



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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“SERVICE AWARDS”

Each year, the company that I work for likes to acknowledge employees who have been working with the company for a long time. When you have worked for 5 years or more, they make a fuss over you (whether you want to or not!) and present you with a framed Years of Service certificate.

One night as I wandered through our shelter visiting the kitties, it occurred to me that we have a number of residents who have been with us for several years. “Why so long?” you might ask. That’s a good question. Each one has their own story and deserves to have a fuss made over them and be acknowledged. The awards go to:

The 7+ Year Club:

Pogo is our longest term resident, arriving at our shelter in April, 2007. He and his brother Ogo were born in a back alley in Cloverdale, BC, and had been living there for about 5 months with other stray cats. Volunteer Lisa MacDonald managed to live trap them and bring them to safety. Sadly, Ogo passed away when he had a seizure a year after being at the shelter. Pogo has been living with us ever since. For many years, he lived in our main run along with other semi feral cats. He was very skittish and it took a long time for the volunteers to build some trust with him. A few years ago, we noticed he was starting to lose weight as he was not eating as much. A trip to the vet revealed that he had a condition called Stomatitis. This is where severe inflammation happens in the mouth and gums and sometimes in back of the throat. It is very painful and cats



will stop eating because of it. It is not curable, but can be managed with medication. Sometimes the teeth have to be removed as well to help control the condition. A nervous-Nelly cat with medical issues. . . not so very adoptable. Pogo has come a long way since his diagnosis. Initially very panicky when being handled and medicated, he generally is a calmer and happier boy. He has become much more social

and enjoys attention and pets. Pogo has never known a real home. Wouldn't it be nice if he had one?



“SERVICE AWARDS” cont’d

Patches arrived at CARES in May 2007 after we received a call from the Langley Animal Hospital.

One of our volunteers who worked there advised us that her owner brought her in to euthanize her as she didn’t want her anymore. Patches was 6 years old at the time and the lady said she just was not very social. She confessed that when Patches was small, she was not able to pet her very much due to her own arthritis issues. We agreed to take Patches, and could quickly see that this cat indeed was antisocial. She would stay in a hidey cubby most of the time and would hiss or smack at you if you tried to pet her. She did like her food and would come out of her house to eat, but then would head back in when done. Sadly, a couple of years after Patches came to C.A.R.E.S., she was diagnosed with Diabetes. She needed insulin shots twice daily. An antisocial cat with medical issues –not so very adoptable. My mother always told me “time heals” and I do believe this is a bit of the case with Patches. At age 14, she is a much nicer cat than when she arrived. Perhaps with the daily attention she is receiving, not only to administer shots, but also to clean her eyes and give her brushings, Patches seems to have decided this is all okay. She is a good girl taking her shots and enjoys her spot on the table by the window where she can look outside. Although she has come to accept the shelter as her home, it would be wonderful to see this old gal get a foster home where she could spend her twilight years.



Patches, sitting pretty.

“it would be wonderful to see this old gal get a foster home”

Lady joined C.A.R.E.S. in 2008, exactly one year to the day after Patches.

She was surrendered by her owners who lived in a small apartment and had two cats and two small toddlers. Lady, a sensitive soul by nature, was scared and stressed in the environment and we were told she would not always make it to her litter box due to hiding all the time. At the time of her intake, Lady was 8 years old and her name was actually “Fraidy”. “Fraidy” just wasn’t a very good name to advertise a cat for adoption with, so since she was such a sweet little lady, “Lady” she became. Unfortunately, Lady’s new name did not bring her any more luck than her old one had. Her timid nature caused many potential adopters to overlook her. The months went by and then the years. Then one day two young ladies who were volunteering at the shelter expressed an interest in taking our Lady home to foster her. What a great chance for our girl! I helped to take Lady and her supplies over to her new home. A nice bright, cozy and quiet apartment with two happy ladies waited for our arrival. What a thrill it was . . . at least for a little while.



