

Cattitudes

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September TNR and Support Activity

In the month of September we did four neuters and five spays. We ran into some positive feline leukemia tests, which resulted in tests being done on every kitten removed from the colony in question and two kittens being euthanized. As a result of our trapping efforts and calls for help from people who have found kittens or pregnant moms, we now have twenty one cats/kittens in our adoption program. On a very positive note, we have completely cleaned up the Rte 880 colony; all four adult cats and two feral kittens have been altered and all seven adoptable kittens have been removed from the colony.

Fun and Fundraising



We have been fortunate to have space at the Moncton Farmers' Market almost every Saturday. On fine days we sit outside and show some of our adoptable cats/kittens while selling tickets and key tags. Marlah is pictured cuddling Storm while Sunbeam looks on from the rabbit cage.

Allies, but better. The shelters will be ready for placement in mid to late October and will be very much appreciated by our feral cat friends and their care givers.

Elaine and her husband brought the first cat shelter to the market on their truck one Saturday. It is a beautiful building based on the design used by Alley Cat

Mae got us an opportunity to sell tickets and key tags at Jean Coutu and that is working out very well. The basket raffle took in \$653 and we are now selling tickets on the quilt. I know selling tickets can get boring; a big thank-you to all the volunteers who make our fundraisers successful. We couldn't do anything without you.

I attended the NBSPCA Pet Expo in Fredericton; it was a very interesting event, and we took in \$240 from fundraising at the Expo. I also had a letter to the Editor (attached) in the Times Transcript Sept 25th As the result of the letter, we have had some donations and several people expressed interest in working with us. We have also had so many calls for help that we have had to turn people away or put them on a waiting list.

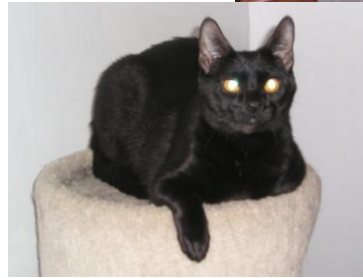
Several ca-r-ma volunteers are enjoying fostering adorable kittens and we are also supporting the adoption of several kittens being fostered by concerned people who are not ca-r-ma volunteers. The ads on kijiji are getting a pretty good response and we are in the process of getting a page on Petfinder.com

We now have professionally produced bilingual flyers supplied by our umbrella group. Orders will be taken for long sleeved ca-r-ma.org t shirts at our next meeting. There will also be an opportunity to get your ca-r-ma.org key tag at the meeting if you don't already have one. If you are collecting cans and/or bottles, you can turn them over to David at the meeting.

Financial Stuff

September was a tough month for us financially, as our vet costs exceeded \$1100. Our begging boxes took in \$171.91, our key tags took in \$106 and the quilt tickets took in \$242. We had some cash on hand going into the month, and thanks to donations, we were able to cover our vet bills and finish the month with \$174 in the bank.

Challenge: We need a home for two very nice, easy to handle lady cats. Selena and Sabrina are about two years old. Sarah rescued them when their owners split up and dumped the cats at the bus station. Lynn has them in foster care now, but they cannot stay with her. Please be on the lookout for anybody wanting two beautiful friendly gals. We will spay them if they are adopted, and will offer them free of charge to a good home, as they will have to go to the SPCA if not adopted.



FYI: ca-r-ma.org can accept memorial donations. The donor will receive a tax receipt and the family will receive a dignified acknowledgement of the donation.

The Road Ahead

- Our big up-coming event is the NBLCC fundraiser. Christy and Jessica will be scheduling the volunteers and coordinating the event. Please give them all the help you can, and don't forget to recruit your friends and family to canvass.
- Given the sad state of our bank account, we need a real push on fundraising so we can do as many spay/neuters in October as possible. Please find the time to man one of our ticket sale locations at least once during the month. Remember, we have to stop trapping at the end of October and every cat we alter now means less kittens to be born unwanted in the spring.
- We will need a few strong guys/gals to help deliver the shelters; let me know if you are interested.
- I am pursuing the Times Transcript to do a follow up story on us.
- We have a contact who will get us into local schools to begin educating children about cat care and the need to spay/neuter. The secretary/treasurer of our umbrella organization will be handling these events, but I will let you know if he needs help or if the schools will permit us to attend.

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