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Charitable Registration No. 890180 847 RR0001



## 2022

As usual, our rescued Christmas decorations are up, we have had our first taste of snow with lots more to come as year-end approaches. This has certainly been an event-filled year with hardly enough days to accommodate everything that has happened. In 2020 and 2021, Covid, with its various waves and variants, was the main event. In 2022, the Covid situation improved dramatically. As 2022 progressed restrictions were lifted to the point where pre-Covid daily life/activities have resumed. Nevertheless, Covid is still with us and masking and distancing practices are still suggested precautions.

During the Covid waves, Second Chance followed the mandated health procedures of masking, distancing and attendance limits. Visiting was cancelled and volunteering was much reduced. Intakes, adoptions and fostering continued as usual. With the lifting of Covid restrictions, volunteering and visiting (by appointment) has resumed with optional masking. Nevertheless, not the “normal” it used to be.

We noted Neo in our last newsletter and he was featured on the cover of our 2022 calendar. Neo fully recovered from his leg injury and is awaiting adoption. Neo turned out to be a very nice cat but also a very shy cat. This makes him difficult to adopt so Neo is still waiting for his special person.

Our 2023 Calendar features Ember as our front cover girl (and her 5 kittens on the back cover). Ember was surrendered to Second Chance because she could not get along with her owner's other cats. Our concern that she might be difficult with her kittens was soon dispelled. Ember turned out to be a perfect mother. She had infinite patience with her little ones no matter how or when they crawled over her. She kept them clean and well groomed. Four of her kittens have been adopted and Ember, now spayed, is looking for her forever home. As CC, the kitten not yet adopted, is identical to her mom, we hope that someone will be interested in adopting mom and baby together.

There has always been a kitten season at Second Chance, usually in Spring to mid-Summer. In 2020 and 2021, there was no kitten season because we had no kittens. During the Covid work and learn from home times, there was a large increase in the demand for pets. Anyone who found or had kittens could readily find homes for them. There was no need to call a shelter. This year, 2022, we are again having a kitten season although somewhat later than usual. Ember had her litter in July and another mother, Elina, had her litter in November. So, finally we seem to be getting back to more normal times.

A significant event in 2022 was the violent windstorm, the “Derecho” that ripped across Southern Ontario on Saturday, May 21. It didn’t miss Second Chance! We have a long driveway along which stand/stood numerous large trees including some very old, very tall, century maples. Our power line also runs along the driveway. We felt the full force of the storm as one of the maples collapsed across the driveway taking the power line down with it. The transformer pole was dragged over and insulators were torn off other poles. None of our cats’ reputed nine lives were any help. Our portable generator, purchased about 8 years ago but never used, was put into operation and we were able to continue normal operations. Fortunately, there was no harm to any of our charges and no damage to any of the buildings. Main power was restored on Friday, June 3.

With the lifting of Covid restrictions, we resumed, after a 2.5 year hiatus, our yard sales events. Our first event scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29 respectively, was delayed to June 11 and 12 due to the power outage and driveway blockage. The second yard sale was held on September 24 and 25. Both yard sales were reasonably attended but less so than before Covid.

The additional space created by the Sobey’s cart sheds beside the sea container enabled easier access and better display of sale items. Access to our large book inventory has been a longstanding problem. To solve the problem, we created a Library. The cart sheds over the sanctuary-house sidewalk were lined with shelves along both sides, some 300 feet of shelving. All the books from the portable were transferred there and then sorted and categorized by our volunteer librarian. Numerous yard sale patrons remarked on how convenient and easy it was to browse the books. A new tarpaulin roof was installed on the portable building in August.

For successful Yard Sales we need principally two things – many visitors and lots of things to sell. As the Covid threat reduces we can expect to see more visitors. Even before the advent of Covid, donations for our yard sales were on a downward trend and the trend continues. As noted in our last newsletter, if you are moving or downsizing please consider donating to Second Chance. Desirable items (in good condition) are, but not limited to, old collectibles, toys, ceramics, tools, records, books, old video games, artwork and prints, most kinds of memorabilia. Please call the sanctuary at 905-649-8282 if you have questions.

As noted above, we have resumed yard sales and will hold more next year. Delta Bingo is now in full operation and is seeing increasing attendance. Our perpetual bottle drive continues but with lower revenue than during Covid. We continue selling items on Kijiji.

Again this year, we experienced a reduction in funding. At the same time, costs are increasing. Reduced funding and rising expenses is not a good situation. Certainly, pet owners are seeing

large increases in food costs and a visit to the Vet can be a bank-breaking experience. With price inflation across practically everything we buy, high gas prices and high interest rates, not to mention a war in Europe, there is a lot to worry about in addition to still lingering Covid. No doubt all these things give people concern and uncertainty about what lies ahead and leads to reduced donating. Nevertheless, we thank all our donors and supporters for thinking of and helping Second Chance. We hope that you continue to do so and hope that things will improve for everyone in the coming year.

