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### **August TNR and Support Activity**

In August we did 9 spays and 10 neuters. We had several kittens in foster care, and all have been spoken for except for Zac, Ashley and three semi feral kittens that Elizabeth is attempting to tame. Sadly, we again lost a feral female following surgery. Our biggest challenge this month was the care of Tiny (black) and Timmy, two kittens born at the Turtle Creek colony with misshapen front limbs. We owe a huge thank you to April for taking on fostering these special needs babies. We ran an ad for volunteer trappers and got several responses. Training is not yet complete, but



Sue R. has been on several trapping expeditions and Becky and Eleanor has also tried trapping. Kelly and several other volunteers have been selling tickets regularly and the Labour Day Barbeque raffle brought in \$1195. Planning for the "Cat's Meow" yard sale is in full swing as the event will take place Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Many Lives of ca-r-ma's Montgomery**



We don't know much about Montgomery's first life, but we think it must have been a happy one. Somebody obviously loved him and instilled a friendliness and trust in him that has not wavered through all his troubles. We don't know how that first life ended, but somewhere along the way, he was lost or abandoned and a second life began. The second life was not a good one. Homeless and alone, Montgomery wandered in the country. We think someone abused him by kicking as he has a fear of feet and sometimes attacks them. We know he was desperately hungry and his beautiful orange

fur became badly matted. It was Monty's lucky day when he stumbled across a feral colony with good shelter, plenty of food and dedicated care givers. His third life was happy enough; he was altered and treated with Revolution and his matted fur was shaved. Delighted to have enough to eat, he hogged the food dish, but the care giver just laughed and put out a second one for the other cats. He wanted to go inside the house, but one of the care givers has severe allergies so that was impossible; other than that he was content. Monty's fourth life, when he went to live with a family that had previously adopted from ca-r-ma, was supposed to be his forever one. Monty did not fit in however. He really wanted to go outside and one day he ran away. Very quickly, he was found and turned in to the SPCA. Monty's fifth life was very nearly his last, as the shelter was as usual over-crowded and he was slated to be euthanized. Luckily, April, a ca-r-ma volunteer who works at the shelter, recognized him and we were able to bail him out. Monty is now living his sixth life, back at the colony where we first met him. He is well cared for and can stay there forever if need be. He's still a sweet and friendly cat, always ready with a purr and delighted to be cuddled. He would be a great indoor/outdoor cat for a country home. We figure he has at least three more lives to share with the right family if a good home can be found.

## Projects and Updates



- ❖ We recently learned there are kittens at the Turtle Creek colony where we thought we had altered all the breeding adults. We have resumed trapping in an effort to spay the remaining whole females.
- ❖ We stopped trapping in the east end after moving six cats to a farm home. Many thanks to the volunteers who faithfully fed the four last year's kittens living under the building there through the winter; they would not have survived without you. We lost one of the four in surgery last month, but the remaining three are safe in their new home.
- ❖ We are beginning a trapping operation at one of the local mini home parks, and have altered cats in several small colonies around the fringes of the Moncton/Riverview /Dieppe area.
- ❖ Pictured is Faith, now approaching her first birthday. She continues to charm all who meet her and remind us why we work for the unwanted cats and kittens. (photo by Sue Rowan)

## Financial Stuff

In August we received donations of \$2429, our begging boxes took in \$445.81, the Labour Day BBQ raffle took in \$389 and we received \$40 for a painting donated to us by Paul McFadden. Our vet expenses were \$1235.11. We spent \$95 to redeem Monty from the SPCA and \$36 for kitten food. Volunteer mileage came to \$1162.96 and we spent \$35.34 on printer ink.

**“Cat’s Meow” GIANT yard sale Sept 13<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Rain date Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Royal LePage Parking Lot, Edinburgh Drv. at St. George Blvd.**  
**8 am to 1 pm**

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