

CATT!TUDES

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May TNR and Support Activity

In the month of May we did 12 spays and 5 neuters. All of the animals except one were feral; the remaining female was taken in and adopted by a ca-r-ma.org volunteer. We took in and offered for adoption four very cute babies, three of which were absolutely tail-less. Thanks to Eileen and Marlah for fostering. The PR/Fundraising committee held a very well attended meeting May 5. Kelly stepped up to co-chair the committee along with a new volunteer, Rosemarie. Rosemarie was unable to continue with us, but Rebecca has now joined Kelly as co-chair and the committee has strong leadership and several wonderful events planned. On May 24 Judy, Marlah and Elizabeth, supported by Kelly, managed a booth at the Farmers' Market selling hand knitted dishcloths and tickets on our Labour Day BBQ package and talking to people about ca-r-ma.org Moncton and showing photos Denise provided of our adoptable kittens. Becky and I both attended the Fredericton ca-r-ma.org group's "Catastrophic Event" fundraiser May 24 and I also attended their first spay/neuter clinic May 31 and June 1.

What ca-r-ma Moncton Cannot Do



The ca-r-ma.org name is becoming increasingly well known in Moncton, and as it does, the number of calls for assistance grows. We are happy to help wherever we can, but there is a limit to what falls under ca-r-ma.org responsibility as defined by our constitution and charitable status.

We operate TNR programs where there are caregivers willing to continue feeding and caring for the colony. We cannot pick up and take away stray cats that someone considers a nuisance. We foster kittens removed from our feral colonies as resources allow. We do not foster any other animals and we cannot take in unwanted pets. Although we do not foster adult cats, if a care giver will work with us, we will help them attempt to find a home for non-feral cats in their colony. We cannot provide major medical care for any animal. We cannot spay and neuter owned animals and we do not provide discounted vet services for pets. Our vet time is used solely for un-owned animals and the foster cats and kittens we hope to find homes for. We can trap only with written permission from the property owner or renter and we cannot seize animals nor respond to reports of abuse or neglect. There are also financial and geographic limits to how much we can accomplish and we always have a waiting list.

Pictured is Tiny, one of the “tail-less wonders”. With the permission of the caregiver, her feral mother was caught and spayed along with a female kitten the same cat had given birth to last year and Tiny and her siblings were taken into foster care for adoption. This single trapping ensured the kittens, all which are spoken for, will have loving homes. In addition, the two adult females will be healthier and happier and the little colony of two will remain a very manageable colony of two receiving plenty of food and good shelter from their care giver.

NOTE: Anyone wanting to attend a spay/neuter clinic in Fredericton, please let me know. I will forward the date and location of the next two clinics to you, and if going I will offer you a ride. In the photo at the left volunteer vet techs shave an anaesthetized female and wash her tummy with antiseptic in preparation for surgery. The cat is tied to a “spay board”, a device commonly used in the US for ease in moving the unconscious cat around.



Financial Stuff

In the month of May we took in \$1170 in donations with receipts, \$20 in donations without receipts and \$301.77 from our begging jars. We sold \$40 worth of tickets on the BBQ package and took in \$168.89 from dishcloth sales and a begging jar at the Farmers' Market. We also received a very generous donation in kind of \$765 worth of Revolution from Myrna.

We spent \$1328.96 on vet bills and \$137.01 on cat milk substitute and kitten food. We also paid \$46.50 to the Times-Transcript for an ad announcing the winner of the “Beat the Blues” basket which was drawn in April.

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