



The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

SCRATCHING POST

Fall 2015

Annual Christmas Bazaar November 21st, 2015

The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Sale on **Saturday November 21st at 1:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church.** (See poster on page 5.) The function will take place from 1-4 pm and cake and beverage will cost \$4.50. Clean sale items in good condition will be accepted at the church on Friday Nov. 20th starting at 2:00p.m. **We do not have access to the church before that time!**

Volunteers have requested that items NOT be delivered on Saturday morning unless absolutely necessary.

NO ELECTRONIC ITEMS PLEASE.

Please cut out the mini poster on page 5 and post it in your neighbourhood. Make extra copies if you can. Spread the word!

Call (250) 656-1100 for more information.



**Meetings held 3rd
Wed. of each month
at 6pm.**

**Call 250-656-1100
for location.**

**No meeting in
July or Aug.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting Nov
6pm 18

Christmas Bazaar Nov
Knox Presbyterian
Church, 1-4pm 21

Strawberry Tea Jun
2016 1-4pm 18



Important Notes

- Please respect the '*residents only*' street parking when attending the Bazaar. The Church has a parking lot, and we can also use the lot next door.
- **Crafters Needed:** We are short of crafted items to sell at the Bazaar. If you are a crafter and want to help, please donate sewing, knitting or crafts. They are very popular with our customers.
- VCRC Treasurer Cheryl McCreary is still collecting returnable beverage containers. For those members who do not have a car, Cheryl will come and pick up your bottles. You can contact her at 250 479-0909 or email her at cmccreary@shaw.ca Please save all returnable beverage containers, with the exception of milk products. This includes gable top juice containers, tetra packs, cans, alcoholic and non-alcoholic containers. Victoria Cat Rescue Corps has an account at any Bottle Depot if you want to take your own bottles -just mention our fundraiser at the beginning of the transaction.

Adoption and Foster News

We're looking for adoptive parents! All our friends below are ready for their forever homes. Please see their stories on our website www.victoriacatrescue.com Some of these animals have been waiting for many months to be adopted. Please email kimesau@shaw.ca or call us at 250 656-1100 for an adoption application and to discuss the adoption process.



CARLOS & TANK



SOPHIE



BROCK



HARMONY



LACEY



ANNA

2015 Strawberry Tea

The net income was **\$6,848.94**

Income

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Donations | 2060.50 |
| Memberships | 60.00 |
| Tea & Cake | 579.00 |
| Crafts | 324.75 |
| Silent Auction | 146.00 |
| Rummage | 1380.95 |
| Jewelry | 605.00 |
| Raffle | 3052.00 |

Expenses

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|--------------|--------|
| Hall Rental | 400.00 |
| Pizza | 155.00 |
| Strawberries | 258.00 |
| Ads | 166.14 |
| Prize | 300.00 |
| Raffle | 65.12 |
| Disposal | 15.00 |

Financial Information and Statistics

Statistics

Sept 2014 to August 2015

Cat Spays: 149

Cat Neuters: 125

Dog Spays: 4

Dog Neuters: 0

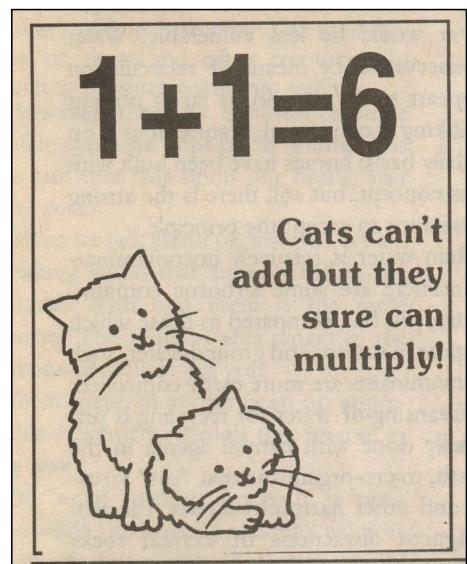
(Medicals discontinued Feb 2011)

2015 Spay/Neuter Blitz

Cat Spays: 84

Cat Neuters: 62

(included in stats above)



President's Message-Fall 2015

It's November, so we're getting ready for our Christmas Tea and Bazaar on November 21 and looking forward to seeing everyone. Our storage locker is already overflowing with rummage items, so there will be lots for sale, as well as jewelry, books, and crafts – and of course the kitchen will be serving some delicious cakes. We're also going to raffle off some gift baskets just in time for the Christmas season. Hope to see you there!

We held our Annual General Meeting in September and we welcomed a new board member, Denis Brisson (see the box on the last page).

Project Purr, the kitten rescue project organized by United Hearts Animal Society, had a successful first year. The Society worked with Victoria Pet Adoption Society, Greater Victoria Animal Crusaders, Dee's Orphan Kitten Fund, and The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society over the summer to hold three events and take in, spay/neuter, and find homes for unwanted or stray kittens, pregnant cats, and nursing moms with litters. The activity isn't over but so far 50 cats have been helped:

32 kittens were surrendered or born to surrendered heavily pregnant moms.

They will be re-homed and spayed/neutered when ready.

5 adult cats were surrendered to be spayed/neutered and re-homed.

5 owned cats were spayed/neutered and returned to their owners.

8 feral cats were spayed/neutered and re-homed through the Barn Cat program.



We attended the events and funded the spaying of adult females. It was great to see the good response.

Please keep an eye on the adoption page on our website. We're always looking for good foster homes and adoptive parents for our rescued cats. If you'd like to volunteer or attend our monthly meetings, please email us at meow.133@victoriacatrescue.com or leave us a message at (250) 656-1100. We'd love to see you. As ever, we and the animals we serve, deeply thank you for your continued support.

