



NORTH TORONTO
CAT RESCUE

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

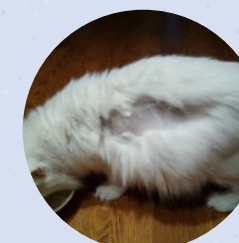
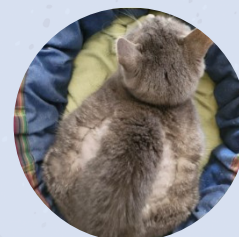
Feline Infectious Peritonitis (F.I.P)



IT ALL BEGAN like each of our previous rescues (4,000 to date) - another abandoned/discarded Mom with her two eight-week-old kittens in tow, starving, thirsty, dirty, hoping to find someone who cared! We named Momma WILLOW and the kittens MYLES and FIONA. As the days and weeks passed, all three in time were spay/neutered/vaccinated. Then one day we noticed Fiona had become lethargic and was not interested in her food, but most notably, her abdomen appeared distended. She was immediately taken to the Vet for assessment and after many and varied tests and blood work, we were told she had FIP. Our hearts sank as FIP, until fairly recently, has been fatal. The cause is the mutation of a corona virus. While many cats may carry this virus, mutation occurs in only about ten percent of cats. It is NOT contagious.

Thankfully, there is now quite a successful drug with a high percent cure rate IF you act quickly. It involves 84 consecutive days of medication - often by injections, sometimes using pills followed by 84 days of observation and blood test - Funds were "tight", but we always try to "Save Lives". Saving Fiona's precious young life was our goal and so treatment began, and results were awesome....after the 84 days she was given a "clean" bill of health - we were overjoyed - she was cured!!!!

Counting our blessings a bit too soon, three other cats over a short span of weeks and from three different locations, also came into our shelter - Charlie, Maddie, and Polo - exhibiting similar symptoms as Fiona. Additional Emergency visits, additional bloodwork, additional testing - again - FIP. Now we had to reach out and ask for help as our funds were depleting.... treatment can be \$4,000+ per cat and we receive no government funding as a No Kill Facility. We quickly set up a Go Fund Me with the hopes of raising \$15,000 but to date we have received only a small portion (\$2,923.00). Although grateful for every dollar, we must continue to plead for your help! Three little lives hang in the balance so we are asking everyone to give these sweet souls a second chance by making a financial donation, (whatever you can afford), so that Charlie, Maddie, and Polo can also "live happily ever after" as little Fiona is - now enjoying her new life free of this horrible virus and in her Fur-ever home. Donations \$20 and over are all tax receiptable. See page 2 for ways to donate.



Medication must be given by injection on either side of the spine - the medication is very acidic so injection sites must be rotated every day to prevent sores from developing



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(905) 940-CATS (2287)



Footprints of Hope

It's now been a year and a half since we moved into our new facility – a safe haven for so many left outside to fend for themselves in an unfriendly environment – whether it be from extreme heat or extreme cold – our domesticated furry felines are actually indoor creatures. The time is not 100 years ago – the world has changed, many farms are gone and replaced with urban sprawl and so must our ideas of free-roaming cats!!! Indoors proves to be much safer – fewer vet bills, respect for neighbours as cats tend to use their gardens as their “sandbox”, away from cars, predators such as coyotes which can inhabit our neighbourhoods, poisonous plants in gardens, especially the lily family where death can happen within 24 hours if leaves are nibbled on or pollen is groomed from their fur. We need to ask ourselves – would we let our dog run free like we might do our cat?? The answer is likely NO. Please think of others when you have a pet.

With a sharp increase of discarded felines since COVID, we would like to expand our shelter so we can offer an even greater support to many more “lost” souls. Building permits have been granted but again we need to find help with not only the funding, but the materials, and contractor volunteers. We have never received any government funding in 35 years. The challenges are enormous but the desire to relieve the suffering outside and preventing a further increase in numbers is WHY OUR shelter exists. 100 percent of every penny goes to save one more life.

Always looking for others who “care” – Volunteers who might wish to help at the shelter (known as the MusCATeers), or help with fundraising or just be a good-will ambassador for our cause. It's a happy place to interact with so many kitties socializing and running free while they each wait for their fur-ever home! For further information please contact Donna at 905-758-CATS(2287) or visit <https://www.northtorontocatrescue.com>.

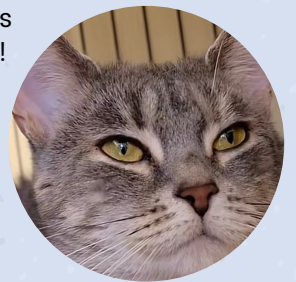
Ways to donate (donations are tax-receiptable):

- Cheque/cash
- Online through our Go Fund Me – <https://www.gofundme.com/f/our-kitties-are-counting-on-you-this-season>
- Online through CanadaHelps
- E-transfer to Donna@northtorontocatrescue.com



Spotlight: Porscha

Purr-ecious Miss Porscha, a forgiving soul with a very sad past. She was “removed” from her home by a rescuer who witnessed her abuse – thrown against walls, beat with a broom repeatedly, tragically neglected!!! Rescued at last she arrived at our shelter in a terrified fashion and after several days, and to our surprise, she miscarried a small kitten, likely as a result of the earlier cruelty and trauma. As each day passes with kindness, this little “girl's” horrifying past will hopefully soften her trust for humans and she will one day find others who also care and become her furever guardian. They ALL deserve so much better than Miss Porscha's story!



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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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