





The CAAN Connection

Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN) www.caan-catmobile.org

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday July 5
 Feral Cat Caregivers Support Group meeting at 7:30 pm-9 pmCatQuarters 144 Church St. #1,

 St. Catharines
- Sat/Sun July 10/11
 CatMOBILE at Ridgeway
 Festival, Dominion and
 Ridge Rd. Fort Erie
- Sunday July 25 9 a.m.
 CAAN annual general meeting, Arts Restaurant.
 Meeting room, 45 Geneva St., St. Catharines
- Sat/Sun July 24/25
 CatMOBILE at Pet Valu,
 Fonthill with NAFA
- Sat August 7 10am-2pm
 CatMOBILE at The Clever
 K9 , Lake/Lakeshore,
 St. Catharines
- Sat/Sun August 14/15
 10a.m.-5pm
 CatMOBILE at Port
 Colborne Pet Valu with
 NAFA, West Side Plaza
- Sat August 28 10am-2 CatMOBILE at Pet Valu Glendale, Pendale Plaza, St. Catharines
- Check the web for more listings of events www.caan-catmobile.org

A Celebration of Advocacy

What is Advocacy?

Advocacy is not a skill, nor is it an intervention strategy or practice tool. Advocacy is a lifestyle.

To be an effective Advocate, the principles and values of Advocacy necessarily permeate everything you do. It is integral to your sense of self, your identity and how you conduct your life.

Advocacy is the catalyst for change, not the change agent.

The primary goal of child advocacy is to elevate the voice of youth. This means more than empowering youth to speak out on their own behalf. It means more than faithfully replaying their words. The standard to as-

pire to is articulated in an African proverb: "don't speak about us, without us." It means speaking together with youth about youth.

Advocacy is often described as a process of empowerment, giving power to others.

What does this mean if we take the above example and apply it to the animals?

Animals are all they are. Their body is all they have. They have no money, no drivers license, no English as a second language (except some german shepherds). We are their advocates.

Talking about an animal as an object; talking about an animal as a living being and deserving; what are we talking

about, think about that, at a table, a meeting, remembering who we are there for, and why we are there. When the spirit is broken, this equates to a broken spirit, their body is all they have, think about that.

Advocates need to plan and prepare for confronting resistance,; to predict and plan for all possible responses.

Advocacy requires courage of conviction, the determination to stand your ground and the ability to put personal fears and interests aside.

Advocates must bring courage and dignity to all that they do. Advocacy is about change; shifting the status quo; unblocking inertia.

Any advocates reading, this celebrates all you do! Thank-you Lori (article above taken from advocacy notes)

"fostering is a vital link on the journey to a home"

COMMUNITY CATS Ambassador



Support our green donation cans for spay neuter programs, any amount will help Thank-you

One way You can help us is by donating in the can at our events, which will go toward the spay/neuter of community cats

*CatMOBILE *Charlie's Angels *Operation NORTH STAR * feral cat caregivers support group Cat Quarters* Operation MAD CAT (TNR)



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Seeing a cat is one thing...meeting a cat is another

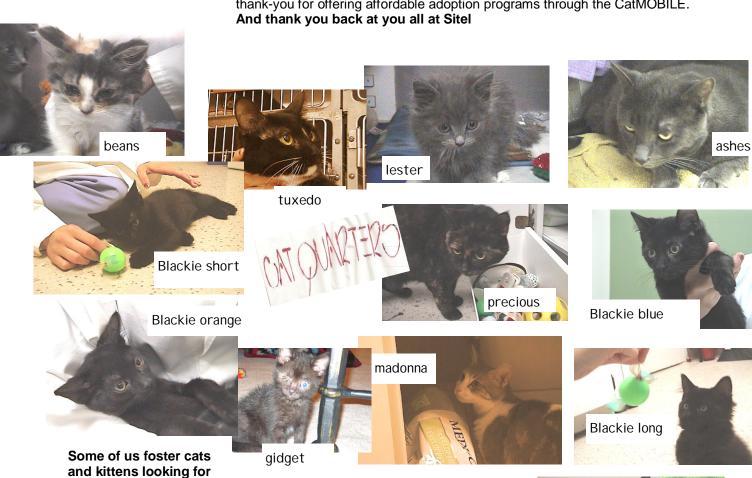


Lizzy with her new mom Rhonda, a happy day at the fathers day adoptathon

After going to the spayghetti dinner, I really felt I needed to adopt a cat. I finally convinced my boyfriend to get a cat. We went to that cat house and looked at all the cats. After about a half and hour none had really jumped out at me. I asked if there were any more cats. When I went upstairs to where the kittens were, mikey came right up to me. I picked him up and he laid in my arms like a baby. My boyfriend who was not fond of cats loves mikey and he is very spoiled by both of us.....sarah



