

# CATT!TUDES

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## July TNR and Support Activity

In July we did 16 spays and 4 neuters. All the cats except one, a foster kitten that was ready to be neutered, were feral. For the first time we lost a cat in surgery. She was a feral female from the east end and had a lung problem that was not readily noticeable and would have caused her serious illness and premature death since it would not have been treated. We moved two more adult cats from the east end to a farm location and assisted a care giver in moving her entire colony when she moved to a new home. In addition to neutering, we provided some minor medical care, including shaving Monty, a non-feral male that showed up at one of our colonies and amputating a badly mangled and infected tail from a feral male along with his neutering. At the July meeting it was decided that we would establish a special fund for extraordinary medical care. The fund, called the Faith Fund in honour of our poster kitten, got an immediate start from several donations and provided care for Pumpkin George, a tiny foster with a bowel problem. (Pumpkin George is fully recovered and lives with Elizabeth and Geordie now.) Several people stepped up to help Kelly with ticket sales for the Labour Day BBQ raffle and the bake sale at the Moncton Hospital on July 31 gave a big boost to the Faith Fund. An attempt to place Bonnie in an adoptive home failed and she now has a permanent home with Gail.

## ca-r-ma.org at NBLCC



This year's NBLCC fundraiser was our biggest and most successful fund raising event to date. Almost every volunteer showed up to work at least one shift and some people worked as many as three. We especially appreciated Becky's Mom and my sister and brother in law who are not ca-r-ma.org Moncton volunteers but helped out anyway. David did a great job keeping everybody organized, and we were thankful to Gerry and his canine companions for giving the contents of our begging jars safe transportation. We owe a major thank you to Eileen and Wes for counting, wrapping and rolling all those

coins. A lot of people went "above and beyond", but of special note was Eleanor who, upon hearing that there was nobody to work the second shift in Riverview on the 26<sup>th</sup> stayed on alone although she had already worked a full shift. Canadian Tire Mountain Rd. again kindly donated a barbeque. The winner was Steve Currie of Riverview shown here with his prize (photo by Gerry). We had good signage and brochures this year and Alodium Financial Services sponsored some highly visible t shirts which helped us gain attention for our organization as well as a total of \$5278.82 in donations. This money will cover our operating costs for several months to come and we are already talking about next year's NBLCC campaign.

## ca-r-ma.org at TMH



Judy (centre) really got into her work at the TMH bake sale as evidenced by the fruit juice on her t shirt. She, Becky (left) and Elizabeth (right) took in almost \$800 for the Faith Fund at the sale. Special thanks is due Kelly and Elizabeth for coordinating this event and to Myrna and all the other bakers who supported it, delivering piles of cakes, pies, cookies and other goodies despite the heat. Kelly also very kindly covered the cost for the table at TMH so that our earnings were pure profit.

## Financial Stuff

July was our biggest fundraising month to date. We took in \$50 in donations without receipt, \$2536 in donations with receipt, which included a very generous donation for \$700 from the staff of Jean Coutu St. George and High, and \$606.45 from the begging boxes. The bake sale took in \$726.21. We took in \$92.27 from two mornings at the Farmers' Market. The market did not prove worthwhile this year since their decision to stop allowing us to display kittens and we will not be appearing there weekly as we had planned. Volunteers' time was much better spent selling tickets on the Labour Day BBQ package at Sobey's, which raised \$703 in July. Kelly hopes to raise a total of \$1000 from the raffle by the draw date August 29. We received a donation in kind of \$500 worth of Revolution and other medications from Myrna and a local orchard donated \$20 worth of apples for the bake sale which went into Kelly's fruit crisps and tarts. With the NBLCC collections included, we took in \$10,512.75 this month. We spent \$2049 on vet expenses and \$171.76 on food and milk substitute for our foster kittens. We bought four new traps, four transfer cages and a fork for \$473.33. The t-shirts (offset by donation) and our new begging boxes came to \$796.14, we paid \$96.36 in courier expenses to get the trapping equipment from the US and to send a stool sample to Charlottetown and \$320.32 (also offset by donation) for volunteer mileage. The TMH bake sale venue cost us \$141 (offset by donation) and we spent \$14 on tape and tickets for the NBLCC event.

**Don't forget: September 13 is the date for our Mammoth Yard Sale! Donations should be delivered to Myrna's garage. Only clean items in working order please, and if you can pre-price them that would be very helpful. Call Joanna, Elizabeth or Kelly for information or pick up or to volunteer for the sale.**

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