

Promoting the "NO KILL PHILOSOPHY" in Niagara

# The CAAN Connection

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

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Fri October 16
  National Feral Cat Day
- Monday November 2
  7:30pm-9pm
  Feral Cat Caregivers
  Support Group meets at
  Cat Quarters, 144 Church
  St. #1, St. Catharines
- Saturday November 7
  9:00am—3:00pm
  CatMOBILE at CAAN's
  Fall Bazaar, St. John's
  Church, 80 Main St., Port
  Dalhouise
- Saturday November 21
  9:00am-5:00pm
  Operation NORTH STAR conference
  The Buttery Theatre
  Restaurant, 4437 Queen
  St., Niagara Falls,
  to register call Mary 905-401-0016
- CAAN's NEW Foster Care Program call Mary at 905-401-0016 "fostering is a vital link on the journey to a home"



## Cat Quarters

The CATQUARTERS is part of a humane effort to house cats and kittens that were injured, homeless, and orphaned. It provides them with an environment that includes rehabilitation, social enrichment, and a greater opportunity for a permanent home through adoption. When cats are victims of a broken bond and lose all that is familiar to them, they suffer from physical and emotional distress; such as anxiety, fear, frustration, and depression. Following assessment or treatment at Court Animal Hospital, the cats are moved into the CATQUARTERS to be cared for by CAAN volunteers until they are adopted.

The CATQUARTERS offers a form of communal living that encourages social contact between cats and humans, while meeting their need for personal space and safety. This home-like atmosphere helps to create a trusting bond, a consistent stable environment, and aids in developing the true personality of each cat. Potential adopters have an opportunity to interact with the cats to obtain a better understanding of their individual characters. Volunteers, both young and old, participate in a socialization program to provide environmental and social enrichment, which will increase the cats' chances of finding a permanent,

loving home. We would like to invite you to come and visit us and see firsthand what a unique experience the CATQUARTERS offers for both cats and humans. A rewarding experience awaits you. For more information contact Mary at 905.401.0016

CATQUARTERS is supported by a non-profit, charitable organization known as Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN). It relies solely on donations and fundraising to maintain its operations.

Donations are gratefully accepted. Tax receipts

are available.

Niagara This Week July 31, 2009



## CAAN's fostering team

The foster care volunteer plays a special part in saving lives at CAAN. Many of the animals come to us not ready to be adopted into new homes because they are injured, ill, too young, too small, un socialized, or orphaned. As one of our foster parents says: "I have been fostering kittens for

over 4 years. Each time you take home kittens, it is a great experience to watch them grow and play and to get them ready for their forever homes. It's the greatest reward."

Gale D.

All foster homes are given support via an initial one-on-

one information session, copies of established guidelines, and access to the oncall foster team for questions or problems.



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#### Petula's quest for a home

(former cat of the month at the cat quarters)

A letter from Petula's new mom reads: Just thought I'd drop you a line about the gorgeous cat I got from you (Petula) aka Pltty on Sept 15, 09. She has given me great joy! She is so spoiled it's ridiculous, I figure she owns my condo and I just live here (ha ha) She is truly a beautiful, gentle ani-

mal who is loved by everyone that meets her! Enclosed are some pictures

thanks Kim



Toolie's favourite spot on top of my couch so she can see everything that's going on!





Minou

















Thanks to Erin and Ashleigh who volunteer at the cat quarters Here they are having fun!



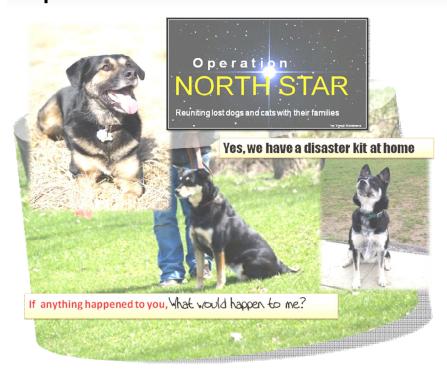






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# **Operation NORTH STAR**



Thank-you conference sponsors

Court Animal hospital Dave's Pit Stop Pet Valu, Better Pet Nutrition, Donna Baer, Pendale, Plaza The Buttery Theatre Restaurant

#### Thank-you donating sponsors

The Clever K9 The Willow Den Minor Bros Farm and Country Water Superstore

#### Thank-you presenters

Jane Bradlev Ronda Fraser Dr. Julia Murray Bonny Silva (FIFTEEN LEGS)

And to you

Saturday November 21, 2009 (Pet Retention) 9:00 a.m. - 5: 00 p.m.

The Buttery 4437 Queen St., Niagara Falls

If you work with animals and are feeling tired, this day is for you

For more info or to register call Mary 905-401-0016

## **Volunteer Appreciation**

- MAD CAT MONDAY
- Targeted spay/neuter
- **CatMOBILE**
- Feral cat caregivers support group
- Cat Quarters, foster & adoption teams
- Fundraising, bazaars and all you do

Right now we're talking about 200-250 little animals every year

that we can pick up and and say it's okay you are viding that safety and that there that needs it. Don't can't. If we could double .....Dr. Julia Murray



safe, and that's what you are doing. You are prolove for each individual, sweet little kitten that's ever think that we can do without you because we you and triple you and quadruple you.

Minnehaha was in foster care, until she got adopted

look at

I want to let you know how important each and every one of you are. How much you are dearly appreciated as a volunteer. As the old saying goes, volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, because they are priceless. It is truly a priceless gift of your time and support that you give to CAAN and without you, it would be impossible for CAAN to provide the precious gift of a better 



Since January MAD CAT MONDAY, (our TNR volunteer program) has spay/neutered 230 cats!

#### Cat of the Month

# Bob was born April 24, 2007. His body is entirely orange with white markings on and around his head. Bob lost his tail due to an injury. He loves to play by himself with a pipe cleaner or with other cats chasing and wrestling. He is a cat that loves to be brushed, pet and loved. He returns kindness with kisses and cuddles. To inquire more about giving BOB a loving home please contact Mary at 905-401-0016

# Volunteer of the Month

Gerrie and George have been working to improve animals lives. George is a sort of master of all trades. He also makes cat trees and scratching posts. Gerrie works with Mary at Cat Quarters.

Both are fond of helping the animals and have cats in their home. Thank you both for all you do... From the kitty cats and us!



# Spay/neuter

It is our hope to trade one blue syringe) (death) for a life (spay/neuter your critter).

A spay/neuter clinic is the most important piece of the puzzle to create a no kill community and make *Niagara the safest place for a pet to live.* 

### One Blue Syringe Barter

Follow us on the web www.caan-catmobile.org or to make a trade, join us ,and be a part of our story email us at caan-catmobile@hotmail.com

Redemption, The myth of pet overpopulation and the **No Kill** revolution in America by Nathan J. Winograd



TNR, Past, Present and Future, a history of the Trap-Neuter Return movement by Ellen Perry Berkeley

# Membership form

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

Community Animal Allies of Niagara

noting the NO KILL PHILOSOPHY

Thank -you to all our supporters and volunteers



In an emergency be prepared to be self sufficient for atleast 72 hours. Make sure you have 72 hours worth of food and water for your pets. (and remember to have a manual can opener)