

CATT!TUDES

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January TNR and Support Activity

In the month of January we did 13 spays and 6 neuters. Since we are not trapping, all the animals were fosters awaiting adoption and all of them have since been adopted. In response to two requests for small shelters, David built two one to three cat sized shelters. One went to Christy who is feeding an apparent stray in her neighbourhood and one went to a lady in the center city who is feeding two or three cats in her yard. By providing the smaller shelters we were able to save two of the large ones for use in larger colonies when required. We held a general meeting January 21, and were able to welcome four new volunteers. The highlight of the meeting was an announcement we received from Gerry that he has again secured an opportunity for us to canvass the NBLCC outlets July 24, 25 and 26.

ca-r-ma Cats in Winter



The photo at the left shows two cats at one of the feral colonies crouching in the snow. The cat in the foreground is a young female born early last summer. She is a feral cat and unlikely to tame; we will attempt to trap and spay her as soon as we begin trapping again. The kitten in the background is Henry. The care giver at the colony had begun to tame him and was able to hand catch him for us the day the photo was taken. Henry went for immediate feluk testing and then into foster care with Marlah. He was born in November and his chances of surviving the winter were not good, so bringing him in may well have saved his life. He had an injured eye and

minor URI, but responded well to treatment. Henry is a gorgeous little guy and very quickly decided he loves people and being a pampered pet. He is already spoken for and will be neutered and placed in his adoptive home as soon as possible.

The cats at the colonies we serve are generally well placed for winter this year. Caregivers report that after an initial few days of suspicion the cats have moved into the large sturdy shelters Elaine and Benson supplied. We are delivering food regularly to the four colonies that need help with feeding, and it appears all the cats are in fairly good condition at this point. We lost a kitten at the east end colony when it took shelter in the motor of a car, and after the incident we were forced to find a new care giver. There was some concern over this, but the colony is now being taken care of again by local people. There are still some rather young kittens in the east end colony. Efforts to trap them have so far failed, but we will continue trying at every opportunity.

Committee News

I am sorry to report that Lynn, who worked with the Foster and Adoption Committee, has resigned from ca-r-ma.org for personal reasons. Tyler volunteered to fill the vacant spot on the committee. The Foster and Adoption group has been very busy transporting kittens to and from the vet for altering as many of the kittens we took into care in the fall are now old enough to be spayed/neutered and adopted. The only animals still in care and not spoken for are Holly and her two kittens born New Year's Eve.

Two new committees were formed at the general meeting. Sarah, Mia, Tania and Becky will be the PR and Fundraising committee. They have a lot of work to do, and will be calling on Joanna, who has a vast array of PR and fundraising experience, for help and guidance.

The TNR and Colony Care committee consists of two trapping teams: Marlah and Elizabeth and Sarah and myself as well as alternates Becky, Jessica, Christy, Sue and David. This committee will handle food delivery, shelter issues and any other support we are able to provide to the colonies and caregivers.

Financial Stuff

In the month of January we received donations in the amount of \$470.00 and the begging jars brought in \$216.52. Our vet bills exceeded \$1500.00 and we spent about \$80 to build the two small shelters. Our next planned fundraiser will be a bake sale at The Moncton Hospital March 6th and we are getting a basket ready for raffling. The basket is a gift basket intended to appeal to the ladies; donations of small candles, soaps, t shirts, scarves or similar appealing items would be appreciated. Anyone willing to bake should contact Mia, Sarah, Becky, Tania or I by February 29th



Pictured is a litter of seven kittens that we recently took into care. (Mamacat is the third from the left at the top of the picture.) The litter was remarkable for the variety of colours presented. The kittens had been well cared for and tamed easily; all seven have been adopted.

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