

Gold River Cat Society **“Worth their Weight in Gold”**

The Gold River Cat Society is now officially a registered society that can become a charity in one year. Even without the society, many cats have been fixed and released (TNR- Trap, Neuter, Return); and others, including socialized feral kittens, have been rehomed. In fact, in 2013, once the village got its SPCA matching grant, the combined money dealt with at least 23 cats. Many others, both feral and owned, have been fixed and inoculated at the expense of private citizens. Since the 2014 SPCA matching grant has just come in, the society hopes to fix 24 more feral cats.

And it turns out, we have only scratched the surface of the village’s problem with feral and unfixed cats.

Since this year began, the *GRCS* has already spayed and rehomed a 1 year old female through Paw Prints Rescue (based in Gibsons), adopted out 2 kittens, and spayed/neutered 8 other cats, some of which belong to people who cannot easily afford the operations. Of those cats, we asked that the owners simply pay for the inoculations as, at present, the fixing is coming out of private pockets as the society has little money as yet.

To help us, you could donate to the jars at Supervalu, the Gold River Deli, People’s Drug Mart, and A Lot on the Side. You could also make donations in our name to the Coastal Community Credit Union (Discovery Branch) in Campbell River. We regret, though, that we cannot give out tax receipts until we gain registered charity status.

We still have a 1 year old fixed male who would love an owner. Affectionate and lonely, he is looking for his secure forever home.



If you are interested in Murrel, please contact the *GRCS* at -7606. We will also have three kittens and a young spayed female up for adoption once they are fully socialized.

