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National Feral Cat Day—October 16



Want to Donate?

Please help us by donating. Cat Action Team gratefully accepts all forms of donations from individuals, corporate donors, bequests and also memorials. You can send your donations to:

P.O. Box 2193

Charlottetown, PE

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How Your Donation is Used

Your donation is used to spay and neuter, provide rabies vaccinations. Donations provide building supplies, traps and when necessary medical treatment to injured stray/feral cats.

Eriena O'Reily sure knows how to get the public's interest in Cat Action Team! We have a media star among us! Eriena has been diligently working with all facets of the media to promote National Feral Cat Day on October 16th and also what Cat Action Team is all about.

Eriena met with Premier Pat Binns and was presented with a Declaration. This states publicly that

October 16th is National Feral Cat Day in the province of Prince Edward Island and encourages all citizens to support Trap-Neuter-Release for feral and stray cats. She also coordinated and managed our very first National Feral Cat Day celebration on October 25th. This event featured a BBQ, trapping and shelter building demonstrations and much, much more!

Thank you for all your hard work on these two projects and congratulations Eriena on your successful National Feral Cat Day Declaration and Event!!



Spay Days

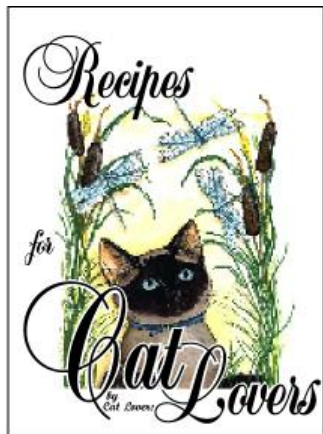
Just a quick update on our two most recent spay days. On October 18th at the Atlantic Vet College, 43 cats in total came in to be spayed/neutered. Three were euthanized, 2 due to positive results of FIV and/or FeLV testing and one was in very poor health.

At the Kensington Veterinarian Clinic, 10 cats were successfully spayed/neutered on October 25th.

I know there are many members out there who are very active and their support is truly appreciated. However, three of our members are constantly busy arranging our spay days at AVC and various veterinary hospitals across the Island and they are Diane Minick, Beverly Hillier and Barb Jones. Diane and Beverly continue to work incredibly hard to make sure everything runs smoothly, as they organize who will be bringing in what cat from

where, with back-ups ready to go in case someone doesn't show. They're on the phone for hours and even though it is a nerve-racking job at the end of the day it many cats are spayed/neutered and returned. Barb Jones also is commended for her on-going support in coordinating spay days at the AVC with the veterinarians and vet students. Ladies thank you so much for your dedication, all CAT members and the public always acknowledge it.

Cat Fundraisers



Our cookbook is available for purchase for only \$10.00! Contact Nishka Smith at 566-1596 for your copy. Or email us at

catchow@cats-pei.ca

Thank You!

Cat Action Team would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Peninsula Community Foundation** for their generous grant, provided on behalf of the **Pegasus Family Foundation**. This grant will be used to spay or neuter, vaccinate, and provide parasite treatments for feral and stray cats across PEI.



Adopt or Foster?

If you are interested in adopting or fostering a cat or kitten please visit our website:

<http://www.cat-pei.ca>

Our Cat Lover's Cookbook filled with tasty recipes delivers much food for thought with its unique, heart-warming glimpse into the many lives of our pets! You can purchase the cookbook at the following outlets:

- Home Accents
- Kensington Veterinary Clinic
- Kensington Co-operative

Financial Glimpse

During the past year CAT has been fundraising for our four-footed feral/stray cat and kittens. Everything from Vesey's Spring & Fall Campaigns, Wishing Well Raffle, yard sales to grocery bagging and our National Feral Cat Fun Day. Here is a quick look at some of the money CAT has raised this year:

- Basket of Cheer: \$470
- Spring Bulbs: \$316
- Mother's Day Basket: \$1,000+
- Perennial & Yard Sale: \$546
- Summerside Grocery Bagging with youth: \$526
- 2 Yard Sales: \$602

A big thank you to all who are involved in our fundraising!! A special thank you to Francine Labbe for her dedicated work making our catnip mice, Nishka Smith who produces our beautiful cookbooks and Joy Tremblay for her artistic flair as she continues to create our colorful, funky cat brooches.

True Stories

Here is a glimpse into the courageous lives of a stray cat and her kittens, whose heart-wrenching ordeal did not break their spirit.

I received a call from a distraught stranger who had heard of Cat Action Team. The woman in Tyne Valley had a visitor come to her house looking for food. As it turned out the beautiful black and white post-pregnant cat was also looking for help. She sensed this cat was trying to tell her something as she meowed and

walked away nervously, constantly looking back to ensure the woman's pursuit. The woman was led to Higgins Wharf, and there inside a taped box on the tide line, waiting to be drowned were 5 kittens. The stressed mother cat had somehow clawed her way out of the box - unfortunately 2 kittens were already dead. What transpired within 12 hours restored my faith in people. The cat and 3 kittens were all adopted by caring, won-

Cat Action Team's Wish List

Do you have the following items that you would like to toss? We sure could use them! Give Vicki a call @ 672-1623.

- Old traps
- Cat/dog carriers
- Old sheets or blankets
- Hot water bottles
- Bathrooms, basements & garages needed to provide overnight(s) post-surgery shelter for kitties. Contact Diane 566-2012.

Although cats are rather delicate creatures and they are subject to a good many ailments, I have never heard of one who suffered from insomnia.

derful people. Lucky – the mother cat now lives in a loving and cozy home on PEI.

Please note:

Although CAT does not have an adoption/foster program, and is not a rescue organization there are a few members who are involved with this aspect of cats.