



Unseen they suffer, Unheard they cry, In agony they linger, In loneliness they die

The Tale of Tessie:

From Discarded/Traumatized/Hopeless to Purrrrr-ific 'We' Must Be Their Voice

The day began with numerous calls for help – as most days do – but nothing was as disquieting as a desperate call recently from a distraught woman who, as we were told, had been feeding an outdoor cat (named Tessie) for over a year but the situation had become grave as this little “lady” – for apparently two days – had been attempting to give birth to her fourth litter!!!!!!

This time, however, Tessie was having serious difficulty and in agony. As happens so often, we grabbed our trap and off we “flew” and within a short time this kitty was “speeding” on her way

to the vet in a life-threatening condition. There, with a quick assessment and X-rays, we were advised chances of survival were both slim and risky in her fragile state to ever attempt the surgery necessary to remove her unborn (deceased) kittens and if we chose to do so, it would be both “pricey” and not recommended! But like so many others that we bring in off the street, this “feisty” young cat appeared to have a strong desire to live so it was agreed to cross our fingers, say a little prayer and give this little “Miss” a second chance. In addition, once sedated, the vet also discovered long and extremely deep gashes on Tessie's back requiring an extensive number of stitches! Might she have been attacked outside while giving birth?? Regardless, we shuttered at the possibility and intense fear she must have experienced alone and defenceless. Prayers answered, our determined tough, spirited and petite “street survivor” fully recovered!!! She is currently learning to trust and hopefully will one day find her fur-ever loving home.



Why It Matters

EVERY CAT RESCUED from the street not only means improving a life but also provides a great benefit to the community. One mating pair of cats has the capability of being the fore-bearers of over 400,000 offspring in a seven-year window!

In our 30 plus years of rescue work, we have saved over 4,000 cats from a life on the street. If we assume that represents 1500 mating pairs, we have potentially stopped 600,000,000 unwanted kittens from being born only to live a short and cruel life. Imagine the devastation that would occur to our wild bird populations alone if this were to go unchecked!

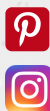
Your support is the bricks and mortar that help build our house. Help us continue to save the lives of our vulnerable feline friends, and be a part of the House that Love Builds.

Meow



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FOOTPRINTS OF HOPE



It's been a busy 10 months since we took a giant leap of faith and moved into our new facility which, by the way, has brought us much joy and excitement and continues to "hum" with so many happy "cat mates" waiting for a forever home. So many desperate souls since then have also been taken off the streets and given back a life but lineups remain long and winter shows no mercy to add to their current suffering. For us to continue our rescue work we are asking for your support. Tax receipts are issued for all donations. Our dream is to expand our shelter via an addition thus enabling us to help so many others still outside in need. Despite the lack of any government support for 35 years, it has been both a rewarding and an extremely challenging venture. Please consider helping us help "them". For further information contact Donna at 905-758-CATS(2287) or log on to our website – <https://www.northtorontocatrescue.com>. We'd be most grateful. Volunteers are always welcome to join our "Family" of MusCATEer's either at the shelter or fundraising or being a good-will ambassador for this cause.



Meow

SPOTLIGHT:

MUSCATEER DIANA



I've always adored cats. They're quirky, mischievous, lovable, aloof at times yet always amusing. I first discovered NTCR in 2012, when a cat gave birth to 6 kittens under my deck. Impressed by their "no-kill, no-cage" policy. I contacted them, and within a few days, the mom and her kittens were rounded up and taken to a safe new environment. As the years passed and retirement approached, I remembered NTCR and vowed to contact them once I retired to see if I could visit the shelter and possibly volunteer. No sooner had I concluded my visit then I was hooked! I couldn't wait to start.

Now in my fourth year as a volunteer, I must admit it's become something of an obsession! I'm continually amazed when cats who have been abused, neglected or abandoned, arrive at the shelter, and then, with dedication and patience, care and love, are completely transformed, go on to live happy lives with their adopters. Together with my fellow MusCATEer's, I've not only shared countless days of happiness and pride but shed copious tears when even one of our "fur babies" can't be saved and we're faced with having to say goodbye. Thankfully this tends to be "rare" but even one is "one too many".



WOODY: DISCARDED LIKE LITTER

Purr-ecious little Woody, sadly, represents the worst of human cruelty. Thrown from a moving vehicle on a busy highway, the ten-week-old kitten is alive today only because his "Guardian Angel" – travelling in her car behind another vehicle – witnessed this injustice and quickly stopped her car and eventually found him frightened, confused, and curled up cowering in the ditch. That day his life was spared and he was brought to the shelter. Despite a bloody nose and severe soft tissue damage to his back leg suffered on impact, with love, tenderness and a few weeks of rest, this young kitty's wounds healed completely and our "rowdy" little survivor began kitten-play and rough-housing with his many new "best" friends – especially his foster brothers Fred and Barney.



LIGHTS OUT KITTY!



SAFETY INDOORS



WHEN OWNERS CHOOSE to let their cats run at will, and often on everyone's property, we wonder if they would also do that with their dog? We suspect the answer is NO. Not everyone is an animal lover or happy having a cat dig in their garden. It's not fair nor is the decimation of wildlife for sport. Cats are so happy inside and most importantly safe from the dangers of outside such as being hit by a car, encounters with predators, diseases/infections, being stolen or used as bait in dog fights, and the effects of unforgiving weather.

Are you planning to bring a new kitten into your home???? Although they bring lots of smiles and happiness, be aware that their energy is both boundless and fearless!!!! They are also nocturnal creatures and like to roam, climb, play, and scamper in the wee hours of the night. Having a pair for company will allow you a bit of rest at the end of a long day and give them the opportunity to run around and entertain each other while you sleep! Allowed into the bedroom, these little "schemers" are planning to hop up on your bed and join your sleeping arrangements although sleep is not high on their list, instead deciding to patrol the bed, walking back and forth on your legs and torso while purring like a jumbo jet. By daylight they have decided you would appreciate being notified they are ready for breakfast and while your day then begins, they will soon snuggle together on a chair, grab a catnap, and make plans to join you at bedtime once again.



WISH LIST



Dear SANTA,

We've been such great kitties this year! Here are a few things on our Christmas list:

More volunteers: Since the shelter runs with the help of our loving MusCATEer's, we don't get fed or have a clean room without them! In addition to the "hands on" work at the shelter, there is also fundraising, transportation, handy work, social media, newsletters, events, and more. We can always use the help!

Donations in kind: With over 150 of our feline pals at the shelter, we go through a lot of supplies! We need clumping cat litter, canned food (Merrick rabbit or duck, Wellness, First Mate) and dry food (N&D Prime Lamb and Blueberry, Taste of the Wild Rocky Mountain, Performatrin Ultra Chicken and Brown Rice). Financial donations either through Paypal, cheque, e-transfer, or CanadaHelps also go a long way!



2022 EVENTS

- GoGo Photo Contest "Look At That Sleeping Face"
- Winsong Farm Fundraiser
- Ren's Pet Store Adoption Weekend
- "Suds for a Cause" by Carma Soap Company
- Butterscotch Festival - Tarts 4 Hearts in Georgina - Sweet To Meet You All
- LCBO Raffle - Thanks to all who purchased and shared our event!
- Meow'lloween Haunt - Thanks to all our Donors, and all of you who came out to the party with us.

Thank you all for your generous support!
Congratulations to our winners!

Note: If you are hosting a fundraising event on behalf of NTCR, please email us so we can share.



North Toronto Cat Rescue Donation Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____

Postal code: _____ Phone: _____

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

*A tax receipt can be issued for donations of \$20 or above. Would you like a tax receipt (check one)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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