Soon it will be Christmas and a new year will begin. As usual, the cats will get extra treats and some new toys. We thank our dedicated and reliable caregivers who look after our cats and also thank the volunteers who help keep things going. Thanks to all our financial donors, to bottle drive donors and to donors who drop off things for the cats and items for yard sales. On behalf of everyone at Second Chance and on behalf of all the cats, best wishes for the holiday season and a happy and safe New Year.

## **SCWS 2022 CALENDAR**

Thanks to everyone who supported our tenthannual calendar by submitting pictures of their pets and purchasing our calendar which is one of our major fundraisers. Our eleventh annual calendar, year 2023, is now available for sale on-line, at the sanctuary, Pickering Village Pet Hospital or Global Pets in Ajax.

## **FUNDRAISING THANKS**

Fundraisers are very important to the sanctuary and would not be possible without the efforts of many people –

1. **Mrs. Palantzas' class at Elizabeth B. Phin Public School** made and sold book marks to other students and donated funds raised to Second Chance.
2. **Dwayne Weir** donated his winnings from the 50/50 draw held in honour of his birthday
3. **Global Pets**, Whites Road in Pickering donated all funds raised during their Show Us Your Heart campaign to Second Chance
4. **George Healey**, a long-time volunteer of Second Chance organizes a continuous on-going bottle drive for Second Chance.
5. Fans of Betty White and donors of Second Chance gave generously to **The Betty White Challenge** donating \$5 or more in honour of Betty White's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## DONATIONS IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Second Chance is grateful to **Jill Simpson** and **Linda D'Avignon** who very generously requested that, in lieu of a Christmas gift, a donation be given to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

## DONATION IN LIEU OF RETIREMENT GIFT

Second Chance is grateful to **Ellen McDonald** who very generously requested that, in lieu of a retirement gift, a donation be given to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary.

## DONATIONS HONOURING

Second Chance is grateful for donations received in honour of -

Michael Dunn  
Rambo, my big  
Sweet boy

Bruce Middleton  
Claire Renaud  
Janis Wismer

Angie Provenzano  
Red and Zoe

## THANK YOU

Second Chance gratefully acknowledges current and past assistance received from the following organizations as well as all of those individuals too numerous to list but without whose generous support, the sanctuary could not continue to operate.

  
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## IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

Donations have been gratefully received by Second Chance, in memory of –

My many 'Angel cats'  
Callie, lovely wee cat

Marley, Cujo and KC  
Maud, beautiful and beloved

Catherine Osborne, best friend  
Dennis Cottrell  
George Brown  
Giulio Michela, my best friend  
Heidi Dube', fur baby  
Helga Dressel, mother and friend  
Huddy  
Link, a former Second Chance cat  
Little "Blackie" Merlin, 17 years in his  
forever home  
Loner, a former Second Chance cat

Max, friend's dog  
Max, my beautiful  
Mickey McCue, long-time friend  
Murray Reader, brother  
Prince, a Second Chance cat  
Teddy, the sweetest most lovable  
big black cat  
Tulip and Trillium, former Second  
Chance cats  
Seranna Zamora  
wee Lulu

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Second Chance Yard and Plant Sale in May 2023.**

## DONATIONS

**Did you know that 100% of every donation goes directly to sanctuary activities? SCWS Directors are not paid. There is no paid staff other than those who directly handle and care for the animals. SCWS does not pay fundraisers. Administrative expenses consist of things for which we are charged, for example, phone, cable, bank charges, mailing costs.**

**Thus, donations to SCWS are used for the expenses of keeping the buildings operating, food, veterinary expenses and, as just noted, ordinary administrative costs. Veterinary expense is a very large item (burden) usually running to several thousand dollars per month. When you donate to SCWS, your money goes directly to the welfare and care of the animals. It is spent carefully and responsibly just as you would want it to be.**

**If you are already a donor, please consider increasing your donation; if not, please consider becoming a donor.**

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**MEMORIAL DONATION CARD**

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I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail acknowledgement of donation to:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POSTAL CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail tax receipt to:**

**DONATED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POSTAL CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your memorial donation is gratefully appreciated and will be used to care for rescued animals. Please make your cheque payable to: "Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary" and mail to the above address.

Your official tax receipt will be mailed to you and, if applicable, an acknowledgement of this donation will be sent to the family of the deceased.



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**DONATION CARD**

I wish to donate \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your generous donation is gratefully appreciated. Please make your cheque payable to: "Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary" and mail to the above address. Your official tax receipt will be emailed or mailed to you.



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**Pre-Authorized  
Donation Plan Agreement**

I/we authorize **Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary** and the financial institution designated below to begin deductions for donations to the Second Chance Account. This authority is to remain in effect until Second Chance has received written notification from me/us of its termination in time to allow Second Chance reasonable opportunity to act on it or until Second Chance has sent me/us written notice of termination of this agreement.

I wish to donate the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month on the \_\_\_\_ day of each month, beginning on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROV. \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCOUNT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\*SIGNATURE(S): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*For Joint accounts, all depositors must sign** when more than one signature is required On cheques issued against the account. Return the completed agreement and an **Unsigned** cheque marked "void" to "Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary" at the above address. Your official tax receipt will be emailed or mailed to you.

