Kawartha Lakes Community Cats TNRM

Cats trapped during the month of **Apr 2022**

Location trapped Zone **4, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16**

The Story of Matilda

Born on approximately Apr 9/21, a small and VERY sick kitten was brought into our foster care from the TNR program on May 7/21.

This kitten was found in a barn with her three other siblings, one which had unfortunately already passed away and the other two in fair condition with an upper respiratory infection. But this little one had a severe upper respiratory infection and weighed only 190 grams. (a kitten of her age should have been about 450 – 550 grams)

She was starving, very dehydrated, weak, and cold. She couldn't suckle on her mom due to not being able to breath through her nose. To be honest, we didn't think she was going to make it and sent her to the emergency vet to make a decision on her future.

But first, she needed a name for the clinic to call her. It had to be a name of great strength as that is what would be needed to make it under her condition. So, we named her **MATILDA** which means, "Strength in battle" and a battle she definitely had to face together with us.

Although she was 100% mouth breathing, the vet felt she was getting oxygen, so we wanted to try to save her. Matilda's first 8 days with us looked like this: tube feeding every 2 - 3 hours around the clock, giving her sub q fluids under the skin multiple times a day, nebulizing her three times a day, giving her multiple enemas, have a dehumidifier running 24/7 and administering lots of meds!

In those first 8 days with us...she also had to have three emergency vet appointments but on day eight, she finally started to eat on her own out of a syringe without needing to be tube fed. This was a huge milestone and the beginning of healing for little Miss Matilda!

She was quite a challenge for the first half of her foster duration with us but did eventually flourish and grew up to be a beautiful kitten.

On July 13/21, we returned Matilda and her two sisters to the shelter to find their forever homes and today, all three are living in the comfort of a warm, loving home with families of their own.

We know without the TNR program, Matilda and her siblings would never have made it. We are so very grateful for the chance they were given at life through the TNR program.

The Story of Ford

When Ford was trapped in mid September 2021, we knew he had lived a very hard life. He had bite marks and a torn ear, scratches, and was very malnourished. The brightness in his eyes had disappeared. He no longer had the energy or desire to live. We were hoping with some TLC he would rally back and be given the chance to live the life he deserved.

When the vets checked him over, they had told us he was too ill to be saved. Years of living outside and fighting other male cats, not eating regularly, not having a water source daily, living through cold winters and trying to stay clear of predators had taken its toll.

At least Ford passed away peacefully with a full belly and a warm bed for his last few nights. He also died with dignity and not alone and in horrible pain.

This is a good example of the importance of a TNR program. These cats get fixed which creates a less tense atmosphere, especially for the males. Fighting happens a lot less as there are no in heat females to fight for. Also, if the cats are to be returned, then a colony caretaker is set up to feed these cats daily and winterized shelters are put in place so cats no longer have to have the same sad outcome as Ford.

Trapping doesn't always have a happy ending, but Ford's ending was kinder than if he wasn't trapped.

The Story of Harley & Davidson

Harley & Davidson were trapped from a barn in the August 2021. They then came into our foster care on August 18/2021.

Both kittens were super sick with upper respiratory infections. They were both malnourished and dehydrated along with crusty eyes and mucus in their nose and upper airways. Little Davidson was much worse than Harley and had a really difficult time eating.

Because Davidson couldn't eat well and probably hadn't for sometime, he weighed just 198 grams (a kitten his age should have weighed about 450 to 550 grams).

Harley was also underweight being only 335 grams but was not as critical as Davidson.

They both needed bottle feeding, sub q fluid injections and medications. Due to not being able to breath out of his nose very well, Davidson often aspirated when trying to drink his formula, so he had to be in a standing position when drinking.

Feeding Davidson could take 15 to 20 minutes each time as the milk would come out his nose often and we had to stop and clear his airway before trying again.

We had to take Davidson to the emergency vet clinic twice to get medications to help clear the mucus.

But as they both grew and got stronger, they flourished and did very well. Both kittens found their forever families away from a barn and into a nice warm home. This would not have been possible without the TNR program.

The Story of Marco & Betty

Knowing there are cats trying to survive the coldest of winter days breaks our hearts, but when you get a phone call saying there are young kittens living with mom outside in the middle of winter in -22 degree temperature, we knew we had to go and try to trap them.

