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SCAT STREET CAT RESCUE

# Fall Newsletter



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We are now into our H.U.G. program - Help Us Get home! The Home 4 the Holidays adoption campaign which goes from 1 Oct to 4 Jan. Please remember some of our older cats as well. It would be great to have some of them find a wonderful permanent home for the holiday seasons. The adoption rates are as follows:

\$50 Seniors 8+

\$75 Adults 1 to 7

\$95 Kittens under 1 year

\*\*The great scat cats in the pictures are Carbon, Charlotte, and Cash. They are all patiently waiting for their forever homes.\*\*



**SCAT would like to thank all of the volunteers for their wonderful help with our kitties and also to the following for their continued support.**

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This beautiful kittie is a fine lady named Blanche, who 's patiently waiting for her forever home.



These cute kittens are just three of many waiting for their forever homes

## Fall Pet Tips

- Provide fresh, clean water for your pet. If they are outside sometimes and the weather is cold, check their water for ice formation and remove the ice.
- Indoor pets should be provided with a warm, dry area free from drafts. Provide bedding that off cold floors.
- Outdoor pets should have dry shelter out of the wind. Bring your cat into the house if the weather conditions are rainy or severe ( cold ).
- Staying warm requires extra calories, pets may need more food or a change in diet. Talk to your veterinarian about your pets needs.
- Most cats shed their summer coats in the fall before putting on their winter coat. Most years this is light and not very noticeable. Special attention should be paid to hair coats and daily or weekly brushing ( as needed ) should help your pet and you be happier.
- \*Fall is the most common time of year for male cats to "block" or forming small " stones "that block the flow of urine from the bladder through the urethra. Any cat that seems to be straining "to go to the bathroom" should be checked by a veterinarian at once.
- \*Halloween candy is not good for your pets, especially chocolate. Keep cats inside to avoid tricksters and possible encounters with cars, make sure cats are kept safe ,with all the visitors and open doors to sneak out of, cats can also get confused and frightened by the costumes .
- \*Holiday food- Alcoholic beverage, candy, chocolate, turkey and fixing, pork , fish, bones, just to name a few hazards...keep your pet on its regular diet. Another food related hazard is the plastic six-pack beverage holders, kittens especially can become entangled in them. Cut them up before putting into the garbage. This will also help the wildlife at the landfill too.
- \*Holiday paraphernalia- Electric cords, ribbons, plastic or foil wrapping, etc. can be dangerous to your pet. Cover up or hide electric cords, never let your pet chew on them. Do not tie ribbons around pets necks or limbs. Watch out for rubber bands too.



This pretty girl is Camille. She is patiently waiting for her forever home.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are a very important part of SCAT. They do everything from feeding some cat colonies throughout the city to helping at our adoption centre on Faithful and at PetSmart. Volunteers also play an important role in fundraising activities such as bake sales and garage sales. Being a foster home is also a very important part of SCAT. Without the foster homes, we would not be able to help out as many cats as we have.

Things seem to be busier and busier all the time with calls for helping cats and kittens and therefore the need for volunteers increases. Helping these wonderful kitties is very rewarding and a lot of fun. Even if a person can only give an hour of their time every so often would be wonderful.

If interested in volunteering with SCAT, please check out our website, [www.streetcat.ca](http://www.streetcat.ca), call the centre on Faithful at 955-7228 or drop in for a visit.



## **A Successful Day at the Centre ( from SCAT Adoption Centre Blog )**

Phew! I have officially given up on getting out of the Centre on time haha! From the second 1pm hit until about 5:10 it was packed with people and visitors which is great and makes time fly by.

5 Adoptions!! Klondike and Kenzie were adopted together and are going to live in Kindersley. Karina was also adopted by the foster mom and she will be back next week to adopt one of the kittens as will her grandmother.

Kiwi was officially adopted by foster mom Jen!

And...drumroll...our very dear Sir Edward Horton has found a wonderful loving forever home! The mom and son were in yesterday playing with all the cats and are interested in coming back often for socializing as well as wanting to begin at Petsmart ( they were the family that found Houdini and brought him to our program ). The husband came in today with them to meet Horty and all were in love with him. They recently lost their male cat to old age and have 2, 10 year old females so Edward will have a harem! They have a calm household, are home almost all day and the 11 year old son says he will wash lots of dishes so Edward can carry on his quirk of supervision. I told them all about his chiro requirements and they are planning on making an appointment right away to take him to Rehka to learn more about it and get started on that. I sent them home with his favorite bed by the desk...it just felt like the right thing to do and he walked right into the carrier when he saw it go in. They will be keep us updated!

