



# CAAN Connection



promoting the NO KILL PHILOSOPHY in Niagara  
3Community Animal Allies of Niagara

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[www.caan-catmobile.org](http://www.caan-catmobile.org)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Sunday October 16**  
National Feral Cat day

**Sunday November 27, 2011**  
CatMOBILE in the St. Catharines  
Santa Claus Parade 2:30 p.m.

**Fri/Sat Dec 2 and 3, 2011**  
CatMOBILE at Ridgeway 'Spirit of  
Christmas Event'  
Dominion and Ridge Rd.  
Fort Erie



## Community Pet Safe Home for Cherished Friends

you have 15 votes for each of 3 initial rounds,  
and only one vote a day.

The ideas with the most votes go on to the  
next round

round 1 starts noon Oct 3 - noon Oct 19

round 2 starts noon Oct 24 - noon Nov 9

round 3 starts noon Nov 14 - noon Nov 30

voting for 90 semi finalists Dec 5 - Dec 16

judging is Dec 17- Jan 24, 2012

winners announced January 25, 2012



## EVERY SINGLE DAY THERE IS A STORY

Please **vote for our idea** in the Aviva Community Fund  
for the people and pets of Niagara  
**Community Pet Safe Home for Cherished Friends**

**Idea # ACF11035 visit to vote**  
<http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf11035>

Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN) is a registered Charity, established in 2007. We promote the no kill philosophy for displaced domestic animals and pets owned by persons of low income. The Niagara Region consists of twelve municipalities with a total population of 427,000. There are an estimated 20,000 pets at risk due to living in over 41,000 low income households.

**THE STORY** Tracey sobbed as she hung up the phone. She was sick and had to return to hospital and there was nobody to take care of Daisy Mae. Being on a government disability pension Tracey could not afford boarding and the only thing left was to give up Daisy to the local pound. Due to her age there was a strong probability that Daisy would be euthanized.

Dalina is mentally challenged and legally blind. The only consistent and comforting element in her life for 10 years has been a tiny 4lb dog named Penny. Penny barks a lot and often gets infested with fleas. Dalina is homeless and frequently forced to change address, spending months at a time in shelters which will not accept Penny. Dalina cries every night she goes to bed without her faithful and only friend at her side.

Carol is 55 years old. Recently her grandmother, mother and husband have all died. Carol has been left

**CARING ENOUGH TO SHOW UP MEANS SO MUCH**





Akasha



Lola

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

**Lola, and Akasha, are looking for homes**

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homeless. She lied on an application to rent a room by saying she had no pets. When the landlord discovered two cats in the room, Carol was to be evicted. Carol had owned Panda and Rocky for ten years. Her only choice was to send them to the local shelter where seven of ten cats admitted will be killed.

**Thank you CatTIP supporters**

**Cat  
TIPS**

**locations are:**

**Court Animal Hospital  
The Rubber STamp Store  
Artistic Impresssions  
Ruffins, Hartzell Rd  
Water Superstores  
Helens Floral, St. Catharines  
Gotta Be Dreamin, Ridgeway**

money raised in our tips cans goes toward the spay/neuter of  
our community cats

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Board Members:

Dr. Julia Murray, President, Barb Dvernechuk, Diane Mason  
thanks to: Mary Lou Davidson and Karen Moncur who have  
finished their terms

Annie, an aged miniature poodle was found wandering the streets alone. Her teeth were rotted and mouth stinking with infection. Her fur matted, infested with fleas and skin covered with sores. The local pound would have ended her life because of her age and need for extensive and costly dental care.

When CAAN found out about Tracey and Daisy, we were able to provide a home for Daisy during Tracey's hospital visits. Tracey can stop worrying about Daisy, knowing that she has other guardians that will make sure she is well taken care of. Penny has been a frequent and recurrent visitor to CAAN for two years. She never forgets Dalina and is always ecstatic to see her again when she returns to her care. Panda and Rocky have spent six weeks with us and will be going home next week when Carol moves into her new apartment which will accept cats. Carol will still miss her family members but at least she can share her pain with her beloved cats. Annie received veterinary care and brought endless joy to the people who had the privilege of being her guardians for four years before she died with dignity and surrounded by love.

