

MAVERICK CAT NEWSLETTER

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PLAN FOR YOUR PETS IN AN EMERGENCY

Although it is unlikely that we will experience the devastation of a Hurricane Katrina in our lifetime, each of us should take the time to set a plan in place for our pets in case of an emergency.

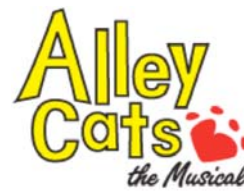
In a rush, you can easily grab a dog and go, but cats prefer a little more consideration. Don't count on a panicked cat or dog to act rationally. They may consider your home the safest place whether it is on fire or not and head right back into the bad situation that you have just exited. If you have multiple pets to account for, some method of containment is an absolute must.

A carrier is a safe way to transport and in a pinch, a pillowcase will work. Toss in your favorite feline, tie an overhand knot, and you are good to go in a hurry. With multiple pets, this is an ideal way to go.

A pet with an ID tag or microchip will ensure that your pet can be identified should you become separated. It's especially important that the tag have several contact numbers.

A little planning goes a long way to reduce the stress of the situation.

VOGUE THEATRE, ALLEY CATS FUNDRAISER, NOVEMBER 1ST AND 2ND



Attend the Vogue Theatre's presentation of "Alley Cats", a Broadway style musical comedy starring Tony Award winning Lea DeLaria and Rex Harrington.

November 1st and 2nd performances at the Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville St., will benefit Maverick Cat Coalition and other cat charities. A portion of every seat sold, **over and above** the first 490 seats, will be donated to cat groups.

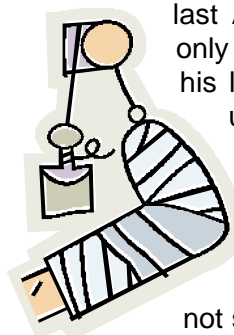
The Theatre seats 1100, so tell your friends and let's do our best to sell it out! For more information, check out the Alley Cats' website @ www.alleycats.ca. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser!

BOOTS, FROM HOMELESS TO HOUSE CAT

Ruth Glennie

For the past few years we have been feeding a feral cat we named Boots. He would stop by to eat, and pick a fight if one of the neighbourhood cats got in his way. Then one day

last April, he showed up hobbling on only three feet with a severe injury to his leg. We knew he would never let us treat his injury and getting him to a vet was out of the question. When he was still unable to use the leg after a couple of weeks, we feared that if he did not get attention soon, he would not survive.



I recalled picking up a Maverick Cat Coalition newsletter one day when I was in New Westminster and decided to contact them. Both David and Cylia were quick to offer assistance. They loaned us a trap and gave us detailed written instructions on trapping, holding and delivering a cat to the clinic.

The first cat we trapped was our own cat - twice. Next came two of the neighbourhood cats. Finally, on the fourth night we awoke to the trap being knocked about on the sundeck. We had finally trapped Boots! He began biting on the cage and throwing himself from side to side. Our concern now was that he would further injure himself.

It was a long sleepless night and when morning finally arrived we took him to Royal City Animal Clinic. Maverick Cat Coalition had advised Dr. Dhaliwahl that we would be bringing in Boots whenever we were able to trap him. It turned out the leg was abscessed and needed immediate attention.



He was neutered (this is what MaverickCat is all about) and returned to us later that day. The veterinary assistant who is familiar with feral and strays commented, "that is one mean cat".

Once back home, still walking on three feet, Boots returned to his old habit of wandering the neighbourhood. However, he soon started spending more time on our sundeck and less time roaming. Next, he began putting his nose in the door even if it was just to growl at our cat Garby.

In time, he began following my husband Bob around the house just like a dog. Today he loves nothing better than for Bob to hold him and

carry him around. He will follow Bob down the hallway meowing just wanting to be picked up. The bond between them is unbelievable! I still have to be careful when petting or handling Boots, as he will think nothing of attacking me. Garby too, has learned to keep his distance.



This little feral has turned into a house cat that tends to spend more time in the house than outside. There are still a few issues to work out but all in all he is a pretty neat little guy.

Our thanks to Maverick Cat Coalition, without their help and support this would never have happened.

FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

W.S./H.S., Surrey, B.C.

Just a brief message to thank you most sincerely for your financial support in administering to the health needs of Tyson. He is the most recent of a long line of animals, mainly cats, which we have taken in our care in the last thirty years. Currently we have ten cats: Thomas is the oldest and most dignified, while little Tazzie was so "spooked" by her early experiences in the world that she will allow no one to touch her. They all live in relative harmony except that a new young fellow named Volley can sometimes be troublesome.

