

STREET CAT NEWS

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

SCAT Street Cat Rescue Program Inc. is very proud to announce that it has worked for 10 years. Since January 25, 1997, this organization has provided a service to the community of Saskatoon.

To date SCAT volunteers have helped over 1300 cats and kittens.

It could not have been possible without the many volunteers, business sponsors, donors, members and the veterinary community.

We could not possibly list all the names of people...we'd be afraid that we would miss someone unintentionally and that would be horrible.



So, if you have ever volunteered even a short amount of time, or donated even a couple of dollars, or donated items, or bought a raffle ticket, or even spoken a kind

word about the organization and the volunteers, we send you this "hug" and our warmest thanks.

You help us to keep

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CALLS FOR HELP KEEP VOLUNTEERS HOPPING

Calls to help with cats constantly keep SCAT volunteers busy throughout the year.

To keep up with the calls is a huge task in itself, but getting the funds to fol-

low through with as many calls as possible, that also is a HUGE project. In fact it is many projects. We try to have something going every month.

Keep an eye on our website and mark your calendars for the events you are interested in attending.

Participate in the event as a volunteer.

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CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE VETS

Where would we be without the support of members of the animal health profession, namely the vets? Nowhere!

For our VIP (Voucher Incentive Programs) for the low/fixed income families, there are many clinics - the veterinarians, vet techs and clinic staff - who make this program possible. Most of the VIP clients are new to the veterinarian. We encourage them to maintain the new relationship with the clinics.

For our after hour emergencies, the staff at the WCVM Small Animal Clinic are wonderful. Several of our volunteers have spent some late nights with rescues that are seriously injured or teenie tinies who are found cold, starving and near death. There are many a teenie tiny baby that is alive, well, fat and happy and wouldn't be so if it hadn't been for the vets and vet students at the Small Animal Clinic.

For our day-to-day work, SCAT uses two clinics at the moment: the Cat Hospital of Saskatoon and Prairie-

land Veterinary Clinic.

Dr. Ruey Stocking volunteered her time at one of our garage sales even before her new clinic was opened. When George, one of our long term fosters who was diabetic, became extremely ill while she was on vacation in Calgary, she shortened her trip to come back to care for him. A month later, it became evident that George was not going to pull through again, all the staff of the clinic gathered together for one last goodbye to George and let him leave knowing that he was loved. There are many such times where the compassion for SCAT, its volunteers and the cats rescued shines brightly from the Cat Hospital.

Dr. Haider Elbermani soon joined the medical team when we had too much work for just one clinic to handle. On several occasions he and/or his staff have come to the shelter or a foster home to help with the cats. He has also been there to help vet students for vaccination clinics held for the pets of low income families.

Both the Cat Hospital and Prairieland staff have been extremely helpful and supportive in every possible way....and often above and beyond...when it comes to helping these little



ones from the streets.

All of these veterinarians, vet techs and clinic staff work diligently to save and improve the lives of these unfortunate cats. They are seriously committed to their profession and there are no other words more deeply felt then when we say THANK YOU to those that we could not do without - the vets!



10 YEARS OF STATISTICS

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	TOTALS
	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	1996-2006
INTAKE (Includes DOA's*)	240	234	112	63	119	190	179	92	52	17	11	1309
Females spayed	116	83	36	36	61	72	74	55	23	7	6	569
Pregnant	8	7	5	0	1	3	10	11	0	0	0	45
Males neutered	114	58	36	32	61	82	80	52	11	9	5	540
Total cats altered	230	141	72	68	122	154	154	107	34	16	11	1109
DISPOSITION	215	242	114	60	107	161	142	105	36	20	8	1210
Adoptions Total	166	197	98	52	88	115	59	95	30	16	4	920
% of Dispositions	77%	81%	86%	87%	83%	71%	42%	91%	83%	80%	50%	76%
Reunited with owners	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
% of Dispositions	0.40%		2%			2%						0.50%
TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release)	24	33	10	3	14	34	82	10	6	4	4	224
% of Dispositions	11%	13%	9%	5%	12%	20%	55%	9%	16%	24%	44%	19%
Euthanasia												
Adoptable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical/Behavior Treatable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Non-rehabilitatable	11	4	4	5	5	9	1	0	0	0	0	28
TOTAL Euthanasia	11	4	4	5	5	9	1	0	0	0	0	39
% of Dispositions	5%	1%	3%	8%	5%	5%	1%					3%
Died in Foster Care/Clinic	13	8	2	1	10	1	3	2	1	0	1	42
* DOA's	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	5

STREET CAT SPONSORS ART SHOW & SALE



By JUDY WOOD

I am happy to announce that my first "sponsored" open studio show and sale will be in co-operation with Street Cat Rescue, a cause I have been aware of and have endorsed for a number of years.

