

Cat rescue founder facing cruelty charges

The founder of a cat rescue and adoption facility has been charged with nine counts of animal cruelty after 117 cats, including 10 dead ones, were removed from a Steeles Ave. home last month.

The Oakville & Milton Humane Society (OMHS) laid charges last Thursday under the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) Act against Ruth Naccarato, founder of Kool Kats Rescue (16574 Steeles Ave.), after receiving an anonymous tip about dozens of cats on the property.

The removal of the cats began Sept. 5 and took nearly a week. One of the 107 live felines was in such poor condition it was later euthanized.

On its website, Kool Kat Resuce-Mississauga states “Kool Kat Shelter is a private cat rescue and cat adoption facility in Ontario, Canada. Abandoned cats, cats whose owners have passed away, cats whose owners can no longer keep them and unwanted kittens born to unsplayed cats find their way to our (ahem) cathouse. Once they become a “kool kat,” their days of being alone, unloved and unwanted are over.”

The site says Naccarato opened the Kool Kat Inn about 15 years ago “because she was a true cat lover”.

It goes on to say Kool Kat Rescue and Adoption is a charitable corporation registered in Ontario and approved by the

federal government. In a YouTube video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvcXTj9t-jM) a woman is seen sitting in a living room asking for donations while holding a cat. Several images of various cats in the home are also shown.

“We are hopeful that with medical care and time, that these cats will be ready for adoption into the forever homes they so richly deserve,” said Kim Millan, executive director for the OMHS.

Naccarato, is charged with:

- Permit distress
- Fail to provide care necessary for general welfare
- Fail to provide adequate food and water
- Fail to provide adequate and appropriate sanitary conditions
- Fail to provide adequate and appropriate ventilation
- Fail to provide adequate medical care: to wit a male domestic short hair black with white feline
- Fail to provide adequate medical care: to wit a male domestic short hair charcoal grey feline
- Fail to provide adequate medical care: to wit a female domestic short hair calico and white feline
- Fail to provide adequate medical care: to wit a male domestic short hair black and white feline

Naccarato is to appear in court Nov. 19.



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The Vision Georgetown Project

The Town of Halton Hills has launched Vision Georgetown, which is a planning project focused on the future development of the lands shown on the map below. The study area is 1,000 acres and will be home to approximately 20,000 people and 1,700 jobs by 2031. The end product of the study will be a Secondary Plan which will include:

- a) a land use map which will identify where the different land uses will be located, including different types of housing, retail and other businesses, community facilities (schools, community centres, places of worship), parks, natural areas, storm water management ponds, and the road and trails network; and,
- b) detailed land use and neighbourhood design policies to guide the development of the area.

We Want to Hear from You!

The Town of Halton Hills encourages you to participate in this Visioning Session. Come out to the session and give your input to the Vision and Guiding Principles, which will provide a solid foundation for the development of a preferred land use concept, and policy framework, leading into the preparation of a proposed Secondary Plan in the concluding phase of the project.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Saturday November 2, 2013
Time: 1:30 to 4:30 PM
Location: Gellert Community Centre, 10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown

Please RSVP:

The main focus of this meeting is to hear from you. It will be very interactive and carried out in a workshop format. In order to assist with planning this event, you are asked to register in advance with Town staff at visiongeorgetown@haltonhills.ca or 905-873-2601 ext. 2214. Please encourage interested friends or colleagues to attend, and ask them to RSVP!

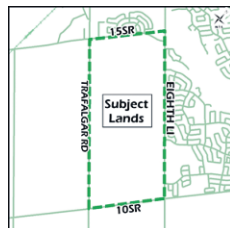
For More Information

If you are unable to attend the Visioning Session but would like to obtain further details about the study or provide comments, please visit the Planning, Development and Sustainability Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2, email us at visiongeorgetown@haltonhills.ca, or contact:

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Please be sure to visit the Town's project website at www.visiongeorgetown.ca for updates on the study and to be added to the project mailing list.



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