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SCAT Street Cat Rescue

Summer Newsletter

Volunteers Needed!

SCAT is in need of volunteers. One of our biggest needs is folks who are willing to be foster homes. This is a challenging yet rewarding and fun experience.

We are also needing people to help volunteer at events such as garage sales, baking events, bbq's, Pets In The Park, and at our adoption centre at PetSmart. If you or someone you know would be interested, please check out our great website, www.streetcat.ca or just call our adoption centre on Faithfull at 955-7228.

Any and all help is very much appreciated, even if it is only an hour here and there. We at SCAT thank you and so do our wonderful kitties.

This wonderful kitty pictured here is named Barclay. He is with SCAT and is patiently waiting for his forever home.



Where SCAT Is At

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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.

Abacus Signs

All About Cats and Dogs Veterinary Clinic

Art Expressions

Central Animal Hospital

Concorde Group of Companies

Critters

David Dube` and Heather Ryan Foundation

Early's Farm and Garden

Erindale Veterinary Clinic

Family Pet Cremation Services

Global Television

It's A Dog's Life

Kanine Klipping

Len's Hauling

Linda's Printing

Magic 98 FM and CJWW

Market Mall

Mid-West Sportwear

Nordic Fence

Orchard Veterinary Care

Petcetera

Petfinder

PetLynx

PetPoint

PetSmart

Prairieland Veterinary Clinic

Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition

Sheltercare Pet Insurance

The Neighbourhood Express

United Way

Value Village

Veterinary Teaching Hospital (Small Animal Clinic)

Walmart (Preston Crossing)



These lovely ladies are just two of the many wonderful kitties we have at SCAT waiting patiently for their forever home. Bethany is in the top picture and Betty is in the bottom picture



Update From The Editor

Greetings Everyone! So much has been happening with SCAT since the last newsletter this past winter. We have been quite busy but it has been a wonderful time. Presently, we have 128 cats in SCAT, who are at the centre on Faithful and in foster homes. From January 1/2010 to June 30/2010, we took in 59 cats, including 7 that were returned to us. Kitten season has been busy but all has been going well.

Without the wonderful volunteers we have, things just wouldn't go as smoothly. So, I would personally like to thank each and every one for their time and commitment.

In addition to SCAT being busy with incoming cats, we have also had some garage sales and bake sales. Pets In The Park is another big event coming up. It is on July 11th in the park by the Delta Bessborough in Saskatoon. It is a wonderful event for all to attend, furry and feathered friends included (on a leash). For more information on Pets In The Park, check out the website, www.petsinthepark.ca. SCAT is also planning a special gala event for the fall. Watch our website for more details.

One new thing that I hope to include in upcoming newsletters is a "Vets Corner" which would be information of various topics such as acupuncture for your pet. I will be getting information from the veterinarians that we work with at SCAT. Something new in this newsletter is bits of information, interesting facts about felines. If you have any ideas or things that you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter, just email the centre on Faithfull.

Have a great summer! Jen F.



Did You Know

- SCAT has some excellent blogs. Please check them out. There are links on www.streetcat.ca

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

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 following 2 pages for some blog tidbits.*****



This wonderful kitty is Benson. He is a gorgeous sleek black cat, patiently waiting for his forever home.

H.....Arrives

(From "SCAT's Brag Book From Volunteers" Blog)

This little tyke is the luckiest little girl ever. Spotted in the middle of traffic at the corner of Circle and Miller, a gallant knight jumped out of his vehicle and scooped her up from under a car. Safely in his car, she quickly hid under the passenger seat and that's where she stayed, spitting like a little snake.

His wife googled SCAT and called, then drove over to my place where I spent 20 minutes trying to get her out from under the small car seat. The whole time she put on her best lioness impression. As you see in the first photos, this is the little "H" girl, yet to be named, and she is all Diva with Attitude! I have some "lion" taming to do.

Phase 1: Mummy kitty. Wrapped in a towel she has to endure me petting her and talking to her and spending time watching tv with me. She settled fairly quickly and even fell asleep. All tuckered out from a very trying and scary day.

