



Springtime Newsletter

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Volunteers are a very important part of SCAT. Two areas that are in need of help are at our shelter and at the Petsmart Adoption Center. At the shelter, it needs to be kept clean and open for the public for visiting, spending time with the cats there, and helping to find permanent homes, foster homes, and funding. We are looking for people to help with cleaning. It can be a small group of people then that way not just one person is doing it constantly. The cleaning is very important for the cat's health/well-being. Please come out and help the cats. At the Petsmart Adoption Center, we are there two weeks per month. Even volunteering one hour per week would be a big help. Duties while there are spending time with each cat, providing fresh water and food, cleaning the litter boxes, talking to the public about the program, cats that are available for adoption, and our need for volunteers, adoptions, foster homes, and funding. Another important part of SCAT is foster homes. With Kitten season almost upon us, the foster homes are an important link to health and permanent homes. Anyone interested in fostering or areas of volunteering mentioned above can call the shelter at 955-7228. There is also information on our websites.

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Upcoming Street Cat Rescue Events



- ◆ Petsmart Adoptathon Weekend. It runs May 2, 3, and the 4th. Come on down and see the cats.
- ◆ First week of May is Be Kind To Animals Week
- ◆ Garage Sale May 29, 30, 31 at 439 4th Street East. Donations gratefully accepted. Volunteers needed. Please call Laurel at 384-8542. Also, if anyone is having a block or community garage sale and would like to sell some items for us, that would work too.

Websites

www.petfinder.com/shelters/streetcat
www.quadrant.net/streetcat

Email

street.cat@sasktel.net

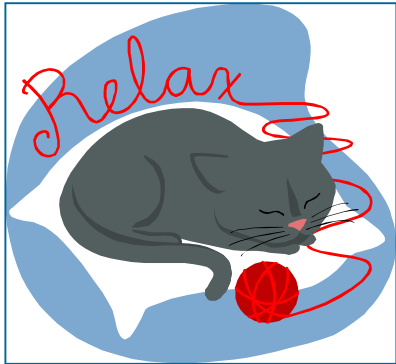
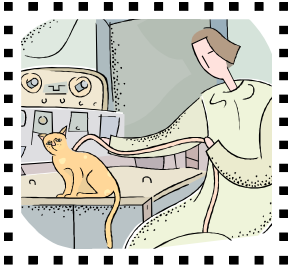
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There are many, many sponsors who help make SCAT possible. We say **THANK YOU** very much. The volunteers sure do appreciate it and as well, our four-legged friends. A special thank-you goes out to our members of the Veterinary Community and the Animal Health Care Professionals. Without them, SCAT would not be able to continue on with its work. Please see our web-site for a complete list of the wonderful sponsors and be sure to stop in and see them and say hello.



CAT QUOTE
“ I love cats. I love their grace and their elegance. I love their independence and their arrogance, and the way they lie and look at you, summing you up, surely to your detriment, with that unnerving, unwinking, appraising stare.”

CAT QUOTE
“ Dogs come when they’re called; cats take a message and get back to you later.”
Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods; they have never forgotten this.”



Shelter Address : 209B 2750 Faithfull Ave. Saskatoon, Sk. It is right beside the gas station on the corner of Faithfull Ave/51st Street.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Everyone,

My name is Jennifer. I have recently taken on the project of doing a newsletter for SCAT. This is something very new for me. I am very excited about this project and look forward to further newsletters. I have only in the past year or so, became familiar with SCAT. I adopted my first cat, Catrina. She is wonderful! And very recently, I adopted a second cat, Bagel. Things have been great. In addition to the newsletter, I hope to get out to the shelter, PetSmart, and other SCAT events, and to meet fellow SCAT supporters and cat lovers. If anyone has ideas, pictures, that they would like to see in the newsletter, just email them to the shelter. These are pictures of my two girls, Catrina and Bagel.



