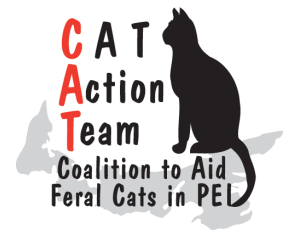


CatTales



Please visit our non-profit organization
CAT-- Cat Action Team at <http://www.cats-pei.ca>

Spring 2006

Thank You!

Cat Action Team would like to gratefully acknowledge the Pegasus Family Foundation for their generous grant that allows us to run the Five for Fridays program at the Atlantic Veterinary College. This program allows us to neuter, vaccinate and provide parasite treatment for ferals across PEI.



Want to Donate?

Please help us by donating. Cat Action Team gratefully accepts all forms of donations from individuals, corporate donors, bequests and memorials. You can send your donations to:
P.O. Box 2193
Charlottetown, PE
C1A 8B9

How Your Donation Is Used

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



Message from the President

This past year has been great one for CAT. We not only continued to work toward our goal of humanely controlling Prince Edward Island's feral cat population, but also hit a milestone along the way when we neutered our 2000th cat. None of this would have been possible, however, without all of the help and support that we receive from all of our volunteers and financial contributors. I want to say a special thank you to Diane Minick, because without all of her hard work and dedication, CAT would not exist. Also, I want to say a big thank you to Peter Foley, who not only runs AVC spay/neuter days and coordinates financial matters, but he also organizes and keeps track of our records and statistics. To the rest of the Board, thank

Cat Action Team Extends a Thank-You!

The Cat Action Team has secured support from several major animal care companies over the past year.

IAMS Eukanuba Pet Food Company has been offering a monthly supply of cat food to feed feral colonies. Since June 2005, CAT has received over 2500 POUNDS of IAMS cat food! Many thanks to Dr. David Kozuch, the IAMS representative. Thanks also to the Atlantic Veterinary College for shipping and storing the food for CAT. Many feral colonies have benefited from this supply of food.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals has been donating anesthetic drugs to the Cat Action Team program at the Atlantic Veterinary College. Some of these products used to sedate the cats before handling them are expensive, so we are grateful for this donation.

Pfizer Canada has been generous by providing Revolution(TM) to Atlantic Veterinary College and to clinics around the island for use on Cat Action Team cats. This topical product eradicates and protects the cats from intestinal worms and fleas for one month. Pfizer has also been donating vaccines for feline respiratory disease and rabies for use in the AVC neuter sessions.

These three companies have been very generous in their support! *THANK YOU from the Cat Action Team!*

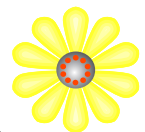
you for everything that you do. I could not ask for better people to work with. Remember everyone, keep up the good work. The cats need all the help that we can give them. Thank you to everyone involved in this organization, and I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in April.

Ashley Harvey
President

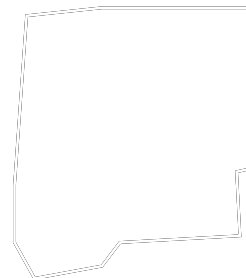


Exciting News!

As of February 2006 there have been 2,314 feral/stray cats go through Cat Action Team TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Clinics. Thanks to your donations and generous grants from the Pegasus Family Foundation and the Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre.



Quilt Fundraiser a Huge Success



Bravo and many thanks to **Sue Turner** for her wonderful efforts selling quilt tickets. She and her team raised over \$2,727.00 for Cat Action Team. Amazing work by Sue and the result is many more cats neutered!

Bob Stanley Plans Another Tip to Tip Bike Ride to Help Ferals



Bob Stanley's amazing Tip to Tip Bike Ride in September 2005 raised a fantastic \$731.50 in sponsored donations to help with our TNR goals. And Bob is planning another such wonderful event for the summer and is looking for volunteers to help organize the event. If you would like to participate, please contact Joy Tremblay via email: joytremblay@eastlink.ca, and she will put you in touch with Bob.

Thank You to all our Dedicated Fundraisers

Cat Action Team would like to thank all its dedicated members who initiated and participated in the fundraising events that made this year so successful and of such benefit to our feral friends.