An elderly lady had noticed on December 26, 2021, that there were 2 small kittens up on her deck. She had been feeding a full-grown cat but didn't realize it had babies. They were probably around 6 weeks old she thought. A week later she got in touch with us to see if we could somehow help to trap them.

We went and set up insulated cat houses first so at least they had a warmer, sheltered place they could crawl into. Their mama was very smart and seemed to know to keep them away from the trap. Then the very cold weather came, and we were devastated we hadn't been able to trap them yet.

After a couple days of not seeing them, we thought there was a chance they had frozen, but then a neighbor had spotted one with the mom. We went back and tried again, and this time managed to trap the kitten.

Mom still didn't come near the trap. The owner asked if she could keep setting the trap during the day to see if mom would come up onto the deck again. Two days later we received a call saying the second kitten had gone in the trap.

The siblings were reunited in the foster home and immediately were happy. Without trapping these kittens, they probably would have frozen to death. Now they will be socialized and adopted into loving homes where they will never have to worry about trying to survive the elements on their own.

The Story of Pretty

Our TNR group had received a message that there was a cat living with a colony outside and her tail looked like it was chopped off. She was live trapped on October 29/21.

She was a beautiful calico cat, so we named her "Pretty". Pretty was taken to a vet and her tail had in fact been chopped off and it was infected.

She was given meds to clear up the infection, but we noticed that she would urinate on her bedding every night.

She was taken back to a vet to see if perhaps she had a urinary tract infection. Urine had to be extracted from her to get tested and it showed negative. She was given pain medication as the vet thought her bed wetting could be because of pain.

They had said it looked like someone had held her tail out straight while someone else chopped it off as it was chopped so close to her tail base.

After 10 days on pain meds, Pretty was still wetting her bed, but it seemed to mostly happen during the night. The vet had said it could be from the trauma she had endured (like PTSD).

Pretty was socializing very nicely and had become quite friendly but we knew it may be hard to adopt her out because of her incontinence. She went to the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes and her story was posted on Facebook.

Two days later a young man came in and fell in love with Pretty. He adopted her and kept in touch with us.

She has the occasional accident, but it seems to be happening less frequently. Pretty has realized that she is safe and follows her new owner around everywhere.

If Pretty had not been trapped and cared for she would have died a painful death due to her infection. This trapping program had saved her life.

Appendix C.

TNR to Toronto started March 2021

*represents fixed cats adopted from HSKL
**represents unfixed kittens HSKL took in

[redacted] Farm on McKee Road [redacted]

M Rogue – Brown Tabby
M Blackie – Black
M Marcus – Orange
F Allegra – Black
F Adagio – Black
F Ginger – Orange Tabby
F Corolla – Black

*F Callie – Orange Tabby (got adopted from HSKL)

[redacted] McGill Road Viewlake [redacted]

F Indy – Brown Tabby
M Smokey – Grey
M Rolly – Brown Tabby
M Rogue – Older Tabby
F Silver – grey sibling to Indy

*M Oreo – black/white (got adopted from HSKL)

[redacted] McGill Road Viewlake [redacted]

M Manny – Grey
M McGill – Orange

*F Navajo – tabby
*M Riley – Tabby

*F Reese – Tortie
*M Aries – Tabby and white
*M Marmelade – Orange

Old Mill Road [redacted]
M Big Orange – Orange
M Little Orange – Orange
M Harley – Black
F Tortie – Tortie

[redacted] Farm Hwy 7A [redacted]
16 adults and 21 kittens**
M Jack
M Pepper
M Isabella (These 5 relocated to Janetville Farm-Donna)
F Gorden
F Salty

F Elsa had 5 kittens
F Mavis had 3 kittens
F Lacey had 3 kittens
F Everly had 3 kittens and one survived
F Sara had 2 kittens
These 5 moms went to friends farm of Angela Fox and all kittens adopted from HSKL

F Doris had 4 kittens
F Mookie had 1 kitten
These 2 moms went to Kathy McFadden and kittens to HSKL

M Alaska
M Hulu
We adopted these 2 privately

*M Sonny
*M Loki
These 2 adopted from HSKL

Private home Nestelton [redacted]

M Fred – Orange This cat returned

*F Cali – Went to HSKL adopted

Private home Little Britain [redacted]

*F Jenny Adopted from HSKL

Private home viewlake [redacted]

*M Morty – Black Adopted from HSKL

[redacted] Farm Hwy 57 [redacted]

