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## **ca-r-ma.org Moncton Volunteer Bulletin    Volume 10 March 2008**

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### **March TNR and Support Activity**

In the month of March we did eight spays and three neuters. All the kittens altered were fosters and were adopted after altering. Our PR and Fundraising committee put together a very nice "Beat the Blues" basket and began selling tickets, and volunteers from our TNR and Colony Care committee are still feeding the cats from the east end colony. We had a well attended meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>, where we welcomed Jessica's Mom Sue as a new volunteer. Two other ladies who attended expressed interest as well although they have not yet signed up to volunteer.

### **Bake Sales Success**



On March 6, ca-r-ma.org Moncton held a bake sale in the lobby of The Moncton Hospital. Preparation for the sale was a huge amount of work. Myrna and Kelly both baked for two days and other volunteers and supporters donated all manner of goodies. Volunteers pitched in transporting, packing and wrapping the baking, and Sobey's Northwest Centre donated Styrofoam trays and plastic cake holders. Eileen, Sarah and Elizabeth (pictured, left to right) worked at the sale all day long. Wearing ca-r-ma.org t-shirts and aprons, they spread our message while selling to a constant stream of

staff, patients and visitors. In addition to the money raised from the direct sale of the baked goods, we received several donations of cash and crafts from well wishers and the begging jar at the sale took in over \$116. The total revenue from the sale, after paying for the venue was \$1062.06, which far exceeded anybody's expectations. Elizabeth, who works at TMH, is already talking about the next one.

### **Volunteering for ca-r-ma.org Moncton**

The phenomenal growth of ca-r-ma.org Moncton has resulted in an increased need for volunteers. If you are already volunteering and feel there are specific things you would like to do, please let me know what you have in mind. If you have not yet signed on as a volunteer or if you know someone who is interested, please contact me or have the interested person contact me.

We ask our volunteers to sign a waiver of liability and give us a minimum of four hours per month volunteer time, not including attending general meetings. Any adult, or young person fourteen or over with parental consent, may volunteer. There are activities suitable for various levels of physical ability. There are opportunities to work directly with the cats, and also to be involved in various support functions.

Volunteers are very much encouraged to take the initiative with projects they want to undertake. If you want to organize a yard sale or fashion show you will be encouraged to do so, but if you have more limited time to give, anything you can do helps. If you can sit in a chair at a local store and sell tickets, or sit at your kitchen table and fold brochures, we need you. If you have a car and time to take cats and kittens to and from the vet or deliver food to a feral colony, we need you. If you can knit or bake or cover a shift at the NBLCC canvass, we need you. If you can visit merchants to solicit support or provide a safe caring foster home for cats and kittens awaiting adoption, we need you.

ca-r-ma.org Moncton is a genuinely volunteer-run organization and our volunteers do everything expect vet services. We need people who are serious about reducing the number of unwanted cats and kittens and caring for unwanted cats and kittens that need help. If you volunteer with us, you're going to laugh. You're probably going to cry too. You are going to get angry at all the indifference and abuse, and be overjoyed to see the support we get and the changes we make in the lives of the animals we care for. One thing I can promise you for sure: as a ca-r-ma.org Moncton volunteer you will make a difference.



(The photo taken by Becky shows three cats at one of our colonies eyeing the food provided for them. The cats are feral, but they look plump and healthy with thick sleek coats. About half the cats in this colony have been altered and we plan to do the rest this year.)

### **Financial Stuff**

March was an excellent month in terms of fundraising. We took in \$540 in donations and the begging boxes took in \$484.31. Sue R. and Becky were able to find some new begging box locations and the jars at the bake sale and at the locations where volunteers were selling tickets collected well. The actual sale of baked goods took in \$971.19 and ticket sales from the basket raffle have already reached \$323. The draw for the basket will be held April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our vet expenses totalled \$666.04, we spent \$23.79 on kitten food for foster kittens and \$141 to rent space at TMH for the bake sale. In total, we took in almost \$1500 more than we spent which puts us in a great position to begin the trapping season.

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