Bagel



Catrina

SPRINGTIME CAT CARE TIPS

- ◆ **Ticks and Fleas** - Several topical and oral medications are available to prevent and treat tick infestations. If you find a tick, remove it carefully with tweezers or a tick removal instrument. Preventing fleas is much easier than treating an already established infestation. Topical and oral medications are quite effective in keeping flea problems to a minimum.
- ◆ **Vaccinations** - In addition to parasite control for things such as ringworm or heartworm, preventing contagious disease is also recommended. Several vaccines are available to help reduce your cat's risk of acquiring diseases. Talk to your veterinarian about the needs of your cat(s).
- ◆ **Nutrition** - Proper nutrition is essential in maintaining health. As the temperatures rise, some of our cats become more active. With this increase in activity, more calories are needed to provide the necessary energy. If your cat isn't as active and tends to get sluggish in the heat, reduce the calorie intake.
- ◆ **Grooming** - In all cats, routine combing and brushing is recommended. As the mercury rises, shedding usually increases. This leads to more accumulation of hair and formation of mats and tangles if your cat isn't frequently brushed.
- ◆ **Outdoor Exploration** - If your cat(s) does go outside, please use caution. The best plan for him/her when outside is to use a cat enclosure. They can be made into various shapes and sizes. The cat(s) are very safe, they get lots of fresh air, exercise, and stimulation. The SCAT shelter has one of these enclosures on display as well as having some pamphlets.



Our Special Tripod Kitties

SCAT has never had this particular kind of kitty experience before. Over the last few months, two cats have come to us who each have three legs. They are very slowly learning to trust people and will need some more quality time in foster care before they will be friendly to strangers. They are both girlies, less than a year old. Neither had a leg surgically removed, so they may have been born as they are.

Pheadora is missing a front leg, and is a little uncoordinated at times, spilling food and litter about. It is amazing that no one knew she was a tripod cat until after we trapped her, and even then not right away because she was hiding! Her three legs allow her to climb and do everything a very active cat might decide to do. She is bossy and will always have “attitude” and she loves other cats, so much that they sometimes think she is a nuisance.

Chibree is missing most of one of her back legs. She is very quiet and demur. She could not be more different from Pheadora! Unfortunately, Pheadora does not really like her. Such are the ironies of life. Chibree was living outside with two other cats who are also with us: Athena, who has been out of circulation having her kittens; and Becca, who like Chibree is very shy and needs some TLC work before being launched into society.

Pheadora and Chibree are just two of the special needs cats rescued from the great outdoors, first by kindly people who put out food for them, then by volunteers working with SCAT to trap them, and now by our precious foster home volunteers.



Pheadora



Chibree



The Cat's Den

The Cat's Den is pleased to introduce a unique solution to dilemma of feline freedom, indoor and outdoor cat exercise and protection. The Cat's Den is a pet enclosure that allows your cat to co-exist in both an indoor and outdoor environment, without the worry and hassle of letting the cat out.

This product is manufactured and developed in Canada. The Cat's Den is the only product of its kind on the market today. Neither a fence or a cage, The Cat's Den is an enclosure that is able to attach to the side of an exterior portion of a house or an apartment wall. This extends the cats territory while providing easy and safe access for cats to wander outside from their inside home.

There are several different design options out there as no two cats or spaces are the same.

The Cat's Den is constructed from great cedar wood which will weather naturally. It will not rot and also acts as an excellent flea deterrent, which is a concern when your cat is outdoors. The Cat's Den is also made with galvanized rust proof mesh. This all makes The Cat's Den maintenance free and built to last.

The Cat's Den can be viewed at the SCAT Street Cat Rescue center on Faithfull Ave/51st Street. There is an excellent structure there and there is also literature to read. You can also go to the following website where you will find lots of information; www.thecatsden.net

I have included pictures of some of the different styles/set-ups that are available. This structure can also be used for other animals such as rabbits and birds.



This wonderful cat is CJ in the Cats Den at the SCAT location.





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These pictures are of The Cat Den that is on display at the SCAT Street Cat Rescue location on Faithfull Ave/51st Street.





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QUAKER



SPRITE



XEROX



VANNA



ZURESKA



EDDIE



VELMA

These pictures are of some of the wonderful cats at the SCAT Street Cat Rescue Shelter. Come on down for a “cat cuddle” or check things out on our websites.