

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After ably conducting the most successful Annual General Meeting in our history, Marietta Ashton ended her eight year term as C.A.R.E.S. president. She has assumed the newly-created post of Past President and, as head of Premises as well as a member of the Events Committee, says she is busier than ever!

As a founding member, Marietta's input is vital in ensuring that C.A.R.E.S. stays true to its original mandate. Her wide-ranging knowledge and contacts in the rescue community make her a key resource and we are all grateful for her continued participation.

Gail Carruthers President



DASHING DEXTER'S NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE

I met Dexter, a 5-year old black and white cat while working at a veterinary clinic. Dexter had been brought in to be euthanized because his owner thought the cat had feline lower urinary tract disorder (FLUTD) and was not willing to go through the trauma and expense he associated with the problem. Luckily for Dexter, the vet and I saw no reason to euthanize this poor cat - he seemed healthy, a little overweight and was a real gentleman. I called the owner, told him that they couldn't find anything physically wrong with Dexter and asked permission to find him a new home. The owner readily agreed.

I called Lauralee at C.A.R.E.S. and she agreed to intervene. Dexter was transferred to Brookwood Veterinary Hospital. After two weeks of the very best care by Drs. Cusack, Marlowe and the Brookwood staff, Dexter came to the shelter. When I arrived with Dexter, he curled up into a bed and made himself at home. Dexter had a few rough weeks but his health issues now seem to be behind him due to the special food and care given him by C.A.R.E.S. and Brookwood Vet Clinic.

Dexter is now thriving at the shelter. He's a bit of a shy kitty - he'll hide when you first approach him but then, with a bit of petting, he rolls over on his back and lets his big tummy hang out for a belly rub. Then he'll grab your hand and nuzzle it, while purring and gazing wide-eyed with those big beautiful green eyes. He is a very special boy, who had a rough few weeks - and I do believe he appreciates his life all the more now.

I'd like to say to everyone involved - from the C.A.R.E.S. Board members who decided he was worth saving, to the vets, assistants and technicians at Brookwood who cared for him for those two weeks, and to the C.A.R.E.S. volunteers and meds team who've been caring for him and diligently monitoring him daily - thank you so very much!

Submitted by Lawana Quest
C.A.R.E.S. Volunteer



Events

We are having a busy year on the Events Committee. Throughout the year, we applied for grants from various foundations, the City of Langley and the Township of Langley. Besides the grants, we have arranged a variety of events and following is a list of events that are booked so far:

- Willowbrook Mall on June 17 for public awareness and volunteer recruitment
- Garage Sale on July 15, 2006
- Walk-a-thon on Sept 17, 2006
- Willowbrook Mall on Oct 14, 2006
- Bowl-a-thon on Feb 16, 2007

We received money from the City of Langley, Petsmart and the United Way. **Did you know that if you donate to the United Way, you can designate your donation to C.A.R.E.S.?**

If you would like to help with any of these events or have a fundraising idea, please contact Marian Haney at 534-0825. We are always open for new ideas.

Marian Haney, Events Chair

TAIL TIPS

Each movement of a cat's tail sends out a signal that we, as humans, can decode.

- A tail that is slightly raised and softly curved indicates that the cat is becoming interested in something. When you are training your cat (☺), you'll know if he is catching on by watching his tail.
- A tail that is held very erect but with the tip tilted over, shows that the cat is curious but has certain reservations. He's somewhat puzzled.
- A tail that is fully erect, with the tip stiffly vertical, shows an intense greeting signal with no reservations. It's a delight to see in adult cats. It starts in kittenhood when it is the kitten's instinctive greeting to its mother.
- When the tail is held still but with the tip twitching, it means that the cat is mildly irritated. If the tip-twitching becomes more pronounced - watch out! This cat is getting angry.
- When a female holds her tail over to one side, she's in heat. The tail held askew is a sexual invitation to the tomcat, who then knows he can mount her without fear of reprisal.
- When the tail is arched and bristled, the cat is firmly in a defensive mode and is preparing to respond to a threat or an attack. This, again, is a strong signal of potential danger. If the cat continues to feel provoked, an attack will follow.



FELINE LOWER URINARY TRACT DISORDER (FLUTD)

Symptoms

Characterized by frequent, strained voiding of odourous, often bloody, urine in locations other than the litter box, FLUTD is essentially caused by the presence of calculi in the urinary tract of the cat, where they can promote obstruction, serious urethral irritation and dangerous blockage.

Avoiding and Treating FLUTD

- Feed a diet low in magnesium and high in calories. The greater a food's caloric density, the less a cat needs to consume. Decrease magnesium intake and thereby its presence in the urine.
- Keep the litter box clean and provide fresh water daily. No hard water - it usually contains too much magnesium for a cat's comfort.
- Keep food available at all times - free feed. This keeps the urine at the most consistent PH.
- Be wary of supermarket/commercial "low ash" food. For prevention of calculi formation, you want food to contain less than .1% dry matter basis or about .02% of wet food.
- Feed only food with high biological value protein (meat, poultry, fish, eggs) that usually produce acidic urine. Other proteins, such as soybean meal, wheat middlings, corn gluten meal and so on, generally do not produce acidic urine and are low in nutrition. Too much acid is also dangerous and it is often added to change the urine PH, which should be 6.0. The manufacturer should be able to supply you with the urine PH of the food.
- Encourage increased liquid intake. Mix a tablespoon or two of water, broth or tomato juice into all canned meals.
- Avoid high magnesium treats such as shrimp, sardines or nuts.
- Do not add brewers yeast (.17% magnesium) to food.

KITTY CUISINE

Kitty Vol-au-Vent

Spoon a dainty, puss-sized portion of cooked chicken and creamy sauce into a pastry case. Top with shrimp for extra-special appeal. Full of protein and vitamins.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2006

Marietta Ashton-Past President

Stephanie Bourdeau-Volunteer Coordinator

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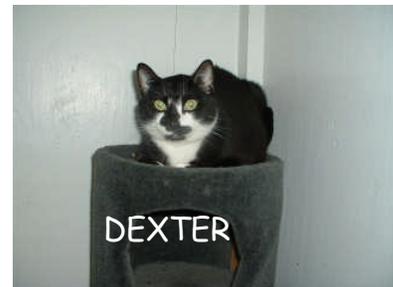
Marian Haney-Vice President, Chair-Events Committee

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Lisa MacDonald-Healthcare & Fostering Coordinator

Lauralee Porter-Intake/Adoptions Coordinator



Wish List

Paper Towels

Kitty Litter

Rubber Gloves

Lemon Tree Cleaner

Enzyme Cleaner

Kitty Treats

Scratching Posts

Dishwashing Soap

Tables

Stainless Steel Cages

Buckets

Plastic Medical Gloves

Pillers (to help give cats pills)

Bulletin Boards

Blankets, Towels, Facecloths

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 _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____

PHONE # _____ POSTAL CODE _____

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