Now well on her way to becoming a lovely little girl looking for a home.



Busy Week

(From "Donna's Kitten Tales" Blog)

What a busy week it has been! Painting the outside of my house by myself for 6 to 8 hours per day, bathing babies who have diarrhea (my dish soap spends more time in the bathroom than in the kitchen) and feeding babies. The first picture is Emerson, Reese and Edison. The second picture is Reese, Emerson and Edison. The third and fourth pictures are Fontana and Flora. Fontana has been eating enough for two kittens and it is showing in her huge weight gains. All the babies are doing well (Eclipse is on antibiotics for her diarrhea and should be better very soon.)



Check It Out! Stop Animal Abuse!

(From "The Centre" Blog)

Visit <http://www.stopanimalabuse.ca/> today where you can:

1. link to information about Canada's animal cruelty laws and what is needed for change.
2. Write an online, quick and easy, message to the Justice Minister, Prime Minister, Justice Critic and to your MP.
3. Learn how to recognize signs of abuse and to report them to the proper authorities.
4. Order your free decal today.



What Colour Are My Eyes

(From The "Pawsitive Thinking By Linda G" Blog)

Quick...what color are your cat's eyes? No cheating now. Don't look. Okay...go ahead look. Were you able to remember without having to look?

Why am I asking? Because it's spring and, with spring, cats go missing from their homes. Are you ready for that time when your cat goes missing? Yeah, yeah, you're one of those very lucky people who let their cat outside and he just sits on the front step all day without moving and you open the door and he just toddles in like a good boy. Riiiiight!

If you keep your cat safe inside or have a wonderfully screened protective area that the cat can come and go outside without harm, then I applaud you. That's wayyyyyy better than just opening the door and letting them roam free. Not to mention that it's illegal in Saskatoon and it could end up costing you hundreds of dollars to get him back. More importantly though, it is a very dangerous city for cats, social pets especially.

That cat that sits nicely on your step is an easy target for any malicious intent whether from humans or other cats or dogs who happen to be loose. So even if they do intend to stay on the step, they may not have a choice but to run and keep running until all of a sudden they are in unfamiliar surroundings, lost, terrified and perhaps injured in the process. If you have a pet, you are responsible for keeping them as safe as you possibly can. Not to mention that you love them, right? And you don't want them to come to any harm.



For The Cat Who Has Everything

1. Thing In A Bag

The classic paper bag has been given a 21st century twist. “Thing In A Bag” is a battery-powered....well....bag that wiggles, rustles, and crinkles to your cat’s heart’s content. More traditional versions of the paper bag (the kind that come from the store) are going to go through some wear and tear but the “Thing In A Bag” features a tear resistant finish to protect it from the sharp claws.

2. Jewels

For those fashionable cats, a plain collar just will not do. So, it is quite lucky that there are a wide variety of collars and jewelry out there for any occasion that may come along. Owners can choose anything from a collar with their pet’s name spelled in rhinestone studs or to a necklace made with real crystals. And, for the really special occasions, there are tiny tiaras for the cat to wear.

3. DVDs

If your cat is not enough of a couch potatoe, you can keep him entertained with “Cat TV”. These dvds feature fish, birds, guinea pigs, or squirrels. They also include natural sounds for many hours of enjoyment.

4. Spa Treatments

Your cat can relax after a long day of catnapping, eating, and more napping, with the “Cat Spa”. This beauty kit includes a massager, gun-stimulating chewable parts, and some self-grooming tools for the ultimate feline relaxation experience. To take a spa experience another step further, some pet grooming salons feature exclusive cat services. These packages can include nail trimming, haircuts, and complimentary bows. A bit of catnip aromatherapy added as well makes for a truly chic spa day.

5. The Treat Machine

The cat has found the litter box....great! No scratching of the furniture....fantastic! You can reward him/her with the “Kitty Food and Treat Machine”. It is made to look like a gumball machine and dispenses treats at the press of the paw-shaped lever.

6. The Fun Run

Whether your cat is city pet or a mountain-lion-in-training, he/she will always be able to play in style. “The Fun Run” is an enclosed mesh tube for outdoor play. It offers the sights and smells of the great outdoors without any temptation of going over the fence.

