



Quadra Cat Rescue

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Cat and kitten dumping season

"We used to call this kitten season, because so many cats give birth in the spring, but it's turning into a more difficult problem this year," says Valerie Van Veen of Quadra Cat Rescue.

Volunteers who monitor cats fending for themselves have recently noticed three new, tame cats that have shown up in one island neighbourhood.

"These are young cats, probably kittens born late last summer, and they're obviously not feral because they will come and eat while people are standing nearby," Van Veen says.

People working in the area have confirmed that all three cats showed up at the same time about a month ago, and are likely littermates. Two are sleek tabbies, and the black and white female with them appears pregnant.

"Someone must have dumped them there, and now our group is working to find a way to get them into foster care and eventually adopted – along with all the new kittens that appear this time of year," Van Veen adds.

Quadra Cat Rescue has a limited number of foster homes available, and volunteer time is stretched in late spring and early summer trying to trap and transport homeless cats and kittens for vet appointments where they are spayed or neutered.

"These newly homeless cats look like they were previously well cared for, and we hope we can find a way to help them find new homes where they'll be wonderful pets," Van Veen says.

"There are far better alternatives than dumping cats, and we urge people who can no longer care for their animals to contact us or the SPCA for assistance rather than abandoning them."

People can talk with cat rescue volunteers at Quadra's Saturday market most summer weekends.

Quadra Cat Rescue has fixed more than 200 cats and kittens since March 2009 – and found homes for many that turned out to be strays or abandoned.

For more information, or to volunteer or adopt already-fixed felines, contact Quadra Cat Rescue by telephone: 250-285-CATS (2287) or via email quadracatrescue@yahoo.com. Or check out our website: www.qudracats.com.

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Photo caption: ***Black and white beauty and two striking tabbies have found themselves newly homeless on Quadra Island.***