



CAAN Connection



promoting programs that keep animals out of the pounds Summer 2014, Volume 7, Issue 1
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TO REMEMBER:

Saturday August 16, 2014

ISAR's International Homeless Animals' Day, Candlelight Vigil gathering in St. Catharines 8:00pm at the parking lot Tim Hortons 4th Ave and Louth St. and Martindale Rd candlelighting 8:30pm

ALL Welcome please bring your flowers and candles



Candlelight vigils are seen as a nonviolent way to raise awareness of a cause and to motivate change, as well as uniting and supporting those attending the vigil



In recognition of ISAR's (International Society of Animal Rights)

International Homeless Animals' Day

The first Homeless Animals' Day and Candlelight Vigils were a beginning. ISAR is solemnly dedicated to keeping the issue of dog and cat overpopulation before the public until victory is achieved and humane societies can return to their purpose of preventing suffering instead of being exhausted by ceaseless killing.

Helen Jones, ISAR Founder

some stories and pictures of the things that go on and some of the success stories that keep all of us going. Thanks yall

Is this The new version of Driving Miss Daisy



it's Carl and Shorty, we send our best wishes and have our eye on you! thanks Karin for the picture.

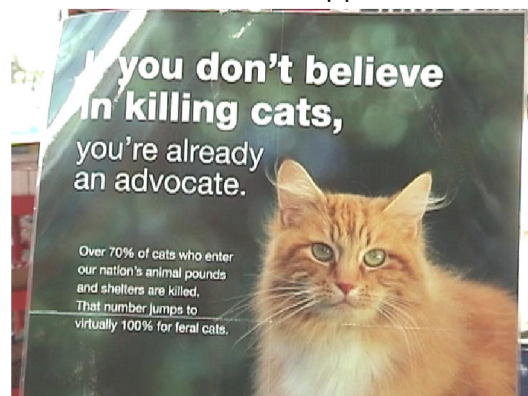
CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP MEANS SO MUCH

A story
 by Janet Campbell....

I was working with a cat rescue group in Welland and decided that I would like to work with a group in St. Catharines where I live. My friend and I noticed an ad about CAAN and went to a meeting held in the waiting room of Court Animal Hospital. Dr. Murray talked about her plans to start a TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program and asked for volunteers. My friend and I put up our hands and the next thing we knew we were in the clinic the following week, assisting with the spaying and neutering 13 feral barn cats. We were totally ignorant of all aspects and procedures in the clinic but we watched and learned! They first group of cats were very smelly and mangy looking but they were all altered and back in their washed and clean cages ready to be released the next day - that was 13 cats that would no longer be producing kittens. By the time we cleaned up the clinic, washed the floor, sterilized all the equipment, got the laundry going and took out the garbage it was after 11 pm. Everybody was exhausted especially Dr. Murray and the vet techs that had worked all day and hardly had a break before we started the TNR. But we all felt good about what we had accomplished and over the course of the next year our Madcat Mondays and Wildcat Wednesdays spayed and neutered over 300 feral cats.



When you think about how many litters a cat can have that is an incredible amount of kittens that would not have to find a home. With the shelters always full during kitten season and so many cats and kittens looking for homes it was good to know that there would be less looking for a home. That translated to less being killed, dying on the streets or becoming victims of predators. Shortly after CatQuarters was established and homeless cats were cared for and housed until they could find their forever homes. I have two of them - Scooter and Petey who along with a foster, Lucky, that I decided to keep and Nicky that was rescued after he was abandoned by his owner complete my home. We must take care of our community animals and stress the importance of spaying and neutering our pets so that unwanted animals do not end up in shelters where they are killed to make space for more. It is sad but it happens.



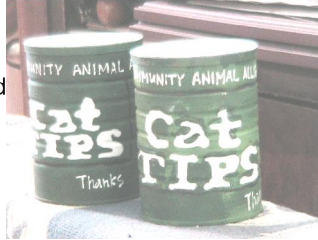
FROM THE NO KILL ADVOCACY CENTRE:

WE ADVOCATE TNR (TRAP NEUTER RETURN) TO REDUCE COMPLAINTS BETWEEN CATS AND HUMANS AND TO STOP THEIR KILLING IN SHELTERS OUR GOAL IS NOT AND NEVER WAS 'NO MORE FERAL CATS'
 OUR GOAL IS NO MORE KILLING OF FERAL CATS.