F Opal Returned

*3 kittens 8 weeks old Adopted from HSKL
(Mendez, Biebs, Lavigne)

[redacted] Farm on Halter Road

M Tim

F Michelle These 3 returned

F Dorothy

M Tommy (Now named Buddy at nicoles)

M Danny These 3 returned

F Angel

*5 small kittens adopted from HSKL
(Harley, Davidson, Sasha, Malia, Tarot)

[redacted] Farm on Halter

**4 small kittens that got adopted from HSKL

F Louise
F Thelma
F Michelle

[redacted] Farm on Shirley Road [redacted]

**9 kittens adopted from HSKL

Lucy, Magoo, Lola, Smarties, Skittles, Jinx, Stormy, Sox, Banditta

F Princess
F Mama
M Scruff
M Gizmo
F Cruella
F Silver
F Midnight
F Ebony
F Missy
M Luther
F Dusty
F Shadow
M Smudge
*F Midge
*F Duchess
*F Belle
*M Winter
*M Blizzard
* F Oreo
*F Little Miss
*M Mr. Whiskers
*M Tigger

Last 9 HSKL

Thurstonia Second Line [redacted]

M Salem

F Braveheart
M Denny
F Avalon
M Curious George Top 5 returned to colony

*F Cali
*F Turtle
*F Blaze
*F Dolly
*F Lightening
*F Girlie
*M Merlin
*F Patches Previous 8 adopted from HSKL
F Spooky
F Momma Relocated to farm on 7 & 36

M King
M Simba
M Pumba Toronto HS kept these 4
M Bruce (kitten)

M Tux Went to ARK for adoption

*M Puck
*M Paisley
*M Pico
*F Phantom These 4 HSKL

**15 kittens went to HSKL (Samson, Sawyer, Jimmy, Danika, Duncan, Julia, Tornado, Sylvester, Molly, Spook, Nuit, Pumba Jr.,and Scarlett, Autumn and Mango passed away)

Dunsford Road [redacted]

M Ford — Toronto euthanized
M Bob — Toronto HS kept
F Sally
F Mustang — These 2 went to Tim in Cavan for garage
3 kittens (Bart, Lisa, Maggie) Surrendered to Toronto HS
*M Mai
*F Tai
*F Candace — These 4 adopted from HSKL
**F Rylin

Edgerton Road Blackstock

*F Recoe fixed in Toronto
**F Pumpkin 8 weeks — Both adopted from HSKL

Fenelon Falls [redacted]

F Sweetie — Toronto HS kept
*F Dottie — HSKL adopted

[redacted] by Leslie Frost

F Shania — ARK took for adoption
F Dawn — We adopted out
*F Lyric — HSKL adopted out

Rearboro [redacted]

M Garfield
M Doug
M Bob

[redacted] Hwy 35 Lindsay

F Lori
F Tammy — These 2 relocated to farm Little Britain

M Brazier
M Goose
M Orange Guy — These 4 went to Schomberg farm
F Tuna

M Bert
M Ernie — Durham HS took these kittens

*F Tashy
*F Pretty Kitty — HSKL adopted these 4
**M Austin kitten
**M Dallas kitten

McGill Drive Viewlake
F Nora — Adopted out ourselves

M January
M Marmelade — Toronto HS kept both
**M ET
**M Elliot
**F Gertie — HSKL adopted these 3 unfixed kittens

Needham street Lindsay [redacted]
*F Nevaeh
**F Fozzy (kitten)
**M Snuffles (Kitten) — HSKL adopted out

Fenelon Falls [redacted]
*F Jingles — HSKL adopted out

Fenelon Falls [redacted]
*M Major
*F Moxie
*F Marie HSKL adopted out

Victoria Rd Kirkfield [redacted]
*F Charlie
*F Sammy
*F Cenizo
*F Ember
*F Magic
*F Oracle
*F Mercury
*F Mochi
*F Chai
*M Peeky
*M Coal
*M Tinsel
**5 young kittens (Abigail, Addyson, Henry, Amelia, Victoria)

3 young kittens (toy story kittens) Toronto HS adopted

Huron Street Lindsay [redacted]
M Huron relocated to a barn
M Larry
M Curly 3 small kittens
M Moe

Crowes Line Bobcageon [redacted]
M Marco
F Betty 2 small kittens