Pretty Lady

Only a short time into Lady’s stay with the gals, she started peeing outside the litter box. At first, it was little spots near the box, but then one day she did it on one of the



“SERVICE AWARDS” cont’d

girl’s beds. After a trip to the vet, a urinalysis and some blood work later, Lady was diagnosed with the beginnings of kidney disease. She was going to need medication daily to slow the progression down. Regrettably, the girls decided that they could not offer the care that Lady needed, especially if she was not able to consistently use the litter box, so she was returned to the shelter. Lady has become what we call a “lifer” at C.A.R.E.S. and she spends her time in our “Quiet Room” with Patches, Pogo and a few other special ones. Now 15 years old, she seems okay with this. She enjoys her hidey house, her food, a good bed, and although she puts up a pretend fuss when you pick her up to cuddle her, she really does enjoy the attention you give her too.



Squeeky

“She’d been rescued . . . out of the wall of a barn that was going to be torn down”

Squeeky is as beautiful looking now as the day she arrived at C.A.R.E.S. She was under a year old when she came to the shelter in November, 2008. She’d been rescued by our volunteer Lisa MacDonald, out of the wall of a barn that was going to be torn down near the shelter. Traumatized and very scared, it took a very long time before any volunteer was able to touch her. She took much comfort in hiding behind other cats and the only way you could pet her was to slowly reach over the others in front of her and pet her while you were petting the cat in front of her.

The only home Squeeky has known is our shelter. She continues to adore the company of other cats, and in particular, her best friend Brandy. The two are often seen cuddling together in a kitty bed, or walking and bumping along together to go get a bite to eat at the feeding bowls. We can now pet Squeeky with just her friend Brandy buffering her. With the new addition of enclosed outside runs this past year, you can usually see Squeeky outside catching some rays. She just loves the outside. For a cat that has never had a real home, Squeeky seems to have accepted the C.A.R.E.S. shelter and her fellow felines as her home and “family”. We still hold out hope that the right person might come along and offer a home to Squeeky and her buddy Brandy together.

And the honorable mention awards go to:

The 5 Year Club:

Brandy - Arrival date, August 10, 2010 - Was rescued as a stray running around a trailer park along with her two kittens, Candy and Sandy. Was very scared and timid at first, but now has blossomed into a very sweet girl who enjoys pets. Inseparable from her “bestie,” Squeeky, whom she has helped become a little braver in the company of humans.



Squeeky & Brandy hanging out



“SERVICE AWARDS” cont’d

Caddy - Arrival date, December 29, 2010 – Was taken away from her mentally disabled owner. Was extremely traumatized and did not want much interaction with humans. She did not know how to use a litter box. Survived a painful attack of pancreatitis in 2013. Has turned into an absolute love! She “talks” to you, loves attention and now jumps on your lap when you are sitting down in a chair.



George relaxes

George – Arrival date, February 19, 2010 - Rescued after his owners moved and abandoned him outside. He was in very rough shape when found, after being attacked by a raccoon; recovered from this with flying colours. Was not able to be adopted after medical issues arose with his “plumbing”—not able to always pee / poo without help of medication. Has become shelter “mascot” and often is our poster boy. Is spoiled rotten and is the only cat allowed outside the shelter front door without being in a carrier case. The shelter is his home, and he knows it.

The above long timers are all special and worthy of being acknowledged. In fact, every cat in our shelter is special. They all have a story and they all share the common bond that for one reason or another, many by no fault of their own, have lost a home or a family. They all deserve an award . . . the award of a loving adoptive or foster home. If you have room in your heart and home to foster or adopt one of these special souls, do give us a call.

Lauralee Porter
Adoptions Coordinator



George & Ferris



Love Finds George

When I saw George, the first thing that came to mind was that he looked like Frankincat. He looked like he'd been stitched together using bits and bobs from other cats. Such a mess! And his trust level wasn't great either. If you remember his story, George was left to fend for himself after his caregivers left him. After being rescued from his life of foraging and a fight with a racoon, he wound up in medical care, being poked and coned and definitely not having the greatest party time. Poor George! Life had been pretty rough up till then. He didn't know then that C.A.R.E.S. had taken him in and wouldn't let him down.