From Sitel: Our employees at SITEL hope we have helped cats in need find their 'furever' homes! We love to give back to our community and many suggestions are brought forward—but who can resist helping animals in need. Although it is not a large donation, we hope it will help with the everyday costs such as caring for those in foster homes until they are adopted. Keep up your great efforts and thank-you for offering affordable adoption programs through the CatMOBILE. **And thank you back at you all at Sitel**



and kittens looking for homes: beans, lester, tuxedo, ashes, gidget, precious, Madonna, blackie green,

blackie green, blackie blue, blackie orange, blackie short, blackie long

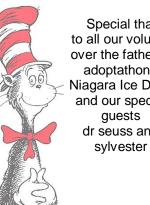


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Volunteer Recognition





Special thanks to all our volunteers over the fathers day adoptathon, Niagara Ice Dogs and our special dr seuss and



MULLER, Karl

Karl Muller, On Saturday June 12th after a brief hospitalization, Karl passed away with his beloved wife Gloria (Bozzato) at his side."As your spirit wanders nature's path, may your heart be filled with warmth, knowing you are in our memories."

> Thank you from all of us for all the donations we have received in Karl's memory.

Thank you Michael for the birthday donations

Thanks to you all who helped with the annual garage sale at Court Animal Hospital, and a special thanks to Janet for coordinating

Thanks to Animal Assistance for our table at their bazaar and Janet and all the volunteers who assisted

Thanks to our TIPS cans business locations:

Court Animal Hospital, The Clever K9, Pet Valu Glendale, Water Superstore Ontario St, and Water Superstore Fourth Ave (thanks Sarah)

Cat of the Month

She was found in a ditch, a little kitten in the winter time. Somebody had pulled out a lot of her toe nails. She didn't trust, it



took along time for her to trust people, and she doesn't like to be held. She loves being brushed, and needs a quiet home. Her nails all grew back and she's been in a foster home Puddles/muffin is 9 months old.

Volunteer of the Month

Diane has spent many a day in the CatMOBILE. She is one of our founding members, past board member and continues to be a vital link for the kittens as a foster mom. Diane also has been seen with education packages for the kids

> who visit us on the CatMOBILE, Diane is there for our adoptathons and many events, making many adoptions, meaning many homes for the kittens and cats. They thank you and so do we. For all you do.

Diane Mason

Meow meow meow meow.....you know many meows

Thanks to you from the kittens and cats

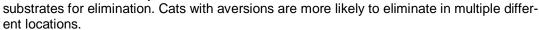
EVERY SINGLE DAY THERE IS A STORY

Feline inappropriate Elimination:

Feline inappropriate elimination (IE) is a common complaint of clients who bring their cat to a veterinary clinic, and is the most common feline behavior problem seen by behavior specialists. It is also a common reason for re homing or relinquishment to animal shelters. Because this problem is so frustrating to pet owners and because it potentially causes significant cost due to damage to furnishings and floors, some cat owners opt for euthanasia

when they are unable to solve the problem. Successful treatment of feline inappropriate elimination requires a veterinarian who is knowledgeable about causes and treatments, as well as a clinician who can communicate effectively with an oftentimes frustrated and fatalistic client.

Behavioral causes of IE include: litter or litter box aversions, location aversions, substrate preferences, and location preferences. The location, frequency, and pattern of elimination usually allows the clinician to identify the cause. Cats with substrate and /or location preferences often choose one or two clearly identifiable locations/



Successful treatment of IE involves obtaining a thorough history EARLY in the course of the problem. Thoroughly assessing the problem allows the clinician to address the problem appropriately, before the client becomes frustrated. **Many IE problems are easily solved after obtaining some basic information.**

Inappropriate elimination can be a very rewarding problem to treat when it is addressed appropriately!

(Sheila A. D'Arpino, DVM, DACVB, Animal Rescue League of Boston)

Calendar Fundraiser

Please submit your photos to us...by mid to end of July we will start to select photos of you and your dog or cat or

For more info on the details call 905-401-0016

Some Signs that a cat does not like the litter

- Covering motion outside the pan
- Excessive scratching at litter
- Not burying
- Less scratching
- Enter and re-enter
- Picking up feet
- Scratching floor

Most cats prefer uncovered litter boxes (covered can be like a smelly outhouse) and no liner. Remember to scoop regularly, at least once a day and generally # of boxes = # of cats +1

Membership form

	ember please fill out the form, membership fee is \$15 a year (starting from the month that you join) p and/or donation: 43 Centre St. St. Catharines, L2R 3A8 contact us: caan-catmobile@hotmail.com
Name:	
Phone #:	Email:
Membership	Donation amount
·	we would also like to welcome your stories, poems, etc. and we will print some of themTHANK-YOU



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