can often be seen sharing a bed with. Angel is looking for a quiet home where she would remain safely indoors. If you would like to meet Ruby and Angel, please contact Lauralee at adoptions@carescatshelter.com

"Ideally she would love to be adopted with her friend Ruby who she can often be seen sharing a bed with!"



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CHATTY CATTY 'S CORNER

Hi everyone, Ariel here. Can we talk?

I must tell you about the crazy year this has been for us with the increased amount of e-mails and calls asking for our help. During the past several months on average, we have been caring for over 80 kittens. At one point, we even had an all time C.A.R.E.S. record of 90 kittens in our care! And as soon as they get adopted, another call will come in about more needing help. It just doesn't end.

I must also tell you about the most recent arrivals. On August 5th, our volunteer Nic learned from a friend of his that she had found a cat carrier with a mom cat and five kittens in it. The carrying case was found in a back stairwell of the apartment building that she lived in. Poor mom cat was scared and had no food or water and was trying to feed her five babies. They were all lying in their urine and feces, which makes me think they must have been in that stairwell for well over a day! It just makes my whiskers wither when I think about how traumatic it must have been for that mom cat. I just can't imagine what kind of person could have done this - grrrr!

Anyhow, the friend had tried calling around to places to see if anyone could help. The shelters in their area were all full and she placed a call for help on Craig's List. Fortunately, our volunteer Nic saw her posting for help and called

our shelter manager, my friend Lauralee. She told him to contact his friend so that we could get mom and kits to the shelter right away. Within a couple of hours, mom and kits were safely delivered to the C.A.R.E.S. veterinarian. Mom cat was named Holly, after her rescuer.

Now for the bad news. A quick exam from the vet revealed that mom and all five of her four week old babes were covered in ringworm! Not good. For those of you who might not know about ringworm, it is a terrible skin fungus which causes hair loss. The skin gets very dry and scaly and it can get itchy. It is very contagious to other cats and to humans too. It takes anywhere from six to eight weeks to treat with both oral and topical medications and during that time, us cats must be kept in isolation. Our caregivers must wear gloves and other protective clothing and then for good measure, they must wash themselves with a special disinfectant to ensure they don't get infected with it.

I sure hope that we can get this family all healed up fast. Maybe, just maybe, they will all be placed in loving homes by Thanksgiving. They deserve it!

Until next time,

Love from Ariel