Time heals all wounds, and so did George's. In fact, he turned into a rather handsome boy. He still retains that street fighter's edge, not quick to run from a challenge, so George's nose has suffered from many scraps. But we discovered that George is also a lover.

Sasha was a lovely blue-eyed ragdoll that would shashay around the shelter. Unfortunately she was always *"me-ow-ring"* as though her heart would break and we didn't know why. When George saw and heard Sasha for the first time, his eyes went round in his head and his tongue practically fell out of his mouth.

"Oh boy! Hubba, hubba!"

It seemed our George had realized that Sasha was suffering from "ovarian remnant syndrome"—hence she was constantly in heat. From that day forward George and Sasha became boyfriend/girlfriend. Yes, indeed, George was only too glad to help her out.

So the next time you visit our friend George, show him some respect. He turned out to be smarter—in the area of unrequited love—than us!

Submitted by,

Susan Phillips



Lauralee and her assistant





Fundraising & Events 2015

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During this year we have already held two Adoptathons in the Langley PetSmart store, a Bowling Night at Willowbrook Lanes, weekly Meat Draws at Jimmy Mac's Pub, and a plant sale.

We are currently selling raffle tickets with some great prizes to be had. The odds of winning are good as only 300 tickets were printed. Among the prizes are a \$500 gift card to use at Metrotown Shopping Centre, and a getaway package for two in Penticton. The tickets are just \$10 and we still have a few left.



Call Carol Briner at 604-202-0713 to order yours.

On September 13, 2015, we will hold our Walk-A-Thon at Derby Reach, and a Pub Night at Jimmy Mac's is also in the works for later this year. Additionally, we applied for and received grants from the Gaming Commission and the Township in 2014, and we are hoping for similar amounts this year.

PetSmart has held two food drives, where customers donated food items that they purchased at the store. To date, PetSmart has organized the donation of over 4000 cans of cat food to C.A.R.E.S.! We are very grateful for the support of the staff and management of PetSmart, Langley, who have been our adoption partners since the store opened in February, 1998.

We are also fortunate to have the support of the local newspapers, as well as Cedar Rim Nursery, Mainland Wholesale Flowers, Save on Foods and other local retail stores who have donated time and prizes for our events.

We continue to be thankful for the ongoing support of our volunteers, benefactors, members and friends of C.A.R.E.S. who give generously of their funds, their time and their affection for our kitty family. Thank you all.

Thanks, too, to our Fundraising Committee (Clive Ellis, Carol Briner, Caroll Giesbrecht, Chris Briner, Marian Haney, Christy Craig, Donna Healey-Ogden) who have given me so much help and advice this year. Their dedication and hard work helps keep our Society financially viable and their involvement behind the scenes is remarkable.

Clive Ellis,
Fundraising Chair



THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Last year we amended the articles of our Society to incorporate a “No Kill Policy”.

In North America, private citizens and the government built animal shelters. It is estimated that, in recent years, an estimated eight million dogs and cats entered these shelters – many were euthanized. Now there is an emerging no kill movement, bringing in question why organizations with a mission to protect animals would in fact conduct the largest share of killing of companion animals.

C.A.R.E.S. is a true no kill shelter; we strive to eliminate euthanasia of healthy animals.

We have been, in the last years, carrying out a Trap Neuter Release (TNR) program in Langley. TNR is a program which calls for the sterilizing of feral colonies and leaving them right where they are to live. The goal is to manage the population and to shrink the population. The Trap and Releasing was carried out by our volunteers and the funding came from the Kinsmen. The Humane Society of the United States recommends TNR programs as a way to protect our four legged friends and help make their lives better.

A group of supporters that we need to give thanks to is our volunteers, the ones who work the front lines of the shelter and those who work in our adoption center at PetSmart. Our army of cat loving volunteers is up to the job of helping to ensure all the animals under our care are loved and given a clean home with plenty of food, water and treats. The spirit of this group is fabulous; I am always amazed at what they will do to protect and serve the animals.

We have two major groups of support – those who do the work and volunteer at the shelter and our adoption center, and those who continue to donate the money.

