

I would like to say a special thanks to the Pacific Animal Foundation for their help with a sick feral cat.

I had been feeding a feral cat for quite some time and had been trying to trap him for several months. He had infection and injuries to his face, Casey's jaw was crooked and his eye was weeping fluids. He was also wheezing and gurgling when he breathed. I could not get near him without him growling and hissing.

I contacted several agencies for help and was assured something would be done but unfortunately nothing was done. I was told by one agency that if I could trap him that they would have a vet look at him but once he was handed over I would have to surrender him and that he would be put in a cage until he was adopted. I explained to the agency that he was feral and that he could not be touched and would best be cared for and released. I assured the organization that I would continue to feed him. They said this would not be possible and he would have to be put up for adoption.

I knew in my heart that the chances of Casey being adopted were very slim but I was so worried about his health, I believed at the time that I did not have a choice. I tried for weeks to trap him but he was smart and very leery of the trap.

I decided that I needed to find him something warm to sleep in until I could trap him and get him some help. I put an ad on Craigslist at the end of October 2012 asking if anyone had a cat house for a feral cat.

I received an e-mail from a volunteer at Pacific Animal Foundation offering to help.

Her name is Taylor Wheeler and I can't thank her enough. Taylor came to my home with a trap that had been modified with plexiglass on the end so the feral cats feel a little more comfortable entering it for food.

On Nov 6th 2012 Casey was trapped in Mission B.C. He was taken to Mosquito Creek Veterinary Clinic in North Van and treated the same day. I picked him up early the next morning and released him in Mission on the same day. Dr Janice Crook informed me that Casey had probably been hit by a car some time ago. Dr Crook did some laser work on Casey's lower eye lid to relieve the pressure around his eye, his lower teeth at the back of his mouth were roped with a dissolving material in order to try to straighten his jaw so eating would be easier for him, he was also neutered, tattooed and given antibiotics.

Taylor, a very kind and warm woman, was there from start to finish. She has a soft spot in her heart for all feral cats. Taylor met me at the Vet's office and stayed with Casey. She gave me updates through-out the day as to how Casey was doing. Taylor was also there bright and early in the morning to help get Casey into the van and say good bye to him.

If it were not for the Pacific Animal Foundation, Taylor Wheeler and Dr Janice Crook and staff, Casey would still be in pain.

Thank you all so much,

Thank you also to Pippa who works at the vet's office for her kindness to Casey and for the Timmy Hortons donut she gave me for my long drive back to Mission.

Sincerely, Teri Eagland