



Promoting the "NO KILL PHILOSOPHY" in Niagara



The CAAN Connection

Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN)

www.caan-catmobile.org

DATES TO REMEMBER :

- Monday January 11
7:30pm-9pm
Feral Cat Caregivers
Support Group meets at
Cat Quarters, 144 Church
St. #1, St. Catharines

- Wednesday January 27
thru Sunday January 31
mall hours
CatMOBILE at Penn Cen-
tre (in front of Zellers)
DRAW for Swarovski



Crystal
Heart
CAAN
Valentine's
Day 'Have a
Heart fund-
raiser"

- Monday February 1
7:30pm-9pm
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- CAAN's NEW
COMMUNITY CATS
Ambassador program
call Mary at 905-401-0016 for
info on any of our programs



Ring the bells

We want to get public support and create effective public policy. Our focus is to lower intake rates and have the shift so that animal control no longer = kill Here is what some people are saying:

Our national survey confirmed 81% believe it is "more humane" to let stray cats remain outside than to have them killed.

...Becky Robinson Alley Cat Allies (Alley Cat Allies is dedicated to protecting the lives and promoting the well-being of the nation's stray and feral cats and end the intentional killing of cats in shelters)

Cats in many areas are still considered second

class animal citizens—they're not afforded the same protection that dogs are, and there's no funding mechanism that helps deal with cats...so that kind of leaves the burden on the nonprofit sector to handle what is essentially a community issue....Mark Kumpf, National Animal Control Association, President

Feral Cats do not belong in animal shelters. They are not candidates for adoption since they are not socialized to humans. Feral cats are most content living outside. TNR provides a more humane existence for ferals while reducing the behaviors that make them unwelcome neighbors. TNR is a

positive step forward for a community that cares about all its animals

John Aleshire, Ex. Dir. H/Soc. Indianapolis

**Here we are on the edge , the edge of change
Ring the bells...Ring the bells of change,
Ring the bells...Ring the bells of peace**

**We've all been called to wake from sleep
To feel our power
To create the dream
To step out from the dark
Here we stand in unity
Making one choice to be free,
Every truth blends into one,
As we believe it shall be done,
There is not a nobler kind,
Achieving peace in our own time**

...Melissa E.

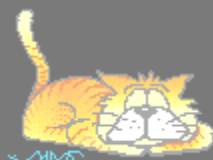
Operation MAD CAT MONDAY
our volunteer TNR spay/neuter program, in 2009 spayed 167, neutered 123, and 22 pregnant spays.

COMMUNITY CATS Ambassador

CAAN is promoting the no kill philosophy . raising their status , they are safe, they have value, they have life. We want to save not only the ones that come to us but that we can help each and every one. The no kill equation works when you have the programs and services in place in the community.

We want to become the safest place for an animal/pet to be. At our CatMOBILE events in 2010, our thrust will be to continue to raise awareness. Look out for the COMMUNITY CATS Ambassadors Adoption outreach, CatMOBILE, Foster care, Socialization, Cat Quarters, Feral Cat Caregivers Support group (meet the 1st Monday of the month) , Operation NORTH STAR, Charlie's Angels

**TIPS
\$1**



One way You can help us is by donating a \$1.00 in the bucket at our events, which will go toward the spay/ neuter of community cats

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

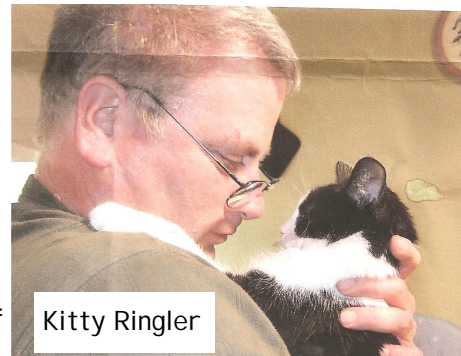
Dear Mary

I am writing you this letter from my new home. I left Cat quarters as Sandy but very quickly new people I adopted started to call me Kitty (short for Catharine Zeta Jones) and I really think it suits my personality. I have it pretty rough here. They make me take medicine for my sneezing and crusty eyes. I only have two soft beds to lay on, and only one basket of cat toys. They won't let me

scratch up the carpet, I have to use this post thing. They don't always let me go where I want. I'm not allowed to sit on the table, and I even got kicked out of the washing machine. They are always holding me and petting me and brushing me. I think they need me more than I need them. They seem really needy that way, so I try and set aside an hour or so every evening to play with them and share my toys. They seem to like that. Any

way I am really well liked here so I think I'll stay forever. So in closing I hope all my other old roommates find nice people to rescue. I am sure with your continued help they will. With fond memories and gratitude, Kitty Ringler and her people