Special volunteers, include:

Lisa MacDonald, who runs our kitten foster program and TNR program;

Lauralee Porter, who is in charge of adoptions; she facilitates some 360 intakes and adoptions a year, finding homes for surrendered and abandoned kitties and cats;

Tracy Lockett, who volunteers at the shelter three days a week and co-ordinates the shelter volunteers;

*“C.A.R.E.S. is a true
no kill shelter”*

Lisa MacDonald holds a couple
of C.A.R.E.S. many
rescued kittens.





THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS cont'd

Our President, Donna Healey-Ogden, who keeps us going forward and does too many jobs;



Donna Healey-Ogden, hard-working
C.A.R.E.S. President

Lisa Arsenault, who gets the word out by constantly updating our web page and Facebook.

There are many special people like these in our organization, whose bond with the animals makes them want to help.

Then there are our donors. Their bond with the animals makes them share their blessings by giving to us money that is needed to keep the shelter running. Thank you.

Cheryl Larson and John Zimmerman, who have assisted others with abandoned kittens by contacting us and letting us take care of them and find them homes – GREAT JOB, CHERYL and JOHN!

Ruth and Ray Wesenberg -
Ruth volunteers at a
shelter and recently
adopted a shelter dog who
was on the euthanize list –
WAY TO GO, RUTH!



Cynthia Kereluk and Paul Rodgers - these are two very busy people who never forget to give us a generous donation so we can continue. To Them, A BIG THANK YOU!

Maureen McCall, who over the years has supported us with donations, her faith unwavering.





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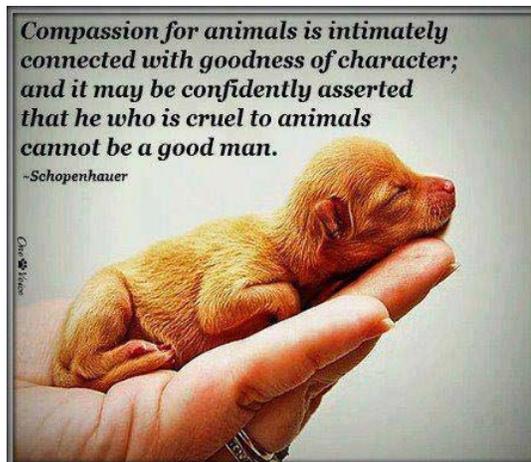
Here's Why We Do It:

THE DOOLEY KITTENS



These kittens, at two weeks old, were found coming out of a ditch and crossing the road in a rural area of Abbotsford. Lynn Dooley's neighbours came upon them and delivered them to Lynn, who then became the foster mom. She obtained KMR kitten food and bottle fed them until they were turned over to C.A.R.E.S. and placed in foster care. As of this writing, they have just come up for adoption at PetSmart. THANK YOU, LYNN, FOR CARING!

Parting thought:



Carol Briner, Treasurer



5 Benefits to Being a C.A.R.E.S. Volunteer

De-stress with fur therapy. *It's a fact!* Spending quality time with animals can lower your stress level by lowering your blood pressure. Many is the time I've stopped by the shelter after a hard day at work and found myself feeling refreshed in no time at all after a few head bumps and back scratches with a few felines (*their* backs get scratched, not mine. Just saying.)



Feel good about yourself by being a part of the solution. Join a group of others like you who are all striving towards the same goal—that of rescuing, adopting out, and caring for kitties in need. By working together, we can help to make this corner of the world a nicer place.

Make new friends! You'll meet lots of wonderful four-legged critters that you'll have no choice but to fall in love with. Along the way, you may forge new relationships with two-legged critters as well!



“Challenge Yourself”



Challenge yourself. You never know what you can really do until you try. C.A.R.E.S. will encourage you in developing your current skills, and achieve new ones.



Use this opportunity as a stepping stone to the future. C.A.R.E.S. can be a great place to carry out your practicum as you gain your veterinary degree.