Gladys Walsh did a superb job organizing bingos; Karen Noonan organized the wonderful chocolate bar sales drive; Sue Turner and her team organized Superstore grocery baggings and Halloween event fund drives and quilt raffle ticket sales; there were craft fairs in Kensington organized by the Prince County Chapter; a charity Superstore dinner was also held in Prince County; Michelle Cameron made and sold fabulous chocolate suckers; we had a Vessey's Bulb Campaign; Paula Connolly did basket raffles; Ron Curtis and Gary Noonan organized the shelter Bee; Nishka Smith and Ruth Van Duven organized our Cookbook sales; and Bob Stanley did an amazing Tip to Tip Bike Ride for our feral friends.

Our thanks go out to all those who participated and due to space constraints here are not mentioned, but you know who you are and how much you helped our four-footed feline friends.

1st Annual Shelter Building Bee

Ron Curtis and Gary Noonan organized the **1st Annual Cat Action Team Shelter-Building Bee**. Thanks so much to the seven people who turned out to nail, shingle, insulate, and paint shelters on such short notice. Two shelters were completed and delivered and five more are just waiting for insulation. Hot chili, rolls and cookies were donated for lunch.

successful, so we're going to plan one for next January. If any CAT volunteers know any companies that might donate building supplies, we could plan to use them at the shelter bee. It's great to have shelters for our feline friends during these cold winter months. Thanks to Heath Glover at Atlantic Horticulture for allowing CAT to use his building.

Volunteers wanted for Grocery Bagging Fundraiser



On **Friday, May 5th**, youth are going to be bagging groceries at the **SuperStore at 465 University Avenue from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm**.

If you can't volunteer for this date, we are planning another Grocery Bagging Fundraiser **September 16th** from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm at **Sobeys** off of Allen Street.

To volunteer, please contact Joy at 566-4439 or via email: joytremblay@eastlink.ca



Cat Action Team is always looking for carriers and will pay a small amount or give tax receipt for them.

Y Cat Action Team would like to especially thank **Francine Labbe** for her tireless efforts making catnip mice. Bravo Francine, for raising over \$5,000 this year for homeless cats! Francine has been making mice for us since we started in 2000.

Francine cannot do this huge job all by herself. She would appreciate volunteers to stuff mice. Please contact her via email: francine@mermaidmarine.com Y Y



Good Advice for a Happy Ending

Last fall, 2005, "Scootie" a little female cat belonging to Linda and Ron Curtis went missing. After a week or so, they made a poster with her photo, asking folks to look in their sheds and barns to see whether she might be locked in somewhere. A boy, riding on a school bus, spied this cat looking out of a barn window about a mile away, and since Ron and Linda had done a good job of putting up posters, he was aware of the missing cat. Sure enough, it was Scootie. She had been in the barn for 3.5 weeks. She was really thirsty and hungry but otherwise all right.

It is such a good idea if you have a missing cat to announce in your area for folks to look in sheds, and any nearby structure that might offer shelter and a hiding place.

I took this story to heart and have been telling everyone with missing cats to follow this example.

In January I got a call from Arlene Power saying that one of the feral cats that she feeds had been missing for a few days. Arlene did as I suggested and went to the garage near where the cat shelters are. One man said he thought he'd seen something in a tire storage shed. He went out to look and Mousekeeter shot out of the shed and back to her shelter.

Diane Minick



Cat Member Tip

If you are troubled by "pee wars" in a multi-cat household, Home Depot carries a product called Zep Pet Spotter. This product is the best thing I've ever found for getting the whiff out of your carpets. But read and follow the instructions for use carefully! This product is toxic for children and pets and care must be taken using it.

Joy T.



If you would like to volunteer for Cat Action Team simply call Joy Tremblay at 566-4439 or email joytremblay@eastlink.ca and your name will be entered on the volunteer list. You can volunteer to help with Neuter Days, Trapping, Fundraising, sewing or stuffing mice, etc. We will notify you of all upcoming events, by email or telephone.