## THE PROBLEM

People like Tracey, Dalina and Carol feel frightened, distraught and powerless because, due to medical and/or financial reasons, they are unable to continue to care for their cherished friends. They have no choice but to have their pet euthanized at the vet, or to abandon them at the local pound, almost certainly sentencing their faithful companions to loneliness and confusion prior to an undignified death. Precious little souls like Annie just need a helping hand to continue life but are often difficult to adopt due to age, medical or behavior issues. These scenarios are repeated frequently in our community.

Most people asking for help are turned away because we cannot find foster homes for their animals. It is one of the saddest things to share the experience of having to kill a beloved pet and best friend because there is not enough money to buy help. These impoverished people accompany their pet to the vet or the pound and leave the building alone, empty and broken heart-ed. They describe the experience as the worst and most difficult thing they ever had to do.

## THE SOLUTION

CAAN needs to provide a safe home for animals like Daisy, Penny, Panda and Rocky and Annie. We have a beautiful 100 acre farm and a vet to take care of the animals. We need to purchase modular kennels, cat condos, and fencing to provide safe outdoor exercise areas for dogs and cats. Once the Sanctuary becomes known in the community we are confident that a well run volunteer program will enable the program to continue.



We will work closely with other social services to identify need. There are many people in the community who desire to help desperate people and animals. The sanctuary will be a happy, uplifting environment where volunteers can put their heart and soul into the success of the program. Our precious residents can travel back and forth as needed, find new guardians, or live out their days in peace and safety. The people in need can continue to benefit from the relationship with their pets and be comforted by the assurance that their cherished friends will always be cared for and loved.

Thank you for reading our story. Please vote for us to help heal broken hearts and save lives.





## Thank You

all who helped with the Garage sale, David Hickey fundraiser and the Water Superstore's support with that event, Ridgeway festival, The Rustic Candlelight Vigil for International Homeless Animals' Day, and the Zehrs tape program

## Thank You

Pet Valu Glendale for your donation of \$480.00 from your Paws for Paws event

## Thank You

Dan and Lisa for your generous donation from your wedding , and Congratulations!

## Thank You

all the people who made donations we received in memory of Arnold Selmeczi , and in memory of Mini and Muntra, and in memory or Judith Jordan

## Thank You

to all volunteers and supporters who care for the animals, the programs CatMOBILE, Charlie's Angels, Operation NORTH STAR, Community Cats Ambassadors, Foster Care, TNR trap neuter return , Feral Cat Caregivers, and all who helped with the Cat Hotel transition.



## Thank you

**for your donations as we continue to care for the cats from the feral cat rescue we did last year, their spay neutering and their daily care and thank you to all who helped with the cat hotel and their relocations**

**National Feral Cat Day is October 16th**

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**Thank-YOU** the gift of life

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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.



Penny

Carol is reunited with Panda and Rocky after she moved into her new apartment



Panda



Rocky

Daisy Mae



In memory of Annie



cats benefit from their relationships to each other too

from: pets for the elderly

While the primary benefits to animals are obvious - to place them in loving homes and keep them from being destroyed - the benefits to elderly persons are ten-fold (versus non-pet owners).

1. Pets lower blood pressure and pulse rate
2. 21% fewer visits to the doctor
3. Less depression
4. Easier to make friends (enhanced social opportunities)
5. Seniors become more active
6. Pets offer affection and unconditional love
7. Pets ease loss of a loved one
8. Pets fight loneliness
9. Seniors take better care of themselves
10. Sense of security

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.



## CAAN landers

a new regular column  
for trains, planes and automobiles? NO, for dogs, cats and humans!

In 1980, a clinical research project at Brooklyn College, New York, studied heart-disease patients after their discharge from the hospital. Dr. Erika Friedman, Ph.D., professor of health and nutrition sciences at the College, tracked each survivor, studying their medical histories, lifestyles, families, relationships - every documentable detail. Co-researcher Dr. Aaron Katcher, M.D., reported: "The presence of a pet was the strongest social predictor of survival...not just for lonely or depressed people, but everyone - independent of marital status and access to social support from human beings."

outside of a dog a book is probably man's best friend, inside of a dog its too dark to read...Groucho Marx

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