



**Unseen they suffer, Unheard they cry, In agony they linger, In loneliness they die**

## The World of Rescue Never Sleeps

Every hour, every day, rescue is alive. We are the voice for the voiceless and the safe haven for those who have none, because every life deserves a chance.

### HURT, HUNGRY, HOPELESS: Oscar's Journey

Responding to a third call early that day, we found tiny Oscar curled up on a rug outside a patio door – thin, coughing, lethargic - simply too weak to even move. Once back at the shelter it was assumed he was battling a severe upper respiratory infection and that's when we also discovered he was missing part of his back foot. Despite all his struggles, this little warrior refused to give up and his spirit shone through. When his breathing issues didn't seem to improve, an emergency vet appointment found he actually had large polyps constricting his airway – they were growing rapidly and within a few weeks would actually have taken his sweet little life. Without hesitation, surgery quickly followed, polyps successfully removed, breathing became normal and this little man has resumed getting into lots of mischief !!!! Oscar's story is one of strength, resilience and hope — proof that with love and care, even the smallest fighter can triumph.

**OSCAR FOUND**



**HALF OF FOOT MISSING**



**U.R.I. & POLYP**





## Ripley's (Lexy's) Journey: The Power of Patience and Love

Our beautiful Lexy waited nearly four years at the shelter for her fur-ever home and when it finally came, it was with the purr-fect family who saw her for who she was.

When Ripley (formerly Lexy) first arrived in her new home, she was frightened, anxious and unsure. She hid, avoided contact and even had a few accidents along the way, but her adopters never gave up. They understood that trust takes time and that love, patience and a sense of safety can work wonders.

They created a space just for her - building a special climber, and with that, something changed. Slowly, Ripley began to explore, to trust and to show her true, affectionate self. Today, just a few months later,

Ripley can't get enough cuddles. She naps close to her humans, loves belly rubs and has blossomed into the loving companion she was always meant to be. Her story reminds us that some of the most beautiful bonds take time to bloom — and that every shy, overlooked cat is simply waiting for someone to believe in them.



**LEXY AT THE  
SHELTER  
WAITING FOR  
HER PAW-RENTS**





## Why Rescue Matters



At North Toronto Cat Rescue, every life has value — young or old, shy or bold. Each cat reminds us why rescue matters, and Faith was one of those reminders.

### Resident Spotlight:

Faith was one of our cherished senior rescues whose gentle nature touched everyone who met her. We learned she was about 16 years old, had several health issues (hypothyroidism) and likely “discarded” by “someone”.

Life was certainly a challenge for her weak little body but at the shelter, in her remaining few months, she found compassion, comfort, and a place to call home.



R.I.P.  
FAITH



## Funny Bones

### LIGHTS OUT KITTIES!!!!

Are you planning to bring a new kitten into your home????

Although they bring lots of smiles and happiness, be aware that their energy is both boundless and fearless!!!! They are also nocturnal creatures and like to roam, climb, play and scamper in the wee hours of the night. Having a pair for company will allow you a bit of rest at the end of a long day and give them the opportunity to run around and entertain each other while you sleep!

Allowed into the bedroom, these little “schemers” are planning to hop up on your bed and join your sleeping arrangements although sleep is not high on their list. Instead deciding to patrol the bed, walking back and forth on your legs and torso while purring like a jumbo jet.

By daylight they have decided you would appreciate being notified they are ready for breakfast and while your day then begins, they will soon snuggle together on a chair, grab a catnap and make plans to join you at bedtime once again!

How Can You Help NTCR. Volunteer with us. (NTCR is always on the lookout for helping hands) share our message/promote our cause! We are asking our warmhearted community for their support in raising the dollars that will help keep our shelter operating.

Online Donations [https:// www.northtorontocatrescue.com/support-us/donate/](https://www.northtorontocatrescue.com/support-us/donate/)



## 2025 EVENTS

Hi Santa,

### WISH LIST

We've been Purr-fectly good cats and kittens this year!

Our Christmas wish list is simple:

**More Volunteers:** Our loving MusCATEers keep us fed, cozy, and cared for but we always need more helping paws!

From shelter care to fundraising, events, and handy work, every bit of help makes a difference.

**Donations in Kind:** With over 100 feline friends, we go through supplies quickly! We're especially in need of Dry Kibble - N&D Lamb & Blueberry (Global Pet Food), Taste of the Wild Rocky Mountain, and Performatrin Ultra Chicken & Brown Rice (Pet Valu). Wet food - RAWZ Rabbit or Duck.

Financial gifts via cheque, e-transfer, or CanadaHelps also go a long way in keeping our tails high and hearts full.

Love, all your furry friends at NTCR  
(and the MusCATEers who make the magic happen!)

Thanks to your incredible support — and a generous anonymous donor who matched every dollar — we surpassed our goal, raising \$21,240!

**LCBO Raffle**  
Thanks to all who purchased and shared our event!

We are grateful for your generous support!  
Congratulations to our winners!



Meow



**ADOPT DON'T SHOP**



## North Toronto Cat Rescue Donation Form

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of: CAD\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*A tax receipt can be issued for donations of \$20 or above.

Would you like a tax receipt (check one)?

Yes  
 No

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I'm also interested in volunteering with NTCR.  
Please contact me via email or phone

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