



The PURRFECT News

Cats Anonymous Rescue & Adoption

A Private Cat Sanctuary and Adoption Facility

2017 Winter Issue

This issue is full of all kinds of interesting information.

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At the Shelter

Cats Anonymous Christmas Open House & Craft Sale

We held our annual Christmas Open House & Craft Sale on Sunday November 27th. It was a huge success and everyone had a good time! Thanks to all our wonderful supporters we raised \$2,500 !!!!



Our 2017 Calendar

The printing costs for our 2017 Calendar were covered from the proceeds of business advertising that we sold. Funds raised from the sale of our calendar were used to purchase a brand new washer & dryer for the shelter. We are pleased to remove one of our special projects from our wish list.

Help Cats Anonymous Singles Room Cats Get New Condos!

Another special project we are working on is to get new tower cages for our cats in the 'Singles Room'. We started a fundraising campaign in December and are hoping to raise \$6,000 to cover the cost. This renovation will begin in February 2017. Each cat will have their own position to be king or queen of their domain.

If you would like to help, you can donate directly through our website. Go to www.catsanonymous.ca and click on the link "Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org" on our main page.

In the Community

“Thanks for Giving” Pet Valu Campaign

During the month of October, local Pet Valu stores held their annual “Thanks for Giving” campaign and collected donations from their customers for animal rescue groups in their areas. Pet Valu in Fergus and Acton chose *Cats Anonymous* to be the recipient of all their donations.

We sincerely thank the owners for their continued support of our shelter, and all the customers who donated food and supplies for our shelter cats.

Pet Valu – Fergus Pet Picture Day

Pet Valu in Fergus held a special pet picture day on Saturday, November 26th with proceeds going to *Cats Anonymous*. Pictures were taken by Little Star Photography. Thank you for your generous support.

Raffle Sponsored by Ruffin’s Pet Centre

Ruffin’s Pet Centre in Georgetown held a raffle for a pair of tickets to an upcoming Toronto Maple Leafs game. The money raised went to our spay / neuter program. Thanks so much to Ruffin’s for their continued support.

Pet Stockings - Kortright Animal Hospital

Kortright Animal Hospital in Guelph helped to support *Cats Anonymous* by selling Pet Stockings. All proceeds will go to the ‘Singles Room Cats Get New Condos’ campaign. Thank you and your sponsors for your generous support.



Wellington Veterinary Services

The money raised from the 2016 fundraising events at Wellington Veterinary Services in Elora was put towards the ‘Singles Room Cats Get New Condos’ campaign. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Did You Know?

In this issue, we will talk about weight management, enrichment, and a cat’s love of hunting.

Many cat articles are saying there has been an increase in obesity in our pets ... and that free feeding, over feeding or easy access to food 24/7 is not the best way to feed our pets.

Due to a need for a special diet for my last couple of male cats who had crystals, I had to give up free feeding. I have found it has worked out for the benefit of my cats. Cats can adapt very well to scheduled feedings and in different rooms if required. It is also a way to monitor food intake if you have more than one cat.

Cats love to hunt and use their minds. One thing I started years ago was hiding kibble around the house for my Oakley to ‘hunt’. I hide them in treat balls made for cats that are available in most pet stores and are not expensive.

Oakley is 99% on canned cat food to keep his bladder well hydrated, but he can also have a few kibbles that are made for cats with crystals. The vet and I worked out his required daily intake and I measure out that amount and put them in the treat ball for Oakley to play with during the day. I will also hide them around the house so he can hunt. There are now great puzzle feeders that will make your cat use their mind to pull the kibble out of the puzzle. Oakley got one for Christmas.

For food-motivated kitties, there is always the game of chase the kibble. You toss the kibble across the room and the kitty runs after them, then you go to the other end and toss it back, exercise for your cat and a little for you as well.

I hope you will have a chance to get your kitty hunting like the wild feline he or she is *Deb*

Here is Oakley with his puzzle toy.



Foster Tales by Ann & Wayne

We have been fostering for *Cats Anonymous* since 2008, and have had well over 100 kittens pass through our house - this doesn't include adults or moms! We've had 6 litters born in our care, so lots of kittens have been with us for many weeks. We've come to like having the long-term fosters the best. It's so much fun to watch them grow until they're big enough to go off to their forever homes, and see the development of their individual personalities. And every litter has a wide range of personality types - the explorer, the brave one, the nervous nellie, the shy one, the wacko one, the sweet one and so on.