7. A Futon

Sleeping in the sunlight may be your cat’s favourite spot to sleep but when the sun goes down, where will he/she go? A cat-sized futon is perfect for nighttime naps.

8. Radio Controlled Spider

Hone your cat’s hunting skills with this interesting radio controlled spider. This toy can even change directions and reverse. You just keep control of the remote and watch as your cat chases the spider around.

The Ten Cat-mandments

1. I am Lord of the house.
2. Thou shall have no other pets before me.
3. Thou shall never ignore me.
4. I shall ignore thee whenever I choose.
5. Thou shall be grateful that I give thee the time of day.
6. Thou shall remember my food dish and keep it full.
7. Thou shall provide abundant toys and treats for me.
8. Thou shall always have a lap ready for me to curl up in.
9. Thou shall shower me with attention.
10. Above all, thou shall do anything it takes to keep me happy.



This cute cat is a lovely lady named Autumn. She's patiently waiting for her forever home.

Cat Questions Answered

1. Why Do Cats Always Land On Their Feet?

Cats do not always land on their feet, but they do have a natural reflex which allows them to right themselves more easily than other animals during falls. This reflex is rather complex, but senses in the cat's inner ears give them quick information about the location of the ground in relation to their heads. Then, they can quickly flip their bodies right-side up and use their tails for balance. Cats need about 1.8 seconds to right themselves during a fall.

2. Why Do Cats See Well In The Dark?

Cats do not see in total darkness any better than humans can. But, in semi-darkness, their sight is fairly decent. Because cats evolved as nocturnal hunters, their eyes had to pick up very slight bits of moon and/or starlight to help find their prey.

3. Why Do Cats Hate Water?

The ancestors of modern house cats were desert animals. They did not have any water around them so did not grow accustomed to it. But, not all cats hate water. Some wild cats, such as tigers, love to swim. Also, kittens who grow up being exposed to water generally do not mind it.



This good lookin feline is a nice older chap named Blackie. He too, is patiently waiting for his forever home.

Summer And Your Pet

Never leave your cat (or dog) in a parked car. Not even for a few minutes. Temperatures inside a parked vehicle can become life threatening very quickly. Leaving windows open a crack won't protect your pet from overheating or suffering heat stroke during a hot summer day. Pet theft also is a risk, and a cat left unattended in a car can be tempting to pet thieves!

Provide plenty of water. Because cats especially are prone to dehydration, be sure you provide fresh, cool water every day. Adding ice cubes may help entice your feline to drink it. But don't be worried if your cats spend a lot of time in a room without air conditioning, or if they "follow the sun" while napping throughout the day. Cats are generally more tolerant of moderately high ambient temperatures—more so than many people are

Watch for heat exhaustion. Excessive panting and drooling or restlessness may be signs of heat exhaustion. To lower your cat's temperature, give him a cool-water (**not** cold) bath and wrap him in a damp towel. Then seek medical attention immediately. If your cat is not treated quickly, he could collapse and fall into a coma.

Offer canned food twice a day. If your cats eat moist food, provide fresh food at least twice daily. Pet food can spoil quickly in hot weather, especially in homes that don't have air conditioning. Like people, pets often eat a little less when it's hot, so make sure they have fresh food when they're ready to eat.

Keep kitty far from fireworks. Most people like fireworks; most cats, however, do not. To help your kitty survive Independence Day pyrotechnics, put her in a quiet, comfortable area, leave a television or radio playing at a normal volume, close the windows and turn on the air conditioning, if possible. This may help muffle the sound of the fireworks, and—if you're attending a fireworks display—it will help keep your kitty company. If your cat becomes seriously distressed by loud noises, consult your Cat Hospital veterinarian about the possibility of administering tranquilizers or anti-anxiety medications. On rare occasions, some pets may do damage to their homes if they become especially distressed, or they may suffer temporary behavioral or psychological problems as a result of the stress from loud fireworks.

This lovely kitty is Becca who is staying with SCAT. She is abit shy but patiently waiting for her forever home.