## Baby Update

### ( From Donna 's Kitten Tales Blog )

Everyone is doing great right now. Little Onyx, my miracle baby, is still strong though tiny for his age. He is eating canned food on his own right now and just a little bit of bottle fill in. He is eating well enough on his own that I don't use the dropper to help him eat his food. He uses the litter box which makes him a very good boy. I was feeding the babies and talking to my daughter in the baby's room when Onyx went to use the litter box. I told her I didn't care that he didn't dig in the box yet as long as he uses the box. He then started digging in the box. I grinned and felt so proud of my boy and that we had accomplished something wonderful. He is moving on to the next stage. What a good boy he is.

. . .The "V" babies are all doing terrific. They don't have diarrhea any more. This means much fewer baths and only one bed change per day instead of 5 or 6. I will give them all a bath this morning as they are what I fondly call "crispy critters". They at least now get out of their bed to go to the bathroom but not in the litter box yet. This is a start. They are only 3 1/2 weeks old and will soon learn from Onyx. If I am alert when I am feeding the babies I can tell when they need to pee and if quick enough I can get them into the litterbox to do their job. They were all waiting out of their bed in the cage when I got up this morning to feed them. It was so cute to see the group of them waiting for me. Vincent is so cute with his extra thumbs and big, big eyes. Venus still has her wavy hair. Vermont has become my biggest eater. Vaxton still has slicked back hair on his face because he keeps putting his face where it doesn't belong.

. . .Irish is doing very well. I will take him to the vet today to confirm he is ready for adoption. I cried yesterday holding him knowing that very soon he can go up for adoption. I picked up the phone twice yesterday to call Street Cat to release him for adoption and put the phone down. He will be one of the hard ones to let go as he is a great



This pretty girl is Chibree. She is unique in that she has only 3 legs. A great kitty waiting for her forever home.

This small kitty is a nice fellow named CJ. He doesn't take up much space and is waiting for his forever home.



This calico gal is a great cat named Charlotte. She is a dog fan and too, is patiently waiting for her forever home.



## SPECIAL THANKS

A big thank-you goes out to Dr. Chu and her staff along with other volunteers for putting on the first gala fundraiser for SCAT Street Cat Rescue and New Hope Dog Rescue. It was truly a wonderful evening had by all.



A special thanks also goes out to the sponsors below.



## Job Application

( From “ Pawsitive Thinking ” blog by Linda J. Gubbe )

"I would like to apply for the position of Mice-Catcher at your firm. I have a great deal of experience in this field and am a very hard-worker. I can work alone but work best with a team mate.

I am enclosing a recent photograph. I have some facial injuries sustained during a recent territorial dispute and, as a result, I am looking to relocate. As you can see in the photograph (*inspecting the garage door mechanics*), I have some experience with machinery as well.

I believe you will find that I can make a valuable contribution to your organization. I am available for an interview at any time. You may contact me at 955-7228 if you need more information.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this position and my suitability further.

Sincerely,

Al ( Scarface ) Cat-chino"

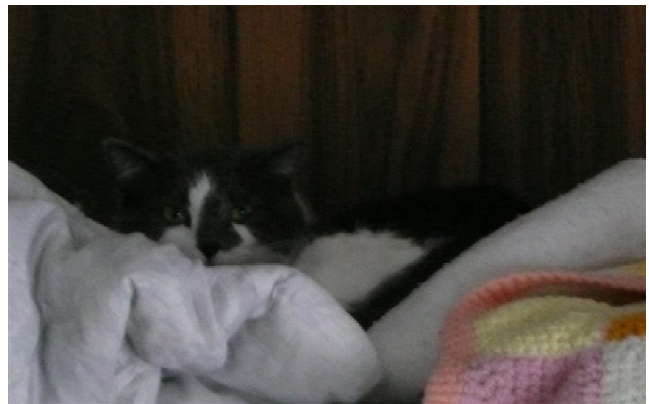
Al dictated this to one of his assistants who happens to also be a SCAT volunteer, of course. This actually could be said for several of the cats in our care.

Many are very sweet, but extremely shy of people. Considering their unknown origins and locations where they have been rescued from, it's not surprising.

I have Hawley and Nike at my place. It took Nike many years before I could pet him and Hawley is a gorgeous little girl who still is unsure of getting too close but does talk to me upon occasion. But that would not hinder either of them in doing rodent control. I do not have mice in my house, that's for sure. How do I know? Well, about once a year when the weather starts to get cold, I see the remnants of one. And I know there are mice around outside because it cost me about \$100 just to get one of their nests out of my engine last year.