Submitted by,

Susan Phillips,
Volunteer



2015 Family Fun Bowling Night



The 3 Carols & 1 Clive



Tracy & Evelyn



Silent Auction



The Rogers Contemplate

C.A.R.E.S. Annual Plant Sale



At the Shelter



Carol at the Shelter



Clive, Chris, Caroll,
Carol, Marian



Samantha and Allison



Chatty Catty: Oldies, But Goodies

Hi everyone, Zoe here. I am the new and improved Chatty Catty for the C.A.R.E.S. newsletter!

As you all know from the spring newsletter, that diva gal, Ariel, got a new home. I suppose she deserved it. She'd been here twice as long as I have. What's my story you might ask? Well, I do have one thing in common with Ariel in that I too lost my human mom after she died. Unlike Ariel, I did have a human dad, but he decided to toss me outside after mom died. He didn't seem to want to have anything to do with me. So thanks to some caring friends of mom's, here I am.



"I would love a nice quiet home"

For my first writing, I must say that I had some inspiration from the article about the long timers at the shelter. I figure the "old timers" deserve just as much spotlight as the long timers. There are a few oldies but goodies around here that could use a good home. Take me for example. I'm overall a pretty good gal. I am definitely full of purrsonality and character. I am still pretty feisty for my 11 years too.

I'm friendly—okay I might bite a little, but I assure you, I am purring the whole time! And since I had most of my teeth out earlier this year, I really don't do much damage. I would love a nice quiet home where I could curl up on someone's lap or shoulder. The less cats around the better, although I could tolerate one if it meant getting a new home!

Then there is Cleo. On the surface, it looks like there's not much going for this poor gal. Firstly, she is black, the least favoured colour when people come to adopt. And 12 years old! Most people want younger cats.

Cleo was adopted from C. A.R.E.S. as a kitten. She had a really good life until her owners had a baby that was allergic to her. I feel a little sorry for a gal like that. She seems to be a nice cat, and that is a compliment, coming from me.

Like me, she is tolerant of other cats, but really does like her humans. She's in good health and I figure has plenty of good years left in her.





Chatty Catty: Oldies, But Goodies, cont'd

Next we have Shaunee. This old gal was named after the lady that rescued her and brought her to us. She noticed the cat wandering stray on her property and could tell the cat needed help. When Shaunee was brought to the vet, it was discovered that she had a tattoo in her ear. But it was old, and apart from being able to determine her age at about



16 years, no owner could be traced. Amazingly, other than being a little skinny, this gal had no noticeable health issues. She now resides in our "geri-cat-ric" room at our shelter. Nice gal. She doesn't bother anybody and enjoys attention and a good pet. It would be awesome if she could get a nice foster home.

A Rosie by any other name



Lastly, there is Rosie. This gal was picked up in Abbotsford wandering stray near an auto wrecker shop. Like Shaunee, she was found to have a tattoo, but the only help it gave was to help determine her age. Shortly after her arrival, it was discovered that Rosie had hyperthyroid. It was a little rough going at first for her, but her meds have helped tremendously and she gained weight that was previously lost. She eats well and is active. Rosie is very social with people and I know she would do great in a foster home.

Well that's about it for me, for now. Do consider taking one of us home, won't you?

Until next time,

Zoe
(AKA – Chatty Catty)

"Rosie is very social with people"





C.A.R.E.S. 12th Annual WALK-A-THON

DERBY REACH PARK, FORT LANGLEY

For directions, please visit our website at: www.careshelter.com

Sunday, September 13th, 2015

Registration: (Minimum \$25 in pledges) Noon – 1:00 PM
5Km easy walk begins at 1:00 PM



**If you are a walker,
start collecting your pledges today**

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If you wish to make a pledge to a walker or a general donation, please go to our website <http://www.careshelter.com> and click on [DONATE NOW](#)

HELP US RAISE MONEY IN OUR MISSION TO HELP THE CATS IN OUR COMMUNITY

This event is a lot of fun and it is our biggest and most important fundraising event of the year, so do plan to come and bring a friend (dogs are welcome too!). All proceeds go to C.A.R.E.S.

Please join us for a **COMPLIMENTARY BBQ** after the walk.

