



CATTALES

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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.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY - ARIEL'S STORY

In the early months of 2007, C.A.R.E.S. received an earnest call from a lady whose best friend was tragically killed when she lost control of her vehicle. The deceased woman was single and had no immediate family in the area. The caller was deeply concerned as she was desperately trying to find a temporary home for her friend's two cats, Caesar and Ariel. A cousin of the deceased woman had agreed to take the two cats but she lived up in Prince George and would not be able to make the trip down for a month.

Fortunately, the busy season had not yet begun for the C.A.R.E.S. shelter. Caesar and Ariel could come and stay in the trailer while they waited to be taken to their new home.

Caesar, a friendly and outgoing orange tabby, quickly made himself at home. He would come and greet anyone coming into the trailer and would happily nestle himself next to you if you sat on the couch. A more reserved Ariel, on the other hand, chose to hide behind the couch for several days. She was having a somewhat difficult time adapting to the changes in her life. The one thing that became very evident about both cats was that they had been very well loved. Both the 8 year olds appeared to be in excellent health, and they had beautiful shiny coats.



I was informed by the lady that their owner gave them "nothing but the best" and that these cats were like "her children". The days passed and the C.A.R.E.S. volunteers and the owner's friend visited with the cats often. Ariel began to hide less and she would more frequently be found sleeping on the couch rather than behind it. She too began to welcome the visits and would accept our pats.

Finally, the day came when the owner's cousin came to pick up the cats. I had mixed feelings as I watched them drive off. I had become attached to these cats and I felt so deeply for their

situation and what they were going through. I hoped that the family member would make them feel as loved as they had with their original owner. I was particularly worried about Ariel. She needed a longer time to adjust than her partner and I wasn't sure how it would go in her new home. Before their departure, I made sure I told the family member that if it didn't work out, C.A.R.E.S. would take the cats back.

Three weeks later, my secret fears came true. The call came from Prince George that Ariel was not adapting the way the woman wanted her to. Caesar and Ariel were expected to learn to "do their business" outside. For Caesar, this was not appearing to be a problem. But for Ariel, it was not going well. She would have accidents in the house when the litter box was removed. She simply did not want to "go" outdoors. The woman was happy to keep Caesar but Ariel had to go. If C.A.R.E.S. didn't take her back, then she would take her to the SPCA where she would most likely be euthanized.

As promised, the shelter took Ariel back into its care. This time, instead of the trailer, Ariel came into the main shelter and was integrated in with the other cats. Once again, poor Ariel had to adjust to changes. Happily, with some extra love and attention, Ariel has managed to settle in quite well to shelter life. As of this writing, she is sharing quarters with four other cats. Whenever I'm at the shelter, I always make a point of stopping by to see her and give her a pat or two and she happily responds. Nothing can replace a loving home though, and it is my continued hope that she will again become someone's "child".



Submitted by Lauralee Porter
 Adoptions Volunteer
 July 18, 2007

C.A.R.E.S. SHELTER STATISTICS

Adoptions

January	45	May	26
February	24	June	12
March	17	July	40
April	18	August	53

Neuters and Spays

May, June, July 82



Classical Homeopathy in C.A.R.E.S.

Jackie and Jack - what do they have in common besides the similarity in names? These cats came to C.A.R.E.S. shelter with some major issues. Jackie has since left and been happily adopted by one of our volunteers. She is now under the care and guidance of her new "mommy". Jack is a recent arrival. What they do share in common is the positive benefits and changes they experienced at C.A.R.E.S., with a little help from homeopathy.

Jackie arrived in August 2006. When I first observed her in September, Jackie had constant, small twitches in her facial area, particularly around the mouth. Her upper lip twitched upward. When she sat, her body twitched and trembled, particularly around the backside along her spinal cord. When she walked, her back legs appeared weak and would wobble from side to side. She could take a few normal steps and then wobble. Once in awhile, she would extend one of her back legs as if to stretch but it appeared that she didn't have total control of the stretch. Her tail was stiff.



Although she was only 1-1/2 years old, she acted and looked like an old cat. When I let her wander in the "common area" of the shelter, she wasn't playful and didn't walk around very quickly or do that much walking around. I had the sense that she was an unhappy cat - if I were to describe her disposition, she appeared grumpy. She did like to be petted for a few minutes but then would walk away to eat some dry food. She was a nibbler. Whenever I approached her cubicle or run, she would make an effort to come and see me. One time however, I was petting her in the cubicle, and she was enjoying being petted, when she suddenly bit into my wrist, quite deeply. It was almost like an uncontrolled reflex. She seemed as surprised as I was. She rolled over on her back and rubbed her head against my hand as if to apologize. A couple other volunteers had the same experience with Jackie.

I gave her the first remedy in September but didn't notice any significant changes in the first month. On October 10, 2006, I administered a second remedy and that is when many changes occurred.

