



## August Email News



### **GVAC is over run with Cats!**

As we all are enjoying our summer and vacations, GVAC is over run with cats and kittens. We have over 85 cats in foster care and are receiving calls every day about more strays and we are struggling to find places for them to go where they will be safe and off the streets.

Sadly, this happens all the time and we see some very sad things where animals are disposed of like garbage.

**Adopt a rescue today !!!!!**

To see just "some" of who we have up for adoption go to  
[www.victoriaadoptables.com](http://www.victoriaadoptables.com)



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## Sad Stories



These poor babies were found on the railway tracks in a cardboard box with "Free Kittens" on it. Thankfully someone found them and turned them over to GVAC.



These were just 3 of 8 kittens found in a dumpster, dumped like they were garbage. A few of them were actually in a bucket of grease near death. They are all in foster care with GVAC and thriving!

~ Romeo ~



Romeo was just 1 of 5 cats that were left to fend for themselves on the streets when their owners moved away and left them behind. Romeo is 1 year old sweet cat ..he loves to play and cuddle .. to adopt Romeo email Pamela at [gvac@shaw.ca](mailto:gvac@shaw.ca)

## Critter in Need

### "Sadie Circles"



Sadie was found with a litter of kittens under someone's porch and turned her over to the CRD Pound. It was soon apparent Sadie had something wrong with her. When she walks both her leg on her right side flip out to the side when she walks. She also "spins" in circles to the right when she walks. Due to her health issues Sadie was turned over to GVAC for Vet Care.

Sadie was taken to the vet and it was soon discovered that she has suffered extensive trauma to the right side of her body. She has a broken pelvic and dislocated shoulder and probably head trauma, which is why she spins.

The treatment for Sadie is still being discussed as her pelvic needs to heal on its own and her shoulder may need surgery. Sadie fortunately does not seem to be in pain, as she walks around fine (other than her legs on the one side "flip" out a bit) and actually plays with her toys and the other kittens in the foster home. As well she can be held and rubbed with no signs of discomfort.

Today Sadie is in foster care and being closely monitored. It is GVAC's hope that she can live a comfortable and fairly pain free life as she is and that someone would find it in their hearts to take on this poor soul.

For more info on "Sadie Circles" please email Pamela her foster mom at [gvac@shaw.ca](mailto:gvac@shaw.ca)

# The Dog Days of Summer



Common sense tells most people that leaving their pet inside a parked vehicle on a hot, summer day could be dangerous after an extended period of time. But most people don't realize that the temperature can skyrocket after just a few minutes. Parking in the shade or leaving the windows cracked does little to alleviate this pressure cooker.

On a warm, sunny day windows collect light, trapping heat inside the vehicle, and pushing the temperature inside to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree Fahrenheit day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within ten minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. At 110 degrees, pets are in danger of heatstroke. On hot and humid days, the temperature in a car parked in direct sunlight can rise more than 30 degrees per minute, and quickly become lethal.

It is proven that temperatures inside cars can rise dramatically even on mild days. With outside temperatures as low as 72 degrees, researchers found that a car's interior temperature can heat up by an average of 40 degrees within an hour, with 80% of that increase in the first 30 minutes. A cracked window provides little relief from this oven effect. Researchers found that a cracked window had an insignificant effect on both the rate of heating and the final temperature after an hour.

Pets, more so than humans, are susceptible to overheating. While people can roll down windows, turn on the air conditioner or exit the vehicle when they become too hot, pets cannot. And pets are much less efficient at cooling themselves than people are.

Dogs, for example, are designed to conserve heat. Their sweat glands, which exist on their nose and the pads of their feet, are inadequate for cooling during hot days. Panting and drinking water helps cool them, but if they only have overheated air to breathe, dogs can suffer brain and organ damage after just 15 minutes. Short-nosed breeds, like pugs and bulldogs, young pets, seniors or pets with weight, respiratory, cardiovascular or other health problems are especially susceptible to heat-related stress.

So this summer please leave your dogs at home when you go out. They are safer in a cool place with lots of water.

