

SCAT Street Cat Rescue

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Home For The Holidays



From now until December 31/2009, SCAT has lowered the adoption rates to help find more than 140 cats a permanent and loving home for the holidays. For kittens and cats under 1 year old, the cost is \$95.00. For cats 1 to 7 years old, the cost is \$75.00, And for senior cats, the cost is \$50.00. SCAT has partnered with the IAMS "Home For The Holidays" campaign, so all cats adopted during the campaign will go home with an IAMS adoption kit. Pictured below are just 2 of our wonderful kitties. Kieren is the orange kitten and Boone is the other kitty.



Reiki and Cats

Recently, I have obtained my Level I Reiki because I wanted to learn how to relax and heal others. One of my goals has to been to heal animals since I am a dedicated cat owner.

At my last visit with my reiki teacher, I learned that cats can be attuned to the reiki energy and can heal others. Cats are able to do this because they are special creatures who hold this energy very well. Who doesn't feel comforted when their beloved cat sits on their lap or lies on their belly?

I have practiced reiki on my cats which has been very interesting. I have been mainly focusing on my one cat who has anxiety/depression issues. So far, he seems to really like one technique where I run my two fingers quite vigorously with some pressure on his back. The traditional reiki technique of placing the hands on the cat's body doesn't seem to appeal to them as much as the petting. Instead I pet my cats while keeping in mind the intention of healing energy through the petting gesture.

Reiki is an effective treatment for all animals and humans with no negative side effects. Reiki is a healing practice that can be easily learned by anyone. I highly recommend anyone who is interested in learning alternative healing practices to learn reiki or try a reiki treatment for themselves or their furry friends.

Erin Humphrey
SCAT volunteer and member



“Cat’s Motto: No matter what you’ve done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it. “

Check Out These Great SCAT Blogs !

<http://catadoptioncentreonfaithfull.blogspot.com/>

<http://teenietinykittentales.blogspot.com/>

[http://communitiescanada.com.saskatoonstarphoenix/blogs.pawsitive thinking](http://communitiescanada.com.saskatoonstarphoenix/blogs.pawsitive%20thinking)



This lovely kitty pictured here is named Clementine.

SCAT At Market Mall

Thank you to all that helped at Market Mall and to all who brought their cats/kittens in for show. We were very busy, attracted lots of attention, and hopefully, found some permanent homes for some of our fosters, plus acquired some potential volunteers.



“ You can't help but smile in the company of kittens. “



Some of SCAT's wonderful kittens

Diamond Is A Star!

Kids at the Children's Discovery Museum in Market Mall Saturday couldn't wait to get their paws on Diamond, who didn't seem to mind the attention.



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
Cat Hospital of Saskatoon
Central Animal Hospital
Concorde Group of Companies
Critters
David Dube` and Heather Ryan Foundation
Early's Farm and Garden
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)
Yarrow Youth Farm



The cats pictured on this page are all wonderful and patiently waiting for their forever home. They are, from top to bottom, Barclay, Becca, and Benson.

Launching “Pie”

“Pie”, the delightful chapbook, was launched on Oct. 31st by Happy Leopard Chapbooks. Beth Matheson, author and illustrator of “Pie”, read some enticing pages, and Kate Hodgson and Murray Wood of Happy Leopard Chapbooks made introductions. This was an engaging event as the Marr Residence was fully in Halloween costume – even the sign-in pen was “finger-skeletal”.

What an appropriate setting for a story about a cat, a pie, and a glowing pumpkin. Beth Matheson’s story is intriguing. She also did the rich, colourful illustrations throughout the book and they are really beautiful.

The cover is of handmade paper and the inner pages of acid-free paper. Happy Leopard Chapbooks and their friends hand sewed the pages together. This is indeed a book to treasure and keep. Only one hundred copies were printed and each copy is numbered and signed by the author. I think people are thinking of Christmas as a large number has already been sold.

As Kate Hodgson mentioned in her introduction, Beth Matheson is also a great baker of tarts and pies. She and friends rolled dough and mashed pumpkin to make a supply of very tasty pumpkin tarts. Question was to have them with whipped cream or not – a large bowl of whipped cream enticed us.

Happy Leopard Chapbooks is an unusual publishing company as they choose to donate proceeds from publications to local community development efforts. This time it is Street Cat Rescue Program! SCAT is fortunate to receive the recognition and support of Happy Leopard Chapbooks with sales of “Pie”.

SCAT thanks Beth Matheson and all members of the supporting team, Kate Hodgson and Murray Wood (of Happy Leopard Chapbooks) and all the others who worked putting “Pie” together. We hope that your continuing endeavours to support other local organizations will flourish. SCAT kitties will receive the benefits of your support.

Photos:

Kate Hodgson (holding the cat pumpkin) and Murray Wood of Happy Leopard Chapbooks, and Beth Matheson (author and illustrator).

Beth and friends rolled dough and baked these tasty pumpkin tarts.

Beth Matheson reading about the glowing pumpkin!

<http://www.happyleopard.com/>

See the next page for the second and third pictures.





More "Pie" Launch Pictures



Both pictures are of Beth Matheson at the SCAT "Pie" book launch party.

From A SCAT Volunteer

I recently helped out at SCAT's display at Market Mall, and was pleasantly surprised at the whole event. Like any cat person, I was tickled to be able to play with no less than 10 kittens, but was also very impressed by the response from the public as well.

I came in just after lunch time, and was quite surprised to see our kitties being swarmed by people. The two hours I spent there went very quickly, as there were never less than six people wanting to visit with the kittens. I was never without a kitten in my hands, holding it out for someone to pet, or just holding it myself. I think the kitten's name was Santana, anyway the little doll wouldn't stop rubbing her face against me or nibbling my chin the whole time I held her. She was an instant hit with the public as well, as we could hear her purring from miles away! There was also an orange kitten who's name also escapes me (she was the runt of the litter,) who was an instant celebrity because of her size and her "bedhead" appearance. The many volunteers there certainly had fun with her and all the kittens there.

This was my first public SCAT event, as I usually work at Petsmart, but it won't be my last, and I encourage all SCAT volunteers to get out to one of these events. This is one of few occasions where we can meet other SCAT volunteers and get to know each other while still helping the kitties. It was nothing even closely resembling work, I literally just played with kittens for two hours! I look forward to having loads of fun at the next event as well. Great job everybody!

Tony O

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