



The Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society

SCRATCHING POST

Spring 2024

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

We are delighted to announce that our annual **Strawberry Tea and Bazaar** will return this year. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday June 15th** and join us for a great afternoon to support our programs. You can tick a few things off your list: enjoy the tea and cake, do a bit of shopping or even adopt a cat! We may have a few furry friends there that are looking for a forever home. (subject to who is in our care at the time of the event). We are very grateful to our new volunteer Stephen Ison, who is the Co-ordinator for the event. Stephen and his committee have been busy calling potential volunteers, searching out silent auction donations and planning the advertising campaign. Once again we are asking for donations of sale items. We can accept clean items in good condition. We would welcome donations of books, clothing, housewares, jewelry, treasures, plants and baking. Please mark your baked items to show the ingredients and wrap them ready for sale. (No styrofoam please). We are unable to take furniture, large appliances, or computer equipment. **Please deliver your donations to Knox Presbyterian Church, 2964 Richmond Rd, between the hours of 2pm and 6pm on Friday June 14th.** If you have items that absolutely cannot wait until that date, or if you are unable to drop off yourself, call Cheryl at 250 888-4454 and she will try and arrange pick up.



As usual we will be serving delicious Strawberry Shortcake and tea or coffee. The cost this year is \$7.50/pp. We are planning on inviting a few furry adoptables for you to meet (if the cats in care at the time have suitable dispositions for being on display).

We also need your help in spreading the word—*please cut out the flyer on page 6 and post it wherever you can.* Your Veterinarians office or your local grocery store may have a bulletin board. If you would like to volunteer to distribute larger posters please contact us at victoriacatrescue@gmail.com and let us know how many you would be willing to post.



Donations of Baked goods and Craft items would be very much appreciated. Don't forget to label your baking with the ingredients, and please don't use Styrofoam trays. Do you sew, knit, quilt or love crafting? Please consider donating your creations for sale at the event.



YOU CAN DONATE BY E-TRANSFER TO:

victoriacatrescue@gmail.com

**Or donate online at
www.CanadaHelps.org**

**OR MAIL A CHEQUE TO THE
ADDRESS ON PAGE 6.**

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We are continuing to fundraise. Here are some results from the last 6 months;

Purdy's Christmas Chocolates \$273.00

Hillside Night of Lights \$1,105.00

Bottle Drive December/23 \$1,111.00

Bottle Drive March 16th \$1,300.00

Cheryl our Treasurer has been organizing regular Bottle Drives at the Glanford Bottle Depot. Please save any returnable beverage containers. If you cannot drop off your bottles please contact Cheryl at 250 888-4454 or shermacbookkeeping@gmail.com for pickup.



Our next Bottle Drive will be held **May 18, 2024** from 10am to 2pm at the Glanford Depot, 4261 Glanford Ave. Please support this effort and contact Cheryl (info above) if you need pickup.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2024 Bottle Drive Dates:

May 18, July 13, August 17, September 21, October 26, November 16 & December 14.



Tru Earth Laundry tabs are an eco-friendly laundry detergent. Each laundry strip packs ultra-concentrated, hypoallergenic, cleaning power into a tiny, pre-measured strip of liquidless laundry detergent that you just toss in the wash. It's low-sudsing formula works in all types of washing machines, including high-efficiency. Order now to eliminate those hard plastic containers and earn money for VCRC at the same time!

<http://tru-earth.sjv.io/VictoriaCatRescue> 20% of total sales will go to our society.

This is a Canadian product and is packaged in recyclable cardboard.



We are holding a **Calendar Raffle** with cash prize draws daily until August 31st. Tickets go on sale at the Strawberry Tea **June 15th** but only 200 tickets available @ \$20 each so get yours early. Call Cheryl at 250 888-4454 to purchase. First come, first served.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bottle Drive: Saturday May 18th, 2024 4261 Glanford Ave. (You may not receive this newsletter in time to participate, so please remember there is another Bottle Drive coming up on July 13.)