We couldn't do it without you.

Catherine

Scenes from the 2015 Strawberry Tea



In Memoriam—Donations received in memory of loved ones

In Memory of our dear friend Magda Westmacott, we received donations from the following:

Sheen Arnold McNeil, Donna Cuthbert, Deborah Lovett, Betty Barrett, Mary Louise Kepkay, Lia Fraser, Steven MacCarthy, Dawn House, Mary Goodspeed, Myrn Inman, Bea Fox, Cherry Mills, Cecilie Davidson, Sarah Bates, and Liz Keay.

Rex Brown in memory of Betty Brown

William Jesse in memory of Sher Khan

Sheri Eisenhuth in memory of Kim Cutler

June Mowatt in memory of Cissie

Angela Westmacott in memory of Theo



Regina Cat Rescue Names Kittens after Party Leaders

[CBC News](#) Posted: Oct 05, 2015 8:27 PM CT



Justin, Tom, Stephen and Elizabeth were discovered on the street with their mum.

They are on the campaign trail raising money for spay and neuter surgeries. Not the leaders of Canada's political parties, of course, but their kitten namesakes — The Politicats.

The Regina Cat Rescue named four of its recently rescued kittens after the politicians vying to become the next prime minister. Rachel Molnar, communications co-chair of the Regina Cat Rescue, said the organization decided to have a little fun because the election is on everyone's mind. The "little party leaders" and their mum were discovered on the streets of Regina. There were three males and one female kitten. The names for the male party leaders were randomly given to the felines. "We're just disappointed there wasn't one more male for Gilles Duceppe," Molnar said. To tell the kittens apart they wear a collar in the colour associated with each party. A post on the Regina Cat Rescue's website read: "Justin, Tom, Stephen and Elizabeth love to challenge each other and can often be found sparring over important issues like use of the scratching post, access to the food dish and whose turn it is to snuggle with their foster mum." *Editor's note: the election will be decided by the time the SP goes to print, but we thought you might enjoy this story.*

Thank You

- **Angela Westmacott** for her donation of the cakes for our 2015 Christmas Bazaar.
- **Patisserie Daniel** for their generosity regarding the cake for the 2015 Christmas Bazaar .
- **Peppers Cadboro Bay** for their donation of whip cream, milk and coffee cream for the 2015 Strawberry Tea.

Please show your appreciation by supporting our sponsors in any way you can. At the time of printing, we did not have a complete list of donors.

These donations, the donations of crafts and rummage, and the many volunteer hours, help to make our Raffles and fundraising events a success, and enable us to raise more money to assist low income pet owners to care for their animals. We appreciate our donors very much!

The Victoria Cat
Rescue Corps Society will
hold their Annual

Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday
November 21, 2015
1:00-4:00pm

Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road
(between Lansdowne &
Taylor Street)

Rummage
Books
Jewellery
Arts & Crafts
Plants

Cake & Drink
\$4.50

For more information, please contact us at
250 656 1100
email us at meow.133@victoriacatrescue.com or visit www.victoriacatrescue.com

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
SHOPPING BAGS TO THE
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**Cut out the flyer on the
left and post it in your
neighbourhood.**



Our Programs

- Spay/Neuter Financial Assistance Program (formerly the Bonneau Spay Fund) offers modest assistance to those who cannot afford to spay or neuter their pet.
- Spay/Neuter Blitz held every Spring, when we offer full payment of spay/neuter procedure to low income families
- Foster/Adoption Program where we attempt to find good homes for abandoned and homeless pets. Foster homes and volunteers are needed to sustain this program.
- Education program to alert the public about the importance of spaying and neutering to reduce the stray population.
- Thanks to member Pamela Miller, our fundraising/education flyer is mailed to thousands of Victoria area homes every year.

SEE MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE: www.victoriacatrescue.com



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An Incorporated society
dedicated to the
alleviation of suffering of cats
and all animals.

Founders:

Thora and Tommy Bonneau

Honorary Patron:

Judge Loretta Chaperon

The society began in the 1960's as the Bonneau Spay Fund. It was incorporated in 1984 as the "Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society".

Become a member today!

Membership includes a subscription to this newsletter. Please complete this form and mail it with your cheque to the address on the left.

Please make cheques payable to Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

Family \$45 Single \$30
 Life \$ 150 Senior/Unwaged \$15

Donation _____

Total Amount enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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2015/2016

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We're on the Web!

Viciacatrescue.com



Volunteers Needed!

We are currently seeking volunteers in all areas of our society. Our **Foster/Adoption program** is in need of foster homes for animals in crisis and adoptive homes for rescued animals.

Many animals have been helped and are now happy and healthy. At right, Myrn Inman and a young helper are volunteering at our Strawberry Tea.

Why not volunteer today?

Just call 250 656-1100.

Our Philosophy

The Animals are our brother creatures who share this earth with us and are equally deserving of our respect as well as compassion. It is indeed our moral duty to alleviate their suffering whenever and wherever possible. Perfect peace and harmony can never exist in this world if the plight of even one of its' creatures is ignored. If we were to solve all the problems of poverty, disease, and overpopulation and still somehow lacked the single quality of compassion, we would still have a world not fit to live in.

Our Purpose

The purposes of the Society are to promote an aggressive spay/neuter program for cats and dogs to reduce the stray population with its attendant suffering; to encourage euthanasia if it is clear that there is no other humane solution for an animal; and to offer monetary assistance to aid these goals regardless of financial circumstances. The Society's paramount concern being animal welfare, to educate towards responsible pet ownership and compassionate understanding of and respect for all living creatures, and to be a voice for all animals mainly through the Society's newsletter "The Scratching Post".