The idea behind this sale is to provide an interesting and unique shopping experience for Street Cat Rescue members and their friends, while at the same time raising funds for the group.

The sale will be held the weekend of May 5 and 6, from 11AM to 5 PM both days.

I will have a good selection of animal themed original artwork in various media and representing a number of species.

By supporting this sale, you will be able to purchase a one of a kind artwork for yourself or as a gift, explore a functioning art studio and learn about the processes of an artist's work, socialize with other members, and provide a financial benefit for Street Cat Rescue.

I will donate 25%



of all money raised at this sale directly to Street Cat Rescue, and will also donate a percentage of any custom orders for artwork or animal photography that are made during the open studio weekend.

I believe that the sponsored studio sale is a first for Saskatoon, and I am pleased and excited to have the support of Street Cat Rescue for this venture.

I hope it will be enjoyable and profitable for both sides, and I look forward to meeting you in May.

If you wish to see a sample of my artwork, you can check out my website at



www.glasswoodstudio.com

This site shows only a small portion of the type of work I do.

Most of my smaller works in other media don't make it onto the site as they sell fairly quickly.

The studio sale will feature glass mosaics as seen on the site, plus handpainted tiles, mixed media collages, digitally enhanced photography, and whatever else I am working on at the time!!

Sale location: 1529 Shannon Crescent - one block west of Preston Ave on 3rd Street.

It's the unusual looking house and yard on the northeast corner. Entrance to the house faces 3rd Street, so you don't need to turn onto Shannon Crescent.

Phone 373-6007 if you need further information.

There are some stairs involved in accessing the studio.

I will take cash, cheques, and major credit cards for sales.

Here are my current cats, both of whom will be 17 later this year.

The black and white is Bud (a girl despite her name, which I didn't think up), the orange one is Scout (also a girl, named after the little girl in To Kill a Mockingbird, which I was rereading the summer we got her).

Both were foundlings of sorts. Bud was a very tiny young SPCA kitten, and Scout was a kitten found in the street on Broadway.

I've had cats in my life for the last forty plus years.

We were a dog family when I was growing up, but in

the early years of my marriage I was on enforced bed rest for a three month period due to a disc problem in my lower back, and my husband bought me a blue point Siamese kitten for company.



I've never been without at least a couple of cats since then.

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JUDY'S LOVE FOR CATS



SCOUT

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I still have a huge love for Siamese and would love another one, but the current girls wouldn't tolerate a new cat in the house so it's not in the cards for now.

Judy



BUD



By Linda Jean Gubbe

The last few months have been tough. Saturday, Feb 10, Jackie Martin (my mother) passed away suddenly. She was only 78.

She and my dad, John Martin, who passed away in April 2002, were staunch supporters of SCAT right from the beginning. Definition of "staunch" - loyal, faithful, steadfast, reliable, devoted, unfaltering, committed. That was Mom and Dad. Ever ready to be helpful to anyone who crossed their path, especially animals.

They were the first SCAT foster home and some of the original cats from 1996 were still with Mom when she passed away. Two of the

cats became diabetic and, without hesitation, Jackie learned how to care for them.

John and Jackie were proud to be a part of SCAT, and I am very proud of their commitment to the animals. They will both be greatly missed.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words, thoughts, prayers, and donations in memory of Mom and Dad. My family and I really appreciate them all.



FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY VERY BUSY!

Spring has arrived....okay...when I am typing this, it is still a little chilly, but I am hoping by the time you read this, it will be a balmy double-digit day.

With spring, there are many calls for kittens and with that means Street Cat volunteers need to be in the public eye more in order to get more adoptions, more volunteers and more funds.

To assist with the adoptions, there is the PETSMART ADOPTION WEEKEND which runs from Friday May 4th right through till Sunday May 6th. Our cats will be in the Adoption Center in the Preston Crossing PETSMART. Please drop by to help, or to talk with our volunteers about



volunteering yourself, or to adopt a great companion. And spread the word. We look forward to seeing you.



To help with the funds, we have a great friend of SCAT who has volunteered to hold a fundraiser at her studio. Judy Wood talks about her fundraiser on page 4. You won't want to miss it. Spread the word.

Later in May, on Saturday, May 26th, another friend of SCAT has volunteered her garage for a big garage sale. It will be held in Martensville. Come out and watch for the SCAT sign at 718 Slater Crescent, Martensville.

