



## "SAVING MISS DAISY"

by Doreen Stocks

*Suddenly Daisy hesitates, stops and then begins to go in circles mewing plaintively. In a flashback she is outside, frightened and alone in the garbage strewn yard that used to be her home. Her cries become louder, more frantic but then Daphne's gentle, loving voice comes to her out of the darkness:*

"Daisy Darling; what's wrong? Come Daisy" and Daisy calms and moves toward the loving, soothing voice and the gentle touch that reaches out through the blackness of Daisy's world to reassure her that she is finally home. "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do, I'm half crazy all for the love of you" sings Daphne and the sweet melodic tones wrap around Daisy's frail old body like loving arms.

Daisy wasn't always homeless and blind and it was totally by chance that Daisy came to Royal City Humane Society but I'll start at the beginning. It all began with a rather routine phone call that there was a feral male cat who had made his way to a home where cats are welcome but only if they've had a stop over at a veterinary clinic for the "attitude adjustment" surgery and it was obvious that the new comer had an "intact attitude" and would need to be trapped.

Danielle, RCHS trapper extraordinaire, responded with a trap and very soon Mr. Macho cat had his trip to the clinic and was ready to move into his new home with his new and improved set of manners. This was when Danielle found out about the old blind calico cat who had been abandoned by her "people" and lived alone in a filthy yard on a derelict property in the neighborhood.

Danielle has rescued a lot of cats from pretty disgusting conditions but she was moved to tears at the sight of this poor frail, completely blind but very sweet and gentle old cat moving slowly and cautiously amid the junk and debris and totally at the mercy of whoever thought to put out some kibble for her.

The neighbor knew that her name was Daisy, that she was quite elderly and that she hadn't always been blind. She

had suffered from an eye infection that the uncaring "owner" had left untreated until her sight was gone and then she had been discarded in the yard with the rest of his unwanted and worn out belongings but by some miracle Daisy had survived on her own for months. Danielle realized that with fall and winter coming on Daisy's situation was about to become desperate so she scooped her up and brought her to RCHS. A checkup at Alpine Animal Hospital revealed enough of her

tattoo to tell she was at least thirteen years old but other than being very thin she seem healthy enough for her age so she came in from the cold to our cat shelter.

Unfortunately, it was really difficult for Daisy to navigate among the other cats. Because she couldn't see them, she would blunder into their personal spaces and they would lash out at poor Daisy and she would stop in confusion and look about with her sightless eyes trying to understand where she was and what she had done wrong.

It was heartbreaking to watch this because we so much wanted

to make her life better. All the volunteers went out of their way to reassure Daisy and give her extra care and attention to the point she was confined in a cage to protect her from the other cats. Daisy who had survived on her own outside with raccoons and coyotes was now in a cage to protect her! She began to withdraw and lose interest so she was allowed to be out of the cage but in a confined area with her own bed, water, food and litter tray nearby but we could tell she wasn't happy.

Then the miracle happened for Daisy. Daphne had adopted two cats from RCHS a number of years ago and sadly

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Daphne & Miss Daisy



Daisy

Lizzie had passed away and now Daphne and her remaining cat, Oreo were ready to welcome another needy homeless cat into their home.

When Daphne met Daisy she knew she wanted to give her a home so Daisy went to live with Daphne and Oreo.

When the carrier door opened Daisy came out and for the first time since we'd known her, her tail went up and she looked proud and pleased.

She began to explore Daphne's apartment slowly and cautiously, rubbing her face on each object she encountered until she had made her way to the food, water and litter tray. Then she slowly made her way back to her bed, crawled in and began to groom herself. You could almost hear her sigh with relief "I'm home at last!"

Her "sister" Oreo was most gracious in her acceptance of Daisy but then Oreo is on the far side of fifteen



Oreo

years and knows there will always be enough food for two cats and more than enough love.

Thank you Daphne for giving this sweet old blind cat a safe loving home - and for singing "Daisy" songs just for her!

## SUZIE & CODY



Suzie and Cody are wonderful cats and have settled in perfectly. Suzie is more outgoing than Cody but they are both very social. They are curious and want to be included in all family activities.

## LUCI

Almost 10 years ago, I ventured to Bosley's Pets in Coquitlam to one of the Humane societies Saturday meet/greets with their adoptable kitties.

