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VERNON & DISTRICT ANIMAL CARE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Monday April 2
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: People Place, 3402 27 Ave.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect the Board of Directors for 2012. Nominations may be made from the floor.
2. Receive the reports of the Table Officers.
3. Conduct such other business as comes before the meeting.
4. Hear suggestions and answer questions from the members present.

Memberships may be renewed at the door.

Coffee and goodies will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Dear Members and Supporters:

Thank you for your wonderfully generous donations over the holiday season. Because of your help, our lifesaving programs can continue to make huge reductions in pet overpopulation in the North Okanagan. Already this year - in January and February alone – we have issued 102 certificates for cat and dog spays and neuters. During the same period, our trap/neuter/return program has altered 36 feral cats. On top of that, 10 abandoned cats have been “fixed”, vaccinated, and adopted, or wait for adoption, by new families. I’m no mathematician but, with a mom cat capable of producing 420,000 young in seven years and a female dog able to have 67,000 puppies in six years, I know we’ve prevented hundreds of thousands of little lives doomed to homelessness and starvation. Take a bow! We couldn’t do all this without you.

Unfortunately, the news is never entirely good. For the last two months, Margaret, our lost & found volunteer, has been inundated with calls about abandoned cats and kittens. Thanks to Crescent Falls Vet Hospital and Creekside Animal Clinic we’ve been able to take in most of them. The end of the month - moving time – is always busy. Most of the youngsters are quickly adopted but the older cats – especially those who show the effects of months of living rough – have a hard time finding new homes. Jiminy, for instance, came to us from Cherryville. He was a walking skeleton, so matted that his body had to be completely shaved and so dehydrated that he needed IV fluids. Jiminy’s body may

have been giving out on him but there was nothing wrong with his spirit. In a day or so, he was eating heartily and purring up a storm. He's fully recovered now and his medium length black & white coat is slowly growing in. All he needs is a human who can appreciate his loving personality. Andy, an orange and white longhaired tom was brought to us from the north BX where he was desperately seeking shelter at a cat lover's home. At one point, this fellow's hind leg was broken and must now be amputated. Life will be a lot less painful and easier after his surgery. He, too, is an extremely friendly cat. Do you know of anyone who can give this young man the life he deserves?

Last month I was called to Ironwood, near Hillview Golf Course. A kind woman had been feeding a timid cat and she wanted to make sure that he was neutered. When I brought the big guy to Creekside Animal Clinic, the staff members told me that he was both neutered and tattooed. In fact, he was one of ours, number 33, a feral cat we'd neutered four years ago. In those days, he lived across Highway 6 at Guardian Building Supplies. Perhaps, like many of us, he wanted to downsize and to live a quieter life! It was good to see that he was still in good shape. Many, many feral cats have fixed since his day; we are now at number 935!

Heather

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Barb + Reid Harvey and Bob + Gail Lane for making the colourful and eye catching signs that will announce our sales and draw customers.

Tom + Bev Monahan for sponsoring 3 full page colour adoption ads in *the Morning Star*. These were very successful with many cats finding homes as a result of them.

Caroline Gladvind for helping at Adoption Days.

Andrea Harrison and her son Spencer for taking over Adoption Day duties.

Vernon Auto Detailing and Shampooches for providing their premises for the Christmas on a Budget Sale and Photos with Santa.

Dagny Nadeau who regularly donates cat and kitten food.

The following group of animal lovers who donate to the Society instead of exchanging birthday cards: **Colleen + Denny Wallace; Eileen + Ron Drinkwater; Marilyn + Stan Ehnes; Marilyn + Jim Urquhard; Jenny + Clive Diller.**

Crescent Falls and Creekside Veterinary Clinics for their donation of facilities and discounted rates. We simply could not operate without their assistance.

Sue Bru for organizing the production and distribution of our annual calendar and the Photos With Santa. **Natalia Vignola** for her outstanding photography for these 2 events. There are still a few calendars left and they will be available on Mar 17 for a donation.

COMING EVENTS

March 17	Bake Sale and Silent Auction	Village Green Mall in the Centre Court
Monday, April 2; 7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting	People Place
Fri/Sat May 4/5 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Garage Sale	3205 22 St
Sat May 12 8:00 AM – Noon	Garage Clearance Sale	3205 22 St

Donations to all of the above sales will be gratefully received. Bake Sale goods can be taken directly to the Village Green on Mar. 17. Everything else can be taken to 3205 22 St. and left in the carport. If you need to have material picked up please call 250-542-7203.

INMEMORIAM

The following donations have been received in memory of pets and people.

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Donald Campbell
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Sharon Thatcher
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Dorothy Roberts
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Eileen Kawaguchi
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