

## Top 5 reasons cats are surrendered to shelters:



1. **Allergies.** Unless allergies are very severe, there are some things you can do to reduce allergens in your environment. Carpets and draperies can collect allergens and need special attention. Make sure you vacuum and clean regularly. Keep your cat out of your bedroom and make sure pet beds and laundry are cleaned regularly.

2. **Litterbox Habits.** If your cat refuses to use the box your first step should be to have your veterinarian rule out any medical issues such as a urinary tract infection or other problems.

Unfortunately, cats can easily learn to associate a box negatively if they have experienced pain while using it. If that does not solve the problem, try cleaning the box more often. Cats don't like harsh odors so try unscented litters and different types of litters to see if your cat has a preference. Also, try adding boxes especially if you have more than one cat. It is not uncommon to find one cat harassing another when they are trying to use the box. Spy on your cat to see what happens when he goes to use it. All cats need to feel safe and secure while using their box.

3. **Costs.** There are ways to keep them down. Regular vet visits and up to date vaccines help prevent more expensive problems down the road. Obesity is linked to many cat diseases so keep your feline slim with measured amounts of quality food. Your veterinarian can help you with a plan. Keep your cat indoors. They live longer by avoiding traffic accidents, attacks, diseases and other dangers.
4. **Aggression.** Limit the number of cats you bring into the home. Too many animals in one space creates stress. Make sure your cat has a safe retreat from aggressive pets and curious toddlers. Cats like high perching spots so make sure to include cat trees or safe ledges for them in your home. Finally, give them time to get used to one another and teach children how to respect and handle pets.
5. **Moving.** Plan in advance if you might have to rehome. Contact family and friends for possible temporary or permanent homes. Contact a shelter as far in advance as possible. Do your due diligence when seeking new accommodations for your trusting, feline friends. You owe it to them.

## Make Sure Your Christmas is Merry!

Christmas is a holiday filled with joy for many and no one wants ruin it with an emergency trip to the veterinary hospital. Here are some tips for keeping pets safe during the festive season:

**Decorations:** Tinsel strings, small breakable ornaments and ribbons are particularly dangerous to cats. They can be consumed and cause an obstruction that requires costly surgery to remove. Cats have also been known to chew on wires risking electrical shock. They can also climb Christmas trees toppling them over.

**Plants:** Holly, Lilies Poinsettias and Mistletoe are toxic to cats and should be kept away from curious cats.

**Food:** Christmas is a time for great food for people but not so much for pets. Feeding leftovers to pets can cause stomach upset so stick to their regular food. Chocolate and alcohol can be deadly to cats even in small amounts. Many dairy products can cause stomach upset to cats due to their lactose intolerance. Enjoy your eggnog but keep it away from the felines! Also, keep strings used to truss up the turkey and tempting garbage out of their reach.

**Costumes:** While it might seem amusing to dress up the cat in ribbons and bows, these items can be dangerous if swallowed. It can also cause undo stress to your cat during an already stressful time.

**Candles:** Left unattended are a huge risk to be knocked over by playful cats.



We at the Fraser Valley Humane Society wish you and your pets a Safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Coming Events

**ME & MY PET**

**ŠANIA PAWS PHOTOS**



Saturday, December 10, 2016  
12:00pm - 2:00pm

at the Fraser Valley Humane Society  
411-111-1111

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**BAKE SALE!**

Friday, November 25  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 26  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Prosper Credit Union  
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The Blessing of the Animals at All Saints Anglican Church was well attended once again by pet lovers and their furry family members. Image Credit: Kevin Mills Photos.



## Calling For Volunteers!

Do you love cats? Are you looking for a way to give abandoned and abused cats a chance at a happy life? The FVHS is urgently in need of volunteers to help with cleaning the shelter. We are especially



looking for people available between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. There are many other volunteer opportunities for animal lovers as well! Please call Celia if you can help. 604-820-2977.

Come meet our adorable, adoptable cats



### Centre Hours & Location

Tue, Wed, Sat - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thu: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sun, Mon, Fri: Closed

33103 North Railway Avenue

## I'm Adopted!



to us."

"Jenna is a great little kitty who has become very close



with attitude!"

"Lucy is a very sweet girl



"Panda is doing amazing. He purrs like an engine!"

"Eva is a loving and playful cat"



goes around our apartment."

"Fjara enjoys the catwalk that



"Izzy is settling in so well. She has won our hearts."



"Baby Kitty is doing great! She is so funny!"



"Peachy is 15 and going strong! Thanks for the best cat ever!"



"Juneau has really warmed up to us. She has a great personality."

## Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to our November 8th winners!

Crystal won the delicious Tea Basket!



Elfa won the beautiful bath basket!



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Our cats are well socialized at the center before placement in a forever, caring home.

We also assist in public education of animal welfare and spay/neuter promotion.

We provide community support through our in-house programs

Want to know more?

Want to know all the ways you can help?

See our website

[www.fraservalleyhumaneociety.com](http://www.fraservalleyhumaneociety.com)

**DONATION FORM**

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**YOUR INFORMATION**

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Would you like an annual tax receipt or after each donation?  Annual  Each time  
(minimum donation required for tax receipt \$20)

Can we e-mail your tax receipt to you?  Yes  No

I would like to receive information about Fraser Valley Humane Society events.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

In Person  Via Mail  By Phone Donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Debit  Visa  MasterCard  Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_

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