Before hooking up with *Cats Anonymous*, we had taken in a number of abandoned cats on our own. We quickly got beyond our capacity to look after and feed them - we had 5 of our own, and had found homes for a number of others. There's a great temptation to persuade yourself that no one else can look after them as well as you can. Sad to say, that's just not true! There are so many wonderful homes out there, and *Cats Anonymous* does such a great job finding them. For us, it's the best of both worlds - we get kittens to play with, and they leave us before they grow up to start their new lives!!

Our latest houseguest was Sara Bee. A friend showed up on a Saturday afternoon with his daughter and a kitten. They had been at our local dump and found the kitten amongst the garbage. She's a dilute calico and was about 10 weeks old when she arrived, very thin, dehydrated, filthy, and stinking of ripe garbage.

She ended up spending a couple of days in quarantine that first week because she stopped eating and drinking. Some fluids, medications and Tish's magic did the trick, and she bounced back nicely. She was exceptionally friendly right from the start, loves dogs, and gets on fine with the adult cats. Our Nelson (formerly Avatar from the 2015 kittens) has finally decided she's not dangerous, and loves to visit and play with her.

She's a lucky, lucky girl!



Look how she has blossomed and grown! She is a sweet girl and we are sure her new family will be very happy with her. Here she is ready to go to her new home.

Sara Bee is now known as Myrrah. She went from living in the dump to a loving home in just over a month.



About Our Motto

“There are no bad cats ... they are just misunderstood”

Many years ago, I saw this quote in a book and thought it was cute. As time passed and I became more and more involved in the world of cat rescue, I came to realize that this statement was very true and that cats can be complicated little creatures who are indeed very misunderstood by many people. I decided that this was the perfect motto for *Cats Anonymous*, since we take in cats with all types of personalities here whose owners have given up on them.



Billy

We take the time to figure out what makes them tick so that they can be successfully re-homed and happy again. I can't tell you how many times I've heard people say "my cat is mean" or "my cat is spiteful" because they are having behavioural issues with their cat. When we delve deeper into the situation and get to the heart of the problem, I can usually respond to them with "your cat is just frustrated" or "your cat is feeling insecure". This tends to put a whole new light on the situation.

Over the years, *Cats Anonymous* has helped many misunderstood cats find their way to the right homes where they have lived happily for the rest of their years.

To Billy, Hobbes, Hazel, Leon, Syd, Jaxon, Zazu and many others who have passed through our doors, this one's for you!

Tish Walshe

Founder - 1992

"There are no bad cats. They are just misunderstood"



Zazu



Leon



Jaxon



Hobbes

Our Wish List

In order to run *Cats Anonymous* effectively, it requires daily food and cleaning which uses a lot of supplies. All funds and donations come from adoptions, surrender fees, fundraising events and private donations from individuals and businesses.

We can always use the following items:

- ✿ High Quality Dry and Canned Food
- ✿ Liquid HE Laundry Detergent
- ✿ Dish Soap
- ✿ Bleach and Ammonia
- ✿ Paper and Shop Towels
- ✿ Cleaning Supplies such as Mops, Brooms and Scouring Pads
- ✿ Postage Stamps
- ✿ Printer Paper and Office Supplies
- ✿ Clean Wood Pellets (to use as litter)
- ✿ Canadian Tire Money, Gas Cards and Coupons
- ✿ Gift Cards

Donate Your Car

Donate a Car Canada

Donate A Car Canada accepts Vehicle Donations for *Cats Anonymous* Rescue & Adoption.

The program provides free towing in many areas across Canada, or you can drop off your vehicle to maximize your donation.

When you Donate your RV, boat, motorcycle or other vehicle to *Cats Anonymous* through Donate A Car Canada, it will either be recycled or sold at auction depending on its condition, age and location.

Donate a Car Canada will look after all the details to make it easy for *Cats Anonymous* to benefit.

After your Vehicle Donation is complete, *Cats Anonymous* will send you a tax receipt !

Visit our website [http:// www.catsanonymous.ca/](http://www.catsanonymous.ca/)

and follow the link.



Sponsorship and Supporters Board

We rely on the community for donations and support to run the shelter. If you can help, please make a donation.