Thank You Thank You

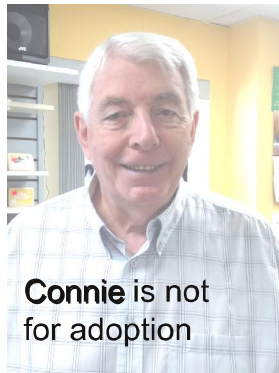
a message from Barb

money raised in our TIPS cans goes toward
spay/neuter of our community cats
for more info on being a CatTIP location
contact barb@caancatmobile.org



Thank you CatTIP supporters

**Court Animal Hospital
The Rubber Stamp Store
Artistic Impressions
Ruffins, Hartzell Rd
Water Superstore**



Connie is not
for adoption

Thank You and Happy
Retirement, at the end
of June to Connie
and Pat, owners of
Duffy's Classics
the Rubber Stamp

Thank You new supporters

**Global , Grantham Plaza
Pet Valu, Glendale
and a happy retirement to Kevin and Debbie and
welcome to Bonnie and Dave at Ruffins**



A Big
thank you

from
Tracey

and
Daisy Mae

GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE! THANKS
FOR RESCUING ME.....MEOW
(a message from Sugar)



Board Members: Ronni Dingwall, Dr. Julia Murray, Janet Campbell , Barb Dvernechuk

Thank-YOU the gift of life **Thank-YOU** **Thank-YOU**
the gift of life life

IN THE NIAGARA PENINSULA

ABOUT 5,000 CATS GET DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES EACH YEAR. MOST OF
THESE CATS AND KITTENS DO NOT FIND NEW HOMES AND ARE EUTHANIZED.

Charlie's Second Chance:

About 6 or 7 years ago I was feeding a abandoned older neutered male cat who lived outdoors where he was happiest..he was the neighbourhood version of Lassie...Charlie looked rough but was very friendly and lay back . Charlie disappeared for about 2 weeks one time and when he returned he was in very bad shape .He had a large open wound at his abdomen with maggot infestation.At the time I had no money for vet bills .As he was an older cat I thought the kindest thing to do was to euthanize him..but i wanted him done with compassion and humanely..A friend of mine ,knowing my circumstance told me to talk to Julia who was the vet at Court Animal Hospital at the time...so I did..Dr.Julia told me to bring him in..I dropped him off on my way to work expecting to pick his body up after work to bury him..To my surprise I received a call from Julia to let me know he was taken into surgery to deal with the wound..and it would take time to heal.

we
continue
to care
for the
colonies
in our
care,
they are
doing
well



A SMALL BODY OF DETERMINED SPIRITS
FIRED BY AN UNQUENCHABLE FAITH

IN THEIR MISSION CAN ALTER THE

friskies wet
cat food
towels and
blankets

Two weeks later his wound was healed and he was to be discharged with an antibiotic. Julia covered the cost. I couldn't release him to the wild...so as the universe works in mysterious way this day was a good example of that as I was able to find a foster home with a husband and wife team (their place was a sanctuary for cats) They continued to nurture him and bring him to excellent health...The couple fell in love with this gentle tabby boy and decided to keep him...It gets even better ..2 years later they called me and asked if I would mind if Charlie was adopted out to a couple who had lost their cat (at 20 years of age) who had met Charlie and bonded with him almost immediately...So off he went to his new permanent home where he would spend the rest of his life being well cared for and pampered ... a happy ending for a cat who was on death row..

Charlie would never of had a chance if it was not for Dr.Julia Murray's kindness and compassion..She is a vet who genuinely helps animals in need and comes to their rescue without question..I am forever grateful for what she did for Charlie..and Charlie showed his gratitude by turning out to be the most lovable ,gentle pet for his human companions adapting well to the indoor pampered lifestyle..It could not have turned out better..

Thank you Julia

Nada

**Seeing a cat is one thing,
meeting her is another**

COURSE OF HISTORY

GANDHI

Thank You Thank You

all volunteers , supporters

Victoria Public School, in Niagara Falls, their fundraising efforts to support the feral and needy cat population



Thank You Thank You

all volunteers , supporters in memory of Smudge Ford, in memory of Gryphon, Ethel's memory plaque in memory of Michael, in memory of Chloe, in memory of Sam, Chopper, and the homeless animals who came into our care for their last chance at life.

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online donations visit www.canadahelps.org or the button on our website



to become a member please fill out the form, membership is \$15 year (starting from the month you join)

Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN), 3358 Troup Rd Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 5V5

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and we welcome your stories, poems, pictures, etc., we will print some of them please submit...thank you

"People who don't like cats, are descendents of Rats"
a quote from Carol Myers, whose generosity as a cat lover led her to donate her birthday gifts which was a car load of food for the cats for the winter, Thanks Carol and happy 75th birthday forever

Thank You

Carol is not available for adoption



Thank You Thank You

all volunteers , supporters which includes webmaster Kevin, Dr. Julia for ongoing care for the animals, Janet , Nancy fundraising organizers extraordinary for the dinners and garage /bake sales, Lucy, Nada, Sue, Mike Ronni, Mary Anne, Gerrie, George, online Canada Helps emergency and other fund donators, Pet Valu Donna Dale and staff and friends, and everyone i didn't include, i mean you too, for all you do, for the animals.