We still, unfortunately, are without an indoor garage sale space. If you

happen to "trip" over any great real estate person who wants a tax receipt and who has a space that has been empty a long time and wants to draw people to that space...give us a call. We are looking for a fair size space, with easy access, reasonable parking, and safe for volunteers to get to and to work at.

Our space in Confederation Mall brought in about \$1000 a month and it is certainly missed especially with us spending between \$3000 to \$8000 a month on medical bills.

Please join us for the May fundraisers and keep an ear out for more to come throughout the year.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT US

Local businesses are involved every day in our work. Whether they are calling for our help or we are asking for theirs.

SCAT relies heavily on the support from these local businesses.

We want you to know the businesses so that you can support them as they support us.

Local radio celebrity, Ramblin'Dave, said at a recent function:

"businesses don't donate to get your business. They donate because they want to feel good about the community they live in." It's true. So with your support, they

can continue to be supportive in our community. Tell them that you appreciate their support.

So the next time you go to an event, such as our wonderful dinner fundraisers, take a look at the items donated and make note of any business names. Then pop by the business, give them your business if you can, or simply say "thank you for supporting Street Cat Rescue."

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Some businesses are there constantly for us. They have supported us almost from the beginning and that support is one of the major reasons we are celebrating our

tenth year of community service.

We will try to list some of these wonderful businesses in our newsletters throughout this year. Some, however, prefer a quiet support so may not be listed here.

However, we do try to list them in other places, such as an updated list on the back of pamphlets or on our website sponsor page.

By thanking them, they will be encouraged to donate again. Besides, everyone likes to hear things that make them feel good. Business owners too.



A CHANCE TO SIT AND RELAX BRINGS US TOGETHER

There are many events throughout the year that SCAT volunteers take time out of their normal busy schedule to attend and/or to help with.

Events such as Pet Expo, Broadway Street Fair and Pets in the Park provide

an opportunity to interact with the public on a fun and fundraising level.

Events such as our Dinner fundraisers, however, are extra special.

It gives volunteers a chance to see each other, to sit and talk over a good meal. It gives supporters a chance to visit and get to meet the volunteers who work hard for the animals.

It gives donors a chance to hear some of the wonderful success stories that otherwise would not be possible if not for their donation.

And it gives SCAT volunteers to see the faces of those who support their daily commitment to

the animals.

It's a very exciting time when we get together for these dinner fundraisers.

When you get this newsletter, we will have already had our February Sweetheart Dinner, and I am sure that everyone had a great time.

We will be making the dinners a regular event and hope to have at least two every year.

We are hoping to have one in August and then another in November, just before the busy Christmas season. A chance to say Merry Christmas to all who help the animals in whatever way they can.

So keep in touch with the shelter to find out when the next event will be happening, or even better....have us add you to our email list....Or...just keep an eye out online at either of our two websites.

We look forward to seeing your smiling face at our next dinner fundraiser.



Schedule of Events

- **May 4 - 6 (Fri to Sun) ADOPTION WEEKEND held at PETS MART Preston Crossing**
- **May 5 - 6 JUDY WOOD Art Show & Sale sponsored by SCAT**
- **May 12 Vanier Crescent Garage Sale - look for house with SCAT signs**
- **May 20 SCAT General Meeting - Noon at Shelter corner of 51st & Faithfull**
- **May 26 Martensville Garage Sale - look for house with SCAT signs**
- **Jul 8 PETS IN THE PARK Kinsmen Park beside Bessborough Hotel 9 am till 4 pm**
- **August Supper Fundraiser TBA**
- **Sep 21 - 23 Animal Welfare Conference sponsored by the SASK SPCA**
- **Oct 19 - 21 Pet Expo**
- **November Supper Fundraiser TBA**





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4. You quickly receive your email receipt and can print it off, or simply keep it online to print off just before tax time. (Saves you looking in that junk drawer.)
5. Check it out! Quick and easy.

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doing the work that we do. You help to better the life of many cats living on the streets. You deserve to celebrate our success as much as we do.

Things that keep us going through tough times:

- the first purr of a teenie tiny kitten who was rescued after being left in a dumpster;
- the first head butt from a kitten who was born on the street, feral (wild) and not trusting of humans;
- when we hear “My brother adopted a wonderful cat from you. We want to adopt from here too.”
- when we hear “I have some time. I want to help. Tell me what I can do.”
- when we receive a letter or email with photos of an adopted one and words like “part of our family” “much loved” “such a great cat” and “thank you for bringing him into our lives.”

These words from people like you are what make it easier for us to continue as a team committed to making our community a healthier and happier place to live for both animals and people.

I can hardly wait to see what we do with the next ten years!