You can:

1. Use the form on Page 6 and mail it, along with your cheque, to the address shown on the form.
2. Donate through our website www.catsanonymous.ca - click on the link "Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org"
3. Send an Email Money Transfer to tish@catsanonymous.ca

We are looking for corporate sponsors to help with various projects and events during the year and would welcome the opportunity to partner with your company. Please contact Tilda at cavolunteer@outlook.com or the shelter to discuss how your company can become a corporate sponsor of *Cats Anonymous*.

We appreciate any and all help you can offer and we thank you for your support.



Sponsorship and Special Funds

Our funding comes from adoptions, surrender fees, volunteer fundraising events and private donations from individuals and businesses. We have no government or township assistance.

To accomplish extra things around the shelter, we need extra help! There are a number of special projects that we need to get completed and we could really use your help! The Project Fund is directed towards facility maintenance, upkeep and improvements to our shelter. We have an ongoing list that cannot be completed without some financial assistance. Just to mention a few:

- ❁ the outdoor cat run is almost 20 years old and needs to be replaced;
- ❁ the cages in the Singles Room need to be replaced;
- ❁ the office computer has seen better days and is running on old programs (Vista!);
- ❁ the Spa Room needs to be brightened up.

We will begin the Singles Room renovation work in February with replacing the cat cages with brand new tower/condo units. The room will also be given a little makeover with new flooring, baseboards and a fresh coat of paint.



You can donate directly through our website. Go to www.catsanonymous.ca and click on the link “Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org” on our main page.

Or, send an Email Money Transfer to tish@catsanonymous.ca

YES I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION!

If you would like to help us with a donation to one of our Wish List items, please fill out the information below.
Mail your donation to: Cats Anonymous, #063055 Dufferin County Road #3, East Garafraxa, ON L9W 7J1

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone#: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Please Indicate Which Wish List Item You Would Like To Support: _____

Thank you. All donations \$20 and over are eligible for a tax receipt. Please include your email address to send your receipt to.

Featured Cat

Adopt Us!



My name is Ken and I have been a volunteer at *Cats Anonymous* for several years. Like most people here, I have a full house of cats at home, with no practical space for more. Sometimes we volunteers play a sort of fantasy game where we ask each other: 'If you could adopt any cat in the shelter, who would you take.' The most common response that I have heard is: Jackie and Charlie.

The reason is obvious to all who have met these cats – they are the most personable, affectionate and engaging cats we have. They are a bonded pair who love to snuggle together. Charlie is a large male who loves tummy rubs, warm laps and will tolerate all sorts of attention. Jackie is a small female who is the first to greet all who come through the door. She insists on being the centre of attention, sitting on everyone's lap and getting and giving the maximum amount of love. Though she has had health issues in the past, these now appear to be resolved.

Yet these cats have been waiting to be adopted, Jackie in particular, longer than any other cat. Why? Well, Charlie is overweight and black – never a popular colour for cats – and Jackie has a face that some people see as imperfect: she has only one eye and no teeth. These cats are profoundly beautiful, but it is an inner beauty.

I'm sure that we can all see that beauty if we look close enough. Perhaps if we closed one eye... ***Ken***

Happy Tails

October

Fifteen (15) Adoptions



Harlow

November

Ten (10) Adoptions



Princey

December

Eight (8) Adoptions



Stuart

Upcoming Events

We hold **Meet & Greet** events each month at our shelter, where you have the chance to not only meet the great cats that we have for adoption, but also some of our special volunteers. So why not make plans to drop by for a visit if you get the chance!



🐾 Saturday, January 7	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Monday, January 16	6:30 – 8:30 pm
🐾 Saturday, February 4	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, February 18	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, March 4	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, March 18	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Monday, March 20	6:30 – 8:30 pm
🐾 Saturday, April 1	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Monday, April 17	6:30 – 8:30 pm
🐾 Saturday, April 22	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, May 6	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Monday, May 15	6:30 – 8:30 pm
🐾 Saturday, May 20	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, June 3	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, June 17	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Monday, June 19	6:30 – 8:30 pm
🐾 Saturday, July 1	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, July 15	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Monday, July 17	6:30 – 8:30 pm
🐾 Saturday, August 5	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Saturday, August 19	1:00 – 4:00 pm
🐾 Monday, August 21	6:30 – 8:30 pm

- 🐾 ‘Valentines’ Adoption Weekend at Pet Valu in Fergus – Friday, February 10th to Sunday, February 12th
- 🐾 ‘Pawtuesday’ Adoption Event at Milton Paulmac’s Pets – Saturday, March 25th

See more upcoming events on our website

www.catsanonymous.ca



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