Name _____

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☐ Membership $20

☐ Donation _____

☐ Please send more information

☐ I would like to volunteer to

Members are kept informed about group activities and wider issues through a quarterly newsletter.

mail to:

Action Volunteers for Animals

P.O. Box 64578

Unionville, ON L3R 0M9

Thank You!

Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year.

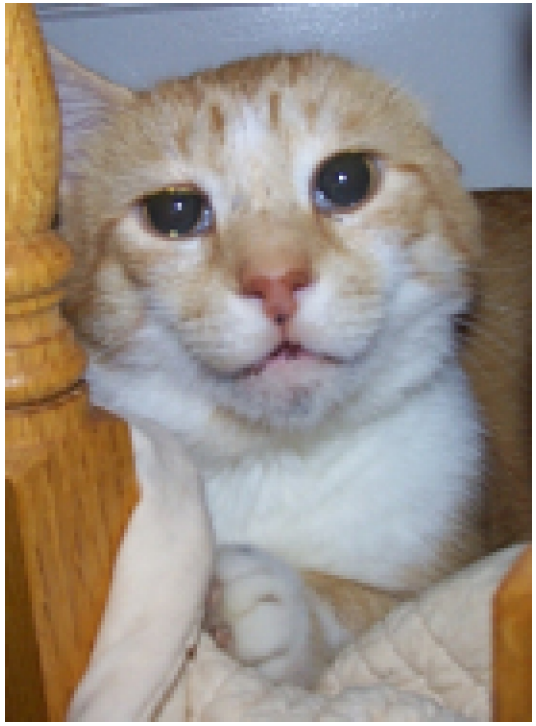
Reg. Charity # 11877–7408–RR0001

HOW YOU CAN Help

- *DONATE:*
  - *Pet supplies*: dry cat & dog food, kitty litter, stainless steel cages, humane traps, carriers
  - *Printing services/supplies*
  - *Items to sell at fundraising tables*: stuffed animals, animal books and figurines, cat & dog toys and treats, restaurant and entertainment gift certificates, toiletries, gift baskets, candles
  - *Canadian Tire Money and Dominion tapes*
  - *HBC Rewards points*:
    Visit www.hbcrewards.com/community to donate your points to us. Use your own card and transfer the points, or get a card with the AVA customer number: 8393196
- *Solicit donations* from businesses; ask friends with businesses to display an AVA donation box
- *Get together* with neighbours to pay for spaying/neutering of local strays and feral cats
- *Demonstrate* your lasting commitment to animal welfare by remembering AVA with a bequest
- *Drive:* take cats to foster homes, adoptathons, vet appointments; pick up Bazaar donations
- *Shop!* Check our website, www.actionvolunteersforanimals.com, for the dates of our huge Spring Garage Sale (in Pickering) and our Annual Bazaar (in Etobicoke) and bring your friends out to shop for great bargains on unique items!
- *Designate* Action Volunteers for Animals as the recipient of your contribution when donating to The United Way
- *Organize a fundraiser* or help out at an adoption centre or event table
- *Make crafts* to sell at events
- *Ask your vet* to get involved by donating services or displaying flyers/newsletters in their office

Call 416-439-8770 to become an *action* volunteer!

Action Volunteers *for* Animals



An organization of people

who share a love of animals and concern for their welfare and give their time and energy without monetary reward

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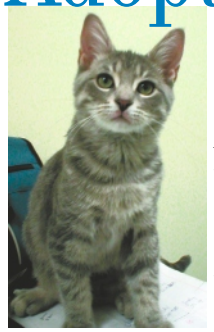
Adoption



We have many beautiful kittens, cats & dogs needing loving homes.

All kittens have had first vaccinations and are sterilized, dewormed and defleaed. Adult animals have been sterilized and vaccinated. All animals are microchipped for identification.

We charge an adoption fee which helps defray our veterinary costs.

Fostering

We do not have a shelter and rely on foster homes. Kittens need a place to live until they are of adoptable age; mothers need to recover after surgery; semi-tame cats of all ages need to be adjusted to living with humans. We also need temporary homes for dogs occasionally.

We are always in need of new foster homes. *Providing a few weeks of care and shelter can make a lifetime of difference for an animal!*

Fostering can be a lot of work but is also very rewarding: just look at Tippy and Teddy.

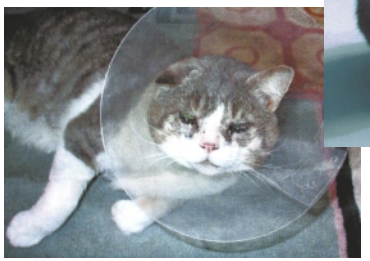
THE Poor Tom FUND

The Poor Tom Fund is named for a half-frozen and mutilated cat once rescued by the founding president of AVA. The Fund continues the tradition of counteracting human cruelty and ignorance with human compassion and practical help.

Many animals are homeless until AVA comes to their aid. They are given veterinary attention, spayed or neutered, and placed in foster homes until they can be adopted. We continually seek out compassionate people to provide such homes. Sterilization is a must for any animal placed by AVA, in the continuing attempt to lessen the numbers of unwanted cats and dogs born every day.

The Poor Tom Fund also helps animals who have homes, but whose loving human companions are in need of financial or practical aid in caring for them.

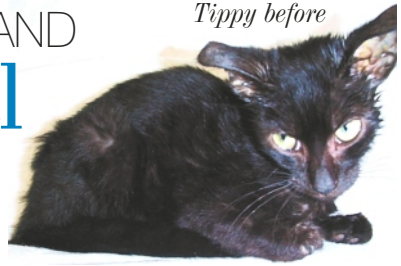
Teddy before



Teddy after

Stray AND Feral CATS

Tippy before



The number of stray and feral cats in the GTA increases every year. The city of Toronto has no humane programs in place to help shelter and feed them, or to reduce their numbers. Any help these animals get comes from hands-on volunteers working with groups such as ours. We have a trap neuter/release program, and an adoption program for the kittens and tame cats found living with colonies.

Many people believe that feral cats are wild animals that can survive quite well on their own. In fact, they are domesticated animals that have become – or been born – wild. Through no fault of their own they are often poisoned, starved, neglected and abused. They suffer disease and indescribable hardship. Tippy is an example of one of them. Thanks to a dedicated foster parent, he is now healthy and safe.

You can help make a huge difference in the quality of life for these cats by volunteering some time to help with trapping and feeding at a colony.

Tippy after

OUR Goals

- Discourage cruelty to animals and reduce animal suffering
- Stop pet overpopulation and reduce the euthanasia rate
- Eradicate puppy mills and kitten mills
- Educate the public – especially children – about animal welfare
- Control feral cat colonies by spaying/neutering and with organized feeding programs
- Encourage our members – and all who care about animals – to educate themselves and others, and to make their lifestyles as cruelty-free as possible