



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



With kitten season among us and all animal shelters, foster homes and rescue organizations completely full it is very important that you are aware why it is so important to spay and neuter your pets!

Unfortunately for every kitten that is born a healthy adult cat will not find a home of their own. There just aren't enough homes for them all. If you're allowing your cat to have "just one litter" because you want a kitten, please adopt a kitten instead. You'll find plenty to

choose from at any shelter or rescue group. Many of them won't find homes so please help in any way you can. Please also consider adopting a adult cat today! There are Numerous Adult cats that are just not getting homes and Animal Shelters and Rescue Organizations are FULL!

Or if you or your children really want to witness the miracle of birth please contact local animal shelters and rescue organizations and I am sure they would be very thrilled if you wanted to "foster" an already pregnant cat so she can have kittens in your home.

Here is a list of some organizations you can call and be put on the list to foster a pregnant cat:

- (Us) The Greater Victoria Animal Crusaders - 474-5581
- Cat Rescue - 656-1100
- VOCAL - 592-9220
- CRD Animal Shelter - 658-5745
- Dee's Orphans - 727-2268
- SPCA - 388-7722
- Victoria Animal Control - 414-0233

We all love to have kittens in the home but what you don't realize is that yes you may find homes for your kittens but that will take the home away from an adult cat who may in turn have to be euthanized. If your cat has had kittens please be aware that they CAN get pregnant again even while she is nursing so you must keep her indoors and as soon as the babies are weaned (approx. 8 weeks of age) you must get her spayed right away!

If your cat is not spayed or neutered here are some facts to consider:

- A neutered tomcat is less likely to roam, less likely to fight (less likely to cost you money to patch him up), and less likely to spray urine to mark his territory. He's more likely to live longer, because the cat who's looking for a mate is really looking for trouble. If a car doesn't get him, infectious disease (spread by fighting or mating) or cancer may.
- A spayed female is a more attentive and loving pet, because her energy isn't constantly directed toward finding a mate. (Cats are in heat nearly all the time until they become pregnant.) If you spay your cat, you protect her from some cancers, infections and from sexually transmitted infectious diseases.

"Women and cats will do as they please and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea!"
Robert A. Heinlein

Tango STILL needs a Forever Home !



Tango is a stray kitty who is in foster care but needs a new forever home. Tango is approx. 3 years old male, neutered and fully vaccinated. He is extremely affectionate and loves attention. He is also good with other cats.

If you would like more info or to meet Tango please call Laurelle at 380-1346

Artemis STILL Needs a New Home !



Artemis is a 3 years old, spayed, fully vaccinated and De-clawed Indoor Only Kitty. Her health is good and her shots are up to date. She is very affectionate and loves to cuddle !

Artemis is now in "foster" care so for more info please email Joleen at joleenw@telus.net Or call 656-2520

**Two 8 week old Kittens need a Forever Home !
(together preferred)**



STAR (female)



LEVI (male)

They were found in the city street at approx. 6 weeks of age and taken into foster care. They had not been handled by humans prior to the foster homes so they were very scared at first ! But being so young they have come around pretty fast .. they purr and love to cuddle and play!

They have been de-fleaed and de-wormed but will need full vaccinations as soon as they go to their new home and then spaying/neutering at approx. 5 - 6 months of age.

For more information please call Pamela at 381-4744



This poor baby was living in a friends back yard for 3 weeks. We placed a collar on her with our number to see if she had a home but no one ever called.

She is now in foster care but needs a forever home.

She is a young female, spayed and extremely affectionate ! She is completely content being an inside only kitty now because all she wants is attention ! If you want a very affectionate cat this is the one for you !

For more information please call Pamela 381-4744



There are numerous animals who need forever homes, please also check your local Animal Shelters and Rescue Organizations.

You may also want to check out www.victoriaadoptables.com

FOSTER HOMES URGENTLY NEEDED !

With kitten season in full force, adult cats are just not being adopted and have been in cages in Animal Shelters far too long. If foster homes are not found soon some animals will have to be turned away or even worse! If you can open up your heart and home for a short time and help save an animals life please call ! Even if you have other pets a spare room or even a bathroom will be much safer, warmer and comforting to them than the alternative ...

Please call Carol Sonnex at 474-5581 Or Carol Broad at 920-9135

CRITTERS IN NEED

"TYSON" & "LILY" NEED YOUR HELP

TYSON



Sweet "Tyson" is in need of a surgical procedure to remove in-growing eyelashes. This condition is called "Entropion" and is very irritating and painful. His eyes are uncomfortable and this stoic fellow would gain so much relief from this surgery. We are trying to raise the funds for this medical procedure and any monies that you can donate would be truly appreciated.

LILY



Our lovely "Lily" has teeth problems, and this makes eating difficult for her, so she swallows her food whole making it hard on her digestive system. She also needs at least one extraction. We are endeavoring to raise the money to have her teeth scaled and cleaned and would be so grateful for any donations that you can make.

UPDATE ON LILY: Lily had her dental done on July 10th. Thank you to all who contributed!

We still need donations so Tyson can have his eye surgery.

If you want to help Please make your cheque payable to:

Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders (GVAC)

Please specify on cheque "Special Needs Tyson"

Mailing address: P.O. Box 5541 Stn. B, Victoria, B.C. V8R 6S4.

(Donations are tax deductible and a tax receipt will be issued.)

'Our task must be to free ourselves...by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty.'
- Albert Einstein

A very special Thanks to:

- ~ McMorran's Beach House**
- ~ The James Bay Inn**
- ~ The Black Fish Cafe**

***"Dine For Duke Day" was a big success on June 19th 2005
We raised \$1,000 with the help of these restaurants and those
who went out to eat !***



**A Huge Thanks to "View Royal School"
and "Green Star" Fundraising Team**

They went above and beyond to make a difference and help animals in their community by selling healthy snacks at their school and donated it to Animal Crusaders

They raised ~ \$235.00

Thanks so much to the Green Star Team:

Cinzie Alberti ~ Claire Brady ~ Rebecca Lokhorst ~ Nicola Stone ~ Melody Tyler
Emily Homuth ~ Nicole Ormiston ~ Katie Scheper

How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

1. Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?



2. Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.



3. Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!



4. Rottweiler: Make me.



5. Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.



6. Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!



7. German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.



8. Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.



9. Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!



10. Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.



11. Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb. Or "We don't need no stinking light bulb."



12. Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?



13. Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...



14. Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.



How many cats does it take to change a light bulb?

The Cat's Answer:

Cats do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is:

"How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"



ALL OF WHICH PROVES, ONCE AGAIN, THAT WHILE DOGS HAVE MASTERS, CATS HAVE STAFF!

Something you want to see in our News Letter??
Email any story or topic suggestions to the email below.



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