Going there with a specific kitty in mind we came home with an entirely different one. Curled up in a little ball in the back of her kennel, there was Luci with all of her little paws tucked into a perfect ball. When I took her out to hold her she nuzzled into my neck and that was that. Home she came.

Thinking we had ended up with a little angel cat, she shortly fooled us and has since earned the name Diva Lu. She has attitude, spunk and a real personality and will always keep you on your toes.

She has grown up with 2 dogs of her own, or she thinks they are. One totally ignores her and for that she rubs her tail under his nose to taunt him.

The bottom line is that we ended up with a cat whom thinks she is half human and half dog and we wouldn't trade her for anything. She has filled our lives with so much joy, lots of cheeky fun & entertainment and so much love.

Thank you for saving her little life and allowing us to continue what you started.

Best of luck to all the kitties currently up for adoption on finding their perfect forever homes!  
Katie & Luci



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## ROSA

Rosa has become very attached to her new "Mom" and is always close to her. She has the run of the house except for the computer desk. She is happy, contented and well loved.



## KEIKO

January 21/13  
Dear Doreen,

Sorry Tiff (Keiko) didn't send a Christmas card, better late than never:

Tiff is so spoiled no one else would put up with her. She has brought so much joy to us, that's why we spoiled her and she knows how to get her own way.

When her and Wayne play, Tiff always



talks to him and when Wayne goes for coffee Tiff waits at the window.

She's doing well and in good health she was meant to be with us and she has a wonderful home. I know there was someone at your place that was really going to miss her, tell him she's just fine. She has us well trained.

Here she is playing.

Carol & Wayne



## CHARLIE

Charlie's new name is Toby. He has his own room complete with a bed, litter box, scratching post and toys. He also has the run of the house. He never hisses, scratches or bites. He is gentle and

loves to be petted and cuddled. His new humans say he is the most wonderful cat ever and they love him!

## PANDORA

This is our wonderful kitty Pandora. She has healed our hearts from the loss of our Precious-Kitty and Bandy, both of whom enjoyed long and happy lives with our family.

Pandora is very playful, she enjoys a variety of activities. Her favorite is chasing after the tail of a long string of shoelaces tied together. She also chases balls and loves to hide around the corner of the bed and then jump out and surprise us.

Of all her endearing qualities that we look forward to the most, it is when she settles on our laps and purrs while we pet her.

We are very grateful to have been the ones asked if we could give Pandora her forever home. We feel very privileged.

We would like to thank Doreen and the Humane Society for all they do to help our furry friends. Deb & Bob



## SHADOW & KING



Most cat lovers know that two is even better than one! This is truly the case with bonded pair Shadow and King. Young Shadow is ever so sweet, playful and affectionate. But all his life he has looked up to King to be his buddy and mentor. King is also a sweetie who is happy to "advise" Shadow. They are waiting for that someone special to give them their forever home together. In turn you will have many years of delight watching these two bff's play, sleep and hang out together.

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## ROYAL CITY ROCK & ROLL

Thanks to Mike & Tara Guild for organizing a fun filled evening of music at the Columbia Theatre on October 6, 2012 to raise money for the Royal City Humane Society to help animals in our community.

An appreciative crowd enjoyed the live performances of four local bands The Beladeans, The Deadcats, Big Top and special guests Uke'n'Drink.

A special thank you to the many local businesses and individuals who donated items for a lively silent auction.

## PET PHOTO'S WITH SANTA

Many thanks to Daniel Park and his staff at VanPet, Royal Square Mall, New Westminster for hosting our annual Pet Photo's with Santa on the 1st & 2nd of December 2012.

Super Santa (Linda Molnar) provided a fuzzy warm lap for all the furbabies and one bearded dragon and Santa's excellent elves (Jeanette Blanchard, Linda Vanderhoek, Lynn Whybourne and Janet Dixon) handed out awesome goodie bags provided by VanPet.

Thanks very much to Paula Waage for her photographic expertise.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Pet Photo's with Santa.

Hope to see you again next year!

## PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Royal City Humane Society pub night fundraiser held on Sunday January 27, 2013 at the HERITAGE GRILL was a raging success.

Thanks to Paul Minhas and his wonderful staff. They provided us with great options for dinner and drinks while energetically attending to the orders from our many supporters who attended the event.

A big thank you to all the people who donated the wonderful silent auction items.

Many thanks must also be given to all the volunteers who helped organize and run the event and all who came out and supported the cats.

It was an outstanding success with the cats receiving about \$2800 towards their care.

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