So if you know of anyone looking for a good Rodent Manager for your workplace, it's very likely we have a match made in heaven ready, willing and able for you. Just give the SCAT office a call and take a peek at the

[www.streetcat.petfinder.com](http://www.streetcat.petfinder.com) website. In the pictures below, Al Cat-Chino is on the left and Hawley is on the right.



## A SCAT Success Story

“It's been a month since I adopted Jadie. I had some concerns over how my 3 yr old cat would react to bringing a kitten home. I need not have worried, as I soon discovered that Chance (my 3 yr old ) was more curious about Jadie and that Jadie could take care of herself, as she was doing the hissing, growling and swatting for the first little while.

You would think that a little 2.5 pound cat (Jada ) would be scared of a 16 pound cat, however, that is not the case, as they chase each other and play together. I have seen Chance start cleaning/washing Jada and then go for her neck and I have also seen Jada sitting watching Chance and then she'll "pounce" at him .. going for his neck.

Your website, in describing Jada, indicated that she was a little lady. She is more like a tomboy as she rough houses with Chance and has climbed the verticals and got about halfway up before she fell (she wasn't hurt) . She has also climbed the screen by the front entrance - she was almost to the top on Saturday before I caught her up there. Jada will also inhale her wet food ( I give them half a can each of wet cat food in the morning ) and then will go and finish Chance's wet food off .. whether he is finished or not. She also starts "talking" as soon as I set foot in the kitchen in the morning and until she gets her wet food. She was also going around in circles until she was fed her wet food, but that has almost stopped. She likes to snuggle up to me when I am on the couch and quite often will sleep on my legs or snuggled up to me when I am watching tv.



I adopted Jada because I believed Chance was lonely. My neighbor told me that she hasn't seen Chance sitting in the window very much lately and when I told her I had gotten a kitten, she seemed to think (and I agreed) it was because of the kitten. If Chance can't see Jada, he goes looking for her and once he's found her, he will go back to what he was doing as he is satisfied that she is ok. “

\*Written by adoptive mum Marlene\*



## Kimble 's Big Move

" I adopted Kimble back in September 2007. I came into your office back in July of this year as I was concerned that I may have to give up Kimble. My husband and I were moving to Nova Scotia and I was unsure how we would get him to our new home. As it turned out, I was able to find a kennel close to Halifax that would look after him until we were able to get ourselves to Nova Scotia and find a place to live.

On August 3rd, I sent Kimble by plane to Halifax where the wonderful people from Dartmouth Kennel Services picked him up. On September 2nd, we were able to pick Kimble up from the kennel and take him home with us. Our little family was once again back together!

After a few days, Kimble was back to his old self. He is now very happy and has adjusted to life in Nova Scotia. I just wanted to say thank-you to the ladies who took the time to talk to me in the Adoption Centre on Faithful that afternoon. They assured me that he would be okay going by plane. I am so very glad that I sent him ahead of time and he is here with us.

I just wanted to let you know he is doing very well and thank-you for your kind words that day! I have enclosed a picture of Kimble for you. "

\*Written by adoptive mum Jackie.\*



This good looking fellow is a great cat named Brandy, who 's patiently waiting for his forever home.

## Note From The Editor

This year has been very busy for SCAT, especially with the many kittens and cats we have brought into the program. It has been rather costly at times. If you or anyone you know would be interested doing a small fundraiser for SCAT that would be great. All funds raised goes right to the kitties. We also take donations of cans and bottles. These items are then taken in and refunded, with the funds going right to the kitties. If you have any questions, just give the adoption centre on Faithful a call.

We are also in need of more volunteers for helping at various events and also for fostering cats and kittens. Just give the adoption centre on Faithful a call for more information.

### Where SCAT Is At

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This pretty girl is  
Clementine. She is waiting  
for her forever home.



This fine lady is Courtney, She is  
patiently waiting for her forever  
home.

### Blogs, Blogs, Blogs

**Centre Blog**– Great information on the happenings and activities at the centre on Faithful

**Donna's Kitten Tales**– This is a wonderful blog about Donna, who is a foster mum for the teenie tiny kittens who come into street cat rescue.

**Linda's Pawsitive Thinking**– This blog is done by one of our longtime volunteers who gives all sorts of information, tips, etc. It can also be found on the Saskatoon Star Phoenix website.

**SCAT's Brag Book from Volunteers**– This blog is about all sorts of things from our volunteers. They include foster homes, people who are at events such as garage sales, etc.

\*\*Check out the rest of the newsletter for some tidbits from our great blogs. The blogs can be found via a link on our website,