

Our mission

The Refuge pour chats de Verdun is a non-profit organization, founded in 1999 and managed by a network of volunteers.

Its mission is to rescue abandoned cats and find them adoptive families, to promote the importance of sterilization, and to inform people of the consequences of abandoning animals.

Our activities

- **Find Foster families** who will care for cats temporarily.
- **Have the cats examined by a veterinarian.**
- **Care for, vaccinate & sterilize rescued cats.**
- **Organize Adoption days**, where people can adopt cats who are "back on their paws" and looking for a permanent home.

Would you like to adopt a cat?

Visit our website at:

www.refugechatsverdun.com

Come meet our cats on Adoption days or write to us to make an appointment to meet them:

refugechatsverdun@hotmail.com

You can also leave us a voice mail message at:
514.761.4444

Why adopt a cat from the Refuge?

Our primary interest is to end the abandonment of cats and to ensure that they get the quality of life they deserve. We want to make sure that cats don't have to face the harsh realities that come along with being homeless, like lack of food, illness, the pound, cold, cruelty, injury, and euthanasia. By adopting a cat from us, you will be contributing to his or her well-being and you will have a companion who is eternally grateful to you.

All of our cats have been examined by a veterinarian, cured of any illness, dewormed, defleaed, vaccinated, sterilized, and tested for FIV/leukemia when necessary. We are volunteers who are passionate about cats and have their best interests at heart.

Because they live with our foster families, we know our cats well, so we can recommend a cat that will fit in well with you and your family.



Merlot

Male cat rescued in May
and adopted in July 2010

Myths

An alley cat ...

- is unhappy living indoors,
- is happy and free,
- is independent and resourceful,
- cannot get used to living in a house,
- will not use the litter box,
- is aggressive,
- is old, sick, and full of fleas,
- cannot be housebroken,
- is incapable of becoming a good companion.

In reality

- Most of the cats we rescue are abandoned house-cats who only want a new home.
- Even if they are timid at first, they will adapt well to their new environment.
- Thanks to the efforts of their foster families, cats from the Refuge have already learned good habits by the time they are put up for adoption.
- A couple of non-sterilized cats and their offspring can mate three times per year, resulting in the birth of thousands of cats in only a few years.
- Cats from the Refuge are usually young, and they have all been treated for parasites.
- Cats who have been given a second chance know how to show their gratitude to their new families.
- Mature cats can be just as affectionate as kittens.

Want to help?

Maya's story

I had been living on the streets of Verdun for several months when a kindly woman from the Refuge pour chats de Verdun rescued me. I was very thin and had just given birth to several beautiful kittens, but when we were found they were terribly sick and only one could be saved.

After a visit to the veterinarian, we were transferred to a foster family who nurtured us for several weeks until we were healthy enough to take part in an Adoption day. I was very lucky, because during my first Adoption day, a woman fell in love with me on sight and adopted me. My kitten, the beautiful Mousseline, was also adopted later on. What good news!

After living in misery, we are now in great shape and know the feeling of security. Thanks to the Refuge pour chats de Verdun, we have found a faithful family to take care of us.



Maya

Female cat rescued in July
and adopted in September 2006

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

The Refuge pour chats de Verdun is always looking for volunteers to help us accomplish our mission.

We need volunteers for a variety of activities:

- Assistance on Adoption days
- Transportation of cats
- Communication (e-mail, telephone)
- Administrative work
- Fundraising
- Publicity (conception, diffusion)

Please note that our cats are cared for exclusively by their foster families.

BECOME A FOSTER FAMILY

If you can take a cat in, and feed, care for, and love him or her until he or she is adopted; if you can keep the cat indoors at all times; if you are available at least one Sunday a month so that the cat can come to Adoption days in Verdun; contact us as soon as possible: we are always looking for new foster families.

SPONSOR A CAT OR A PROJECT

There are many different types of sponsorship. You can sponsor a cat (veterinary treatment or medication) or a project (help finance the activities of the Refuge). If you wish to become a sponsor, make a donation through our website and dedicate your donation to a cat or project. You can also send us an e-mail. All donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.

MAKE A DONATION

You can visit our website in order to make a donation online. Or, if you prefer, please mail us a cheque made out to Refuge pour chats de Verdun. For donations of \$20 or more, please tell us your surname, first name, and mailing address so that we can send you a tax receipt (Revenue Canada n° 897823720RR0001).



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