My recorded observations in October:

"I first noticed that the facial twitching stopped. Then the trembling on her backside disappeared. She is walking much better - very little, if any, wobbling. She once in awhile stretches her back leg but doesn't look like she is about to fall over. She can jump easily onto the scratch post and often spends time on the top platform which is at least 4 feet high. She is more playful and talkative. When I toss around the little stuffed toy, she will chase it. Yesterday, I purposely placed the toy on the upper platform of the post and she stretched up, standing on her back legs, clawing at the scratch post - her back legs supported her and she did not fall off. There has been no further "reflex actions" since that one time when she bit me.

She is more playful, enjoys the attention, being petted and appears more youthful. I received reports from other volunteers that they also noticed that she was walking much better. She has not received any other treatment so I know that she has had a good response to the homeopathic remedy."

Jack arrived about the last week of February 2007. His owner had surrendered him because of his aggressiveness. When Jack arrived at C.A.R.E.S., he snarled, growled and hissed at anyone and everyone that even came within sight of him. It was difficult to open the cubicle door and put in food and litter without fear of mutilation!



T-Touch is something that works well with aggressive cats; however, without being able to get close to him, I tried a few sessions of "surrogate EFT" with him. As the week went by, Jack became less aggressive and allowed me to enter his space and to even play with a wand.

Eleanor Gahr pointed out to me that Jack had wandering pupils. I observed and noticed that his pupils would oscillate from side to side, with a lateral motion. It was continuous and simultaneous, both eyes moving in the same direction at the same time even though his head remained still. Perhaps he at one time had suffered some kind of trauma to the head. That might account for some of his aggressiveness and this unusual symptom of the eyes. However, I was just guessing.

Unable to administer a remedy into his mouth, I did the next best thing and placed the remedy that I had chosen into his drinking dish over a period of 3 days. I started on Friday and by Sunday, both Eleanor and I noticed a significant improvement in his eyes and his demeanor was much calmer than we had seen before. This is not the end of Jack's story but it is encouraging to see his rapid progress.

Many of you may be asking: **What is Homeopathy?**

Homeopathy is not something new. It was discovered over 200 years ago by a German physician and is currently used in many parts of the world, particularly in England, Europe, India and Latin American countries and is gaining renewed recognition in Canada and the States. The practical health benefits experienced by millions of people and animals for over 200 years provide convincing evidence that homeopathic remedies are effective.

Homeopathy is a natural system of medicine that uses highly diluted doses of substances to stimulate the body's own healing mechanism. By studying the symptoms produced by an individual, a homeopath can determine which homeopathic remedy is capable of curing those symptoms.

What can Homeopathy Treat? Homeopathy can be effective in treating virtually any health issue, acute or chronic - regardless of whether the origin is physical, mental or emotional. When administered correctly, homeopathy is a gentle, safe and inexpensive method of health care for both humans and animals alike.

In 2005, I completed a 4-year program and graduated with a Diploma of Classical Homeopathy. Classical homeopathic treatment is a method that focuses on the underlying disturbance or disease that causes the symptoms, rather than the symptoms themselves. Although I was trained to treat people, the same principles can be applied to animals.

I feel privileged to have the opportunity at C.A.R.E.S. to combine my passion for Homeopathy with my love for animals. I want to thank the members at C.A.R.E.S. for giving me permission to use homeopathy on the cats at the shelter. I appreciate their willingness to be open minded even when most have little or no knowledge or understanding of homeopathy.

Over the past year, I have given remedies to many of the cats at the shelter for various ailments. It is my hope that more people will eventually see all the benefits that homeopathy can offer. For me, it has been and continues to be a rewarding experience.

Diane Louie, DCH, RCSHom
Classical Homeopath



We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

By Carol Briner, Treasurer and Marian Haney, President

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

We on the Fundraising Committee continue to raise funds to fulfill C.A.R.E.S.' mission which is to rescue, shelter and find loving homes for stray, abandoned and unwanted cats.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

In June, leftover treasures from the Annual C.A.R.E.S. garage sale were taken, along with baked goodies, to the annual Brookwood Baptist Church Spring Sale. Thanks so much to those volunteers who donated all the yummy treats!

This spring, we started weekly meat draws at the Duke of Wellington Neighbourhood Pub and at the Fort Neighbourhood Pub. We invite you to come and enjoy some good food and participate in the meat draws.

Duke of Wellington Neighbourhood Pub
19640 64 Avenue, Langley
Fridays, 4:30 p - 6:30 pm

The Fort Neighbourhood Pub
9273 Glover Road, Langley
Sundays, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

We have also begun a bottle drive! All donations of bottles and pop cans will gladly be accepted at the shelter. Alternately, you may call our shelter line at 604-532-5632 to arrange for pick-up or alternately, take your recyclables to Choices Market in South Surrey.

