

# Cattitudes

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## July TNR and Support Activity



In the month of July we were able to trap, neuter and return six cats; four females from Turtle Creek, one male from Pine Tree and one male from the East End. We subsidized two spays for a low-income person in central Moncton. The caregivers in Turtle Creek have not been able to catch the kittens that were orphaned last month, but at least some of them are still alive, as we see them running around the yard. We also made one unsuccessful trapping expedition to Pine Tree, and a female trapped at Lakeside

escaped before she could be taken to be spayed. We were able to remove two kittens from Lakeside Estates that had been born to the feral female. One has been adopted and one is in foster care.

The East End colony is new to us, and I'm not sure how many cats are involved; probably a dozen or more. We do know there is one lovely white female who has at least three very pretty kittens. We have been contacted by a lady on the Old Fredericton Rd who is feeding a dozen or more cats on her property, and we hope to start trapping there soon. We have also been in touch with a lady who is feeding a group of cats on Emmerson St and have her on the list for spay/neutering. Thanks to the SPCA, we were able to deliver food to Pine Tree, Turtle Creek, Emmerson St. and also to the caregiver in the East End who is an elderly widow.

Susan has been out to two of our trapping sites and has taken some photos of the feral cats in their home environment. She is also learning how to trap and transport cats safely. We have a new volunteer, Tyler, who helped set traps in Turtle Creek, Pine Tree and the East End and wants to assist with trapping. Christy also came on a trapping trip to Pine Tree and the East End and helped a lot in talking to a local pet owner about neutering her cat.

The Pine Tree cats are very well cared for. This may be why they are so difficult to trap, but it is nice to see animals being fed all that they want and given plenty of good quality shelter and constant access to water. The care giver does not handle the cats he feeds, but when he whistles they come running, and they all have names. The gentleman cat in the photo is Trigger.

## **Basket Raffle**

We are currently raffling two very nice baskets to raise money that will be used to pay our vets and purchase a large cage for females recovering from surgery. One basket contains a selection of cat-related items donated by Global Pet Foods, Wooden It Be Nice, J's Pet Feeds and Needs, J & P Farm Services and several private donors. The other one contains four bottles of wine and accessories donated by Vincor and a private donor.

We have been at the Marché Moncton Farmers' Market on two Saturday mornings, and hope to go again soon. Many thanks to Eileen, Lynn and Christy for helping with the ticket sales, and especially to Carole for designing and printing the tickets

## **Financial Stuff**

We now have 14 "begging bottles" in place. Look for them at the following locations: Adriaan's Cycle Service, Audubon Organics, Bunguay's Bike Shop, Buzzell's Auto Parts, Chet's Subs, Community Animal Hospital, Elmwood Animal Hospital, Fisher's Petro Canada, Global Pet Foods, Impression Promotions, J's Pet Feeds and Needs, Kurt's Meats, Lyon's Country Store and Maritime Animal Hospital. We also had a bottle at the Farmers' Market July 21 and 28. The jars brought in \$136 in July. We had some cash donations, and the raffle tickets brought in \$100 so far. This means we have \$637 on hand, but we do owe vet bills of approximately \$175.

Marlah has agreed to be the second signer on our bank account, and we have an account set up at Bank of Montreal, Lounsbury Plaza.

## **The Road Ahead**

- The draw date for the baskets is September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Immediately after the basket draw, we will begin selling tickets on the quilt.
- Gerry is looking for spots for us to sell tickets or do other fund raising activity, and was able to get us into the liquor store on a weekend in December.
- I have applied to Champlain Place for permission to sell tickets on the quilt at the Mall this fall.
- Carole is translating as much of our material as possible; we could use assistance from anybody else qualified to help.
- We expect to have a volunteers' meeting in August. I'll let everybody know as soon as we have a date and location.

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