Here is a picture of me and my new adopted man



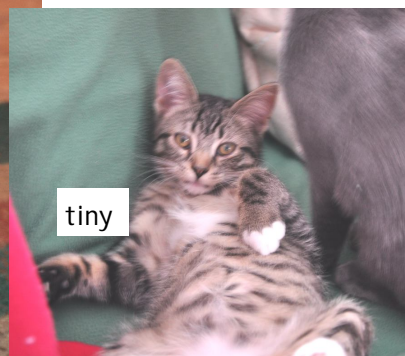
Kitty Ringler

Home for the Holidays—Christmas with Oliver Twist

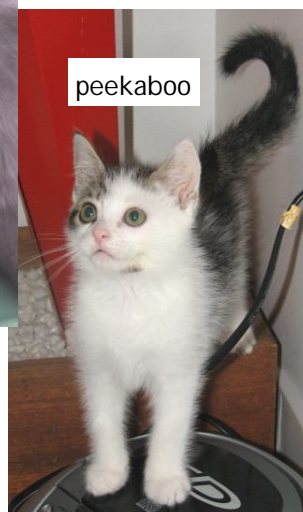
A total snuggler, Oliver loves to follow me around the house. When I watch TV, he sits on my lap. When I work on the computer, he sits on the keyboard. When I wash the dishes, he sits in the other sink. And when I sleep, he cuddles next to me and wakes me up at least once a night to let me know he loves his new home! Oliver Twist is no longer an orphan and has brought joy to our house, just in time for the holidays! Audrey



smoke



tiny



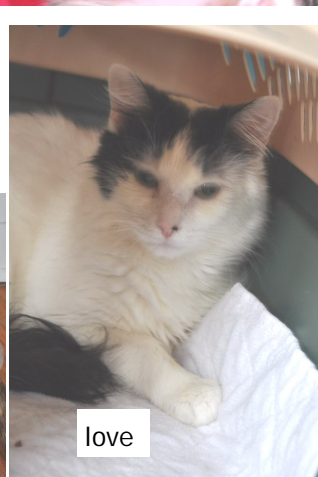
peekaboo



Oliver twist



spring



love

I love her to pieces. There have been quite a few days at work where I just want to finish so I can go home and cuddle my kitty. Karen and peanut



peanut



Some of us foster cats and kittens looking for homes : Smoke, peekaboo, spring , love and



Spay Neuter your Critter



online donations visit www.canadahelps.org

CatMOBILE event sponsors from 2009

Thank you

Bazaar Port Dalhousie spring and fall, St. John's Church
Niagara Trailers

The Clever K9

Pet Valu Fonthill

Beamsville Strawberry Festival

Ridgeway Festival

NAFA adoptathons at Pet Valu Fonthill,

Pet Valu Welland, Ryans, St. Catharines

Pet Valu Glendale

Animal Assistance at Pet Valu Glendale and
Niagara Regional Exhibition

Niagara West Literacy Event, Grimsby

Pet Valu Port Colborne, For PC Ferals

Rick Dykstra's Community Day at Merriton
Community Centre

And a thank-you to

Court Animal Hospital, for our annual summer
garage sale and home for the holidays

adoptathon, and your continued support in
allowing your clinic as a place to train us, and work with us.

And a thank-you to Lincoln County, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Welland

Humane Societies, Niagara Action for Animals (NAFA), Animal Assistance,

Kitty Kat Keep, P.C. Ferals, and TEARS, for all you do for the animals



What a deal!



Home for the holidays adoptathon found homes for over 100 cats and kittens Thank-you!