THE MAIN EVENT

It's that time of year again! The Annual Walk-A-Thon will be held Sunday, September 23rd at Derby Reach Park. This event is a lot of fun and it is our biggest fundraising event of the year! There is always a BBQ following the event and there are door prizes as well as prizes for the top pledge collectors. Plan to come and bring a friend too. Pledge forms are available on the C.A.R.E.S. website, www.langleycares.com or by calling Carol Briner at 604-202-0713. We hope to see you there but if you can't attend, then do make a pledge for someone who is attending.

C.A.R.E.S. ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The call went out weeks before to volunteers, members and acquaintances. C.A.R.E.S. needed donations of saleable items for the annual garage sale to be held the weekend of May 26th and 27th. The call was answered and very generously, too. "Treasures" arrived in copious numbers. Carol's spare bedroom was filled floor to ceiling and wall-to-wall. There was a huge trove of larger items in the driveway covered by tarps and these two stashes soon spilled over into her living room and her garage. The quantity was mind boggling.



On the Friday evening, a number of us congregated at Carol's to set up for the following morning. We put out 20 tables; soon we had them covered in treasures, had all the under table space jam-packed and the furniture items placed on the lawn, still with things in boxes for which there was no display room. Then we suddenly realized we hadn't yet emptied Carol's spare bedroom! At this point, we were exhausted and decided to bring out the rest of the goodies on Saturday morning.

We re-grouped at 7 am (6:30 am for Carol, Chris and a couple of other hardy souls) to finish dragging stuff out of the house. The sale was to start at 8 am but at 7:30, we gave up trying to fend off the early birds, hoping they would buy lots so we would have more space for the things we were still bringing out! Three of us donned aprons with cash floats and a brisk business began that continued steadily till closing.



Sunday morning, with slightly less enthusiasm and a bit later opening time, we whipped the covering sheets off the tables and opened for business. Sunday patrons got some real bargains because we were practically giving stuff away, hoping to reduce the volume we would have to dispose of after the sale. At 3 o'clock, we kept trying to close but people wouldn't let us. We finally pulled our cars across the end of the driveway and put up a CLOSED sign.

The four of us, who foolhardily volunteered for cleanup duty, dug in and started packing up boxes of leftovers and taking them to the roadside. When we finished, we put up a large "FREE STUFF" sign and went into the house to count money. By this time, poor Carol had totally "had the biscuit" and was muttering "Never again. This is just too exhausting". We sat down and made up the bank deposit as we tallied up and it totaled over \$2,000. This cheered us up considerably and I heard Carol say, "OK, next year, we'll..."



Submitted by Marietta Ashton
Member of the Fundraising Committee

Thanks to our regular supporters!

Petsmart - Each month we place over 40 cats and kittens in good homes through our Luv-A-Pet adoption centre located in the Langley PetSmart store! PetSmart donates the room and litter and also hosts many fundraising events to help homeless animals.

B.C. Gaming Commission - We just could not do what we do without our yearly operating grant supplied to us from the B.C. Gaming Commission!

Kitty Kingdom and Davena Tarkanen - Davena designed the original C.A.R.E.S. website, and over the years has not only donated freely of her time but has also donated goodies from her store to help with many of our events. Kitty Kingdom, located in downtown Langley, is a must see!

Harvey Pet Food & Supply - Sara Harvey, owner, has contributed prizes to several of our events and also has held a number of her own events for homeless animals. Sara also "fosters" C.A.R.E.S. cats in her store until they find their permanent homes!

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Special Thanks to.....

- **The Township and City of Langley** - For shelter improvement grants
- **Barbara Healey-Ogden** - For a generous donation of funds
- **Gordon Thomson** - For donation of numerous limited edition prints
- **Mrs. Luise Hartstock** - For her generous yearly monetary support

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Would you like to help? Here's how you can.....

- **Become a volunteer** - If you have 2 - 3 hours per week to spare, we have openings at both our shelter and adoption centre. Call Lauralee at 604-328-5595 or see last page of this newsletter.
- **Donate funds to C.A.R.E.S.** There are several ways to donate. See last page of this newsletter or call Carol at 604-202-0713 to find out about how you can donate monthly through pre-authorized debit!

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Birds have nests and foxes have dens. Cats have laundry baskets full of freshly washed clothes.

Volunteer Power - The Success of C.A.R.E.S.

THE SUNDAY CREW!



Jan, Eleanor, Carol
Claurin, Leah and Sakiko

The Sunday morning crew..... a wonderful lot whom we depend upon to come in and clean the shelter and feed the cats.

If you would like to help, please call Carol, at 604-202-0713.

Cats are so simple. They need no instructions – just food, litter and love.



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.langleyC.A.R.E.S.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 |
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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.)

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