We are long retired and our main concern now is that some of our younger charges may outlive us! In the meanwhile, we press on feeding the crows, jays, squirrels and raccoons. My wife, Hilda, feeds a female raccoon, named Isabella, by hand, who seasonally brings her new litter of kits to visit!

Thank you again for your kindness concerning Tyson and we wish your coalition every success in the future!



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



It has been a busy spring and summer and with the bite of fall, it's time to regroup. The Maverick Cat mailbox remains in Burnaby, the main trap depot continues to exist in New Westminster while the office has moved to Vancouver. If you call, please be patient, a volunteer will get back to you soon.

With our grant from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Province of British Columbia, we have been able to focus on helping many more stray cats than before. Our Queen's Park yard sale in May netted just over \$500, while we raised about \$360 at our June, July and August book sales (held in conjunction with Earthsave). We were also able to attend Animal Rights Day at the Vancouver Art Gallery on August 6th.

Cylia participated in a TNR web seminar "Community Colony Solutions for Feral Cats" on June 8th. We've purchased a digital camera and a canopy to cover us at events, and we're currently testing our prototype of a box trap.



Do you know of a carpenter who has spare time and would consider helping us with construction of various box type traps? Please have him/her call us at (604) 521-8200. Building plans are available

and we will pay for materials.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and a trapper training session. If you are interested in serving on the board or attending this training, contact us or check out our website at www.maverickcat.com for



details. Please submit a volunteer application if you want to attend the training.

Enjoy the change of seasons and the crisp fall air!



POSEY NEEDS A CARING NEW OWNER - AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT MEOW-AID SHELTER FOR HOMELESS CATS

Hello, my name is Posey and my previous owner passed away. My life has not been the same since - I'm frightened and sad and need a new home where I can feel safe and loved like I once did. I'm a very pretty girl with lots of great qualities. I'm a bit shy when I first



meet new people but once I get to know them I do come out of my shell. I'm an 8 year old, spayed, brown and white short-haired tabby cat. **To adopt me please call Meow Aid at 604 733-7013.**

RAFFLE BENEFITING MAVERICK CAT

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket from the Kensington Foundation for Animals in Crisis, please contact Debbie at (604) 765-2938. The draw date is December 12th so please be sure to purchase your tickets by December 1st (\$2 each or 3 for \$5).

1st prize - valued at \$700

Dinner at Fiddleheads, 2 Canucks Tickets
Overnight stay at Georgian Court Hotel

2nd prize - valued at \$572

IPOD and accessories
Gift Certificate at Petland, Surrey

3rd prize - valued at \$450

Gift Certificate at Cactus Club, Sophie's Pet Palace
Scratching Post, Gift Basket

16 prizes in total. A portion of the proceeds from this raffle will benefit Maverick Cat Coalition and other worthy animal causes. Please support this fundraiser for the animals!



ABOUT OUR GROUP

At Maverick Cat Coalition, we strive to help people who are caring for stray or feral cats living in the Lower Mainland. Assistance is offered in the form of advice, cat food, help with control and care (vet treatment) of a colony should resources allow. Care usually consists of trapping, sterilization and return of adults, while kittens young enough to be socialized will be placed in foster care or delivered to no-kill animal agencies. We rely on the support of our volunteers and are funded by donations from the public, corporate sponsors and our fundraising efforts.



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Tisol Pet Food Supermarket, Burnaby

OUR CATS and CAREGIVERS

We continue to improve the lives of stray cats. During January 1, 2002 and October 15, 2005, the following number of cats and people caring for their outdoor cats (caregivers) were helped in the following locations:



| Locations | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | Total | |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | Cats | Care givers | Cats | Care givers | Cats | Care givers | Cats | Care givers | Cats | Care givers |
| Burnaby | 36 | 6 | 56 | 13 | 19 | 10 | 21 | 8 | 132 | 37 |
| Coquitlam | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 18 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 38 | 10 |
| New Westminister | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 25 | 8 |
| Richmond | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 13 | 2 |
| Surrey | 27 | 6 | 14 | 4 | 28 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 74 | 19 |
| Vancouver | 104 | 19 | 67 | 18 | 23 | 9 | 30 | 15 | 224 | 61 |
| To Date Total | 168 | 32 | 158 | 38 | 93 | 31 | 87 | 36 | 506 | 137 |

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