Volunteer Appreciation

Raising their Status: They are our proud ambassadors of homeless cats it's true, But choices man has made for them would break your heart in two. We close our eyes to their desperate plight so we don't have to deal, With the fact that we are all to blame, and their situation's real. If we engage our heads and guide them with our heart, We CAAN donate to ease their load and it will be a start. At CAAN we ask you to respect their honour and their souls, And help us spay and neuter them and together reach our goals. If we can be united and control their population, Then maybe no more cats will die, from illness and starvation. It's up to you, it's up to me, and we can't just close our eyes, We can't just simply walk away as a lonely kitten dies. We must dig in our pockets and in our hearts as well, To return to them their dignity and allow them to excel, To raise their status back to where it was in times gone by, Allowing them their pride once more, together we MUST TRY!....written by Leslie R.

All is calm
All is bright
Everyone
will hold
this light
Sing la ah
ah ah ah
la ah ah ah
It's Glorious
Sleep in
heavenly
peace
.....
Melissa E.



Ask mary about
updates from
our ellen appeal

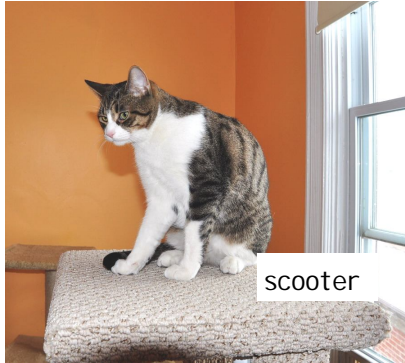


santa elves sightings over Christmas, here are some of them

Cat of the Month

Scooter is a 2 yr old male . He is a humorous character, a lap cat. He is a bull in a china shop, energetic, and he loves to play with others

To inquire more about giving Scooter a loving home please contact Mary at 905-401-0016



scooter

Volunteer of the Month

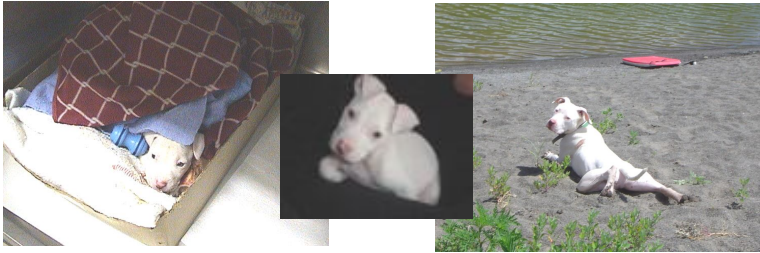
A cat was part of my life for most of my childhood years. He was inside during the day and spent his evenings in a shed or out "tom catting" – veterinarian care was definitely unheard of. As an adult, a cat was part of family life – along with mega vet bills because it was an inside-outside cat that had "nine lives". At this stage of my life I have two "inside only" cats – and no surprise

vet visits. For the past half year I have become involved with a colony of abandoned/ feral cats. I hope they all survive the winter – they deserve better.



betty

EVERY SINGLE DAY THERE IS A STORY



In December 2006 an abandoned litter of six puppies was found in a box. We discovered that they were fighting for their lives against a deadly virus and we needed round the clock care if they had any chance of survival. Over Christmas And New Years we cared and we had one lone survivor who we named Rocky. With the help of many , we found him a home. Rocky was transported via PT Cruiser out of the country. He was renamed Max by his new family who absolutely adore him. Rocky had no money, but we made him safe, he had value and now he has life. This is but one story of the manyfeel me, touch me, see me, heal me.....every single day



We have spent money we have raised (our 2009 fall bazaar raised \$1929.55, thank you all) on supplementing pregnant

spays/neuters and purchasing monitoring equipment for spay/neuter, medications for our home for the holidays adoptathon, (which found homes for over 100 cats and kittens, again thank-you all)

The \$30,000 spay/neuter campaign launched at our conference on November 21, 2009, has now raised \$8,955.00 and we thank you all.....as we work to make this dream a reality and save lives..

We will continue to update you with the plans as they develop.

CAAN's Board of Director's
Mary Lou, Julia, Karen , Mary, Barb

Membership form

To become a member please fill out the form, membership fee is \$15 a year (starting from the month that you join)
mail membership and/or donation : 43 Centre St. St. Catharines , L2R 3A8 contact us: caan-catmobile@hotmail.com

Name: _____

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Membership _____ Donation amount _____

we would also like to welcome your stories, poems, etc. and we will print some of them.THANK-YOU



Thank –you to all our supporters and volunteers

