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WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

"Gray skies are going to clear up, put on a happy face." Just like the lyrics of that old song, NTCR is now meowing "bye-bye blues" and purring "good day, sunshine."

Due to the far-reaching effects of the pandemic, animal rescue nonprofit organizations like ours have barely survived. We were unable to hold any fundraising events and donations were, understandably, down because of everyone's own, uncertain financial futures. AND, as many of you may know, we received the devastating news that we could no longer operate out of our current location.

Thankfully, our awesome volunteers and supporters stepped up, opening their homes to our kittens and cats and, ultimately, saving their lives. Through all of this, we continued to search for a suitable, but most importantly, permanent location for our shelter.

And that day has finally arrived!

North Toronto Cat Rescue is overjoyed to announce our imminent move to our own fur-ever home.

Your generosity and support have always been a blessing to us and our feline family, but never was the generosity and support needed more than now. Our immediate challenge, however, is fundraising. We are setting a base goal of \$50,000 to help us cover the costs associated, not only with the move, but with our ongoing veterinary bills and daily expenses involved.

A loving and grateful thanks from our family to yours.



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RESCUE STORIES

**UNSEEN THEY SUFFER UNHEARD THEY CRY
IN AGONY THEY LINGER IN LONELINESS THEY DIE**

Earlier this fall, we received a desperate call for help for a kitty named Whisper who had been heartlessly abandoned by her owners two winters ago. Whisper continued to stay close to the only home she had ever known. The new owners reached out to us when they saw blood running down her face one day.

We immediately brought her to the vet who told us that she had been bitten, sustaining a large wound to the side of her face. Unfortunately, she needed surgery and part of her ear had to be amputated. She also needed treatment for an upper respiratory infection and her eyes required daily eye drops.

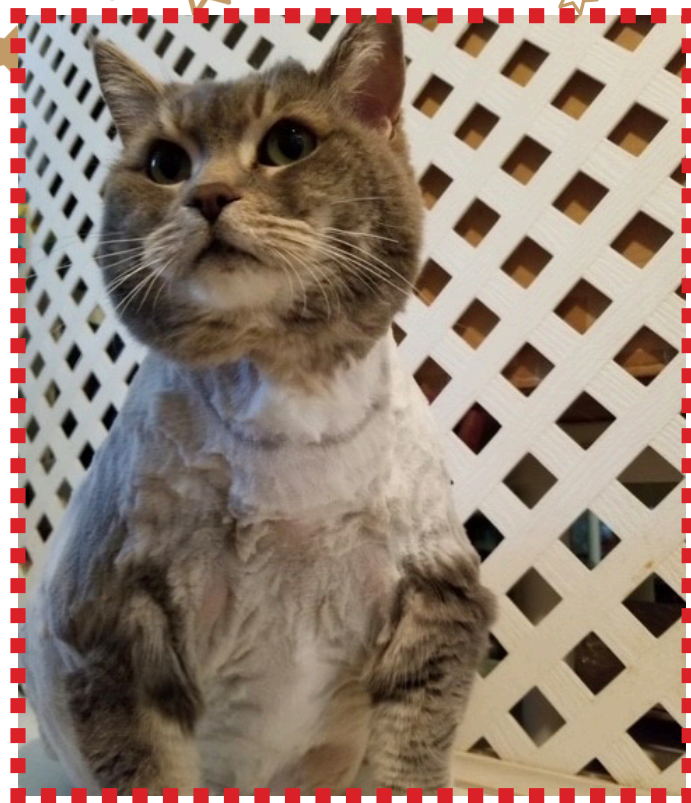
This beautiful, innocent cat just wanted to stay close to the only home she had ever known, never realizing that she had been abandoned and discarded like trash.

Please help us continue helping the many "Whispers" still out there. Help us prove to them that they deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, and above all, with love.



The cold winter months ahead mean freezing weather, rain, snow, and sharp winds that will make outdoor living conditions unbearable for the cats that need us.

Without your help these cats will not have warm homes and full bellies. Without you, they would not have been saved at all.



Overweight and abandoned on a balcony during the sweltering July heatwave, Millie was rescued when neighbours reported her desperate cries for help. Due to her weight, she had not been able to groom herself regularly and her fur had matted severely.

Thanks to the patient and loving care of our volunteer Paula, we were able to shave off half her weight in matted fur, revealing a gentle and playful cat with an equally playful soul.

If your loving “compawpanion” is also a long haired breed, remember to brush their fur regularly. Even a small knot can quickly turn into a larger mat. Work through it gradually, starting at the ends using a wide-toothed comb and detangling spray. Be sure to hold down the skin to avoid pulling and tread carefully.

Today's Veterinary Practice estimates that chronic kidney disease (CKD) affects 1-3% of all cats, increasing to 30-50% when cats reach their geriatric age. While rare for cats under 10, it didn't stop this incurable disease from sinking its claws into our five-year-old Taco.

Taco was drinking a lot more water, increased thirst and urination can be early indicators of CKD.

By the time she seemed “a little depressed” to us and ultimately stopped eating dry food, all over the course of about a month, she was already in stage four CKD. Early diagnosis of CKD is done by having a vet collect a blood and urine samples and testing them for three markers – urea, creatinine, and phosphorus. If you suspect your cat might have CKD, do not hesitate to visit your vet right away - before it's too late.





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JOIN OUR TEAM! Volunteers are vital to help achieve our goal of ensuring that cats/kittens live in safe and caring homes. NTCR operates solely on unpaid volunteers who offer their hands and hearts to turn that dream into reality! Everybody brings different skills and has a different schedule; we offer many different roles, such as public relations, feeders, cleaning, fundraising, social media, transportation, odd jobs and handy work. To join the team, visit <https://www.northtorontocatrescue.com/support-us/volunteer/> or call Donna at (905) 940-2287



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Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of : CAD \$ _____ *

* A tax receipt can be issued for donations of \$20 and above.

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☐ I'm also interested in volunteering with NTCR.
Please contact me via email or phone.

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