CAAN landers

a new regular column

for trains, planes and automobiles? NO, for dogs, cats and humans!

Question: Is the answer Yes?

The Humane Societies (which are both affiliates of Ontario SPCA), specific to Niagara, Lincoln County spay neuter clinic building and Welland & District SPCA ,which has been awarded the largest Petsmart Charities Canada grant of \$350,000, have employees who get paid well for what they do. (sorta, depending on who you ask)

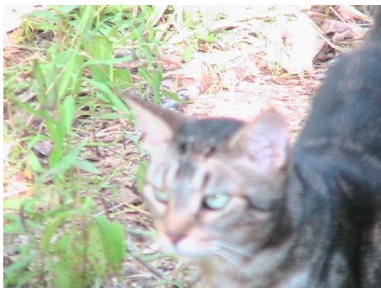
The grassroots volunteers for animal groups in our community who get paid nothing, get compassion fatigued and exhausted financially and physically (some or most) and struggle to continue working for the sake of the animals.

Grassroots volunteers usually aren't interested in working for the humane societies and they tend to stay on and aquire a wealth of experience.

Humane societies tend to have a turn over, can be inexperienced and employees/volunteers tend to leave after sometime.

People who care about animals working in funded organized systematic animal businessess and **people who care about animals** as grassroot volunteers are **ALL, people who care about animals.**

The question is: CAN people who care about animals confidently say," take animals in need to the humane society , they will be helped there."



With John Greer, Welland & District SPCA and Tammy, and Stephanie Kerr, Communication and Marketing Manager Petsmart Charities of Canada at the ribbon ceremony at the spay neuter clinic On July 10, 2014, we received this information.



Petsmart Charities of Canada awarded \$350,000 , the largest grant they have ever awarded . It is for affordable accesible spay neuter services. The grant is used for 30 live release traps, the 36' neuter scooter mobile MASH unit for spay neuter, and the spay neuter clinic equipment, and a transport vehicle which will go places to pick up and drop off again.

The clinic will be owned and operated by the Welland & District SPCA, and they have the full support of the Ontario SPCA. John suggests that this will be successful because Welland is community based, there is more involvement, proactive adoptions with off site adoption (visit Seaway Mall) and that the goal is to be self sustaining. The clinic is working with 2 Veterinarians from Caledonia and the Director of medical services is Dr. Tammy Hornack.

The Humane Alliance model, which is high quality and high volume spay neuter will be used (training being done hopefully by end of August) . The goals is 27 surgeries a day, no qualifying, it will be open to all. The goal is 6,250 this year, and costs for feline neuter is \$65 and spay is \$75. Dogs will be charged based on the pound with the highest cost of \$135.

Plans to work with feral groups and TNVR(trap neuter vaccinate return) are expected to start in September to December, with the welfare of the animals priority. The cats will be returned to their colony caregiver for continues care.

The clinic is starting off open one day a week for the shelter animals only.

jThe Mobile MASH unit will go to the Northern Territories and all the First Nations in the province, with the Welland staff, and surgical Veterinarians

(see picture next page)





Welland & District SPCA , the 36' Neuter Scooter mobile MASH unit for spay neuter.

from Feral CatFocus, Western NY

TRAP-NEUTER-VACCINATE-RETURN DOES WORK

TNVR is the method of humanely trapping feral cats, having them spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies and then returning them to their colony to live out their lives. TNVR also involves a colony caretaker who provides food, adequate shelter and monitors the cats' health. TNVR has been shown to be the least costly as well as the most efficient and humane way of stabilizing feral cat populations. Through TNVR, feral cats can live out their lives without adding to the homeless cat population. Spayed or neutered cats living in colonies tend to live healthier lives. By stabilizing the population, ferals will naturally have more space, shelter and food, and fewer risks of disease.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A STRAY CAT AND A FERAL CAT?

Yes. A feral cat is primarily wild-raised or has adapted to feral life, while we define a stray cat as someone's pet who has become lost or has been abandoned. Stray cats are usually tame and comfortable around people. They will often try to make a home near humans—in car garages, front porches or backyards. Most are completely reliant on humans as a food source and are not yet able to cope with life on the streets.