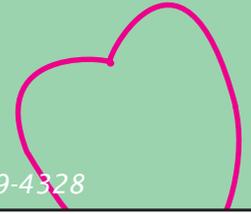


# Second Chances



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### Interview with #terabytetom

Whilst most cats spent their youth chasing flies, coughing up hair balls and stealing food, Tom could be found at the computer, solving complex problems. I caught up with #terabytetom to ask a few questions.

Interviewer – Tom, so is it not a bit odd having a feline programmer?

Tom – Not really, many of the greatest advances have been made with our input...why do you think they call it a mouse?

Interviewer: Really, a bit of feline humour...why didn't you call it the tail and then everyone could claim the tail was wagging the dog?

Tom – Shutup.

Interviewer – So, tell me about what you are working on now.

Tom – I'm just finishing an app that will measure mood swings. It will tell you the best time to approach someone with good or bad news. It measures brain wave activity and then shows the mood on this PUI (Paw User Interface).

Interviewer – That's fascinating. Can we try it?

Tom – I've turned it on and I'm seeing that there is a big mood swing just starting. It's showing a lot of anger building up.

Interviewer – But Tom, I don't feel any anger. I feel fine.

Tom – It doesn't measure your mood swings, it measures mine!! (*Tom rolls his eyes and shakes his head in disbelief*). Why would I be interested in what you're thinking? I'm a cat...it's for you to know what I'm thinking.

Interviewer – Oh, I see. I don't think too many people are interested in what their pets are thinking. After all, it won't affect when we feed you or play with you.

Tom – I'm seeing this anger mood swing coming up pretty quickly. . .

NOTE: at this point the interview was terminated, so that the interviewer could receive the necessary stitches.



The Interviewer and Tom

### Animal Jokes

Q: Why did the cat put the letter "M" into the fridge?

A: Because it turns "ice" into "mice"!  
I got rid of my husband. The cat was allergic.

For a man to truly understand rejection, he must first be ignored by a cat.

### Ideas for Creative Donations

- Donate the price of two coffees a week to the SPCA Vancouver Hospital Trust Fund
- Every time you complete the Grouse Grind give \$10.00 to the Trust
- Get on a stationary bike and get friends to sponsor your mileage
- Arrange for a corporate Christmas donation to the Trust

The SPCA Vancouver Hospital Trust was established in 1995 with the sole purpose of providing stable income to the Hospital for its charitable work.

OUR MISSION is to ensure that no animal must die for lack of basic veterinary care.  
**Caring for animals in need**

## Those in the know trust the Trust

Max, Darby and Ziggy each got a second chance at a happy, healthy, doggy life thanks to the Trust. But it wasn't only the Trust! Because of the careful criteria used by the Trust Fund to select animals for veterinary care, other individuals and groups stepped up and generously contributed essential services.

### Max

An 8-month old Husky mix, required complex orthopaedic surgery for a painful, non-functioning leg. Who were the contributors?

- The SPCA Transfer Program for a flight from Prince Rupert to Vancouver;
- The Trust, the Vancouver Hospital and the Vancouver Branch for the surgery;
- Aqua Paws for post-operative therapy.

### Darby

A 7-year old Shih Tzu, was another dog who needed to be transferred, this time from Williams Lake. Thank you to the SPCA Transfer Program. Darby had two surgeries. An ophthalmologist corrected an eyelid problem at no charge and a hospital veterinarian removed a bladder stone. The cost of Darby's care was shared equally among the Trust, the Vancouver Hospital, the Vancouver Shelter, and the BC SPCA Transfer Program.

### Ziggy

A 10-month old Beagle cross, had a severe congenital heart condition. Who helped Ziggy? The first step was an accurate diagnosis that was achieved through a donated ultrasound. Next, a surgeon donated his time and expertise to repair Ziggy's heart at the Vancouver Hospital. And finally, a local private veterinary hospital kept Ziggy over-night and monitored her recovery. All other costs were divided among the Trust, the Hospital, and the Vancouver Shelter.

What are the lessons in these stories for donors to the Trust? The Vancouver Hospital Trust Fund is a trusted voice in the veterinary community. Your donations generate goodwill and second chances.

### A Gift Idea with a Second Chance in Mind

Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, retirements, and on and on! It's hard to think of something original and meaningful to give (another cookbook, another tie!). How about this? A charitable donation to the Vancouver Hospital Trust Fund in the person's honour.

This works really well for group functions, like a birthday party. The host can ask each guest to have a cheque (made out to the SPCA Vancouver Hospital Trust Fund) or cash, ready to put "into the hat" for the honouree. The host sends the donations to the Trust Fund and the honoured guest receives a card from the Trust with thanks.

It's a win-win-win-win situation. The honouree feels good, the host doesn't have to clean up gift wrap and ribbon, the donor gets a receipt for a charitable donation, and the SPCA Vancouver Hospital Trust Fund has more money to offer Second Chances to animals. An alternative option is to submit all donations collected in the honouree's name so that they receive the tax receipt as well as a thank you card!

What's not to like?!

### Newsflash!

**Nora's 90th Birthday Party was a HUGE SUCCESS and raised approximately \$600.00!**



## Paws for a Cause – Walk to fight Animal Cruelty

On September the 7th, 2014 put your best paw forward and walk with animal lovers across B.C. to help fight animal cruelty. Raise much needed funds and awareness to help the over 41,000 animals in distress and in need of BC SPCA services each year. Every dollar raised will help the BC SPCA rescue and care for abused, injured and abandoned animals, and work to prevent cruelty before it occurs.

Join the SPCA Vancouver Hospital Trust volunteers for a "fur"tastic day at the Flagship walk!

**When: September the 7th. at 10:00 am.**

**Where: Stanley Park at Lumberman's Arch**

**Registration: 10:00 am**

**Walk Start: 12:00 pm**

Show your commitment to saving animals lives today by Paw-ticipating in the Scotiabank & BC SPCA Paws for a Cause. Together, our goal is to raise \$1-million for the animals of BC. We can't do it without you!

Speak for those who can't speak for themselves. Invite your friends, family and furry friends to join you this summer in fundraising for the more than 41,000 animals helped by the BC SPCA each year, then come out and celebrate your hard work with us!

### Event Activities

A gorgeous day at Stanley Park with other animal lovers will include:

Dog agility presentations

Community vendors

Face-painting and arts'n'crafts at our KidZone booth

A BBQ featuring vegetarian and SPCA Certified options

And every dogs FAVOURITE: a bowl-licking contest!

## The Free Toy

1. Carefully pick up the newsletter when you have finished with it.
2. As quickly as possible, turn the paper into a mangled wreckage in a rough ball shape.
3. Coax your pet with this while you look wistfully at the expensive purchased toys that are currently being ignored.

### We Welcome Your Feedback!

Our newsletter is always a work in progress. If you have ideas for improvement, or want to let us know what you liked or didn't like, please contact the Trust via e-mail at [spcavhtf@shaw.ca](mailto:spcavhtf@shaw.ca) or through our website [www.spcavhtf.org](http://www.spcavhtf.org)

*Donations: Your support gives stray, abandoned, or abused animals a second chance, placing them in loving adoptive homes, giving them good health and quality of life.*