Harbour Cats Baseball 50/50 Tickets: Sunday June 9th 50/50 draw at the Royal Athletic Park. Tickets will be available on the main causeway and from vendors moving throughout the park starting at around 11:30 or noon. The draw will take place between 2pm and 2:30pm and the ticket holder must be present to claim their prize.

Strawberry Tea & Bazaar: Saturday June 15th, 2024 See page 1 for details

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday September 11th, 2024

Email victoriacatrescue@gmail.com for details of AGM



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Supporters and Members,

I hope this message finds you all well and in good spirits. It's been a whirlwind of activity here at VCRC, and I'm excited to share some updates with you.

Over the past several months our focus has been on providing sanctuary for some of our unadoptable cats/kittens. You may be familiar with our trap-neuter-return projects, which have been ongoing for several years. However, we've encountered a dilemma with some of these cats who are not suitable for traditional placements. Some have faced health challenges like stomatitis, leaving them toothless and in need of specialized care. Others, older and weathered by years of fending for themselves and having continuous litters of kittens, deserve more than a barn home. We even had a pair of feral kittens who, despite our best efforts over six months, showed no progress in warming up to humans. **(Photo below)**

It was clear that releasing them onto a farm would only lead to further struggles. Thanks to an incredible collaboration with the Itty Bitty Kitty Committee, we were able to secure spots for these deserving cats at Cat House on the Kings in California. Here, they will receive regular food, veterinary care, and have 12 beautiful acres of safe space to roam. What's more, the sanctuary's setup allows for feral cats to maintain their distance from humans while still having the option to approach if they choose. (Photos pg. 4)

This endeavor was both time-consuming and emotionally taxing, but we're proud to have given these cats the second chance they deserve. We have one more exchange happening mid June. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of donors like you. If you are able to contribute to their vetting as they prepare for their safe new lives, please make a note on your donation indicating it is for the "sanctuary".

As we continue our efforts to spay and neuter feral cats in our community, we're also gearing up for a new project on a First Nations reserve. However, our costs are escalating, with prices for essentials like food and litter constantly on the rise, along with our vet bills. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of you who has contributed, whether through donations, sharing our posts, or simply offering your support. Your generosity enables us to make a real difference in the lives of these animals, and we cannot thank you enough. As we approach kitten season, the need for assistance is greater than ever. Whether you're able to contribute financially, share our message, or send positive vibes our way, your support is invaluable.

Thank you for standing with us in our mission to rescue, spay and neuter cats. Your kindness truly makes a world of difference.

With heartfelt gratitude. Kim



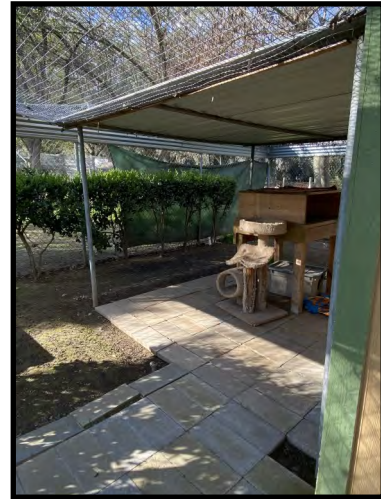
Programs funded by your donations:

- ◇ *TNR in feral colonies*
- ◇ *Foster and Adoption Program*
- ◇ *Food and Medical Care for Ferals and Fosters*



The Cat House on the Kings

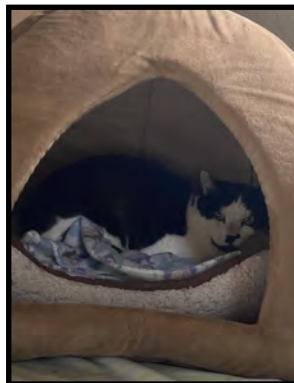
The Cat House on the Kings is California's largest no-cage, no-kill, non-profit life-time care *cat* sanctuary & adoption center. The cats are free to roam the massive, fenced 12-acre riverside property, where they have free reign over open fields, grassy shade, and tree-lined banks. We were so fortunate to be able to secure spaces for some of our hard to place cats, who now have a safe forever home with lots of space to roam.



