



Winter 2016/17

Upcoming Event!

BINGO!

January 28th 7-10pm

Lions' Hall

See you there!

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A NOTE OF THANKS & REFLECTION

Dear Friends: Once again we gather with family and friends to celebrate the joys of the season. It has been a busy year for Rest.Q from rescuing, re-homing, educating and sharing information with our Round Table friends. We are very grateful to all who visited us at the summer Market giving donations, becoming members and sharing news on adopted animals who now live off Island.

Rest.Q participated in the Blessing of the Animals by taking Roo, one of our challenged cats to be blessed. She thoroughly enjoyed her outing and would have loved to escape from her carrier to visit with the other members of the congregation. We are hoping to have the Sanctuary blessed by the Reverend Thomi in 2017. Please contact us if you would like to be part of this celebration.

We have had to say goodbye to several of our Sanctuary cats throughout the year due to health and old age – they will sorely be missed as will many of our Island creatures who joined their Maker during the year. Our hearts go out to their families.

Personally I would like to give thanks to all who helped me and the Sanctuary when I had a hip replacement in the fall. It was truly appreciated. I would also like to thank Elisabeth for sharing her artwork with us – I hope that you have all seen her artwork in the cards that we are now selling to benefit Rest.Q – A huge thanks to Jenelle, Sylvie, Michele and Henry for sitting on the Board of Directors working so hard for the cause and more thanks to our wonderful volunteers – Emma, Mary Lou, Michele and our newest member Stella. We are always grateful to Seonaid for all she does to help the animals and Rest.Q

Merry Christmas Everyone,

Joanna

POSITIVE NEWS IN CANADA

In Canada times are finally changing in animal welfare. In recent years conversations have included debate about whether animals feel pain, whether animals are aware or 'conscious' beings, and whether animals have stand-alone rights or simply exist for exploitation or for human purposes/benefit. Rest.Q is pleased to report some recent additions to provincial regulations that serve to assert the inherent value of the life of an animal. As of November 2016, the BC College of Veterinarians has banned the cosmetic tail docking of dogs, horses and cattle. You may recall that cosmetic ear cropping was banned in BC in October 2015. Additionally, in 2015 some jurisdictions in Canada introduced legislation asserting animals as 'sentient beings'. Sentience is the capacity to feel, perceive, or experience subjectively. Humans are also sentient beings.



Scooby, painted by Elisabeth Jahren. Scooby was one of Elisabeth's dogs who recently passed away.

RESCUE ROUND TABLE 2016

In April of 2016 the Rescue Round Table met once again at the Galiano Oceanfront Inn and Spa to brainstorm, network, educate, learn from each other and enjoy such much deserved R and R. We are thrilled with our alliance with the people who make up the Round Table. In attendance were 22 members representing 16 organizations across BC. Round Table participants are a group of staff and volunteers from local, regional and provincial animal welfare organizations. We come together each year to learn, mentor, share and push the boundaries in rescue work. We are a voice for domestic, feral, farm and wildlife animals. Participants bring many years of experience from solo practice through to larger organizations. We have much in common and believe in the strength of collaboration. We share our struggles and give witness to traumatic experiences as we care for the most vulnerable animals. We also recognize the potential for caregiver burnout and take steps to support each other. We are working for social change in animal welfare.

Work aside, the Round Table is also a place to relax without judgement; to laugh and share stories, to enjoy the brighter side of animal welfare work; and to learn how to maintain our own health and wellness so that we can continue to be an effective power in the protection of all animals through collaboration. Together we are stronger. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and our island – thank you to all who welcomed them. Special thanks to Conny Nordin and staff at the Galiano Oceanfront Inn and Spa.

Looking forward to 2017!

Seonaid Renwick, former Director, Rest.Q

HELLO & GOODBYE

Not many animals arrive at the sanctuary in perfectly healthy conditions. But that doesn't make them any less special to our volunteers. We believe every critter needs to be given an opportunity to thrive and live a meaningful and enjoyable life regardless of their physical limitation(s).



Over 2 years ago a young spunky tortie female cat arrived from Newfoundland. 'Roo' was paralyzed from the waist down. One year ago we rescued 'Hammy', a young black and white male cat also paralyzed from the waist down.

Hammy has been participating in acupuncture and hydro (water) therapy to give his muscles and nerves the best possibility of regenerating and restoring some movement. Hammy loves life. He enthusiastically interacts with his caregivers and gets so excited with his toys. And boy, he can move around on the floor at a speed beyond imagination!

Roo!

When she arrived on Galiano, Roo struggled to get around. With physiotherapy and leg braces her muscles developed strength and she became able to 'stand' on her hind legs. Following a lot of practice Roo now gets around quite independently. She hops her hind legs just like a rabbit. She adores her caregivers and loves to run. Roo chirrups with excitement and pleasure, which is quite frequent.

Rest.Q believes that every animal deserves a happy life, and Roo and Hammy love life and constantly challenge us to redefine what it takes to be happy. On a final note, Rest.Q volunteers said goodbye to four long-term residents during November. To Less, Dexter, Nellie and one of our precious feral cats, we say farewell little ones. Your precious lives blessed our sanctuary with much joy and compassion.

To make a holiday Donation to Rest.Q call [250 539 3105](tel:2505393105), send a cheque to S12 C11 RR1 Galiano Island, or send money through PayPal online. We thank you for your generosity to support care of local animals! Tax Receipts for donations over \$20. BN 830359568RR001