



CAT TALES

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Mission Statement

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

CAT SHOW SUCCESS!

The August Cat Show in Langley was another success for C.A.R.E.S. - 5 adult cats and 6 kittens all went to wonderful homes! The two show cats, Wally and Simon, scored big, each winning 5 and 6 ribbons respectively. The biggest score for Simon and Wally, however, was when they were adopted into loving homes! The C.A.R.E.S. volunteers, all clad in C.A.R.E.S. T-shirts, were out in full force assisting in the judging rings with cage washing. C.A.R.E.S. is truly grateful to the **Cat Fanciers of BC** who put on the August show each year for the purpose of raising money for the C.A.R.E.S. shelter. **Thank you, Cat Fanciers!** We are looking forward to the March show in Cloverdale.



Simon has been adopted into a loving home.



Wally has been adopted into a loving home also.

FUNDRAISING

Our Fundraising Committee has been extremely active this summer.

Two hot dog sales, one at Petsmart and one at Save-On Willowbrook, generated \$400.

Our yard sale pulled in \$1,000, done on two different weekends. This is only the beginning, folks!

EVENTS TO COME

- 1) We are going to sell Entertainment books and the bargain price of \$46 each. Please contact Carol Briner at 604-574-1325 if you would like to order books for yourself and your friends. Remember who we are doing this for!
- 2) We will host the 1st Annual C.A.R.E.S. Cat Walk (walk-a-thon) on Sunday, October 3rd. It will be held at Derby Reach and we hope to generate \$3,000 from this event. We will need help managing and organizing the walk, as well as walkers who have solicited pledges from their contacts at home, work, play, wherever. Please call Lois Vandermeer at 604-538-7211.

To all the people who put their time and hearts in cleaning our shelter, working in Luv-a-Pet, doing intakes and adoptions, fostering, fundraising, kitty kissing, nursing and being there for the cats, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE C.A.R.E.S.' LOGO

Following our initial exposure to C.A.R.E.S., we felt that the organization was in need of a logo to reflect the professionalism of the society.

Businesses and organizations



use logos to enable the public at large to easily identify a company or product. We felt it was time for C.A.R.E.S. to have a logo, which would symbolize the organization and what it does.

The logo was developed from input from the C.A.R.E.S. Board of Directors, who felt the image should depict someone lovingly holding a cat in their arms.

From this point, several drawings were produced. Through gradual refinement, a logo was developed and approved by the Board of Directors. The logo depicted the loving care inherent in the organization (from the Board,

the volunteers, our special needs groups and the medical support staff.) The lettering (Algerian font) maintained a link to the past. The arms in the logo represent the organization (people working in cooperation to make C.A.R.E.S. a success). The faceless cat represents the thousands of animals C.A.R.E.S. has helped.

Sharon and Dennis Ratcliffe

*"There are no ordinary cats"
.....Colette*

C.A.R.E.S. LENDS A HAND (A View from A Volunteer)

A while ago, I was called to the phone just as Luv a Pet was about to close. The caller was from Victims' Services, asking for help on behalf of a woman with eight cats. She had been involved in a domestic dispute and needed a place for her cats until she could sort things out. Even though space was at a premium in the shelter, I felt we could find a place for these cats on a temporary basis.

After arranging to meet the woman at the shelter in 20 minutes, I then phoned Tish Goodall, the C.A.R.E.S. Health Care Manager. Tish did not hesitate, agreeing with my suggestion that we could use the empty trailer, thereby isolating the new cats from the C.A.R.E.S. cats who have been virus tested. Even though Tish had plans for the day, she readied beds, bedding, dishes,

water, litter and boxes and, in no time at all, had a safe, comfortable temporary home for eight cats.

Shortly after, the cats and their owner arrived. Fred and Don, from the Heritage Society, pitched right in, carrying the big cat carriers for us and immediately putting a new lock in place and helping in any way they could. Tish and I met with our new friend and did our best to comfort her and settle the cats.

The look on the woman's face said it all. I am so grateful to be part of a team of dedicated cat lovers and women who care about others as well as cats. Knowing we could help her with part of her burden was the best feeling in the world for me and the bonus was that we all fell in love with those cats.

I am also grateful to PetSmart, for their Adoption Centre, financial support and the fact that the call was directed to the C.A.R.E.S. associate. Thanks to all of you, the cats will be safe and our new friend has



said that if she stays in Langley, she would like to become a C.A.R.E.S. volunteer.

Donna Weatherby

Update: Two of the eight cats (kittens) were adopted out; the woman has since relocated and taken the rest of her cats with her.

C.A.R.E.S. NEW SHELTER BECAUSE OF SO MANY

In the Spring of 2003, Mary Ridd and Sharon Ratcliffe started a chain of events which would lead to the new shelter located in Milner. Their persistence was instrumental in raising the awareness and need for assistance in finding a new home for C.A.R.E.S. Don Woode promoted C.A.R.E.S. to the Mayor and resulted in the vision of Langley Township Mayor Kurt Alberts and the subsequent cooperative efforts of the Langley Heritage Society. These were the events that lead to so many people contributing to what we see today.

C.A.R.E.S. wishes to acknowledge and thank the following people for their unselfish efforts:

A special thanks to President Fred Pepin and members of the Langley Heritage Society for their leadership and support of the project. They took all the

risks, administered the project, and paid for all the up-front costs. Fred generously volunteered not only his labour but his organizational and leadership skills to spearhead the on-site construction. Thank you to Dennis Ratcliffe for his role as project manager for C.A.R.E.S. His research, design plans, and many hours of donated labour all contributed to the success of the project. A special thanks to Troy Zanatta of Restwell Mattress Company for his generous donation of the modular office. For providing the cement, cement finishing, and heating system, a thank you to Gordon Estrada of Bridge Holdings. C.A.R.E.S. owes a big thank you to the following people who assisted in the design and development stages; Stew McIvor of Fastec for reviewing the plans and design, David Taft of Britco for his expertise and assistance in securing the modular office, David Marlow of Brookwood Veterinary Hospital for his consultation on the shelter

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Thanks to everyone for their interest and support during construction.

KUDOS to the people and businesses who have donated their time and money!

Canada Tire
PetSmart
Cat Fanciers of BC
Alan Schellenberg, Target Specialty Advertising Inc. - for giving us a fabulous price on our T-shirts
Marie Walsh
High Point Electric Ltd.
Mr. And Mrs. Haeber

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White Heather belonged to Queen Victoria (1819-1901). Reminding the Queen of her beloved Scotland, White Heather lived at Buckingham Palace and on surviving Victoria's death, was 'adopted' by her successor, King Edward VII.

VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to volunteer? There are many opportunities available!

If you have a few hours a week or month to spare, call us at 604-532-5632

or visit "Contact Us" on our website at www.langleycares.com.

I am interested in:

- _____ helping at the shelter
- _____ fostering cats and/or kittens
- _____ working at adoption centre
- _____ assisting with the newsletter/web site
- _____ assisting with fundraising



DONATIONS

You can help by making a tax deductible donation.

Yes, I would like to help by contributing

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$OTHER |



MEMBERSHIPS

I would like to become a member for an annual fee of \$25. A tax receipt will be issued.

(NOTE: The annual fee for volunteers is \$10.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE # _____ POSTAL CODE _____

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