Our welcoming committee.



The indoor enclosure is massive with lots of room for all the newcomers. Today more than 700 cats and kittens enjoy life here.



Take a tour and learn about this amazing facility here:
www.cathouseontheings.com/facility.php

Everyone is understandably nervous when first arriving at their new home.



Adoptable Now

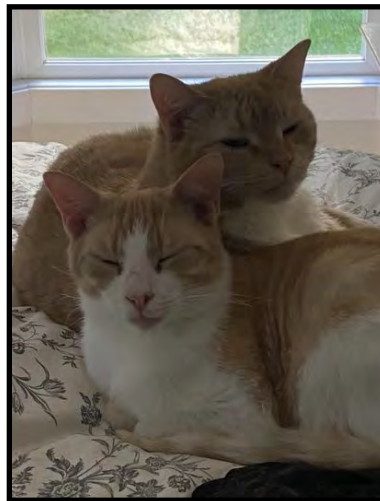
To find out more about these beautiful cats please message us at victoriacatrescue@gmail.com



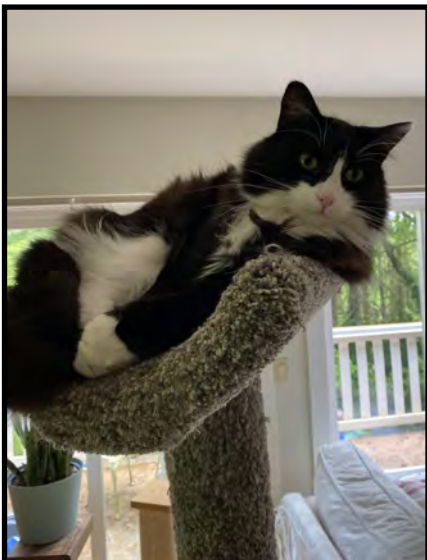
Brass is looking for a loving home. This beautiful boy is an absolute delight. Confident and well adjusted he will fit into most homes. He is best suited for a home that will give him a lot of attention in a family that is home alot. He is very connected to his humans and feline foster kitties. His foster Mum says: Brass is a very social, inquisitive kitty. He loves to follow us around and likes to be close to us all the time. He gets along great with both our cats and still finds places and spots to sleep on his own. I think he would do well in any environment.



Sophie is a sweet, gentle natured 1 year old cat looking for a loving home. She is much loved by her foster family and is quite attached to their teenage son. She is a bit on the timid side, so we are looking for a quiet home without small children. She would do well with another friendly cat in the home, or as an "only" as long as she gets a lot of attention and playtime. She loves to be with you and is pictured helping her foster mum with crafts!



Gerry and Nick are looking for a home together. These two year old happy and healthy siblings are outgoing and affectionate. They need lots of space to run around so a small apartment would not be suitable for them. They are dynamic, high energy boys and are fun to be around.



Bear is looking for a loving home. This big beautiful boy is good with other cats and extremely loving and affectionate. He is shy at first but once he knows you he is pure love! He is a happy healthy boy who is neutered, microchipped and up to date with vaccinations.



Statistics

**September 15, 2023 to
April 30, 2024**

- ◆ 53 TNR
(Trap/Neuter/Release)
- ◆ 42 adoptions to
loving homes
- ◆ 26 Medical Care (incl.
Emergency) for ferals

Executive Board

2023/2024

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Please alert your friends
and neighbours by
posting the Strawberry
Tea flyer.



Strawberry Tea & Bazaar

- Strawberry shortcake and beverage - \$7.50
- Treasures
- White Elephant
- Books
- Jewellery
- Arts & crafts
- Plants
- Baking
- Silent Auction

**Saturday, June 15, 2024
1.00-4.00pm**

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



In support of the
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Contact:
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Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society is a charitable organization run by volunteers. All donations go toward spay, neuter and medical costs for the animals we assist.



Look at this great mountain of returnable beverage containers that were donated by supporters. They were all sorted by our hard working volunteers. Please save your bottles for our upcoming drives listed on page 2. If you can volunteer for this or any other event, please contact us.

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