## Animal Trivia

**A 1,200-pound horse eats about seven times it's own weight each year.**

**A bird requires more food in proportion to its size than a baby or a cat.**

**A chimpanzee can learn to recognize itself in a mirror, but monkeys can't.**

**A cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.**

**A newborn kangaroo is about 1 inch in length.**

**A polecat is not a cat. It is a nocturnal European weasel.**

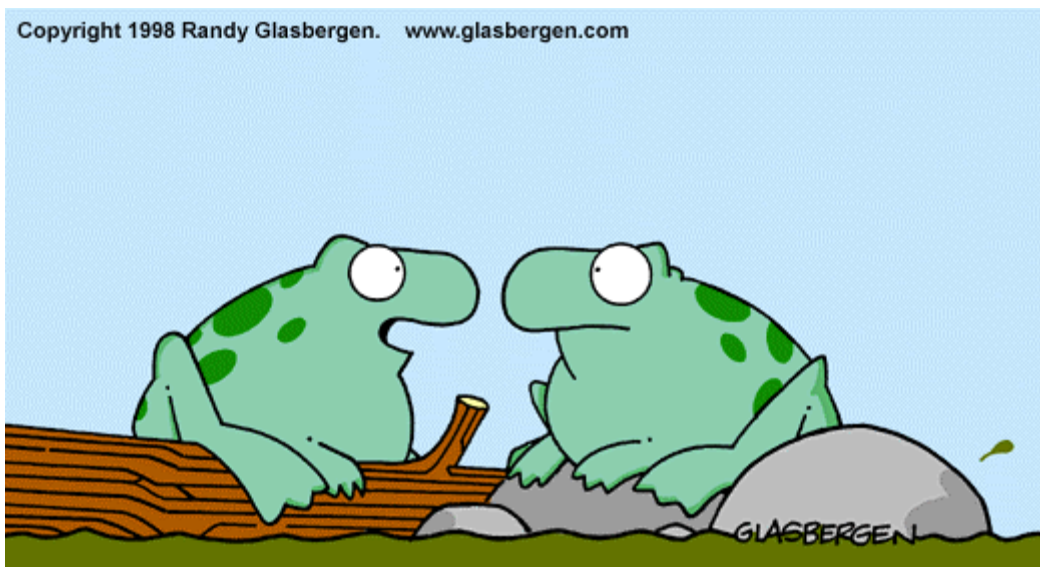
# Cat Foster homes URGENTLY NEEDED !

GVAC does not have a Shelter or Facility so foster homes are always in need to help shelter abused, abandoned and unwanted animals until we can find them permanent homes. Their stay can vary any where from a few days to a few months.

But how rewarding if only a few months out of your life and you can help save an animals life! Even if you have other pets, but have a spare room where they can be safe, warm, fed and loved that is all they need ! A spare room is much better than the alternative ~ living on the cold streets with no food, living in a cage, or worse.... So if you can help or know of someone else who has room in their heart and homes to help save a life, please give us a call.

I know that it can be difficult to foster and then have to give them up but it is the most rewarding experience to know that you have given them a 2nd chance at a better life, even though you may feel sad when they have to leave all they need is for you to help shelter them until they can go to their new permanent home !

If you would like an application form please email [gvac@shaw.ca](mailto:gvac@shaw.ca)



**“Looks aren’t everything. It’s what’s inside you that really matters. A biology teacher told me that.”**

**“WAGS TO WHISKERS”**

**Dinner & Auction**



**Tickets Info**  
**Coming Soon**

**Date: Saturday September 22nd**

**Time: 6:00 PM – 11:00**

**Place: McMorrans Beach House  
5109 Cordova Bay Road**

**Price: \$40.00 per person (Huge Buffet)**

**Entertainment by: Maria Manna and the boys**

**Over 300 Items up for Auction**

Animal Crusaders helps thousands of animals each year. We can't continue to help them without your help ! Please come out and have fun and save an animals life ! For information call 381-4744 or visit [www.animalcrusaders.ca](http://www.animalcrusaders.ca)

Do you have a Business or have something you want to donate for this event ? We will accept anything “new” that we can auction off, or use as a door prize. Tax Receipts can be issued upon request Call Pamela to help 381-744 or email [gvac@shaw.ca](mailto:gvac@shaw.ca)



# Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



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I support Animal Crusaders fight against overpopulation, abandoned & abused animals.

Membership: Single \$10.00 \_\_ Family (two or more) \$17.50 \_\_\_\_  
Senior \$6.00 \_\_ Life \$100.00 \_\_\_\_ Student \$6.00 \_\_\_\_

I wish to make: "One Time" donation: \_\_\_\_ "Monthly" donation: \_\_\_\_

\_\_ \$15 \_\_ \$25 \_\_ \$50 \_\_ \$75 \_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

\*\* I would like the monthly deducted on: 1st of Month \_\_\_\_ 15th Month \_\_\_\_

\*\* For monthly automatic withdrawal from your account please mail in a voided Cheque.

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